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1. Recently, the Prime Minister has laid the foundation stone of the headquarters building of the International Financial Services Centers Authority in which city?

- (A) Lucknow (B) Indore
(C) Gandhinagar (D) New Delhi
(E) Mumbai

Ans (C)

Recently, the Prime Minister has laid the foundation stone of the headquarters building of the International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) in GIFT City, Gandhinagar.

The building has been conceptualized as an iconic structure, reflective of the growing prominence and stature of GIFT-IFSC as a leading International Financial Centre.

He also launched the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX), India's first International Bullion Exchange in GIFT-IFSC the NSE IFSC-SGX Connect.

2. Which state got the first position in "The Annual Review of State Laws, 2021" report, released by PRS Legislative Research?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Kerala
(C) Karnataka (D) Andhra Pradesh
(E) Maharashtra

Ans (B)

Recently, a report titled "The Annual Review of State Laws, 2021" was released by PRS Legislative Research.

As per the report, Kerala got first place in 2021, with its House sitting for 61 days, the highest for any State. Kerala had also promulgated 144 ordinances, the highest in the country last year.

Highlights of the Report -

States such as Manipur, Odisha, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have laid down a minimum number of sitting days through the Rules of Procedure, varying from 40 days in Punjab to 90 days in Uttar Pradesh.

3. Recently, Google Street View launched in how many cities of India under the Guidelines of the National Geospatial Policy (NGP), 2021?

- (A) Ten (B) Nine
(C) Eight (D) Seven
(E) Six

Ans (A)

Google Street View is launched in ten cities of India under the Guidelines of the National Geospatial Policy (NGP), 2021.

NGP 2021 lets Indian companies collect map data and license it to others.

About National Geospatial Policy 2021 -

The National Geospatial Policy, 2021 liberalises the geospatial sector and democratises the datasets generated by use of public funds.

The Policy seeks to empower citizens and enterprises to create, access and use geospatial data and information for addressing developmental needs of the country while also safeguarding its security interests.

The Survey of India topographic data will be made widely and easily accessible.

Geospatial data and information produced using public funds will be shared as per the National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (2012).

4. Who has won India's first medal in weightlifting at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games with a silver in 55 Kg weight category?

- (A) Sathish Sivalingam (B) Ragala Venkat Rahul
(C) Katulu Ravi Kumar (D) Sanket Mahadev Sargar
(E) Jeremy Lalrinnunga

Ans (D)

India's Sanket Mahadev Sargar has won India's first medal in weightlifting at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games with a silver in 55 Kg weight category.

He lifted a total of 248 Kg in the finals and landed the medal despite injury.

Malaysia's Aniq Kasdan has won gold in the event with a combined lift of 249 kg.

Commonwealth Games 2022: Men's 55kg Weightlifting Finals

Gold Medal- Malaysia's Aniq Kasdan with 249 kg

Silver Medal- India's Sanket Sargar with 248 kg

Bronze Medal- Sri Lanka's Dilanka Kumara with 225 kg

5. Which state is first in the country to launch semiconductor policy 2022-27?

- (A) Gujarat
(B) Rajasthan
(C) Karnataka
(D) Assam

(E) Maharashtra

Ans (A)

The Gujarat government has announced a dedicated 'Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27' with a view to generating at least 2,00,000 new employment opportunities during a period of five years.

The Gujarat government has also decided to develop a "semicon city" which would be a part of the Dholera Special Investment Region.

The projects approved under the Design-linked Incentive scheme of the Government of India will not be eligible for availing of the benefits under the new policy, said the state government press release.

6. Dinesh Shahra Foundation has instituted a first-of-its-kind "Dinesh Shahra Lifetime Award" for Excellence in which field?

- (A) Journalism (B) Music
(C) Social Work (D) Sports
(E) Cinema

Ans (B)

Dinesh Shahra Foundation (DSF) has taken a major stride in its efforts to promote soulful Indian music among the masses.

The Foundation has instituted a first-of-its-kind 'Dinesh Shahra Lifetime Award' for Excellence in Music.

The initiative is supported by the Indian Arts & Cultural Society.

The Announcement of this novel recognition was made by Mr Dinesh Shahra, Trustee –DSF during a cultural event titled "Mausiqui" in Mumbai recently.

Key Points -

DSF, as a part of its mission to create a value-based social structure, has taken up the cause of supporting senior artists in cooperation with the Indian Arts & Cultural Society.

7. Largest pink diamond in 300 years "Lulo Rose" has found in which country?

- (A) Namibia (B) Zambia
(C) Angola (D) Algeria
(E) Mozambique

Ans (C)

A rare pure pink diamond, believed to be the largest found in 300 years, has been unearthed in Angola, a country in Central Africa.

The Lulo Rose is a type 2a diamond, meaning it has few or no impurities.

It is the fifth largest diamond recovered from the Lulo mine – a joint venture between

Australia's Lucapa Diamond Company and the Angolan government.

Dimensions of Lulo Rose -

It is a 170-carat pink diamond & has been named "The Lulo Rose".

It weighs 34 grams.

Similar diamonds have been bought for tens of millions of dollars in the past, with one – known as Pink Star – selling at a Hong Kong auction for \$71.2m (£59m) in 2017.

8. Coca-Cola has signed whom for Limca Sportz promotion?

- (A) Virat Kohli (B) Hima Das
(C) Abhinav Bindra (D) Neeraj Chopra
(E) Ravi Kumar

Ans (D)

Coca-Cola has signed Olympic gold medalist, Neeraj Chopra for Limca Sportz promotion.

Recently, Neeraj Chopra has become the first-ever Indian to win a silver medal at World Athletics Championships with his best throw of 88.13 m. Also, Neeraj Chopra has been ruled out of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in England due to an injury he picked up at World Athletics Championships.

Coca-Cola India and its bottling partners are investing around \$1 billion (around Rs 7,990 crore) to expand the production capacity by up to 40 per cent.

Besides, the beverage major is also launching Limca Sportz, which comes with glucose and electrolytes.

9. Which state government has launched "Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath" for women rights awareness?

- (A) Jharkhand (B) Odisha
(C) Rajasthan (D) Haryana
(E) Chhattisgarh

Ans (E)

To educate the state's women about their constitutional rights and laws, the Chhattisgarh Women Commission will host the Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath Yatra.

On the occasion of the Hareli Tihaar festival, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will set off the "Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath". Through short films, messages, and booklets, the chariots will visit all of the districts to educate people about the legal protections for women and their constitutional rights.

Key Points -

Two attorneys will ride in each chariot, listening to women's complaints and offering information and counsel.

10. Who has recently named as new High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh?

- (A) Dinesh Bhatia (B) Jaideep Mazumdar
(C) Pranay Kumar Verma (D) Ajaneesh Kumar
(E) Rakesh Malhotra

Ans (C)

Pranay Kumar Verma, an experienced diplomat and IFS official from the 1994 batch, has been chosen to serve as India's next High Commissioner to Bangladesh.

He is currently the ambassador of India to Vietnam. The Delhi-based Ministry of External Affairs made this announcement.

Vikram Doraiswami, the current High Commissioner of India to the UK, is rumoured to be taking over, thus he is expected to start the job soon in his stead.

Key Points -

In addition to Washington DC, Ambassador Pranay Kumar Verma has held diplomatic positions in Kathmandu, Hong Kong, San Francisco, and Beijing.

11. What is the new name of Point 5140 in Drass, Kargil Sector, recently renamed to pay homage to the sacrifice of the Gunners in "Operation Vijay"?

- (A) Gun Hill (B) Shooting Hill
(C) Vijay Hill (D) Peace Hill
(E) Army Hill

Ans (A)

Point 5140 in Drass, Kargil Sector has renamed as "Gun Hill" to commemorate the victory of the Indian Armed forces and pay homage to the supreme sacrifice of the Gunners in "Operation Vijay" during the 1999 Kargil War.

The capture of Point 5140 was the key factor in the early completion of operations in the 1999 Kargil war. The Artillery regiment with its lethal and accurate firepower had a major effect on the enemy troops and their defences, by focusing lethal fire on the enemy and their strong points like point 5140.

12. What is the name of Indian weightlifter, who has won the gold medal in men's 67 kg category weightlifting at the 2022 Commonwealth Games?

- (A) Achinta Sheuli (B) Jeremy Lalrinnunga
(C) Gururaja Poojary (D) Renu Bala Chanu
(E) Gyanendra Yadav

Ans (B)

India's Jeremy Lalrinnunga has won the gold medal in men's 67 kg category weightlifting at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The 19-year-old Youth Olympic champion lifted a total of 300kg (140kg+160kg) to get the first position. This is the second gold for the country and fifth medal overall.

Samoan weightlifter Vaipava Nevo Ioane secured a silver medal with a lift of 293 (127kg + 166kg) and Nigeria's Edidiong Joseph Umoafia won bronze, 290kg (130kg+160kg).

13. Recently, Mirabai Chanu has won India's first Gold Medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022 under which category of Women's weightlifting?

- (A) 55Kg (B) 41Kg
(C) 62Kg (D) 49Kg
(E) 65Kg

Ans (D)

Daughter of India, weightlifter Mirabai Chanu has won India's first Gold Medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in the Women's 49Kg weightlifting category.

She aggregated a total of 201kg (88kg+113kg) to stamp her authority in the competition and achieve a Commonwealth Games record in the process.

The silver went to Mauritius' Marie Hanitra Roilya Ranaivosoa (172kg) and the bronze to Canada's Hannah Kaminski (171 kg).

Last year, Chanu won a silver medal in the 49kg category of Women's weightlifting event at the Tokyo Olympics.

14. Bindyarani Devi has clinched which medal in the women's 55kg at the Commonwealth Games?

- (A) Silver (B) Gold
(C) Bronze (D) Brass
(E) None of these

Ans (A)

Another Weightlifter of India, Bindyarani Devi (55kg) has clinched a silver in the women's 55kg as India continued its medal rush at the Commonwealth Games.

She lifted a total weight of 202kg (86kg+116kg).

Nigeria's Adijat Adenike Olarinoye also obliterated the Games record in snatch and total effort with an aggregate of 203kg (92kg+111kg) to win the gold medal.

Local favourite Fraer Morrow finished third with a total lift of 198kg (86kg+109kg).

15. Who has bagged the gold medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022 in 73 Kg category?

- (A) Venkat Rahul (B) Jhilli Dalabehera

(C) Achinta Sheuli (D) Saikhom Mirabai
(E) Rahmat Abdullah

Ans (C)

India's weightlifter, Achinta Sheuli (73 Kg representative) bagged the gold medal in The Commonwealth Games 2022.

The 20-year-old claimed the yellow metal with a combined effort of 313 Kilograms (143kg in snatch and 170kg in clean & jerk).

India has been performing exceptionally well in weightlifting as the contingent has already bagged 6 medals in this edition.

Malaysia's Erry Hidayat Muhammad, who gave Sheuli a tough competition, ended as the second-best lifter in the event.

He had the best effort of 303kg (138kg 165kg).

Canada's Shad Darsigny was third with a total lift of 298kg (135kg 163kg).

16. Who has won F1 Hungarian Grand Prix 2022?

(A) Charles Leclerc (B) Lewis Hamilton
(C) Kelly Piquet (D) Sergio Pérez
(E) Max Verstappen

Ans (E)

Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the Formula One (F1) 2022 Hungarian Grand Prix 2022.

This is his overall 28th race win and the 10th win of the 2022 season.

Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) stood second and George Russell (Mercedes – Britain) came third.

17. Who has joined as the new commissioner of Delhi Police?

(A) Banmali Agrawala (B) Sanjay Arora
(C) Vinayak Pai (D) Sanjay Bhandarkar
(E) Neera Saggi

Ans (B)

Sanjay Arora, a Tamil Nadu-cadre IPS officer who oversaw the paramilitary ITBP, will assume control of the Delhi Police as Delhi Police commissioner.

He is scheduled to retire in 2025.

Sanjay Arora was named commissioner of the Delhi Police, replacing the previous Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana, an IPS officer from the Gujarat Cadre who retired after nearly 38 years of service.

Key Points-

Rakesh Asthana, the departing commissioner of the Delhi Police, said that despite his retirement, he still has a strong desire to serve the public and the force.

18. Which state's Police has received President's colour from Venkaiah Naidu?

(A) Karnataka (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Kerala (D) Meghalaya
(E) Andhra Pradesh

Ans (B)

In an usual event at Rajarathinam Stadium in Chennai, Chief Minister MK Stalin received the renowned "President's Colours" for the Tamil Nadu Police from Vice-President of India M Venkaiah Naidu.

One of the very few law enforcement agencies in the nation to be awarded the coveted "President's Colours" is the Tamil Nadu Police.

To commemorate the achievement, Mr. Stalin declared that each police officer in the service would get a medal.

Key Points -

One of the very few police departments in the nation to be awarded the coveted "President's Colours" is the Tamil Nadu Police.

19. Bonalu Festival 2022 is a famous festival celebrated in which state?

(A) Telangana
(B) Jharkhand
(C) Madhya Pradesh
(D) Odisha
(E) Himachal Pradesh

Ans (A)

Bonalu Festival is celebrated in Telangana, specifically in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, and is dedicated to Goddess MahaKali.

The festival is celebrated usually during Ashada Masam (July-August).

In 2022, the festival began on July 3 and will end on July 24, 2022.

Bonam means a feast or a meal in Telugu, an offering to the Goddess, cooked with milk, or jaggery in an earthen or brass pot.

The pot is decorated with turmeric, Neem leaves, and vermilion.

Other famous festivals of Telangana -

In Telangana, one can clearly witness the composite, pluralistic and inclusive culture and traditions.

20. Which country has recently launched gold coins named "Mosi-oa-Tunya" as legal tender to battle extreme inflation?

(A) Sri Lanka
(B) Uganda
(C) Nigeria

- (D) Senegal
(E) Zimbabwe

Ans (E)

The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe has launched the gold coins called Mosi-oa-Tunya to be sold to the public in a bid to tackle chronic hyperinflation.

Mosi-oa-Tunya, which in the local Tonga language refers to Victoria Falls.

The coins will have liquid asset status, meaning they will be capable of being easily converted to cash and will be tradable locally and internationally.

For this, the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe disbursed 2,000 coins to commercial banks.

The gold coins which have been introduced by the Reserve Bank can only be traded after keeping them for a minimum of 180 days.

21. Who has become the first Indian Judoka to win a medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022 with a silver in the women's judo 48kg final?

- (A) Sushila Devi
(B) Radhika Shah
(C) Anita Chanu
(D) Garima Chaudhary
(E) Khumujam Tombi Devi

Ans (A)

India's medal tally at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 has risen to nine medals, including three gold, three silver and three bronze.

Sanket Sargar was the first Indian to win a medal with silver in the men's 55kg weightlifting event and Mirabai Chanu won India's first gold at the women's 49kg weightlifting final.

Indian athletes added three medals on Day 4 of the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022, including one silver and two bronze.

22. Who took charge as Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau?

- (A) Frank Noronha
(B) Satyendra Prakash
(C) Sitanshu Kar
(D) K. S. Dhatwalia
(E) Jaideep Bhatnagar

Ans (B)

Satyendra Prakash assumed charge as Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau.

He is an Indian Information Service officer of the 1988 batch.

Prior to this, Mr. Prakash held the position of Principal DG, Central Bureau of Communication.

Satyendra Prakash comes with a varied experience in the field of public communication, media management, administration, policy formulation and programme implementation. He has represented the Government of India in various national and international forums such as UNESCO, UNICEF, UNDP, among others. He has been instrumental in formulation of draft Guidelines for Content Regulation of Government Advertising, Internet and Digital Media Policy, FM Radio Policy, Digital Cinema Policy, among others for the Central Bureau of Communication.

23. Who took over the additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police in New Delhi?

- (A) Balbir Singh (B) B Chatarjee
(C) Sujoy Lal Thaoson (D) R N Sheopory
(E) K Ramamurti

Ans (C)

Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal, SSB Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen took over the additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police in New Delhi.

Dr. Thaosen is an IPS Officer of the 1988 batch, Madhya Pradesh Cadre. IPS Sanjay Arora handed over the charge and customary baton to Dr. Thaosen. Raised in 1962, the ITBP guards Indo-China borders. It is also deployed in various internal security duties including anti-Naxal operations in Chhattisgarh.

24. Gujarat International Finance-Tech City (GIFT City) in Ahmedabad is home to which banking unit of Deutsche Bank AG, which was recently opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- (A) NEFT Banking Unit
(B) IMPS Banking Unit
(C) RTGS Banking Unit
(D) IFSC Banking Unit
(E) MICR Banking Unit

Ans (D)

The Gujarat International Finance-Tec City (GIFT City) in Ahmedabad is home to the Deutsche Bank AG's IFSC Banking Unit (IBU), which was opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The IBU will first offer financial products in the areas of trade finance, fixed income, and currencies, according to Deutsche Bank AG.

According to a release, the IBU will offer all authorised international finance products to Deutsche Bank's clients in India and abroad.

Additionally, it will enable cash pooling and other deposit proposals for Indian and foreign clients within the parameters of the current regulations.

25. Fidel Valdez Ramos, who has passed away recently, was the former President of which country?

- (A) Thailand
- (B) Vietnam
- (C) Manila
- (D) Malaysia
- (E) Philippine

Ans (E)

Former Philippine President Fidel Valdez Ramos, has passed away due to the complications of COVID-19. He was 94.

Ramos served as the 12th president of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998. He was a military officer by profession.

During his tenure, the Philippines was recognized as a budding "tiger economy".

Ramos became a hero to many for defecting from Marcos's government, in which he led the national police force, spurring the dictator's downfall during the 1986 popular uprising against his rule.

26. Who is the head of the special task force (STF) setup by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to monitor monkey pox cases in India?

- (A) Vinod Kumar Paul
- (B) Balram Bhargava
- (C) Rajesh Bhushan
- (D) Lav Agarwal
- (E) Randeep Guleria

Ans (A)

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has constituted a special task force (STF) to monitor monkeypox cases in India.

NITI Aayog member (health) VK Paul will be the head the task force.

Other members of the STF will include officials from the Health ministry and representatives of the major medical and research institutes in the country.

The STF has been tasked to monitor and provide guidance to the government on the expansion of diagnostic facilities and to explore vaccination for the infection in the country.

27. Pacific Dragon ballistic missile defense exercise is a biennial drill held between which three major countries?

- (A) North Korea, Russia and China
- (B) S.Korea, US & Japan
- (C) Japan, China and South Korea
- (D) Russia, UK and Singapore
- (E) China, Ukraine and Russia

Ans (B)

The biennial Pacific Dragon ballistic missile defense exercise between the military of South Korea, the

United States and Japan is being held from August 01 to August 14, 2022 off the coast of Hawaii. Pacific Dragon is basically a trilateral ballistic missile defense (BMD) tracking event between the U.S. Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and Republic of Korea Navy.

However, apart from the three countries, Canada and Australia is also taking part in the multilateral drill in 2022, which is being led by the US Pacific Fleet .

28. Who among the founders of fintech unicorn BharatPe, guiding the product and technology teams, resigned recently?

- (A) Rahul Kishore
- (B) Jasmeet Singh
- (C) Bhavik Koladiya
- (D) Anubhav Mital
- (E) Deeksha Pandey

Ans (C)

Bhavik Koladiya, one of the founders of fintech unicorn BharatPe, has quit.

Bhavik Koladiya has been associated with BharatPe as an Independent Consultant, guiding Product and Technology teams. His contract tenure ended on July 31, 2022 and he expressed his desire to spend time on other assignments outside BharatPe. His resignation comes months after the exit of BharatPe's other Co-founder Ashneer Grover.

29. Who is the incumbent chairman of Airports Authority of India?

- (A) Rohit Kumar
- (B) Ankit Sharma
- (C) Arushi Mahajan
- (D) Sanjeev Kumar
- (E) Ashish Dadhich

Ans (D)

Any designated foreign airline can operate to/from a point in India if it is designated as a point of call in the bilateral Air Services Agreement (ASA) signed between India and the country which has designated the airline. India has signed ASAs with 116 foreign countries. Indian designated carriers are free to mount scheduled operations to/from any international airport, including Kannur International Airport, under the ambit of bilateral ASAs concluded by India with foreign countries. Currently, due to significant imbalance in the number of points of call in favour of foreign carriers, the Government of India is not granting any non-metro airport as a new point of call to any foreign carrier for the purpose of operating passenger services.

30. Fourth edition of Joint Military Exercise of India and which country "AL NAJAH-IV" has begun?

- (A) Kuwait
- (B) UAE
- (C) Yemen
- (D) Iraq
- (E) Oman

Ans (E)

The 4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' begins in Rajasthan at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.

The exercise takes place between contingents of the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman from August 01 to 13, 2022. The 3rd edition of Ex AL NAJAH IV was held at Muscat from 12 to 25 March 2019.

Important points of exercise -

The Indian Army will be represented by troops from the 18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion at the AL NAJAH-IV.

31. Who has won bronze in the men's 109kg weightlifting final with a total lift of 355kg in the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- (A) Sathish Sivalingam (B) Vikas Thakur
(C) Lovepreet Singh (D) Gurdeep Singh
(E) Pardeep Singh

Ans (C)

Lovepreet Singh has won bronze in the men's 109kg weightlifting final with a total lift of 355kg, taking India's medal tally in the Commonwealth Games 2022.

Cameroon's Junior has taken the lead with a total lift of 361kg. Samoa's Jack Opeloge is second with a total lift of 358kg. Lovepreet Singh is third with a total lift of 355kg.

Australia's Jackson is the last man standing, trying to win a bronze. The Indian weightlifting contingent has now won a total of 9 medals.

32. The government of India released a special commemorative postage stamp to mark the 146th birth anniversary of whom?

- (A) Bhikaiji Cama (B) Potti Sriramulu
(C) Alluri Sitarama Raju (D) Pingali Venkayya
(E) Tanguturi Prakasam

Ans (D)

The government of India released a special commemorative postage stamp to mark the 146th birth anniversary of Pingali Venkayya, the designer of India's national flag. The stamp was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an event "Tiranga Utsav" organised by the Ministry of Culture at Indira Gandhi Stadium, in New Delhi. The event will also display the original design of the national flag made by Pingali Venkayya. The current flag is the modified version of the first design of the flag.

33. Which company has become the highest bidder for 5G spectrum, paying Rs 88,078 crore?

- (A) Reliance Jio (B) Vodafone
(C) BSNL (D) IDEA
(E) Bharti Airtel

Ans (A)

Reliance Jio, owned by billionaire Mukesh Ambani, became the highest bidder for 5G spectrum, paying Rs 88,078 crore to buy over half of the airwaves offered in the most recent auction. The Adani group paid Rs 212 crore for 400 MHz, or less than 1% of all spectrum sold, according to Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. Jio has also acquired the 700 MHz band.

Key Points -

While Jio purchased spectrum across several bands, including the coveted 700 MHz band, which can provide 6-10 km of signal range and serves as a good foundation for fifth generation (5G) in all 22 circles in the country.

34. Which edition of the ONGC Para Games has officially launched in New Delhi's Thyagaraj Sports Complex?

- (A) Fifth (B) Fourth
(C) Third (D) Second
(E) First

Ans (B)

The fourth edition of the ONGC Para Games was officially launched in New Delhi's Thyagaraj Sports Complex by Union Minister of Petroleum, Natural Gas, Housing, and Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep Singh Puri.

The 4th ONGC Para Games are being held by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) from August 2-4, 2022, and feature 275 Persons with Disabilities (PwD) who work for eight central oil and gas public organisations.

Key Points -

ONGC Para Games is a fantastic platform for bringing inclusivity and equity to the human resource of the public businesses under the Ministry, according to Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, who opened the 4th ONGC Para Games.

35. The recently released book "Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik" has been authored by whom?

- (A) Erica Harrison (B) Fiona Watt
(C) Stephen Barker (D) Steve Allen
(E) Christina Goodings

Ans (C)

A book titled "Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik, the Royal Air Force and the First World War" is all

about an “India’s first fighter pilot” who participated in the World War, long before the Indian Air Force was born.

The book has been written by author Stephen Barker, who describes in great detail, how challenging it was for an Indian to serve in the British armed forces, fighting racial discrimination – both institutional and interpersonal.

36. Who has authored the book titled as “Dangerous Earth”?

- (A) Ellen Prager (B) Gunnar Thorson
(C) Anne Thynne (D) Takasi Tokioka
(E) Ruth Turner

Ans (A)

Marine biologist Ellen Prager has come up with a book titled “Dangerous Earth: What we wish we knew about volcanoes, hurricanes, climate change, earthquakes and more”.

In the book, the author seeks to respond to the most compelling question: Why can’t we better predict natural disasters?

37. Indian badminton team has clinched which medal in the mixed group match of the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- (A) Gold (B) Silver
(C) Bronze (D) Brass
(E) None of these

Ans (B)

Indian badminton team claimed the silver medal in the mixed group match of the Commonwealth Games 2022.

Indian badminton mixed team suffered a 1-3 defeat against Malaysia and had to settle for silver.

Only PV Sindhu managed to earn a win in the summit clash against Malaysia in the women’s singles match.

38. India’s lawn bowls women’s fours team has won the gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

Who of the following is not a part of the team?

- (A) Rupa Rani Tirkey (B) Lovely Choubey
(C) Pinki Singh (D) Nayanmoni Saikia
(E) Vinita Ahir

Ans (E)

India’s lawn bowls women’s fours team made history by winning the gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

This was the country’s first medal in the lawn bowls event and the team, made of skipper Rupa Rani Tirkey, Lovely Choubey, Pinki and Nayanmoni Saikia, ended up winning the title itself after beating 2018 silver medallists South Africa.

The Indian team won against South Africa with a 17-10 victory.

In the final day game, India had started strong but South Africa produced a brilliant fightback as both the teams were on 10 points after end 12.

39. Which Indian weightlifter has won the silver medal in the men’s 96 kg category?

- (A) Vikas Thakur (B) Venkat Rahul
(C) Pardeep Singh (D) Deepak Lather
(E) Omkar Otari

Ans (A)

Commonwealth Games 2022: Weightlifter Vikas Thakur has won the silver medal in the men’s 96 kg category.

Thakur lifted a total weight of 346 kg. He completed a best snatch attempt of 155 kg and a clean & jerk attempt of 191 kg. Samoa’s Don Opeloge won the gold medal with a total lift of 381 kg. He was placed joint-third with Fiji’s Rainibogi after the snatch round. In the clean & jerk round, Thakur started with an attempt of 187 kg and succeeded. He also took a 2 kg advantage over Fiji’s weightlifter.

40. Which government agency has released the Composite Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) for the year ended 31st March 2022?

- (A) SBI (B) SEBI
(C) RBI (D) SIDBI
(E) NABARD

Ans (C)

The Reserve Bank of India has released the Composite Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) for the year ended 31st March 2022. India’s Financial Inclusion Index has improved to 56.4 from 53.9 in the previous year 2021.

The improvement has been seen across all its sub-indices (Access, Usage and Equality).

Financial Inclusion Index -

It is a comprehensive index incorporating details of banking, investments, insurance, postal as well as the pension sector in consultation with the government and respective sectoral regulators.

It was developed by the RBI in 2021, without any ‘base year’, and is published in July every year.

41. Recently, Chief Justice of India NV Ramana has recommended whom as his successor?

- (A) Shripathi Bhat (B) Vineet Saran
(C) Uday U Lalit (D) Dhananjaya Y
(E) Rohinton Fali

Ans (C)

Justice Uday U Lalit is set to become the 49th Chief Justice of India. The Chief Justice of India NV Ramana recommended Justice UU Lalit's name as his successor.

The current Chief Justice of India NV Ramana is scheduled to retire on August 27, 2022. The new Chief Justice of India will have a short tenure of lesser than three months. He will be the only second judge after Justice SM Sikri (CJI from 1971-1973) to be elevated from the bar to the post of the Chief Justice of India.

42. In the recent added 10 Ramsar Sites, how many sites are from Tamil Nadu?

- (A) Six (B) Five
(C) Four (D) Three
(E) Two

Ans (A)

India has designated 10 more wetlands as Ramsar sites, taking the total tally of Ramsar Sites in India to 64.

The Ramsar sites in India now cover a total area of 12,50,361 ha. The 10 new Ramsar sites in India include six in Tamil Nadu and one each in Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka. India had earlier designated five new Ramsar sites, three wetlands in Tamil Nadu, one in Mizoram and one in Madhya Pradesh. The designation of these sites as Ramsar sites will help in conservation and management of these wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, which is also known as The Convention on Wetlands.

43. World's Largest Floating Solar Power Plant will be built on which river?

- (A) Tapi River (B) Narmada River
(C) Godavari River (D) Mahanadi River
(E) Ganga River

Ans (B)

The world's largest floating solar power plant will be built on Omkareshwar Dam on the Narmada River in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh at an estimated cost of over Rs 3000 crores. The floating power plant is expected to generate about 600 Megawatt of power by 2022-23.

The world's largest floating solar power in India is being built to increase the power generation capacity and address electricity problems in Madhya Pradesh.

44. Which is India's highest-ranked company in the Fortune 500 Global List 2022 with a rank of 98th position?

- (A) Reliance Industries Limited
(B) Indian Oil Corporation

(C) Life Insurance Corporation

(D) State Bank of India

(E) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

Ans (C)

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) jumped 51 places to be ranked at 104th position in the Fortune Global 500 List 2022. The Fortune 500 companies list 2022 comprises ranking of top 500 companies for the year 2022.

Reliance Industries was ranked at 155th position in Fortune Global 500 List 2021. This year, it has jumped to 104th rank. The Mukesh Ambani-led company is India's highest-ranked private sector company in the Fortune 500 companies list.

45. As per the Minister of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, How many MSMEs have registered on the Udyam portal within a span of 25 months, according to the Union?

- (A) One crore (B) Two crore
(C) Three crore (D) Four crore
(E) Five crore

Ans (A)

Around one crore Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have registered on the Udyam portal within a span of 25 months, according to the Union Minister of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.

46. Who has sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner?

- (A) Pratyush Sinha (B) Pradeep Kumar
(C) Sharad Kumar (D) Suresh N Patel
(E) Sanjay Kothari

Ans (D)

Vigilance Commissioner, Suresh N. Patel was appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner.

He has been working as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) since June this year.

He was sworn in as the chief of the Central Vigilance Commission by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The ceremony was also attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu.

Previous Central Vigilance Commissioner - Former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Sanjay Kothari had completed his term as the CVC on June 24 last year.

47. Which state has emerged as winner in Utilisation of Agri-Infra funds?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Telangana
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Uttarakhand

(E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (A)

When it comes to using cash for agricultural infrastructure, Andhra Pradesh comes out on top (Agri Infra Fund). By placing a strong emphasis on infrastructure development at the farm gate, it has become the best state. At a ceremony in New Delhi, Union Minister of Agriculture and Family Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar presented B Srinivasa Rao, CEO of State Rythu Bazars, with the award for the best state in the nation in terms of utilising Agri Funds in the fiscal year 2021–22.

Key Points -

Many states are falling behind in using agri-infra funding, according to Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, but Andhra Pradesh has surpassed all others by doing so and building extensive infrastructure at the rural level.

48. Which date has designated Chabahar Day by the Ministry of Port, Shipping, and Waterways?

- (A) 30 July (B) 31 July
(C) 01 August (D) 02 August
(E) 03 August

Ans (B)

31 July was designated Chabahar Day in Mumbai by the Ministry of Port, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW) to commemorate the Chabahar – Link to International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) – Connecting Central Asian Markets. According to the MoPSW press release, Sonwal mentioned in his talk that India’s ambition is to turn Shahid Beheshti Port in Chabahar into a transit centre and connect it to INSTC to reach out to Central Asian countries.

49. Who has won India’s first-ever singles medal in squash in Commonwealth Games 2022?

- (A) Mahesh Mangaonkar (B) Ramit Tandon
(C) Harinder Pal Sandhu (D) Saurav Ghosal
(E) Vikram Malhotra

Ans (D)

India’s Saurav Ghosal has clinched the bronze medal in squash men’s singles by beating James Willstrop of England 11-6, 11-1, 11-4 to take India’s Commonwealth Games 2022. This was also India’s first-ever medal in squash singles at the Games. He had lost the men’s singles semi-final 3-0 (11-9 11-4 11-1) to New Zealand’s Paul Coll.

The career of Saurav Ghosal -

Saurav Ghosal (born 10 August 1986, in Kolkata, West Bengal) is a professional squash player from India and reached a career-high world ranking of

World No 10 in April 2019. In 2013, Saurav became the first Indian to reach the Quarterfinals of the World Squash Championship at Manchester, England.

50. Who has won 44th Chess Olympiad in women section by defeating Hungary?

- (A) Tania Sachdev (B) Vinita Kataria
(C) Samay Raina (D) Suhani Shah
(E) Harika Dronavalli

Ans (A)

Tania Sachdev has registered a 2.5-1.5 win for India against Hungary in the fourth-round match of women section at the 44th Chess Olympiad in Mamallapuram, Chennai. She thrashed Zsoka Gaal to earn a decisive point as well as a match for the team. Koneru Humpy, Dronavalli Harika and R Vaishali ended with a draw in their respective encounters.

51. What is the name of satellite, that has been designed and built by over 750 girl students from across the India, will launched by ISRO?

- (A) AzaadiSAT
(B) Microsat
(C) Cartosat -5
(D) Oceansat
(E) EDUSAT

Ans (A)

With India’s Independence Day approaching, ISRO will be launching a unique Satellite called AzaadiSAT on 7th August 2022.

The launch of AzaadiSAT comes as part of the on-going Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, which marks the 75th anniversary of Independence.

AzaadiSAT is a microsatellite which has been designed, developed and built by 750 girl students from 75 schools across India.

The 8 Kg Satellite will be launched into space using the newly developed latest Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota.

52. Recently, which country has hosted the first Session of “India-Mauritius High-Powered Joint Trade Committee”?

- (A) Mauritius (B) Seychelles
(C) India (D) Maldives
(E) Mauritania

Ans (C)

Recently, India hosted the 1st Session of “India-Mauritius High-Powered Joint Trade Committee” under the “India-Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA)”.

Bilateral merchandise trade between India and Mauritius rose to USD 786.72 million in 2021-22 from USD 690.02 million in 2019-20.

Both sides agreed to enhance bilateral collaboration to further increase bilateral trade and realize the true potential of the bilateral relationship especially under the CECPA.

53. The world's largest floating solar power plant will be built in which state?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Maharashtra
(E) Karnataka

Ans (A)

The world's largest floating solar power plant is going to be built at Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh.

With an aim to increase the power generation capacity of the central state of Madhya Pradesh and address the electricity problems in the region.

A floating solar power plant is going to be built in Khandwa which will generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23.

The project which is said to world's largest floating solar plant will be constructed at an estimated cost of over Rs 3,000 crore over the Omkareshwar Dam and it will help generate.

Khandwa will become the only district in the state to have all three things including solar, hydel and thermal with over 4,000MW power to be produced from a single district.

54. Which company will host UNFOLD 2022, a Web 3.0 Event?

- (A) CoinDCX (B) WazirX
(C) Binance (D) Coinbase
(E) CoinMarketCap

Ans (A)

CoinDCX, an Indian homegrown crypto exchange company, has announced to host "UNFOLD 2022" from 26th August 2022 to 28th August 2022 in Bangalore.

The UNFOLD 2022 is a mega event in which the developers, investors, web3 startups, and regulators will showcase their ideas and discuss how can India can leverage its Web 3 talent and become a known global leader.

UNFOLD 2022 will be a platform for all the developers and industrialists to know more about the web 3.0 trends and to understand the readiness of India of facing challenges and excepting opportunities for the web 3.0 startup ecosystem.

55. International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS 2022), is scheduled to be held in which city from September 12?

- (A) Mumbai (B) Kolkata
(C) New Delhi (D) Nagpur
(E) Indore

Ans (C)

International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS 2022), is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from September 12.

India will look to improve its per animal milk productivity by drawing lessons from advanced nations.

Currently, the world's largest milk producer with about 210 million tonnes of production per year, India lags behind many advanced countries in dairy productivity.

This, according to dairy sector leaders, will be a key takeaway for the country from the Summit that has a theme of "livelihood and nutrition".

Before this, India hosted the International Dairy Congress in 1974.

56. Indian Oil Corporation Limited has signed a memorandum of understanding with which country to supply emergency petroleum products?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Bangladesh
(C) Nepal (D) Myanmar
(E) Maldives

Ans (B)

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the emergency delivery of petroleum products via Bangladeshi territory to India was signed by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and the Bangladesh Roads and Highways department in Dhaka. The Indian High Commission stated in a tweet that this is an interim setup to help with the urgent supply of petroleum products due to damage caused by the flood in Assam this year. Oil tankers will enter from Meghalaya and travel into Bangladeshi territory on their way to Tripura.

For use of Bangladeshi land, the IOCL shall be responsible for paying all administrative costs, fees, and local taxes, including the road usage fee.

57. Which company has signed an agreement with Indian Railways to boost delivery of parcels?

- (A) Flipkart (B) Walmart
(C) eBay (D) Amazon
(E) AliExpress

Ans (D)

Amazon India has engaged with the Railway of India to boost its delivery services in the country. Through this partnership, Amazon India will be able to transport packages on more than 110 inter-city routes, ensuring one to two-day delivery for its customer. Amazon began working with the Indian Railways in 2019. The company has increased its transportation lanes five-fold.

58. Indian Navy has inked a Memorandum of Understanding with which Indian Institute of Technology for joint aviation research?

- (A) IISc Delhi (B) IISc Chennai
(C) IISc Bengaluru (D) IISc Mumbai
(E) IISc Bhopal

Ans (C)

In accordance with the objectives of Atmanirbhar Bharat, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Navy have signed an MoU to cooperate on aviation research and development and to intensify self-reliance efforts for the Indian Navy. The inked MoU gives the Indian Navy a legal framework for communication with the appropriate IISc faculty members and will support collaborative research initiatives in areas of shared interest, according to a statement from the Bengaluru-based institution.

The areas of cooperation outlined in this memorandum, including design and educational technologies, will be in the field of aerospace/aeronautical engineering.

59. National Payments Corporation of India has collaborated with which Indian Institute of Technology for Research Collaboration?

- (A) IIT Kanpur (B) IIT Chennai
(C) IIT Delhi (D) IIT Mumbai
(E) IIT Roorkee

Ans (A)

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, paves the way for the exchange of creative ideas and collaboration on the creation of homegrown digital payment solutions.

The collaboration will also aid in strengthening cybersecurity safeguards for the goods and services provided by NPCI and its affiliates. The MoU will spur NPCI and IIT Kanpur to work together on a variety of projects.

Key Points -

With the help of this partnership, distinguished faculty members from the institute will conduct in-depth educational sessions and give lectures to NPCI

staff on cybersecurity and the most recent developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Security Product Roadmaps, and Distributed ledger technologies (DLT).

60. Fintech platform BharatPe has named whom as its new chief financial officer?

- (A) Sarbvir Singh (B) Nalin Negi
(C) Yashish Dahiya (D) Kaushik Dutta
(E) Vikas Mankar

Ans (B)

Nalin Negi has been appointed as the new chief financial officer (CFO) of Fintech startup BharatPe. Earlier he was the CFO of credit card issuer SBI Card. In his new role, Negi will be working towards making the company's EBITDA positive by March 2023 and leading the financial readiness for the company, which is getting ready for an initial public offering (IPO). Ebitda stands for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization. He will report to Suhail Sameer, CEO, BharatPe and work closely with the Board of BharatPe.

In April, the company announced the appointment of Smriti Handa as the Chief Human Resources Officer.

61. In which state Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of the Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Projects?

- (A) Uttarakhand (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Karnataka (D) Gujarat
(E) Assam

Ans (D)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various projects of the Shrimad Rajchandra Mission worth more than 300 crore rupees at Dharampur in Gujarat. The initiatives by the Shrimad Rajchandra Mission in the field of rural healthcare have strengthened the Vision of a "Healthy India".

The modern healthcare facilities started by the Mission will benefit the rural, poor, and tribal people of South Gujarat.

On the occasion, Mr Modi recalled the spiritual association of Mahatma Gandhi with Rajchandra Ji. Mr Modi emphasized that it is the responsibility of all of us to bring women's power in the country to the fore in the form of national power in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

62. Which country has launched moon mission - "Danuri"?

- (A) Malaysia (B) Japan
(C) South Korea (D) Singapore

(E) China

Ans (C)

South Korea launched its maiden spacecraft to the moon, joining the race with other countries. The South Korean lunar orbiter will inspect the future landing spots.

It was launched on SpaceX's Falcon 9 launch vehicle. It will arrive in December 2022. If this mission is successful, it will join spacecraft from India and the US which are already operation across the moon as well as Chinese rover on moon's far side.

India, Russia and Japan will also launch new moon missions in 2022-2023.

63. Union Government of India has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar from country by which year?

(A) 2023 (B) 2024

(C) 2025 (D) 2026

(E) 2027

Ans (A)

Union Government of India has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar from country by 2023.

According to Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar (Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare), out of 633 Kala-azar endemic blocks, 625 blocks have successfully eliminated the kala-azar in 2021.

India's target is way ahead than World Health Organisation (WHO)'s target of eliminating the disease by 2030.

64. The Government of India has established the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy as a subordinate office under which Ministry?

(A) Ministry of Health (B) Ministry of Ayush

(C) Ministry of Chemical (D) Ministry of Power

(E) Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans (B)

The Government of India has established the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) as a subordinate office under the Ministry of Ayush.

Government has merged the Pharmacopoeia Commission of Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) and the two central laboratories namely - Pharmacopoeia Laboratory for Indian Medicine (PLIM) and Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory (HPL).

65. Which bank has become India's first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the TIN 2.0 platform of the Income Tax Department?

(A) Federal Bank (B) HDFC Bank

(C) State Bank of India (D) Axis Bank

(E) South Indian Bank

Ans (A)

Federal Bank has become India's first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the TIN 2.0 platform of the Income Tax Department.

About Tax Information Network (TIN) -

With this, TIN 2.0 platform taxpayers will get one more payment option and now make their payments with ease, using modes such as Credit/Debit Card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS, and Internet Banking.

Tax Information Network (TIN) is an initiative by the Income Tax Department of India (ITD) for the collection, processing, monitoring, and accounting of direct taxes using information technology.

66. Who will chair the recently restructured advisory committee on market data by Securities and Exchange Board of India?

(A) Arun Raste (B) Supriya Sahu

(C) Nehal Vora (D) Anuj Kumar

(E) Mahesh Vyas

Ans (B)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has restructured its advisory committee on market data that recommends policy measures for securities market data access and privacy. Currently, the market data advisory committee will have 20 members.

Earlier, the committee had 21 members.

Key Points -

The committee is chaired by S Sahoo, Professor at National Law University, Delhi, and former chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

67. Sweden and Finland have got approval to join which organisation by US Senate?

(A) NATO (B) FAO

(C) IAEA (D) OSCE

(E) IMO

Ans (A)

With 95 senators voting in favour of the measure, the US Senate decisively approved the NATO membership of Sweden and Finland.

Republican Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri cast the lone dissenting vote, contending that the threat posed by China should receive considerably more attention than European security.

Finland and Sweden's membership in NATO has the strong support of US President Joe Biden, who in July forwarded the issue to the Senate for consideration.

68. Which state government has developed the Cheerag programme for EWS Students?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Haryana
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Rajasthan
(E) Odisha

Ans (B)

The “Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)” programme was recently introduced by the administration of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. It was put in lieu of a comparable programme started by the Bhupinder Singh Hooda administration in 2007 under Rule 134 A of the 2003 Haryana School Education Rules. According to the plan, government students from the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) who attend private schools will receive a free education.

69. Which Indian wrestler has won a bronze medal in the women's 68 kg category at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- (A) Sakshi Malik (B) Anshu Malik
(C) Vinesh Phogat (D) Divya Kakran
(E) Sarita Mor

Ans (D)

Indian wrestler, Divya Kakran has won a bronze medal in the women's 68 kg category at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

In the bronze medal match, Kakran defeated Tonga's Tiger Lily Cocker Lemalie in 26 seconds via Victory by Fall. Kakran bagged the medal in only 26 seconds via Victory by Fall.

70. Which India's wrestler has won the gold medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- (A) Bajrang Punia (B) Ravi Kumar Dahiya
(C) Sushil Kumar (D) Deepak Punia
(E) Sumit Malik

Ans (D)

India's wrestler Deepak Punia has won the gold medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022 by defeating Pakistan's Muhammad Inam by 3-0 in the men's 86 kg category in the final.

In the semifinal earlier, Deepak saw out Canada's Alexander Moore 3-1 as he gained early points. This is India's third gold medal in wrestling.

Career of Naib Subedar Deepak Punia -

Naib Subedar Deepak Punia, is an Indian freestyle wrestler and Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) in the Indian Army who won a silver medal at the 2019 World Wrestling Championships in the freestyle 86 kg category and secured a place in the 2020 Summer Olympics.

71. Who has recently become India's 75th Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania?

- (A) Venkatesh Pranav (B) Santosh Gujrathi
(C) Krishnan Sasikira (D) Chithambaram
(E) Parimarjan Negi

Ans (A)

Chess prodigy V Pranav on Sunday became India's 75th Grand Master by winning Limpede Open in Baia Mare, Romania. The 16 year old Pranav secured his 3rd and final norm to become Grandmaster by winning the Limpede Open in Baia Mare, Romania. Pranav finished the Romanian tournament with 7 points out of 9 to meet the GM norm requirements. Prior to Romania, Pranav had obtained his maiden GM norm at the age of 15 by winning Serbia Open in 2021, while the second GM norm came from Vezerkepzo GM round-robin tourney in Budapest, Hungary in June 2022. Pranav is a student of Velammal school based in Chennai and has been a three-time State Champion.

72. Recently Jagdeep Dhankhar has been elected as the ___ Vice-President of India?

- (A) 13th (B) 14th
(C) 15th (D) 16th
(E) 17th

Ans (B)

Jagdeep Dhankhar, who had earlier served as the Governor of West Bengal, has been elected as the 14th Vice President of India with 528 votes against Opposition Candidate Margaret Alva's 182. Ms Alva, who is ex-Union Minister and 5-time Congress MP, was Opposition candidate for Vice President's Post. Mr Jagdeep Dhankhar was Vice Presidential Candidate for BJP led NDA alliance. He has been elected as the 14th Vice President. He will take oath as India's Vice President on 11th August 2022.

74. Recently, Government of India has offered to sell 18 Light-Combat Aircraft (LCA) "Tejas" to which country?

- (A) Singapore (B) Indonesia
(C) Malaysia (D) Thailand
(E) Brunei

Ans (C)

The Government of India has offered to sell 18 Light-Combat Aircraft (LCA) "Tejas" to Malaysia. Argentina, Australia, Egypt, the United States, Indonesia, and the Philippines were also interested in the single-engine jet. The Indian government gave a

USD6 billion contract to state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in 2021 for 83 of the locally produced Tejas jets for delivery starting around 2023.

75. On which day of August, the anniversary of the Quit India Movement is marked and observed by paying tribute to freedom fighters?

- (A) 05 August (B) 06 August
(C) 07 August (D) 08 August
(E) 09 August

Ans (D)

Every year on 8 August, the anniversary of the Quit India Movement is marked and observed by paying tribute to freedom fighters who without a doubt laid their lives for the country and its people.

The Quit India Movement was launched by Mahatma Gandhi on 8 August 1942 at the Bombay session of the All-India Congress Committee (AICC).

Also known as the Bharat Chhodo Andolan, this movement was a mass civil disobedience that took place in the country.

During the launch of the movement, the father of the nation delivered a speech amid a 'do or die situation.

76. Who will head the recently formed task force in the wake of Monkeypox cases in India to monitor and provide guidance to the government on the expansion of diagnostic facilities?

- (A) Balram Bhargava (B) Vinod Kumar Paul
(C) Lav Agarwal (D) Rajesh Bhushan
(E) Randeep Guleria

Ans (B)

The Centre has formed a task force in the wake of Monkeypox cases in India to monitor and provide guidance to the government on the expansion of diagnostic facilities and to explore vaccination for the infection in the country.

The decision was taken during a meeting which was attended by Cabinet secretary, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, Additional Secretary (PMO), and other senior officials. The team will be headed by Dr. VK Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, and members including Secretary, Union Health Ministry, Pharma and Biotech

77. Who has inaugurated the country's largest online herbarium database, the 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' web portal?

- (A) Bhupender Yadav (B) Rameswar Teli
(C) Ila Patnaik (D) Nityanand Rai
(E) Dharmendra Pradhan

Ans (A)

Union Environment Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the country's largest online herbarium database, the 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' web portal.

The portal (<https://ivh.bsi.gov.in>) has been developed by the Botanical Survey of India under the framework of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" and "Digital India".

The portal aims to provide complete information on herbarium specimens about the floral diversity of India and other countries stored in the cabinet of the herbarium building through online access.

At present, the digital herbarium of the Botanical Survey of India has four categories – Cryptogam type specimens, Cryptogams general specimens, Phanerogam type specimens, and Phanerogams general specimens.

78. Which state's forest department has set up the first of its kind Urban animal rescue center?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Kerala
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Telangana
(E) Andhra Pradesh

Ans (C)

Tamil Nadu Forest Department has set up the first of its kind Urban animal rescue center located inside the Guindy National Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. As it is a part of the Guindy National Park, a veterinarian attached to it as well as foresters have been working with the center. The rescue center has two big enclosures and three smaller ones for injured animals. Among the infrastructural improvements, the center also established a new post-mortem room. The Tamil Nadu government has recently announced that a remodel of the Guindy National Park will be carried out at a cost of ₹20 crores.

79. What is the name of cabinet secretary, who has recently got one year extension in service by the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet?

- (A) Ajay Bhalla (B) Pradeep Sinha
(C) Rajiv Mehrishi (D) Pramod Mishra
(E) Rajiv Gauba

Ans (E)

This is his second extension as Cabinet Secretary & he will continue in the same position till August 30, 2023.

He was given the first extension for one year in August 2021 with the term ending on 30 August 2022.

80. The Board of Directors of which company has appointed Ravinder Takkar as the new chairman of that company?

- (A) Bharti Airtel (B) Vodafone Idea
(C) Reliance Jio (D) MTNL

(E) BSNL

Ans (B)

The Board of Directors of Vodafone Idea Limited has appointed Ravinder Takkar as its new chairman.

He will replace Himanshu Kapania. However, Mr Kapania will continue to be a part of the VIL board as a non-executive director. Earlier, Mr. Ravinder Takkar was the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Vodafone Idea Limited (Vi) for three years with effect from August 19, 2019, following the resignation of Mr Balesh Sharma

81. Who has become first Woman to lead Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - India's Largest Research Organization?

- (A) Sunita Mehta (B) Smita Mashelkar
(C) Kalaiselvi N (D) Krutika Singhania
(E) Rajani Shroff

Ans (C)

Dr Kalaiselvi N has become the 1st Woman Director-General of CSIR.

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is India's largest research organization and is run as the consortium of 38 state-run research institutes across the country. Dr Kalaiselvi will replace and succeed Shekhar Mande, who was superannuated in April. She will take over CSIR from Mr Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology who was accorded special additional charge of CSIR in April. This is the first time in its history of 80 years that CSIR has appointed a woman Director-General.

82. In a collaboration with which company, Culture Ministry has launched "India ki Udaan" Initiative?

- (A) Google (B) Amazon
(C) Yahoo! (D) Facebook
(E) AOL

Ans (A)

Union Culture Ministry and Google launched "India Ki Udaan" initiative, which will Capturing the milestones the country has achieved in its 75year journey since independence. The project which has been launched in collaboration with Search Giant Google, the initiative is aimed at celebrating India's achievements through an online repository of arts and cultural artifacts. The project was officially launched on 6th August, through a glittering ceremony held at the Sunder Nursery in New Delhi. The launch even was graced by Union Culture and Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy along with senior officials of the Ministry of Culture and Google.

83. Recently, which international organisation has started a project to digitally map soil nutrients in sub-Saharan Africa and central America to increase efficiency in using fertilizers?

- (A) World Food Programme
(B) Food and Agriculture Organization
(C) World Wide Fund for Nature
(D) Save the Children
(E) International Fund for Agricultural Development

Ans (B)

Recently, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) started a project to digitally map soil nutrients in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) and central America to increase efficiency in using fertilizers.

Also, it will organize and improve existing soil maps.

84. Which ministry is establishing an Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Plant with a capacity of 65 kilowatts (kW) in Kavaratti, Lakshadweep?

- (A) Ministry of Power (B) Ministry of Science
(C) Ministry of Environment (D) Ministry of Coal
(E) Ministry of Earth Sciences

Ans (E)

Recently, the National Institute of Ocean Technology, an autonomous institute under the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) is establishing an Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Plant with a capacity of 65 kilowatts (kW) in Kavaratti, Lakshadweep. The plant will power the one lakh liter per day low temperature thermal desalination plant, which converts seawater into potable water. The plant is the first of its kind in the world as it will generate drinking water from sea water using indigenous technology, green energy and environmentally friendly processes.

85. International Day of World's Indigenous People has recently been observed on which day of August?

- (A) 07 August (B) 08 August
(C) 09 August (D) 10 August
(E) 11 August

Ans (C)

The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on 9 August each year to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population.

This event also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.

In India, the indigenous population is also known as the Scheduled Tribes. The United Nations passed a resolution on December 23, 1994, to celebrate August 9 as the day.

86. "Mission Vatsalya," was formerly known by which name, which has been carried out by the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the welfare and rehabilitation of children?

- (A) National Child Protection
- (B) Child Protection Services
- (C) Balika Saridhhi Yojana
- (D) Ladli Laxmi Yojana
- (E) National Commission for Children

Ans (B)

Since 2009–10, "Mission Vatsalya," formerly known as the Child Protection Services (CPS) project, has been carried out by the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the welfare and rehabilitation of children.

The goal of Mission Vatsalya is to guarantee a healthy and happy childhood for every child in India, provide opportunities for them to realize their full potential and support their sustained flourishing in all spheres, and foster a sensitive, supportive, and coordinated ecosystem for children's development, assist States/UTs in carrying out the Juvenile Justice Act 2015's mandate and help the world's nations meet the Sustainable Development Goals.

87. Which state government has launched "Panchamrut Yojana" to double farmers' income?

- (A) Uttarakhand
- (B) Chhattisgarh
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Assam
- (E) Meghalaya

Ans (C)

Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath launched the 'Panchamrut Yojana' which will help to achieve the goal of doubling farmers' income through the introduction of cost-effective technical measures and promotion of co-cropping methods.

Goal -

To scale back sugarcane manufacturing prices while raising productivity and land fertility by way of 5 methods, together with a built-in trench technique for sugarcane sowing, ratoon administration and trash mulching, drip irrigation, and co-cropping.

88. Who has been elected as the deputy president of the International Chess Federation?

- (A) Magnus Carlsen
- (B) Garry Kasparov
- (C) Vladimir Kramnik
- (D) Tania Sachdev
- (E) Viswanathan Anand

Ans (E)

Indian chess legend & Five-time World Chess Champion Mr. Viswanathan Anand has been elected

as the deputy president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

The elections to the world chess body were held during the FIDE Congress which is being conducted here alongside the 44th Chess Olympiad.

While the incumbent President Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich has been re-elected as FIDE President for a second term.

Dvorkovich a Muscovite has received 167 votes in his favor while his opponent Andrii Baryshpolets got 16. The elections for the posts were held during the FIDE General Assembly in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

89. Which armed force has conducted a pan-India satellite communication exercise called "Ex Skylight"?

- (A) Indian Air Force
- (B) Indian Nave
- (C) Indian Naval Force
- (D) Indian Army
- (E) Indian Coast Guard

Ans (D)

The Indian Army conducted a pan-India satellite communication exercise called "Ex Skylight".

Objective -

To test & evaluate the operational readiness and robustness of its hi-tech satellite communication systems.

This is expected to be ready for the army by December 2025.

The dedicated GSAT-7B satellite of the Army is a first-of-its-kind indigenous multi-band satellite, designed with advanced security features.

It will support tactical communication requirements for troops deployed on the ground, remotely piloted aircraft, air defense weapons, and other mission-critical and fire support platforms.

90. Who has won India's first medal in the race walk at Commonwealth Games 2022?

- (A) Priyanka Goswami
- (B) Khushbir Kaur
- (C) Dutee Chand
- (D) Tintu Luka
- (E) Lalita Babar

Ans (A)

At the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Priyanka Goswami won silver in the 10000-meter race walk.

In the race walk and athletics, at the Commonwealth Games 2022, she becomes the first Indian woman to take home a gold.

Priyanka sets a new Indian National Record for a 10000-meter race walk with a time of 43:38:82.

Khushbir Kaur formerly held the national record in India with a time of 44 minutes, 35.5 seconds in 2017. At the Commonwealth Games 2022, Jemima Montag of Australia won the gold medal in the race walk with a time of 42:34:00.

91. On the occasion of World Biofuel Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the newly developed 2G Ethanol Plant in which state?

- (A) Haryana (B) Punjab
(C) Rajasthan (D) Gujarat
(E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (A)

On the occasion of World Biofuel Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the newly developed 2G Ethanol Plant at Panipat Refinery in Haryana. PM Modi will dedicate the 2G Ethanol Plant to the nation through video conferencing.

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri will be present in person at Panipat Refinery for the inauguration function.

The development of the 2nd Generation of Ethanol Generation Plant at Indian Oil Corporation Limited - IOCL's Panipat Refinery comes at a time when India is prioritizing the production and usage of biofuels in the country.

Key Points -

Developed at a whopping cost of Rs 999 crores, the 2G Ethanol Plant will be used to transform 2 lakh tonnes of rice straw (parali) into 3 Crore litres of Ethanol annually.

The plant has been setup on 35 acres of land and can produce 100 kilolitres of ethanol per day by processing 750-tonne paddy straw.

92. World Lion Day has recently observed on which day?

- (A) August 9th (B) August 8th
(C) August 12th (D) August 11th
(E) August 10th

Ans (E)

World Lion Day is observed globally on 10th August. The day aims to spread awareness of lions and the urgent need to strive toward their conservation. Lions are silently in danger of going extinct worldwide. Lions supposedly wandered amiably through Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East some three million years ago.

Significance -

The purpose of World Lion Day, as previously indicated, is to increase public awareness of the significance of lion conservation. Lions are

designated as a vulnerable species on the Red List of Threatened Species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

93. India's first underwater metro will be inaugurated in which city?

- (A) Hyderabad (B) Kolkata
(C) Bangalore (D) Pune
(E) Mumbai

Ans (B)

India's first underwater metro will be inaugurated in Kolkata, West Bengal and the project is likely to be completed by June 2023.

The metro line, which will connect Salt Lake to Howrah via Kolkata with a stretch below the Hooghly River, is currently operational between Sector V and Sealdah Stations.

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Of the total 16.55 km length of the project, 9.30 km length between Sector V and Sealdah is operational.

94. When is the 12th Edition of the Defence Expo scheduled to take place in Gujarat?

- (A) November 2022 (B) December 2022
(C) September 2022 (D) October 2022
(E) August 2022

Ans (D)

The Ministry of Defence has announced that the 12th edition of the Defence Expo, India's flagship exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems, will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The event will be held between October 18 and 22, 2022. The theme for this edition is "Path to Pride" invoking nationalistic pride and encouraging citizens to partake in nation-building through establishing a capable indigenous Defence industry.

The five-day event will witness three business days followed by two public days. Live demonstrations showcasing the equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, DPSUs and Industry will be held on all five days at Sabarmati River Front through active participation and synchronized efforts at all levels, informed the officials.

95. New Delhi International Arbitration Centre has been renamed as -

- (A) Pradhan Mantri Arbitration Centre
(B) Bharat Arbitration Centre
(C) India International Arbitration Centre
(D) International Arbitration Centre

(E) India Arbitration Centre

Ans (C)

Lok Sabha has passed a bill to rename the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre as the India International Arbitration Centre. The objective of the amendment is to have world-class arbitration in India. As per the government, the arbitration will also help in reducing the pendency of cases in India. A bill to this effect was introduced in Lok Sabha by Law Minister Kiren Rijju.

According to the statement of objects and reasons of the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022, the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Act, 2019 provides for the establishment of the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre.

96. Who has become first Indian Social Psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame?

- (A) Ratna Ghosal (B) Ramadhar Singh
(C) Ashutosh Kumar (D) Shomen Mukherjee
(E) Bhuvan Pathak

Ans (B)

Ahmedabad University Professor, Ramadhar Singh becomes the first Indian Social Psychologist on the US Heritage Wall of Fame of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States. He is currently a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University. This recognition comes close on the heels of the College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University, conferring him with the Distinguished Alumni Award in Psychological Sciences (March 25, 2022). Professor Singh has been a member of the society (1990) and then fellow (1992).

Why this recognition is given to Prof Ramadhar Singh?

Professor Singh has been a breakthrough researcher in the field of psychology and management.

97. James Marape has been re-sworn as Prime Minister of which country?

- (A) New Guinea (B) Timor-Leste
(C) Fiji (D) Tonga
(E) Papua New Guinea

Ans (E)

Following elections in the South Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea, the parliament has reinstated Prime Minister James Marape. According to the media and election authorities, Marape was re-sworn in as prime minister after lawmakers in the new parliament elected Marape without opposition. The

general election in Papua New Guinea took place between July 4 and July 22, although voting and vote counting were postponed due to unusual conditions, such as security concerns, attacks on ballot boxes, and logistical difficulties, according to the electoral commission. Marape and his predecessor, Peter O'Neill, who resigned in 2019, were the front-runners for the position of leader of the next administration. Due in part to the country's rough terrain, severe weather, inadequate transportation infrastructure, and linguistic and cultural variety, the election there is among the most difficult in the entire globe.

98. Which Kannada film star will be conferred with the "Karnataka Ratna" award posthumously.?

- (A) Shiva Rajkumar (B) Ashwini Revanath
(C) Puneeth Rajkumar (D) Raghavendra Rajkumar
(E) Darshan Thoogudeepa

Ans (C)

Karnataka Chief Minister, Basavaraj Bommai has announced that Kannada film star Puneeth Rajkumar, who died last year, will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously. On November 1, which happens to be Kannada Rajyotsava, the state's formation day. He will be the 10th recipient of the state's highest civilian honour. Considered the Kannada cinema's reigning star, Puneeth, the youngest of five children of Kannada matinee idol Dr Rajkumar, died of a cardiac arrest on October 29 at the age of 46. Interestingly, Puneeth's late father Rajkumar is among the first recipients of the Karnataka Ratna award in 1992, along with poet Kuvempu.

99. World Biofuel Day is commemorated on which day of August every year to raise awareness about the use of non-fossil fuels?

- (A) 07 August (B) 08 August
(C) 09 August (D) 10 August
(E) 11 August

Ans (D)

World Biofuel Day is commemorated on 10 August every year to raise awareness about the use of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. During this day, the government and private organisations come together to spread awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as a different source of energy. Biofuels are the key to reducing our dependence on crude oil and it ensures a cleaner environment. It leads to the generation of more employment for rural people. It also helps in the reduction of carbon emissions. The burning of fossil

fuels leads to carbon emissions, and this is very harmful to our air and environment.

100. Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath has debuted in which radio programme to commemorate the anniversary of the Kakori Train Action as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav?

- (A) Radio Jaighosh (B) Radio JaiUdgar
(C) Radio Jaikar (D) Radio Jai Nara
(E) Radio Nikay

Ans (A)

As part of the celebrations for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath debuted "Radio Jaighosh" to commemorate the anniversary of the Kakori Train Action. To promote performing arts, regional specialties from Uttar Pradesh, folk art, and gallantry award recipients, the state's Department of Culture is developing a community radio station and also the "Radio Jaighosh" is a part of it.

Radio Jaighosh: Channel and Timing -

From the recently restored studio of the Sangeet Natak Akademi in Lucknow, "Radio Jaighosh" will be audible at 107.8 MHz and will air programmes from 6 am to 10 pm every day.

101. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of an Audio Visual Co-Production Treaty between India and which country with an aim to promote co-production of films?

- (A) Australia (B) New Zealand
(C) Austria (D) Canada
(E) USA

Ans (A)

Union Cabinet has approved the signing of an Audio Visual Co-Production Treaty, between India and Australia with a view to promote co-production of films.

Such agreements are Umbrella Agreements under which private, government agencies enter into contracts to produce films together. The proposed agreement will boost ties with Australia, lead to exchange of art and culture, showcase the soft power of our country and lead to generation of employment. India has so far signed 15 Audio Visual Co-production Treaties with foreign countries. Australia has emerged as a preferred destination for shooting of Indian films. India is fast emerging as a major content hub for film makers looking for new projects. India has abundance of exotic locations, talent pool, relatively cheaper cost of production and post

production, making India a favoured destination of foreign film makers.

102. Which bank has extended the agreement to manage the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years?

- (A) Punjab National Bank (B) Bank of India
(C) State Bank of India (D) Bank of Baroda
(E) ICICI Bank

Ans (C)

The State Bank of India (SBI) will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years.

The agreement to extend the operations for two more years was signed between the officials of the SBI and the High Commission of India in Dhaka.

SBI Bangladesh country head of operations Amit Kumar represented the SBI while the Deputy High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Dr. Binoy George represented the High Commission of India.

The IVAC will also be starting a few additional services soon which include facilitation for online form filling and submission of forms, slot booking and launching of a mobile app. A priority lounge was also inaugurated at the IVAC centre in Dhaka.

103. According to Morgan Stanley, the GDP growth of Indian economy is projected to be what percent in 2022-23 (FY23)?

- (A) 8% (B) 7%
(C) 9% (D) 5%
(E) 6%

Ans (B)

The analysts at Morgan Stanley expects that India is likely to be the fastest-growing Asian economy in the Asian region in 2022-23.

As per Morgan Stanley, the gross domestic product (GDP) growth of Indian economy is estimated at 7 percent in 2022-23 (FY23).

This rate is the strongest among the largest economies and contributes 28 percent to Asian and 22 percent to global growth.

About Morgan Stanley:

Industry: Financial services

Founded: 1935 (the original Morgan Stanley), 1924 (Dean Witter & Co.), 1931 (Reynolds Securities)

Founder: Henry Sturgis Morgan, Harold Stanley, Dean G. Witter, Richard S. Reynolds, Jr.

Headquarters: New York, U.S.

Chairman & CEO: James P. Gorman

104. Which country won the gold medal in the women's section of the 44th Chess Olympiad?

- (A) Russia (B) China
(C) Belarus (D) Ukraine
(E) United States

Ans (D)

The team Uzbekistan has won the gold medal in the Open section of the 44th Chess Olympiad.

Team Armenia won silver while the India-2 team settled for bronze in Open Section.

In the women's section, Ukraine won the gold medal. Team Georgia won the silver, while India-1 team won the bronze medal.

India hosted the Chess Olympiad for the first time. It consisted of open and women's tournaments.

105. Recently, RBI has cancelled the banking licence of which Bank following an order from the Bombay High Court?

- (A) Saraswat Co-operative Bank
(B) Cosmos Co-operative Bank
(C) Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank
(D) Abhyudaya Co-operative Bank
(E) Rupee Co-operative Bank

Ans (E)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the banking licence of Pune-based Rupee Co-operative Bank following an order from the Bombay High Court.

The order shall come into effect after six weeks from August 11, 2022.

This means that the bank will have to cease to carry on banking business with effect from September 22, 2022.

106. Which football club won the 2022 UEFA Super Cup for a record-equalling fifth time in Helsinki, Finland?

- (A) FC Barcelona
(B) Real Madrid
(C) Liverpool FC
(D) Real Betis
(E) Manchester City

Ans (B)

Real Madrid beat Eintracht Frankfurt, 2-0 in finals to win the 2022 UEFA Super Cup for a record-equalling fifth time in Helsinki, Finland.

UEFA Super Cup is an annual football match organised by UEFA for the winners of the two main European club competitions, i.e. the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League.

The last season's Champions League winners Real Madrid defeated Europa League winners Eintracht Frankfurt to win the title for fifth time.

107. Name the host country of 2022 BRICS Games, which will be held online platform from September 01 to 30?

- (A) Brazil
(B) Russia
(C) India
(D) China
(E) South Africa

Ans (D)

The 2022 BRICS Games is scheduled to be held from September 01 to 30 but on online platform.

This means that the athletes from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) will compete online.

The 2022 BRICS Games will feature only three competitive events, breakdancing, chess and Wushu (Chinese martial arts).

The online BRICS Games can enhance mutual understanding and people-to-people exchanges among participating countries in an innovative and safe way, through the power of sports.

The Game is being organised by China, as the host of the 14th BRICS Summit held in June 2022.

108. Which Tennis player has recently announced her retirement?

- (A) Venus Williams
(B) Serena Williams
(C) Alexis Ohanian
(D) Richard Williams
(E) Harmony Tan

Ans (B)

Tennis Star Serena Williams announced her retirement from Tennis.

She will retire from active Tennis after completing US Open which will be held from late August to Sept 2022.

About Serena Williams -

Serena Williams was born on 26th Sept 1981 in Saginaw, Michigan.

Her parents, Oracene Price and Richard Williams had 4 daughters in total i.e., Venus Williams another iconic tennis player was Serena's full sister, while Yetunde, Lyndrea, and Isha Price were her half-sisters.

Serena Williams started playing professional Tennis in 1995 and won her first singles title at the 1999 US Open.

Since then, she has gone on to win a total of bagged 73 career singles titles and 23 career doubles titles and

has been ranked singles world No 1 by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) for 319 weeks.

109. Which senior leader from India will receive France's highest civilian award?

- (A) Shashi Tharoor
- (B) Sunanda Pushkar
- (C) Kanishk Sule
- (D) Lily Thapar
- (E) Rahul Gandhi

Ans (A)

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, set to be conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur.

The French government is honouring him for his writings and speeches and the French Ambassador here Emmanuel Lenain has written to Tharoor informing him about the award.

In 2010, Tharoor had received a similar honour from the Spanish government, when the King of Spain had bestowed upon him the Encomienda de la Real Order Espanola de Carlos III.

110. Cricketer Rishabh Pant has been appointed as the State Brand Ambassador of which state?

- (A) Uttarakhand
- (B) Himachal Pradesh
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Jharkhand
- (E) Haryana

Ans (A)

State Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand government has appointed wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant as the 'State Brand Ambassador'.

Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhami congratulated Rishabh Pant and praised him as one of the best cricketers and idols of youth.

Rishabh Pant's most recent game was seen in India's T20 series against New Zealand in which the Indian cricket team claimed the title of the series with a 3-0 victory.

111. Recently, which international organisation has released a report titled "Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022: Investing in transforming futures for young people"?

- (A) Food and Agriculture Organization
- (B) World Health Organization
- (C) World Trade Organization
- (D) International Monetary Fund
- (E) International Labour Organisation

Ans (E)

Recently, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has released a report titled "Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022: Investing in transforming futures for young people".

Findings of the report -

Young women exhibited a much lower Employment-to-Population ratio (EPR), showing that young men are almost 1.5 times more likely than young women to be employed.

Covid-19 Pandemic has worsened the numerous labour market challenges facing those aged between 15 and 24 years, who have experienced a much higher percentage loss in employment than adults since early 2020.

Findings Related to India -

The youth employment participation rate declined by 0.9 % over the first nine months of 2021 relative to its value in 2020, while it increased by 2 % for adults over the same time period.

112. Which tech giant company has joined the Government-backed Open Network for Digital Commerce?

- (A) Google
- (B) Microsoft
- (C) Amazon
- (D) Apple
- (E) IBM

Ans (B)

Tech Giant Microsoft has joined the Government-backed Open Network for Digital Commerce.

ONDC project is a major technology network that is being developed to enable small merchants and mom-and-pop stores in parts of the country to use advanced technology to improve commerce.

What is ONDC - Open Network for Digital Commerce?

Open Network for Digital Commerce, is a government backed project which aims at providing technology enabled solution to enable local commerce across different sectors.

The network will enable small traders to expand their offerings across different sectors or segments including mobility, grocery, food order and delivery, hotel booking and travel, among others, to be discovered and engaged by any network-enabled application.

The initiative is launched by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

113. Which ministry has launched "SMILE-75" initiative?

- (A) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- (B) Ministry of Minority Affairs

- (C) Ministry of Social Justice
(D) Ministry of Child Development
(E) Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans (C)

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging under “SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise” named as “SMILE-75 Initiative”.

The Government of India has recognised the persisting problem of destitution and beggary and formulated a comprehensive scheme of SMILE which includes a sub-scheme of comprehensive rehabilitation for persons engaged in begging that covers identification, rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities, counselling, and education, skill development for a decent job and self-employment/entrepreneurship.

114. Guillermo Pablo Rios, who has named as the Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan, hails from which country?

- (A) Argentina (B) Mexico
(C) Chile (D) Spain
(E) Russia

Ans (A)

An experienced Argentinean navy officer, Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios has been named Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.

Major General José Eladio Alcain of Uruguay steps down in favour of Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rio of Argentina as Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for UNMOGIP, whose task is about to be completed. Major General Alcan was thanked by the Secretary-General for his assistance with UN peacekeeping activities. Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios: About - Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios has had a long career in the Argentinean Navy since graduating as a middle shipman from the Navy Academy in 1988, according to the announcement. Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios most recently worked with the Joint Staff as the general director of education, training, and doctrine (2022).

115. Which government office will host a virtual Asian Regional Forum meeting in August?

- (A) Planning Commission (B) Election Commission
(C) Reserve Bank of India (D) NITI Aayog
(E) Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans (B)

Election Commission will host a virtual Asian Regional Forum meeting in August.

This Regional Forum meeting will be held on the theme of ‘Making our Elections Inclusive, Accessible, and Participative’.

It is the precursor of the Global Summit for Democracy, which will be hosted by the National Electoral Institute of Mexico.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey will chair the Asian Regional Forum meeting.

Representatives from the election management bodies of Mexico, Mauritius, Philippines, Nepal, Uzbekistan, and the Maldives will participate in the meeting.

116. First broader solar park program of International Solar Alliance will set up in which country?

- (A) Puerto Rico (B) Havana
(C) Cuba (D) Costa Rica
(E) Jamaica

Ans (C)

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) in partnership with the government of Cuba has floated a tender for setting up an 1150 MW solar project in State-owned NTPC is the project management consultant for ISA for setting up the project.

117. Which state government will launch a mobile app named Lucky Bill App to curb Goods and Services Tax (GST) evasion?

- (A) Telangana (B) Kerala
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Karnataka
(E) Maharashtra

Ans (B)

The Kerala government will launch a mobile app named Lucky Bill App to curb Goods and Services Tax (GST) evasion. The app will be launched by Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan on August 16, 2022.

The app expects to help in increasing tax collections as people will be encouraged to ask for bills while purchasing goods and availing services.

It will enable the state GST department to examine return filings with the help of bills uploaded by people.

It will also enable the state GST Department to examine the status of the tax return filings. The move also comes when the compensation from the Center

to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) has ceased with effect from July 1.

118. Which company has partnered with the MSDE and CBC to enhance the functional computer literacy of civil servants?

- (A) Microsoft (B) Apple
(C) Google (D) IBM
(E) Intel

Ans (A)

Microsoft has partnered with the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), and Capacity Building Commission (CBC) to enhance the functional computer literacy of nearly 2.5 million civil servants of the Central government.

The project — Capacity Building by MSDE in Microsoft Digital Productivity Skills — will digitally empower them to provide efficient and effective citizen-centric services to the vulnerable and underprivileged sections of society.

This initiative will not only drive more productivity but will also enable ease of doing business with more digital solutions.

119. Which space agency has launched India's First 3D virtual space tech park called "SPARK"?

- (A) ISRO (B) NASA
(C) JAXA (D) ESA
(E) Roscosmos

Ans (A)

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Chairman S Somanath has launched India's First 3D virtual space tech park called SPARK: The Space Tech Park as part of the celebrations of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commemorating India's 75th year of Independence

120. The recently launched book "Bravo Yadav" has been penned by whom?

- (A) Indira Goswami (B) Deepak Singh
(C) Mridula Garg (D) Jeyamohan
(E) Bimal Mitra

Ans (B)

Deepak Singh, an established content creator with more than 15 years of experience in content creation recently penned a book 'Bravo Yadav'.

The newly launched book is a biography of Kargil's hero and Param Vir Chakra recipient Subedar Yogendra Singh Yadav. The biography of Kargil Hero Yogendra Singh Yadav honors the brave and indomitable spirit of the soldiers who refused to surrender before adversities in the Kargil War, in 1999. The book rightly narrates Yogendra Singh Yadav's courage as a patriot and warrior, surviving

the battle of Tiger Hill and being a key stroke towards India's victory against Pakistan.

121. International Federation of Association Football has recently banned which country's sport federation with immediate effect?

- (A) Confederation of African Football
(B) Caribbean association football
(C) All India Football Federation
(D) South American Football Confederation
(E) Oceania Football Confederation

Ans (C)

FIFA - the apex governing body for football in the world has announced that it has banned AIFF with immediate effect. All India Football Federation (AIFF) is India's national regulator of the sport and has been in the news recently due to the ongoing crisis. The decision to ban AIFF from FIFA was passed unanimously by the Bureau of the FIFA Council. Giving a justification for its stand against AIFF, FIFA has said that the decision has been taken "due to undue influence from third parties, which constitutes a serious violation of the FIFA Statutes".

FIFA - The FIFA World Cup is an International Association Football competition that contests football championships every four years since its inception in 1930. FIFA World Cup 2022 will be played in Qatar in 2022 - Brazil has won the most titles of FIFA World Cup Winner Men's. It has won the FIFA Men's World Cup 5 times.

122. Which state government has recently got its 5th Elephant Reserve?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Kerala
(C) Maharashtra (D) Assam
(E) Andhra Pradesh

Ans (A)

Tamil Nadu Government has notified its 5th Elephant Reserve in the state at Agathiyamalai in Tirunelveli district.

The Agasthiyamalai Elephant Reserve will be spread across 1,197.48 sqkm of land and will cover Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli areas.

The announcement was made on World Elephant Day 2022 by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.

Earlier, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav had made a formal announcement about the Central Government accepting a proposal of the Tamil Nadu Forest department to notify 1,197.48 sq km area of land as an elephant reserve.

As per 2010 Census, a total of 1800 Asian elephants are likely to be located within the Periyar-Agasthyamalai landscape.

123. What was the nickname of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, who has passed away recently?

- (A) Big Bull of Dalal Street
- (B) India's Astrid Menks
- (C) Hurricane of Stock Market
- (D) Machiavelli of India
- (E) Man of Peace

Ans (A)

The "Big Bull of Dalal Street" and Ace Investor and breathed his last in Mumbai. Mr Jhunjhunwala passed away at the age of 62.

About Rakesh Jhunjhunwala -

Family and Personal Background: Rakesh Jhunjhunwala was born on 5th July 1960 and grew up in a Rajasthani Family based in Bombay/Mumbai. His father was a government servant and worked as the Commissioner of Income Tax.

Academic Background: Rakesh Jhunjhunwala was a Chartered Accountant (CA) by qualification. Prior to getting his professional CA degree, he had completed his graduation degree from Sydenham College Mumbai.

Journey on Dalal Street: Mr Jhunjhunwala got interested in stock markets and trading inspired by his father and his friends. He began investing in Stocks in 1985 with a base capital of Rs 5000/-, when BSE use to trade at 150. Over the next 3 decades, he dominated the Indian Stock Markets and went onto become one of the most profitable, well known and influential stock trades in the country.

Nicknames: The unique investing style and the high-risk taking profile of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala earned him several nicknames during his careers. He was fondly known as the 'Big Bull of Dalal Street' and even as the 'India's Warren Buffet' in trading circles across the country.

124. Which bank has launched "Utsav fixed deposit scheme"?

- (A) Bank of Baroda
- (B) State Bank of India
- (C) Bank of India
- (D) ICICI Bank
- (E) Punjab National Bank

Ans (B)

The largest lender in the nation, State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced a unique term deposit programme called "Utsav Deposit Scheme". This fixed deposit scheme has higher interest rates and is only available for a limited time. This programme is

introduced on the occasion of the nation's 76th year of Independence, celebrated as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

On Utsav Fixed Deposit Scheme -

SBI is offering an interest rate of 6.10% per annum on fixed deposits with a tenure of 1000 days. And senior citizens will be eligible to get an additional interest rate of 0.50% over and above the regular rate.

These rates are effective as of 15th August 2022 and the scheme is valid for a period of 75 days.

125. Which city will host the 23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS)?

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Kolkata
- (C) Hyderabad
- (D) Bangalore
- (E) Mumbai

Ans (B)

Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in association with the Seafood Exporters' Association of India (SEAI) will hold the 23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) in Kolkata, the City of Joy from February 15 to 7 next year.

Marine Exports From India -

During 2021-22, India exported 13,69,264 tonnes of marine products worth US\$ 7.76 billion, registering an all-time high export by value, while production of shrimp crossed one million MT.

With a multipronged strategy, addressing capture fisheries and aquaculture, the export turnover is likely to achieve US\$ 15 billion in next five years.

Sustainable fishing methods, value addition and increased aquaculture production through diversification are expected to support the ambitious target set for export.

126. What is the name of third airport name of Arunachal Pradesh, which foundation has laid recently?

- (A) Pakyong Airport
- (B) Tezu Airport
- (C) Donyi Polo Airport
- (D) Dimapur Airport
- (E) Lengpui Airport

Ans (C)

The third airport in Arunachal Pradesh, which is now under construction in Itanagar, the state capital, has been given the name "Donyi Polo Airport" by the Arunachal Pradesh administration.

According to a representative of the Chief Minister's Office, the state cabinet adopted "Donyi Polo Airport" as the name of the airport at its meeting.

Pema Khandu, the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh, presided over the gathering.

127. Who has been appointed by the Central Government as the new Chief Executive Officer of NATGRID (National Intelligence Grid)?

- (A) Nitin Gadkari (B) Smriti Irani
(C) Piyush Goyal (D) Ashwini Vaishnav
(E) Ved Prakash Goyal

Ans (C)

IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, Piyush Goyal has been appointed by the Central Government as the new CEO of NATGRID (National Intelligence Grid).

Along with this, the Central Government has also issued an order to post 26 other officers on the post of Additional Secretary.

Piyush Goyal is currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Union Home Ministry.

The post of its CEO was vacant since June when its then chief IPS officer Ashish Gupta was appointed as additional director general of the Border Security Force (BSF).

128. Recently, President Droupadi Murmu has approved how many gallantry awards for the armed forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)?

- (A) 111 (B) 130
(C) 118 (D) 107
(E) 127

Ans (D)

President Droupadi Murmu approved around 107 gallantry awards for the armed forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

It comprises of 3 Kirti Chakras and 13 Shaurya Chakras.

Apart from that, 81 Sena Medals, 1 Nao Sena Medal and 2 Bar to Sena medals were also announced.

Key Points -

40 Mention-in-Despatches for Indian Army, 1 to for Indian Air Force and another for Army Dog Axel (posthumously) was also approved by the President, to honour their significant contributions in military operations like Operation Tirkat and Operation Snow Leopard.

129. Name the world's highest railway bridge, which has inaugurated recently?

- (A) Dhola Sadiya Railway bridge
(B) Chenab Railway bridge
(C) Dibang Railway Bridge
(D) Bogibeel Railway Bridge
(E) Godavari Railway Bridge

Ans (B)

The 'Golden Joint' of Chenab Railway bridge has inaugurated recently.

It was decked with the National flag to celebrate the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav".

It is the highest railway bridge in the world.

It is located in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

130. Which calendar's New Year has recently started on 16 August?

- (A) Lunar Calendar (B) Hindu Calendar
(C) Al Hijri Calendar (D) Zoroastrian Calendar
(E) Songkran Calendar

Ans (D)

The Parsi New Year is observed in the month of July or August. It is commonly called as Navroz.

It is celebrated by Parsi community according to dates of Shahenshahi calendar.

In year 2022, Navroz is being observed on August 16.

131. Border Roads Organization will build Steel Slag Road in which state?

- (A) Assam (B) Nagaland
(C) Sikkim (D) Meghalaya
(E) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans (E)

Border Roads Organization (BRO) will build Steel Slag Road in Arunachal Pradesh on a pilot project basis.

The Steel Slag Road will be a first-of-its-kind project and will be able to withstand heavy rains and adverse climatic conditions.

Goal of Steel Slag Road in Arunachal Pradesh -

The construction of the Steel Slag Road in Arunachal Pradesh is being done by the Border Roads Organization to identify a possible durable road connectivity solution for the region. The project, if successful, will resolve the connectivity issues faced by remote parts of Arunachal Pradesh and strategic locations in the North Eastern Sector.

132. Recently, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has handed over which anti-personnel mine to the Indian Army?

- (A) Soldier (B) Nipun
(C) Yogya (D) Artful
(E) Abhigya

Ans (B)

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh handed over new anti-personnel mine Nipun and Futuristic Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS) to the Indian Army.

Both weapons systems have been developed indigenously by Indian firms under the Make in India campaign.

During the induction ceremony, Army's F-INSAS soldier gave a briefing to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh about the new weapon systems and aids that are being developed for the Indian army as part of Make in India.

Indigenisation of Weapons System for Armed Forces

Under the PM Modi's visionary Make in India campaign, the Armed forces have been developing multiple weapons systems locally. The indigenization of weapons systems for Indian Armed Forces is part of the Make in India campaign and will promote self-reliance and self-sustenance for the country.

133. Asia's largest Compressed Biogas plant is located in which state, which has recently become operational?

- (A) Punjab (B) Haryana
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Sikkim
(E) Assam

Ans (A)

Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant has begun its commercial operations in Sangrur, Punjab. A formal announcement about commissioning of the Asia's Largest Compressed Biogas Plant was confirmed by the New and Renewable Energy Minister Aman Arora on 12th August.

The plant which has been setup at village Bhuttal Kalan (Sangrur) has a total operational capacity of 33.23-tonne CBG per day. The Compressed Biogas being produced by the Sangrur plant is now being supplied to the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) outlet.

Sangrur Compressed Biogas Plant Commissioned -

The development of Asia's Largest Compressed Biogas Plant at Sangrur, Punjab comes as part of the Central Government's push toward clean and green energy.

134. India's first 3D-printed cornea has developed in which city by Researchers?

- (A) Bengaluru (B) Chennai
(C) Hyderabad (D) Mumbai
(E) Visakhapatnam

Ans (C)

India's first 3D-printed cornea has developed in Hyderabad by Researchers from L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H), and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB). The artificial Cornea which has been developed by the Hyderabad-based research team has been 3D printed and transplanted into a rabbit's eye.

The team which is comprised of clinicians and scientists has dedicated their achievement as a research gift to the nation on the 75th Independence Day.

135. Recently, a contingent of the Indian Air Force has left for which country to participate in a bilateral exercise named "Udarashakti"?

- (A) Singapore (B) Malaysia
(C) Indonesia (D) Thailand
(E) Brunei

Ans (B)

Recently, a contingent of the Indian Air Force left for Malaysia to participate in a bilateral exercise named 'Udarashakti'. While Harimau Shakti is Joint military exercises which are held annually between the two countries.

Highlights of the Exercise -

The Indian Air Force is participating in the air exercise with Su-30 MKI and C-17 aircraft while Malaysian Air Force will be flying Su 30 MKM aircraft.

The four days of exercise will witness the conduct of various aerial combat drills between the two Air Forces.

The first bilateral Air Force exercise that staged frontline Sukhoi-30 combat aircraft was conducted in 2018.

From 2008 to 2010, the Indian Air Force Training Team was deployed in Malaysia to give training to Malaysian pilots on the SU-30SKM aircraft.

136. Recently, which ministry has organised a workshop to discuss joint research projects under NM-ICPS (National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems)?

- (A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(C) Ministry of Labour and Employment
(D) Ministry of Science and Technology
(E) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Ans (D)

Recently, the Ministry of Science and Technology has organised a workshop to discuss joint research projects under NM-ICPS (National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems). A total of 35 joint projects have been identified which will be implemented by TIHs (Technology Innovation Hubs) and research institutions from the USA. This endeavour will help achieve collaborative research

and development between the two countries in the area of CPS (Cyber-Physical Systems).

National Mission-Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems -

It was launched in 2018 by the Ministry of Science and Technology with an outlay of Rs 3,660.00 crore for a period of five years to encourage innovation in new age technologies.

It covers the entire India which includes Central Ministries, State Governments, Industry and Academia.

137. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has recently unveiled the statue of whom in Rajasthan's Jodhpur?

- (A) Raj Singh I (B) Veer Durgadas Rathore
(C) Rana Sanga (D) Amar Singh Rathore
(E) Maharana Pratap

Ans (B)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has unveiled the Statue of "Veer Durgadas Rathore" on his 385th birth anniversary in Rajasthan's Jodhpur.

The Raksha Mantri paid glowing tribute to Veer Durgadas Rathore on the occasion, terming him as the symbol of social harmony, honesty, bravery and devotion.

He stated that people, irrespective of caste or religion, should take inspiration from Veer Durgadas Rathore, who strived for peace and harmony against divisive elements in society.

138. Recently, which birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo has recently been celebrated on 15th August 2022?

- (A) 150th (B) 151st
(C) 152nd (D) 153rd
(E) 154th

Ans (A)

India is celebrating the 75th year of its Independence and to add more glory to this day, India is also celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, who is a spiritual icon.

Sri Aurobindo was one of the greatest revolutionaries in India and later became a legendary Spiritual Master.

He has left behind great philosophical and political writings to learn from.

For the 150th Birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, over 10,000 devotees across the world paid their tribute to one of the greatest spiritual leaders of India. Several devotees stood in long lines to visit the Samadhi of Sri Aurobindo and some visited Sri Aurobindo's room.

139. Recently, 4 independent directors have been reappointed by Government of India to RBI's central board. Who of the following is not from them?

- (A) Satish Kashinath Marathe (B) Revathy Iyer
(C) Swaminathan Gurumurthy (D) Sachin Chaturvedi
(E) Ravindra Dholakia

Ans (E)

Satish Kashinath Marathe, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Revathy Iyer, and Sachin Chaturvedi have all been re-nominated by the national government to serve as part-time, non-official directors on the RBI's central board or central board of the Reserve Bank of India.

The RBI said on its website that Gurumurthy and Marathe have been re-nominated for another term of four years, until further instructions for RBI's central board.

RBI's central board -

After the RBI's central board current terms expire on September 18, 2022, Iyer and Chaturvedi have been re-nominated for another four years.

140. Which bank has launched term deposit scheme "KBL Amrit Samridhi"?

- (A) Bank of Baroda (B) State Bank of India
(C) Canara Bank (D) Karnataka Bank
(E) ICICI Bank

Ans (D)

On the occasion of 75 years of Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Karnataka Bank has introduced a new Term Deposit Scheme, KBL Amrit Samridhi under Abhyudaya Cash Certificate (ACC) and Fixed Deposit for a tenure of 75 weeks (525 days).

The interest rate for this Deposit Scheme is 6.10% per annum.

Karnataka Bank, portraying the rich patriotic tradition and values, has always been ready to meet the aspirations and dreams of its valued patrons.

With the new product, KBL Amrit Samridhi, Bank extends the benefit of the increase in the interest rates to our customers.

141. Recently, William Ruto has recently elected as President of which country?

- (A) Tanzania (B) Uganda
(C) Kenya (D) Ghana
(E) Somalia

Ans (C)

Kenya Elected William Ruto as its next President in the General Elections held on 9th August 2022.

Ruto beat five-time contender Raila Odinga by a small margin to become Kenya's next President.

According to data shared by Kenya's Electoral Commission Chairman Wafula Chebukati, Ruto received 50.49% of the vote as compared to 48.85% secured by his opponent Odinga.

William Ruto has held the post of Deputy President of Kenya since 2013 and will replace the outgoing Uhuru Kenyatta who came to power in 2013 and won a second term in 2017.

142. Union Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar has launched which App, as part of the Early Childhood Development Conclave?

- (A) Poshan (B) Bharan
(C) Gaman (D) Paalan
(E) Anu

Ans (D)

Union Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar has launched the Paalan 1000 National Campaign and Parenting App as part of the Early Childhood Development Conclave.

The Conclave was virtually launched by MoS Health in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

At the launch event for the conclave, Ms Pawar noted that from 2014 onwards, India has taken rapid strides to curb child mortality from 45 per 1000 births to 35 per 1000 birth in 2019.

Dr Vinod K Paul, Member (Health & Nutrition), NITI Aayog was also present for the inauguration of the Conclave in Mumbai.

143. Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme has introduced by Bank of Baroda in collaboration with which bank?

- (A) Ujjivan SFB (B) Axis Bank
(C) YES BAN (D) HDFC Bank
(E) Bandhan Bank

Ans (A)

The "Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme," a unique retail fixed deposit product, was introduced by Ujjivan SFB and Bank of Baroda (BoB). Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme offers interest rates of 5.75 percent for 444 days and 6 percent for 555 days. The programme is available through December 31, 2022, and it applies to retail deposits under Rs 2 crore. Senior people will receive an additional interest rate of 0.50 percent, according to a statement from BoB, while non-refundable deposits will receive an additional interest rate of 0.15 percent.

Ujjivan SFB and Bank of Baroda: Key Points -

The 75-week (525 days) and 75-month (75 months) tenors of retail fixed deposits (under Rs 2 crore), both with the highest rate of 7.50 percent, have been offered by Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (Ujjivan SFB).

144. What is the name of India's IT Secretary, who has named to a high-level UN internet panel?

- (A) Alkesh Kumar Sharma (B) Pawan Kumar Mishra
(C) Rajiv Singh Gauba
(D) Manoj Chaudhary
(E) Trilochan Mohapatra

Ans (A)

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has named India's Electronics and Information Technology Secretary, Alkesh Kumar Sharma to a panel of eminent experts on internet governance.

Internet pioneer Vint Cerf and Nobel Prize-winning journalist Maria Reesa were also appointed to the 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel.

In addition, Guterres' envoy on technology, Amandeep Singh Gill, will also be on the panel.

They will serve for a two-year term during the 2022-23 IGF cycles.

145. Recently, India has Gifted Dornier Maritime Reconnaissance Aircraft to which country?

- (A) Maldives (B) Sri Lanka
(C) Colombo (D) Pakistan
(E) Ukraine

Ans (B)

India on August 15 gifted a Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka which will enable the island nation to tackle multiple challenges like human and drug trafficking, smuggling and other organised forms of crime in its coastal waters more effectively.

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe was present at the impressive handover ceremony which took place on a day when India celebrated its 76th Independence Day and a day before a high-tech Chinese missile and satellite tracking ship docks at the island nation's strategic Hambantota port.

Vice Chief of Indian Navy Vice Admiral SN Ghormade, who is on a two-day visit to the country, accompanied by Indian High Commissioner in Colombo Gopal Baglay, handed over the aircraft to the Sri Lanka Navy at the Sri Lanka Air Force base in Katunayake, adjoining the Colombo international airport.

146. The Union Cabinet has approved the enhancement in the limit of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme by Rs 50,000 crore to how much?

- (A) Rs 2 lakh crore
(B) Rs 3 lakh crore

- (C) Rs 4 lakh crore
- (D) Rs 5 lakh crore
- (E) Rs 6 lakh crore

Ans (D)

The Union Cabinet approved the enhancement in the limit of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 5 lakh crore, with the additional amount being earmarked exclusively for enterprises in hospitality and related sectors.

ECLGS is a continuing scheme and the additional amount of Rs 50,000 crore would be made applicable to enterprises in hospitality and related sectors till validity of the scheme in March 31 next year.

The enhancement is expected to provide much-needed relief to enterprises in these sectors by incentivizing lending institutions to provide additional credit of up to Rs 50,000 crore at low cost, enabling these business enterprises to meet their operational liabilities and continue their businesses. Loans of about Rs 3.67 Lakh crore have been sanctioned under ECLGS till August 5.

An official release said that the pandemic has adversely impacted contact-intensive sectors, especially the hospitality and related sectors more severely.

While other sectors were back faster on the path of recovery, demand continued to be subdued for these sectors for a longer period, suggesting the need for suitable interventions for their sustenance and recovery.

It was announced in Union Budget 2022-23 to extend the validity of ECLGS up to March, 2023 and increase in the limit of guaranteed cover of ECLGS by Rs 50,000 crore to total cover of Rs 5 lakh crore, with the additional amount being earmarked exclusively for the enterprises in hospitality and related sectors.

About ECLGS -

It refers to the scheme for providing 100% Guarantee to member lending institutions in respect of eligible credit facility extended by them to its borrowers whose total credit outstanding (fund based only) across all lending institutions and days past due as on February 29, 2020 was upto Rs.50 crore and upto 60 days respectively.

147. Amitabh Choudhary, who has passed away recently, was the former secretary of which sport governing body?

- (A) Athletics Federation of India
- (B) All India Football Federation

- (C) All India DanceSport Federation
- (D) All India Chess Federation
- (E) Board of Control for Cricket in India

Ans (E)

Amitabh Chaudhary the former BCCI acting secretary and president of Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) has passed away. He served as acting secretary of the BCCI until 2019. He entered cricket administration in 2004 and served as the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) president for over a decade.

Career of Amitabh Chaudhary -

Choudhary was first appointed as team manager of the Indian team in 2005 on their tour of Zimbabwe, remembered for the acrimony between Sourav Ganguly and Greg Chappell.

Choudhary also served as BCCI's joint-secretary from 2013 to 2015 during Anurag Thakur's reign as BCCI president.

He was a retired senior IPS officer, who rose to the rank of IGP with the Jharkhand Police and was the chairman of the Jharkhand Public Service Commission.

He played a crucial role in developing infrastructure for Jharkhand cricket.

148. The Centre and the board of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development has appointed whom as its managing director?

- (A) Pankaj Jain
- (B) Rajkiran Rai G
- (C) Sumita Dawra
- (D) Chanda Kochhar
- (E) Narayana Murthy

Ans (B)

The Centre and the board of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) has appointed Rajkiran Rai G as its managing director (MD) for the next five years.

The board of NaBFID approved Rai's appointment on July 30 based on clearance by the RBI, centre and the Development finance institutions (DFI) nomination and remuneration committee.

He took charge as the DFI's MD on August 8, and will hold the top post till May 18, 2027, according to details of the appointment.

Last year in October 2021, the Centre had appointed K V Kamath as chairperson of NaBFID.

Subsequently, government nominees Pankaj Jain and Sumita Dawra were appointed directors to the board of DFI.

The government has already infused Rs 20,000 crore into NaBFID to help the DFI start its operations to catalyse investment in the infrastructure sector.

149. What is the theme of “Bima Manthan 2022” organised by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India?

- (A) Revolution in Insurance (B) Upheaval in Insurance
(C) Innovation in Insurance (D) Remodelling in Insurance
(E) Recasting in Insurance

Ans (C)

The hackathon has called participants to identify and develop solutions having potential to make insurance available to every individual swiftly and seamlessly. In the Bima Manthan 2022, IRDAI has called for technology driven innovative ideas or solutions to solve the understated problems in Insurance sector.

Automated Death Claim settlement using technology.
Tech-based solution to curb mis-selling of Insurance products.

Tech enabled solution to identify uninsured motor vehicles as well as to ensure mandatory issuance of Motor Third Party Insurance.

Distribution of insurance products in difficult terrains and less penetrable areas of country, by using technology.

Prevention or mitigation of Fraud in motor insurance by using technology.

150. Which state government has approved signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited for developing 10,000 MW renewable energy projects?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Haryana
(C) Rajasthan (D) Maharashtra
(E) Bihar

Ans (C)

The Rajasthan government has approved signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN Ltd) for developing 10,000 MW renewable energy projects.

These projects/parks will usher in socio-economic development in the state and will open up multiple direct and indirect employment opportunities.

An investment of Rs 50,000 crore is estimated for developing these projects in the next 5 to 7 years.

SJVN will establish the renewable energy projects on the land banks to be allocated by Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd.

SJVN will be able to achieve the shared vision of 5000 MW by 2023, 25000 MW by 2030, and 50000 MW by 2040.

Note -

Recently, Rajasthan was the first Indian state to achieve 10 GW of large-scale, cumulative solar installations.

151. 131st edition of Durand Cup 2022 has recently been started in which state?

- (A) Nagaland (B) Manipur
(C) Tripura (D) Mizoram
(E) Assam

Ans (B)

Durand Cup, Asia’s Oldest Football Tournament, has begun.

Rajnath Singh, the Union Defense Minister, and General Manoj Pande, the Chief of Army Staff, will go to Manipur to see the opening game of the 131st Durand Cup 2022.

In Imphal, the Khuman Lampak Stadium will host the opening game.

The Durand Cup will take place in West Bengal, Assam, and Manipur in 2022.

Of the 20 teams, 11 will come from different clubs that compete in the Indian Super League, five from the I-league, and four from the Armed Forces..

152. The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India has launched which platform with the vision to enable and empower all spheres of science and technology within India?

- (A) Bilona (B) Manthan
(C) Uddeshy (D) Vishleshan
(E) Aashay

Ans (B)

The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India (GoI) has launched a Manthan platform with the vision to enable and empower all spheres of science and technology within India.

Aim -

To promote collaboration at scale between industry and the scientific research and development ecosystem to help meet India’s sustainability goals in alignment with the UN-defined Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) charter.

The launch commemorates India’s 75 years of independence – Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The Platform is Led by the Office of PSA & powered by the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSEIT).

153. Bajaj Electricals elevated has appointed whom as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer?

- (A) Anuj Poddar (B) Madhur Bajaj
(C) Rajiv Desai (D) Harsh Goenka
(E) Indu Shahani

Ans (A)

Consumer durable products maker Bajaj Electricals elevated its Executive Director Mr Anuj Poddar to Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Anuj Poddar joined Bajaj Electrical in 2018 as its executive director. Meanwhile, Shekhar Bajaj shall continue as executive chairman of Bajaj Electricals.

154. Which bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Food Corporation of India to provide "Ultima Salary Package"?

- (A) Axis Bank (B) HDFC Bank
(C) ICICI Bank (D) YES Bank
(E) IDBI Bank

Ans (A)

Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Food Corporation of India (FCI) to provide "Ultima Salary Package", a best-in-class salary account with exclusive benefits & features to all its employees.

The signing ceremony was held at FCI Headquarters, New Delhi where FCI was represented by Shri G N Raju, GM HQ, and Axis Bank was represented by Shri Anil Agarwal, President, Financial Institutions Group & Lt Col M K Sharma, National Accounts Head.

155. Recently, State Bank of India has launched its first branch dedicated to start-ups in which city?

- (A) Chennai (B) Madurai
(C) Bengaluru (D) Noida
(E) New Delhi

Ans (C)

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its first branch dedicated to start-ups in Koramangala, Bengaluru, and Karnataka.

Aim -

To provide end-to-end financial and advisory services to startups.

The branch launched by SBI Chairman Mr Dinesh Khara is located in Koramangala, which alongside neighboring HSR Layout and Indiranagar are the biggest start-up hubs in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

After Bengaluru, the next branch will be opening in Gurgaon, Haryana and the 3rd one will be in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Key Highlights -

It will leverage the large presence of the bank in the market by bringing synergy among all the entities and various departments of the State Bank group to offer a one-stop solution to these corporates and startups starting from the formation of the entity till Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) & Follow on Public Offers (FPOs) of the companies.

156. Madhya Pradesh's which tribal-dominated region has become the first fully "functionally literate" district in India?

- (A) Indore (B) Mandsaur
(C) Mandla (D) Chhindwara
(E) Jabalpur

Ans (C)

Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Mandla region has become the first fully "functionally literate" district in India.

The declaration was made by the state minister of food and civil supplies Shri Bisahulal Singh.

Within two years, the entire district has become functionally literate, claiming that people were able to write their names, count, and read.

The district administration launched a campaign in 2020 to make the residents fully literate.

For this purpose, the administration employed the education, and women and child development departments along with social workers to educate the people.

157. Which software company has become India's 106th Unicorn by raising USD 33 Million?

- (A) Cryolite India (B) Shiprocket
(C) DigiCoders (D) WillowTree
(E) Capgemini

Ans (B)

Logistics Technology Platform Shiprocket has become the latest start-up to join the unicorn club.

The company raised USD 33 Million or Rs 260 crore from its existing investors Temasek Holdings and Lightrock India to be crowned as the 106th Unicorn of India.

Zomato-backed Shiprocket is the 20th company to cross the 1 Billion Valuation mark in 2022 and joins the league of CredAvenue, Xpressbees, LEAD and PhysicsWallah among others.

Post the latest round of funding, the logistics aggregator is valued at USD 1.2 Billion according to

the data submitted with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

158. World Photography Day 2022 has recently observed on which day of August under the theme "Pandemic Lockdown through the lens"?

- (A) August 15 (B) August 16
(C) August 17 (D) August 18
(E) August 19

Ans (E)

World Photography Day 2022 is being observed on August 19, under the theme of "Pandemic Lockdown through the lens". This day is observed annually and it focuses on art, craft and science of photography.

The day celebrates how a picture catches the essence, emotion and mood of moment in time. About World Photography Day- It is an annual event, that is celebrated worldwide. It is the celebration of art, craft, science and history of photography.

Photography has become an ever-increasing medium to express and appreciate the people worldwide.

159. Which state government/UT has formally launched the "Make India No 1" campaign?

- (A) Ladakh (B) Haryana
(C) Delhi (D) Punjab
(E) Assam

Ans (C)

Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal has formally unveiled his Aam Aadmi Party's national ambition with the launch of the "Make India No 1" campaign.

At an event organised at Talkatora stadium here, he proposed a five-point vision for good governance.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor termed the campaign a "national mission" and appealed to the masses to join.

The five-point vision of this initiative -

The first thing that we have to do is provide free and quality education to every child of this country.

The second measure that we will have to take is to provide free and best medical treatment along with free medicines and test facilities to every citizen of the country.

Third, we will have to provide employment to every youth which is possible with the right intention and management.

160. Which is the first state in India to receive "Har Ghar Jal" certification recently?

- (A) Kerala (B) Bihar
(C) Assam (D) Goa
(E) Kerala

Ans (D)

The people of all the villages in Goa and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (D&NH and D&D) declared their village to be a "Har Ghar Jal" through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha, certifying that all households in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps and ensuring that "No One is Left Out".

All 85,156 of the 85,635,000 rural households in Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, and Goa have access to potable water via a tap connection with Har Ghar Jal.

Key Points -

The Government of India's flagship programme, Jal Jeevan Mission, was unveiled on August 15, 2019, from the Red Fort's ramparts by its forward-thinking Prime Minister.

161. Which armed force has signed Memorandums of Understanding with eight banks to provide customized banking services for its troops?

- (A) Indian Navy (B) National Security Guard
(C) Indian Army (D) Indian Coast Guard
(E) Indian Air Force

Ans (D)

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with eight banks to provide customized banking services for its personnel deployed across India for the welfare of its troops.

Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, Yes Bank, Punjab National Bank(PNB), IDFC First Bank, and ICICI Bank are among the eight banks.

Key Points -

ICG inked these MoUs with these banks in order to provide customised services to its employees, with the well-being and welfare of the troops as key purposes.

162. Which bank has opened the first all-women branch in north Kerala?

- (A) HDFC Bank (B) ICICI Bank
(C) Axis Bank (D) IDBI Bank
(E) State Bank of India

Ans (A)

HDFC Bank inaugurated an all-women branch in Kozhikode, north Kerala. Mayor of the city Corporation Beena Philip opened the branch of HDFC Bank.

As of March 31, 2022, women made up 21.7% (21,486) of the workforce, according to the bank.

By 2025, the private lender wants to raise it to 25%.

Deals beyond a certain threshold require regulator approval, which keeps an eye on unethical business practises in the marketplace.

HDFC Bank All-Women Branch -

The launch of the all-women branch of HDFC Bank, according to Sanjeev Kumar, Branch Banking Head, South (Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Kerala), is yet another illustration of their efforts to advance gender and diversity initiatives of the HDFC Bank

163. Recently, Indian Space Research Organisation has received a Crew Module Fairing from which company for Gaganyaan mission?

- (A) DRDO (B) HAL
(C) BHEL (D) BEML
(E) NTPC

Ans (B)

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed two pieces of space equipment to the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for use in the Gaganyaan mission.

This is the second crew module fairing (CMF) that India's top space agency has purchased from HAL for the mission. Even though both of these CMFs will be used in some capacity, the first experiment will use the CMF that ISRO obtained from HAL.

HAL and ISRO -

According to sources, ISRO received the CMF structure, which included the thrust-transfer structure for the high-altitude escape motor (HTS).

164. The book "Bibi: My Story" is an autobiography of whom?

- (A) Barack Obama (B) Naftali Bennett
(C) Joe Biden (D) S Jaishankar
(E) Benjamin Netanyahu

Ans (E)

Former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has a memoir coming out this fall. "Bibi: My Story" will be published November 22, in Israel. Born a year after the founding of the Jewish state, I have dedicated my life to combat the forces that seek its destruction and make peace with those that do not,". My story is one of tragedy and triumph, setbacks and successes, lessons learned and loved ones cherished. It is woven with that of Israel, which has proven that faith and resolve can overcome insurmountable odds to forge a brilliant future, Netanyahu, 72, said in a statement.

165. What is the name of India's first portal on arrested narco offenders?

- (A) NIRNAY (B) VYAN
(C) SAMAN (D) NIDAAN
(E) ATISAR

Ans (D)

A first-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational for use by

various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country. The portal-NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders-has been developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

It is part of the narcotics coordination mechanism (NCORD) portal that was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on July 30 in Chandigarh during the national conference on "Drug trafficking and national security".

166. Recently, on which day of August, India observed Akshay Urja Diwas or Renewable Energy Day?

- (A) 17th of August (B) 22nd of August
(C) 20th of August (D) 19th of August
(E) 21st of August

Ans (C)

Every year on the 20th of August India observes Akshay Urja Diwas or Renewable Energy Day. Akshay Urja Diwas 2022 or Renewable Energy Day aims to spread awareness about the development and adoption of renewable energy in India. Akshay Urja Diwas 2022, marks its importance by promoting and lining up the alarming rate of depletion of Natural resources. This day makes people aware of the use of natural resources like wind energy, solar energy, and hydropower.

Akshay Urja Diwas was first established in 2004 to support renewable energy development programs in India and promote the usage of natural resources.

167. Sadbhavna Diwas has been celebrated on 20th August to commemorate the birth anniversary of whom?

- (A) Sanjay Gandhi (B) Rajiv Gandhi
(C) Charan Singh (D) Gulzarilal Nanda
(E) Lal Bahadur Shastri

Ans (B)

Sadbhavna Diwas 2022 -

India celebrates Sadbhavna Diwas in memory of Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary. Sadbhavna Diwas 2022 commemorates the 78th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi on 20th August 2022. Sadbhavna Diwas was instituted after the death of Rajiv Gandhi in 1992, by Congress. Sadbhavna Diwas promotes peace, harmony, empathy, and unity among all citizens of India.

On this several cultural events and contests are organized across the country.

Significance - Sadbhavna Diwas promotes harmony, peace, national integrity, unity, and empathy among all citizens of India On this day, we celebrate the birth

anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, and senior Congress officials and close relatives pay tribute to him. Sadbhavna Diwas is also known for spreading awareness about greenery, protection of the environment, and the beauty of nature. This day promotes awareness among people about environmental challenges faced by the earth day by day. This day also promotes planting at least one sapling to be a part of the environment.

168. Which airline company has emerged as second largest domestic airline by market share?

- (A) Vistara (B) Air India
(C) IndiGo (D) SpiceJet
(E) Go First

Ans (A)

Full-service Vistara emerged as the second biggest airline by domestic market share last month with a 10.4% pie of the sky, distantly second to the market leader IndiGo at 58.8%. The airline is Tata Sons' joint venture with Singapore Airlines. The number three, four and five positions saw airlines separated by just decimal points — Air India (8.4%), GoFirst (8.2%) and SpiceJet (8%).

India's airlines carried 9.7 million passengers on domestic routes in July, almost double from a year earlier but lower than the 10.5 million passengers ferried in June 2022.

According to data from the aviation regulator - Vistara, which had a 7.5% market in January and around 9% in the subsequent months, climbed to 10.4% in July.

Go First carried 8.2% of the domestic passengers last month, while SpiceJet flew 8%.

SpiceJet and Go First have been forced to cut capacity, which helped Vistara overtake them in market share.

169. Recently, "Dahi-Handi" has recognized as an official sport of which state?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Karnataka
(C) Rajasthan (D) Gujarat
(E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (A)

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announces that 'Dahi-Handi' will be recognized as an official sport in Maharashtra.

The state is set to organize a 'Pro- Dahi Handi' completion.

The Maharashtra Government also announces that the Govindas will get a job under the sports category and if any Govinda loses his life insurance of Rs 10 lakh

will be given, also if they end up being partially handicapped insurance of Rs 5 lakh will be given by the Government of Maharashtra.

The decision was taken as many cities of Maharashtra celebrate and enjoy 'Dahi-Handi' as an adventurous sport.

170. The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has inked a Memorandum of Understanding to establish its first international marketing and sales office in which country?

- (A) Singapore (B) Malaysia
(C) Indonesia (D) Thailand
(E) Vietnam

Ans (B)

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish its first international marketing and sales office in Kuala Lumpur in anticipation of a potential agreement for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas in Malaysia.

The change has taken place because Tejas is being considered by Malaysia as a Fighter Lead-in Trainer (FLIT) aircraft for the Royal Malaysian Air Force.

HAL marketing office: Highlights -

The office in Kuala Lumpur would increase HAL's potential to obtain the agreement while also enabling them to fulfil other requirements of the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), such as the upgrading and repairing of the Russian Su-30s and British Hawk trainer aircraft.

171. India's first Indigenously Developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus, developed by KPIT-CSIR, has unveiled in which city?

- (A) Mumbai (B) Pune
(C) New Delhi (D) Bangalore
(E) Lucknow

Ans (B)

India's first Indigenously Developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus has unveiled in Pune recently by MoS Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh.

The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus has been developed by KPIT-CSIR in Pune and is being termed the country's first truly indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus.

The development of the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus comes as part of the country's commitment to the use of clean and green energy for transportation to reduce its carbon footprint and positively contribute toward climate change action.

How do Hydrogen Fuel Cells power Vehicles?

Unlike the traditional heavy vehicles i.e., Buses and Trucks, the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus uses Hydrogen and Air to produce electricity to power itself.

172. Which state government has collaborated with SettleMint to distribute seeds among farmers by Blockchain Technology?

- (A) Punjab (B) Chhattisgarh
(C) Jharkhand (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Haryana

Ans (C)

Jharkhand Government has launched a unique project which employs Blockchain Technology for Distribution of Seeds to Farmers.

The project which has been launched in association with Global Blockchain Technology Major SettleMint, aims to revolutionize the agriculture sector and will reduce pilferage.

The state plans to include all key stakeholders of agriculture sector i.e., suppliers, distributors and farmers, as key part of the project.

The scheme was launched by the Directorate of Agriculture, Jharkhand on 18th August 2022.

174. What is the theme of this year's "International Day Of Remembrance & Tribute To The Victims Of Terrorism"?

- (A) Memories (B) Souvenir
(C) Emerging (D) Peace
(E) Guard

Ans (A)

International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed every year on 21st day of August.

Theme - The theme for International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is "Memories."

History - The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism was established by the UN General Assembly in its resolution in 2017. The day is observed each year to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorism and protect their human rights as well as freedom.

175. Nayyara Noor, who has passed away recently, was popularly known by which honorific nicknames?

- (A) Nightingale of Pakistan (B) Queen of Ghazal
(C) Nightingale of Bangladesh (D) Queen of Melody
(E) Nightingale of Irani Pop

Ans (A)

One of Pakistan's greatest singers, Nayyara Noor, has died recently. She was 71. She often known as "Bulbul-e-Pakistan" (Nightingale of Pakistan).

Nayyara Noor was born in November 1950 in Guwahati, Assam in India.

She spent her early childhood here before her family relocated to Karachi, the capital of newly created Pakistan, a few years later. In a career spanning four decades, Noor won plenty of accolades – including the Nigar Award in 1973 for best playback singer for the film Gharana. She was also given the Pride of Performance award by the government in 2006 for her contributions to the arts.

176. The government has recently awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to which product from Bihar?

- (A) Kathiya Gehu (B) Sitapur Durrie
(C) Mithila Makhana (D) Patan Patola
(E) Kesar Mango

Ans (C)

The government has recently awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana. The move is expected to help growers get the maximum price for their premium produce.

177. According to External Affairs Ministry, the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held in which city?

- (A) Rohtak (B) Lucknow
(C) Jabalpur (D) Indore
(E) Hyderabad

Ans (D)

According to External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on the 9th of January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India. It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9th January 1915. Since 2015, its format has been revised to celebrate the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) once every two years and to hold theme-based Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Conferences during the intervening period with participation from overseas diaspora experts, policymakers, and stakeholders.

178. What is the name of the longest freight train of Indian Railways which has been test run recently?

- (A) Super Vasuki (B) Navyug
(C) Karmabhoomi (D) Ernakulam
(E) Bhimsen

Ans (A)

The Indian Railways conducted a test run of its latest train called Super Vasuki. The Super Vasuki is

operated by the South East Central Railway (SECR) zone of the Indian Railways. The SECR ran the record long-haul freight trains Vasuki and Trishul last year and the 2.8 km long SheshNaag train before that. The Super Vasuki was set up by amalgamating five rakes of trains as one unit.

179. What is the name of Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer, who has passed away recently?
(A) Mutathu Varkey (B) Narayan
(C) Sarah Joseph (D) Paul Zacharia
(E) Nalini Bekal

Ans (B)

Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer Narayan has passed away at the age of 82 in Kochi. He was born in the Malayaraya community in Kadayathur hills in Thodupuzha taluk in 1940. His debut novel, "Kocharethi" published in 1998, was selected for the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award in 1999. The novel has been translated to English, Hindi and south Indian languages. Kocharethi portrays the struggles of the Malayaraya community through the life of protagonist Kunjipennu. The novel has been translated to English, Hindi and south Indian languages.

180. Who has been named to the board of trustees of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation?
(A) Anil Agarwal (B) Nandan Nilekani
(C) Ashok Hinduja (D) Leena Gandhi
(E) Ashish Dhawan

Ans (E)

Indian philanthropist Ashish Dhawan has been named to the board of trustees of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The foundation announced the appointment of two new members to its board of trustees. Ashish Dhawan is the founder and CEO of Convergence Foundation, and along with him, Dr Helene D Gayle, President of Spelman College, US, has also been appointed. Both the new board members have worked with foundation grantees focused on saving lives and creating opportunities across health, education, and economic prosperity.

181. India's first Commercial Space Situational Awareness Observatory will be set up in which state?
(A) Uttarakhand (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Haryana
(E) Himachal Pradesh

Ans (A)

Uttarakhand's Garhwal region is all set to be home to India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory.

The observatory will be developed by Bengaluru-based start-up Digantara and will be used to track satellites and space debris.

The Space Situational Awareness Observatory will be used to monitor space activity which includes space debris that is floating in the Lower Earth Orbit (LEO) and the Geosynchronous Earth Orbit (GEO).

Apart from this, it will also add to India's capability to locate and track military satellites hovering over the region.

182. *Miniopterus Phillipsi*, which has been discovered in India and Sri Lanka by a team of international researchers, is a species of which animal?

(A) Horses
(B) Bat
(C) Pangolins
(D) Whales
(E) Dogs

Ans (B)

In a breakthrough discovery, a new species of Bat has been discovered in India and Sri Lanka by a team of international researchers.

The species of bat discovered by the team has distinct physical characteristics including long fingers as compared to other species.

The team used DNA barcoded specimens to identify the New long-fingered bat species and it has been named *Miniopterus Phillipsi* after W W A Philips (1892-1981), for his contributions to studies on the mammals of Sri Lanka and South Asia.

The newly discovered bat species is part of the larger *Miniopteridae* family which consists of at least 40 species worldwide.

183. Recently, which government entity has launched the second phase of the Grameen Udyami Project in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society?

(A) Directorate General of Training
(B) National Skill Development Corporation
(C) Confederation of Indian Industry
(D) Food Corporation of India
(E) Federation of Commerce & Industry

Ans (B)

Recently, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society, launched the second phase of the Grameen Udyami Project.

Under the initiative, the endeavor is to multiskill India's youth and impart functional skills to them for enabling livelihoods.

184. Om Birla will unveil the statue of which Maharashtra-born freedom fighter along with Swami Vivekananda in Mexico?

- (A) Pandurang Sadashiv
- (B) Bhagwan Singh Gyane
- (C) Pandurang Khankhoje
- (D) Vishnu Ganesh Pingle
- (E) Shivaram Rajguru

Ans (C)

Lok Sabha Speaker, who is currently in Canada for the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, will travel to Mexico where he will unveil statues of Swami Vivekananda and Maharashtra-born freedom fighter and

agriculturalist Pandurang Khankhoje (1883-1967).

185. Which state has launched the country's first online taxi service owned by a State government?

- (A) Tamil Nadu
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Goa
- (E) Maharashtra

Ans (B)

Kerala has soft launched 'Kerala Savari', the country's first online taxi service owned by a State government, to ensure fair and decent service to passengers along with fair remuneration to auto-taxi workers.

186. Which international bank has signed a 96.3-million-dollar loan agreement with the Indian Government?

- (A) International Monetary Fund
- (B) New Development Bank
- (C) World Bank
- (D) Asian Development Bank
- (E) Bank for International Settlements

Ans (D)

The agreement has been signed to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh.

This project is in line with the goals of the Jal Jeevan Mission to provide piped water to all rural households by 2024.

Under the project, water supply infrastructure will be upgraded to ensure safe, sustainable, and inclusive rural water supply and sanitation services.

The ADB project would connect over 75 thousand houses to provide continuous water delivery to around 3 lakh 70 thousand inhabitants across ten districts.

187. What is the theme of "World Water Week 2022"?

- (A) Seeing the unseen: The value of water
- (B) Building Resilience Faster
- (C) Water and Climate change: Accelerating Action
- (D) Water for society: Including all
- (E) Water, Ecosystems and Human Development

Ans (A)

World Water Week 2022 takes place from 23 August to 1 September. The World Water Week is an annual event organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) since 1991 to address the global water issues and related concerns of international development. The theme of the 2022 World Water Week is: "Seeing the unseen: The value of water", which helps us view water in new and fascinating ways. This overarching theme is captured in three main perspectives -

The value of water for people and development.

The value of water for nature and climate change.

188. Which state government has launched the "Vidya Rath -School on Wheels" project?

- (A) Kerala
- (B) Assam
- (C) Nagaland
- (D) Bihar
- (E) Meghalaya

Ans (B)

Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the 'Vidya Rath -School on Wheels' project. This project aims at providing economically challenged underprivileged children to access elementary education for a period of 10 months. The project was launched at a function held at the premises of Gauhati High Court in Assam. What is the Vidya Rath-School project?

The Vidya Rath-School on Wheels will reportedly provide access to elementary education to underprivileged children for 10 months. After 10 months, the children will be integrated into the conventional system of education. Children will be provided with uniforms and textbooks and free-mid day meals under the project. Students will be provided free mid-day meals, uniforms and textbooks under the project.

189. External affairs minister S Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in which country?

- (A) Uruguay
- (B) Suriname

- (C) Panama (D) Nicaragua
(E) Paraguay

Ans (E)

External affairs minister S Jaishankar unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay and visited the historic Casa de la Independencia, from where the South American country's independence movement started more than two centuries ago. Jaishankar arrived in Brazil on the first leg of his six-day visit to South America with an aim to boost overall bilateral ties with the region.

Jaishankar, who is on his first-ever official visit to South America, is also visiting Paraguay and Argentina.

190. 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference will be hosted by which country?

- (A) Australia (B) Germany
(C) Canada (D) France
(E) Japan

Ans (C)

The 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) will be led by Amos Masondo, the chair of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), along with a distinguished team of MPs. The 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), will be held in Halifax, Canada, from August 22 to 26, 2022. The 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference provides delegates of Commonwealth parliaments and legislatures with an annual forum to discuss parliamentary system improvements and international political issues.

191. Recently, Prime Minister of India has inaugurated Asia's biggest private multi-speciality hospital in which city?

- (A) Gurugram (B) Faridabad
(C) Ghaziabad (D) Meerut
(E) New Delhi

Ans (B)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Asia's Biggest Private Hospital - Amrita Hospital in Faridabad.

The 2,600-bed Amrita Hospital in Faridabad spreads across an area of 133 acres and has been built at a cost of Rs 6000 crores.

Amrita Hospital in Faridabad will be managed by Mata Amritanandamayi Math – a charitable organisation spearheaded by its namesake Mata Amritanandamayi.

192. Which Indian wrestler has won the U-20 World Wrestling Champion for the first time for India?

- (A) Yogeshwar Dutt (B) Rinku Singh

- (C) Saurav Gurjar (D) Antim Panghal
(E) Jeet Rama

Ans (D)

Antim Panghal, a 17-year-old wrestler from Haryana created history by being crowned as India's First-Ever U-20 World Wrestling Champion. On 19th August, she defeated Kazakhstan's Atlyn Shagayeva in a match she completely dominated with a score of 8-0 win. The U-20 World Wrestling Championship was being held in Sofia, Bulgaria. Antim's feat is history as it was the first time in the 34-year long history of the tournament that an Indian girl has bagged the top position to become U-20 World Wrestling Champion.

193. Which state government is planning to build an education township in the state?

- (A) Uttarakhand
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Rajasthan
(E) Maharashtra

Ans (C)

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to build an education township in the state.

As per the Yogi Adityanath government, the education township will be developed on the idea of "Single Entry, Multiple Exit".

The move will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place.

Besides, it will provide accommodation and many other facilities to both students and teachers.

The objective of the education township -

The Government's objective behind the education township is to provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in one place.

194. What is the new name of largest joint military drills between South Korea and the United States for 2022?

- (A) Ulchi Freedom Shield
(B) Maneuver warfare
(C) Green dagger
(D) Dynamic Mongoose
(E) Exercise Reforger

Ans (A)

South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years with a resumption of field training.

This year, the annual summertime exercise has been renamed 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' and it is scheduled to end on 1st September 2022.

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol has vowed to normalize the combined exercises and boost deterrence against the North.

South Korea has separately started or launched the four-day Ulchi Civil Defence Drills, which is specially designed to boost the government readiness for the first time after the Coronavirus pandemic occurred.

195. Who has been appointed as the Head of Disney+Hotstar?

- (A) Kumar Madhavan
- (B) Sajith Sivanandan
- (C) Amita Maheshwari
- (D) Gaurav Banerjee
- (E) Kevin Vaz

Ans (B)

Sajith Sivanandan has been appointed as the executive vice-president and head of Disney+Hotstar. Disney's International Content and Operations is India's largest streaming service and Sajith Sivanandan has previously worked with Google.

Sajith Sivanandan will be reporting to Chairman of Disney's International Content and Operations Group, Rebecca Campbell, and President of Disney Star, K Madhavan.

He will start working with Disney+Hotstar in October with a dual reporting line of Disney Star.

Key Points -

Sajith Sivanandan will join Disney in October, and he will be in charge of overall business operations in India.

196. Global escrow banking solution provider, Castler has partnered with which bank to offer digital escrow services for the bank's customers?

- (A) HDFC Bank
- (B) ICICI Bank
- (C) Yes Bank
- (D) Axis Bank
- (E) State Bank of India

Ans (C)

Global escrow banking solution provider, Castler has partnered with Yes Bank to offer digital escrow services for the bank's customers.

The firm is a global digital escrow platform for individuals and enterprises, offering domestic and cross-border escrow solutions.

Through this partnership, both are in pole position to dominate the Enterprise Escrow Banking space and

digitally democratise the product for easy adoption amongst its varied customer base.

197. Vikram Doraiswami has recently appointed as India's High Commissioner to which country?

- (A) Ireland
- (B) United States
- (C) Russia
- (D) United Kingdom
- (E) Scotland

Ans (D)

Vikram K. Doraiswami, a seasoned diplomat appointed as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom which is seen as a significant position given the two nations' expanding strategic alliance.

Vikram K. Doraiswami is Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh currently.

He is an Indian Foreign Service officer from the 1992 batch. At May 1994, Vikram K. Doraiswami was appointed Third Secretary in the Indian High Commission in Hong Kong after completing his in-service training in New Delhi between 1992 and 1993.

198. Who has been named as secretary to President Droupadi Murmu?

- (A) Rajesh Verma
- (B) Rajiv Gauba
- (C) Ajay Bhalla
- (D) Pradeep Sinha
- (E) Rajiv Mehrishi

Ans (A)

Odisha cadre 1987-batch IAS officer, Rajesh Verma has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu.

He replaces the incumbent Kapil Dev Tripathi, a 1980-batch IAS officer.

He is currently serving as Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs & has also served as principal secretary to Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik.

In the past, Verma has also served as the Principal Secretary to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Principal Secretary of Energy Department, Government of Odisha.

199. World Gujarati Language Day 2022 has recently celebrated on which day of August?

- (A) 23 August
- (B) 22 August
- (C) 25 August
- (D) 26 August
- (E) 24 August

Ans (E)

World Gujarati Language Day 2022 is celebrated every year on 24 August.

This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great writer of Gujarat 'Veer Narmad'.

'Gujarati Diwas' is celebrated because the poet Narmad was considered to be the creator of the Gujarati language.

He has made Gujarati literature international.

200. Who has appointed as Director of the National Institute of Immunology?

- (A) Sagar Sengupta (B) Debasisa Mohanty
(C) Soumen Basak (D) Sanjeev Das
(E) Vinay Nandicoori

Ans (B)

Odia scientist, Debasisa Mohanty was appointed as Director of the National Institute of Immunology (NII).

He is currently working as a staff scientist at NII.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment, with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post and up to the age of his superannuation.

The post fell vacant after Rajesh Verma, a 1987 batch IAS officer of Odisha cadre, was appointed as Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu on August 18.

201. India's first composite indoor shooting range has been inaugurated at which Indian Naval Ship?

- (A) INS Karna (B) INS Talwar
(C) INS Kadmatt (D) INS Trishul
(E) INS Makar

Ans (A)

India's 1st Composite Indoor Shooting Range has been inaugurated at INS Karna.

The Shooting range has been equipped with advanced target systems with associated control software to help personnel improve their firing skills. The Composite Indoor Shooting Range or CISR was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta at INS Karna.

INS Karna is the first in the Navy and the only military unit in the country to develop and operationalize an indoor shooting range.

202. What will be the insurance cover for Transgender persons under Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY) scheme?

- (A) 4 Lakh (B) 5 Lakh
(C) 3 Lakh (D) 6 Lakh
(E) 7 Lakh

Ans (B)

National Health Authority (NHA) has announced that Transgender persons will now be brought under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY. The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) is the "world's largest government-funded

healthcare program" targeting more than 50 crore beneficiaries.

The landmark decision announced by the Central Government is aimed at providing a comprehensive medical package to transgender persons.

To formalize the scheme, an MoU - Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the National Health Authority (NHA) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

203. World's highest and India's first geothermal energy project will establish in which state/UT by ONGC?

- (A) Chandigarh (B) Haryana
(C) Ladakh (D) Rajasthan
(E) Nagaland

Ans (C)

State-run explorer Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) will be participating to generate electricity through Geothermal Energy at Puga, a remote valley located in Ladakh, off the road to Chumar on the de-facto border with China.

204. Which state government has approved the proposal to start the country's first night safari in its capital city?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Maharashtra
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Karnataka

Ans (D)

The cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the proposal of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department to start the country's first night safari in the capital Lucknow.

Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh said that on the lines of Singapore's world's first night safari, this night safari in Lucknow will be developed on 350 acres in the Kukrail forest area spread over an area of 2027.46 hectares and a zoological park will be built in 150 acres.

205. Which aviation company has joined Government scheme "Aatmanirbhaar Bharat" to develop India's indigenous F/A 18 Super Hornet fighter jet?

- (A) Boeing
(B) Lockheed
(C) Northrop
(D) Airbus
(E) SpaceX

Ans (A)

In the coming week, India will commission its first Indigenous aircraft carrier.

US aviation major Boeing has made a strong pitch for the Indian Navy to choose the F/A 18 Super Hornet fighter jet, claiming that it would bring a profit of \$3.6 billion in domestic manufacturing.

Boeing has joined its offers with the Government scheme Aatmanirbhaar Bharat, before the commissioning of the indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant which will operate the new fighters.

Vikrant is the largest warship built by India, and India plans to buy 26 carrier-based fighters for Vikrant.

This deal will be done through a Government-to-Government deal to meet the needs of the Indian Navy, with the US firm competing with French aircraft maker Dassault Aviation has pitched its Rafale-M jets.

206. Internaut Day has celebrated on which day of August around the world to mark the invention of the World Wide Web?

- (A) 22 August (B) 26 August
(C) 23 August (D) 24 August
(E) 25 August

Ans (C)

Internaut Day is being celebrated around the world to mark the invention of the World Wide Web.

An "internaut" is a person who possesses a thorough knowledge of how to use the Internet and its history. August 23 marks the day when the World Wide Web was opened to the public back in the year 1991 for the first time by WWW inventor Tim Berners Lee as he allowed its access, CERN announced that the internet would be free to everyone and there would be no fee for its use.

207. The world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains was launched by which country?

- (A) France (B) Germany
(C) Italy (D) Belgium
(E) Austria

Ans (B)

The world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains was launched by Germany.

The first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains has replaced 15 diesel trains that were previously operated on nonelectrified tracks in Lower Saxony, Germany.

The engine of the trains is powered by electricity generated using hydrogen fuel cells.

The use of hydrogen is a clean alternative to fossil fuels as per the German government's announcement.

208. Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga has elected as interim Prime Minister of which country?

- (A) Mali (B) Burkina Faso

- (C) Senegal (D) Côte d'Ivoire
(E) Niger

Ans (A)

In Mali, the military has appointed Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga as interim Prime Minister after the country's civilian PM Choguel Kokalla Maiga was admitted to hospital.

Before this appointment, Colonel Maiga was working as a Government Spokesman and Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation.

Choguel Kokalla was named premier after the military took power in August 2020.

In recent months, Maiga had come under criticism from many of his former allies for following the Junta's line.

Military Junta leader Colonel Assimi Goita had himself appointed transitional president after the May 2021 coup.

209. Which Agribusiness company has signed agreements with Assam, Manipur, and Tripura for Palm Oil?

- (A) Avanti Feeds (B) Godrej Agrovet
(C) Kaveri Seeds (D) Rallis India
(E) United Phosphorus

Ans (B)

Godrej Agrovet, a diversified agribusiness conglomerate, announced that it has signed an MoU with the governments of Assam, Manipur, and Tripura to advance and promote oil palm growth in the area under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm initiative.

The partnership between Godrej Agrovet and the state governments will create new chances for expansion of oil palm plants in these states as well as support for farmers.

210. Who has won the Pulitzer Prize 2022?

- (A) Fahmida Azim (B) Danish Siddiqui
(C) Adnan Abidi (D) Sanna Irshad
(E) Amit Dave

Ans (A)

Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim working for the Insider online magazine of the US has been selected for the Pulitzer Prize 2022. She will be awarded under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary. She is among the four journalists including Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey of Insider being published from New York, selected for their work on the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs. The work "I escaped a Chinese internment Camp" has illustrations by Fahmida Azim.

211. Which city has declared as India's best aspirational district under NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme?

- (A) Varanasi (B) Haridwar
(C) Chandigarh (D) Ayodhya
(E) Puri

Ans (B)

Haridwar has been declared as India's Best Aspirational District by NITI Aayog. The distinction of Best Aspirational District to the Holy City of Haridwar was accorded under NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme. Along with the title of being India's Best Aspirational District, the district will also receive an additional allocation of Rs 3 Crores. The news about Haridwar being selected as India's Best Aspirational District was confirmed by Rakesh Ranjan, the director of NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Program in a letter written to Uttarakhand Chief Secretary SS Sandhu and Haridwar District Collector. The letter outlined the achievements of Haridwar district in development of basic infrastructure.

212. Uttar Pradesh state government has approved setting up India's first night safari park in which district?

- (A) Lucknow (B) Sonbhadra
(C) Kheri (D) Mirzapur
(E) Pilibhit

Ans (A)

UP State Government has approved setting up India's first night safari park at Kukrail Forest Area in Lucknow.

Recently, UP state cabinet gave its approval for establishing India's First Night Safari Park in Lucknow's Kukrail Forest Area. The ambitious project will see a part of the 2027, 4-hectare forest area in Kukrail to be converted into a Night Safari Park and a Zoological Park.

The proposal says that the Zoological Park will be set up in an area of 150 acres while the Night Safari Park will be established in an area of 350 acres.

213. Name the former German chancellor, awarded with UNESCO Peace Prize for her "efforts to welcome refugees"?

- (A) Olaf Scholz (B) Joachim Sauer
(C) Angela Merkel (D) Gerhard Schröder
(E) Frank-Walter

Ans (C)

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel was awarded UNESCO Peace Prize for her "efforts to welcome refugees". According to the website of the

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Merkel was awarded the 2022 Félix Houphout-Boigny-UNESCO Peace Prize for her "courageous decision in 2015 to welcome more than 1.2 million refugees, notably from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea. Merkel held the office of German Chancellor for a period of 16 years and resigned in 2021.

214. Recently, India and Bangladesh has signed Memorandum of Understanding on interim water sharing of which river?

- (A) Surma River (B) Kushiyara River
(C) Teesta River (D) Barak River
(E) Brahmaputra River

Ans (B)

Recently, India and Bangladesh have finalised the text of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on interim water sharing of the Kushiyara river.

Key Points - It was finalised during the 38th meeting of the ministerial-level Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) of India and Bangladesh,

215. Recently, the Government of India has signed the tripartite agreement for swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks under which project across the country?

- (A) Bharatmala Pariyojna
(B) Green India, Clean India
(C) Infrastructure Facilities
(D) Kala Sanskriti Vikas
(E) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission

Ans (A)

Recently, the Government of India has signed the tripartite agreement for swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP) under Bharatmala Pariyojna across the country. The objective is to centralize freight consolidation and reduce logistics cost from 14% to less than 10% of Gross Domestic Product at par with International Standards.

The tripartite agreement was signed by: National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML):

216. Anang Tal Lake, is located in which state/UT, which has recently declared a monument of national importance through a gazette notification by the Ministry of Culture?

- (A) Bihar (B) Assam
(C) Kerala (D) Delhi
(E) Puducherry

Ans (D)

Recently, the Anang Tal Lake in South Delhi has been declared a monument of national importance through a gazette notification by the Ministry of Culture. The Anang Tal lake in South Delhi is believed to have been built a thousand years ago. As per the website of the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, Tradition ascribes this tank to a Tomar King, Anang Pal II, the builder of Lal Kot. Archaeological Survey of India gave a two-month notice for its intention to declare the site to be of national importance under ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

217. What is the name of Indian Grandmaster, who has won 28th Abu Dhabi Masters?

- (A) Adhiban Baskaran (B) Nihal Sarin
(C) Arjun Erigaisi (D) Gukesh D
(E) Raunak Sadhwani

Ans (C)

In the 28th Abu Dhabi, Masters Chess Tournament Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi defeated David Anton Guijarro from Spain in the ninth and final round. Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi won the 28th Dhabi Masters Chess Tournament with 7.5 points. Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi is in the third position in the live rating list and has gained an impressive 35 Elo rating points after the recent Chess Olympiad in India. In the 28th Dhabi, Masters Chess Tournament Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi won six matches and drew three other games. He won against Deep Sengupta, Raunak Sadhwani, top-seed Wang Hao of China, Aleksandr Indjic, Rohit Krishna, and David Anton Guijarro. He drew the matches against Evgeny Tomashevky, Jordan Van Forest, and Ray Robson.

218. Women's Equality Day 2022 has celebrated on which day of August?

- (A) 23 August (B) 24 August
(C) 25 August (D) 26 August
(E) 27 August

Ans (D)

Women's Equality Day 2022 is celebrated all over the world to celebrate women's empowerment and equality.

This year, Women's Equality Day will be celebrated on 26th August 2022. In 1973, the first Women's Equality Day was celebrated across the world. Every year 26th August is celebrated as Women's Equality Day because on this day the United States gave women the right to vote. The day highlights the continuous efforts of women to achieve complete equality in society. Women's Equality Day 2022 is dedicated to every woman, who has fought for her

equal position in this society and to all who are continuing the battle for equality in society.

219. The fourth edition of India's Clean Air Summit has begun in which city?

- (A) Bangalore (B) Chennai
(C) Hyderabad (D) Bhopal
(E) New Delhi

Ans (A)

The fourth edition of India's Clean Air Summit (ICAS) took place in Bangalore with global experts. With the help of India's Clean Air Summit, global experts are set to discuss an integrated approach to resolving air pollution and increasing climate change. India's Clean Air Summit will continue till 26th August 2022. The Centre for Air Pollution Studies (CAPS) and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology, and Policy (CSTEP), think-tanks have organized the summit.

220. Who has appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund?

- (A) Arvind Chaudhary (B) KV Subramanian
(C) V Anantha (D) Sanjeev Sanyal
(E) Raghuram Rajan

Ans (B)

Former Chief Economic Adviser, KV Subramanian was appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

His term will begin from November and will continue for a period of three years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by curtailing the tenure of eminent economist Surjit S Bhalla as ED (India), IMF up to 31 October 2022. Bhalla was appointed as the Executive Director for India on the board of the IMF in 2019.

221. Which Indian state/UT launched the Parivar Kalyan Card (PKC) Scheme?

- (A) Bihar (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Karnataka (D) Tamil Nadu
(E) Assam

Ans (B)

Central Government has given its approval for the launch of UP Parivar Kalyan Card using Aadhaar authentication.

The UP Family ID plan is a scheme under which Family IDs will be provided to family units of residents living in Uttar Pradesh. After its implementation, the UP Parivar Kalyan Card will be a 12-digit card that will help the state govt to map all the families and the benefits of several govt schemes received by a family.

222. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in 2022?

- (A) Samir V Kamat (B) Amit Dhawan
(C) Radha Pyari (D) Meeta Baghel
(E) Rajesh Singh

Ans (A)

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Samir V Kamat as the new Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation. Dr Kamat, who holds the post of Director General, Naval Systems & Materials, at the DRDO will succeed G Satheesh Reddy who has now been named as scientific adviser to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

DRDO is the research and development wing of the Defence Ministry. Reddy was appointed as DRDO chief in August 2018 for two years.

223. Which Union Ministry has published 'Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022'?

- (A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(B) Ministry of External Affairs
(C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(D) Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs
(E) Ministry of New and Renewal Energy

Ans (C)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change published the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 to ensure environmentally sound management of waste batteries and replace the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001. Key Points about Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 - Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Producers (including importers) of batteries are responsible for the collection and recycling/refurbishment of waste batteries and the use of recovered materials from waste into new batteries.

224. Under "Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojna" The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers has announced to launch which scheme?

- (A) One Nation One Fertiliser Scheme
(B) Livestock insurance Scheme
(C) Krishi Sinchai Yojana
(D) Agro Bhandaran Yojna
(E) Mission for Sustainable Agriculture

Ans (A)

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers announced it has been decided to implement One Nation One

Fertiliser by introducing a "Single Brand for Fertilisers and Logo" under the fertiliser subsidy scheme named "Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojna" (PMBJP).

225. Which Indian judoka has won India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships with a gold in the Women's 57kg category?

- (A) Cawas Billimoria (B) Akram Shah
(C) Narendra Singh (D) Angom Chanu
(E) Linthoi Chanambam

Ans (E)

Indian judoka Linthoi Chanambam scripted history by winning India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships with a gold in the Women's 57kg category at the World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships.

The 15-year-old judoka outclassed Brazil's Bianca Reis in the 57-kg category final.

Career of Linthoi Chanambam -

Linthoi Chanambam became the first Indian judoka to win a medal at any age-group category of the World Championships. The 15-year-old has been one of the best judokas from India in the past couple of years and is also part of the Indian government's TOPS programme.

226. Which state has got its second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years?

- (A) Manipur (B) Mizoram
(C) Assam (D) Nagaland
(E) Sikkim

Ans (D)

North-east state, Nagaland got its second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years with the commissioning of a new facility at Shokhuvi. Dimapur Railway Station, in the heart of the commercial hub of the state, was inaugurated in 1903. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio flagged off the Donyi Polo Express from Shokhuvi Railway Station during the day. The Donyi Polo Express ran daily between Guwahati in Assam and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh.

227. "Samajik Adhikari Shivir" has organized by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment in which city?

- (A) Kolkata (B) Nagpur
(C) Pune (D) Mumbai
(E) Chennai

Ans (B)

"Samajik Adhikari Shivir" was organized by the Department of SJ&E in association with ALIMCO, Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC), and District

Administration Nagpur. The "Samajik Adhikari Shivir" was organized for the distribution of aid and assisting devices to Senior Citizens under "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana" (RVY Scheme) and "Divyangjan" under the ADIP scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

228. Which airline company has become the first airline to use CAE's artificial intelligence-powered training system to train the airline's pilot?

- (A) Air France (B) AirAsia
(C) Indigo (D) Emirates
(E) Thai AirAsia

Ans (B)

AirAsia India becomes the first airline to use CAE's artificial intelligence-powered training system to train the airline's pilots.

CAE is the leading provider of pilot training solutions that are based on simultaneous technology.

The CAE headquarters are in Canada.

The training system adopted by AirAsia is called the CAE Rise, which provides real-time data during pilot training sessions and analyses them to deliver higher quality training.

CAE Rise also enables the translation of simulator training data into valuable insights for instructors.

229. Who has taken oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India recently?

- (A) Justice Tirath Singh Thakur
(B) Justice Sunita Agarwal
(C) Justice Uday Umesh Lalit
(D) Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta
(E) Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra

Ans (C)

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit took oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India. Newly elected President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union ministers were present at the ceremony. Justice Lalit's predecessor, Justice NV Ramana, was also present at the oath-taking ceremony.

230. Which Indian cricketer has named as the brand ambassador of DreamSetGo?

- (A) Sachin Tendulkar (B) Sourav Ganguly
(C) Virender Sehwag (D) Virat Kohli
(E) Anil Kumble

Ans (B)

DreamSetGo, a sports experiences and travel platform, has announced Sourav Ganguly as its first brand ambassador.

As the "Supercaptain" for DreamSetGo, Ganguly will play a key role in promoting DSG's curated experiences offered through its key partnerships with Manchester City, Chelsea FC.

The startup is focused on delivering seamless, end-to-end, world-class personalized experiences for sports fans in India, giving them an opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the sport.

231. What is the name India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier, which will be commissioned by Prime Minister of India at Kochi?

- (A) INS Vikrant (B) INS Vishal
(C) INS Viraat (D) INS Arihant
(E) INS Vikramaditya

Ans (A)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will commission the first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, at the Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi on September 2.

With the commissioning of IAC Vikrant, India will have two operational Aircraft Carriers, which will further boost the maritime security of the nation.

It will be the first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier.

232. T-AIM is an initiative of which state government, which has been selected by the Government to represent India at the G20 Digital Innovation Network?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Telangana
(C) Tripura (D) Assam
(E) Tamil Nadu

Ans (B)

The Telangana AI mission (T-AIM) has revealed that four of its startups have been selected by the Government to represent India at the G20 Digital Innovation Network.

T-AIM is an initiative of the Government of Telangana supported by NASSCOM. The four startups Arficus, Edubuk, Eunimart, and MayaMD are supported by the Revv Up programme. The program by the government has been supporting 80 start-ups that are built on artificial intelligence.

233. As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, which Indian has become the world's third-richest person in the world?

- (A) Mukesh Ambani (B) Jeff Bezos
(C) Shiv Nadar (D) Gautam Adani
(E) Bill Gates

Ans (D)

Indian industrialist Gautam Adani has become the world's third-richest person on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

It is the first time when an Asian has ranked in the top three. The self-made billionaire has seen his net worth more than double to \$137.4 billion in the last year, rising 20 spots on the index to now rank just behind Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos. Adani has made his fortune in ports and commodities trading and now operates India's third-largest conglomerate with interests ranging from coal mining and edible oils to airports and news media.

234. When is the National Small Industry Day has been observed in India?

- (A) 27th August (B) 28th August
(C) 29th August (D) 30th August
(E) 31st August

Ans (D)

National Small Industry Day is observed every year in India on August 30 to recognize the significance of and the contribution of the small industries in India. National Small Industry Day 2022 aims at encouraging the development and growth of small-scale businesses that contribute as much as 40 percent to the gross industrial value of India's economy.

235. Abhijit Sen, who has passed away recently, was a renowned name in which field?

- (A) Geography (B) Psychology
(C) Biology (D) Economics
(E) Physics

Ans (D)

One of India's leading agriculture economists, Abhijit Sen passed away at the age of 72. Abhijit Sen was a former Planning commission member and was one of the country's foremost experts on the rural economy. Abhijit Sen served as a member of the Planning Commission during the previous United Progressive Alliance Government. He was also the Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) in the first Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government and authored the report of the High-Level Committee on Long Term Grain Policy that was submitted in 2000.

236. Who has become the first Indian Cricketer to play 100 matches in all the formats?

- (A) Rohit Sharma (B) Hardik Pandya
(C) Virat Kohli (D) Dinesh Karthik
(E) Shreyas Iyer

Ans (C)

Cricket Legend Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and just the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game. He

added another milestone to his name when he was named in India's playing XI for the highly anticipated Asia Cup 2022 match with Pakistan.

Kohli has now 100 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since making his international debut in August 2008.

His best individual score for India in this format is 94 and he has scored 30 half-centuries in this format.

237. Recently, which Government agency has released the "Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India Report 2021"?

- (A) Narcotics Control Bureau
(B) Central Bureau of Investigation
(C) National Crime Records Bureau
(D) National Investigation Agency
(E) Intelligence Bureau

Ans (C)

Recently, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released the "Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India Report 2021."

The report tabled figures for "Crime Against Women", "Suicide" and "Crime Rates".

Report's findings for Crime Against Women -

The rate of crime against women (number of incidents per 1 lakh population) increased from 56.5% in 2020 to 64.5% in 2021.

238. Which state government has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Uttarakhand
(C) Rajasthan (D) Telangana
(E) Himachal Pradesh

Ans (B)

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day.

The Chief Minister Sports Development Fund will be established to be given financial benefits to the students according to accelerated rules. On this occasion, in view of the shortage of sports coaches, the Chief Minister appointed eight sports coaches in each district, established of Chief Minister's Sports Development Fund to give quick financial benefits to the players as per rules and four per cent reservation for skilled players in state services.

239. World's largest religious monument will be built in which state of India?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Meghalaya
(C) Odisha (D) Karnataka
(E) West Bengal

Ans (E)

The largest religious monument in the world, the Temple of Vedic Planetarium in West Bengal, which will serve as the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), will also have the world's biggest dome.

The Vedic Planetarium will offer guests a tour of the various parts of the cosmic creation.

The Temple of Vedic Planetarium is ISKCON founder Srila Prabhupada's vision and is apparently inspired by the design of the Capitol building in the United States.

240. Who will take over as managing director and chief executive officer of Mercedes-Benz India in January 2023?

- (A) Santosh Iyer
- (B) Piyush Arora
- (C) Amit Govind
- (D) Shailendra Atre
- (E) Vijay Kumar

Ans (A)

Santosh Iyer will take over as managing director and chief executive officer of Mercedes-Benz (The German luxury automaker) India's operations on January 1, 2023.

Martin Schwenk, who will take over as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercedes-Benz Thailand, will be replaced by Santosh Iyer.

Santosh Iyer was appointed vice president of the firm for customer services and retail training in 2016.

241. Pullampara panchayat has become first fully digital literate panchayat in India. It is located in which state?

- (A) Tamil Nadu
- (B) Karnataka
- (C) Kerala
- (D) Maharashtra
- (E) Telangana

Ans (C)

Kerala, Pullampara has become the first grama panchayat in India to attain full digital literacy.

The "Digi Pullampara" project was started on August 15, 2021.

Digital literacy was imperative for the public to get government services as well as connect with the global knowledge network.

Full digital literacy was gained by Pullampara panchayat's "DigiPullampara" project, under which some 3,300 residents between the 14-65 age group were provided digital education.

800-odd government services have been made available by the state government online and the

digitally literate population can make maximum use of them.

242. Which state will get the world's largest jungle safari park in the Aravalli range?

- (A) Haryana
- (B) Rajasthan
- (C) Bihar
- (D) Punjab
- (E) Uttarakhand

Ans (A)

Haryana will get the world's largest jungle safari park in the Aravalli range.

The park will be 10,000 acres and cover the Gurugram and Nuh districts.

This park will be the world's largest project.

Outside Africa, Sharjah is the home to the largest curated safari park covering an area of about 2,000 acres.

The park was opened in February 2022.

And the Aravalli park will be five times larger than the Sharjah park.

243. What is the rank of India ranks in the Global Innovation Index of the World Intellectual Property Organization?

- (A) 45
- (B) 86
- (C) 62
- (D) 40
- (E) 98

Ans (D)

India has reached the 40th rank in the Global Innovation Index of the World Intellectual Property Organization. This is a great leap of 41 places in 7 years.

India was at 81 positions in 2015 and 40th in 2022.

India has also maintained 1st rank in ICT services exports over the years.

The last time when the GII ranking was done, India stood in the 45th position.

The country has come a long way and there are even more heights to scale.

Significance -

Global Innovative Index represents the most innovative economies in the world.

The ranking of a country is based on certain indicators such as its success and capacity for innovation.

244. International Translation Day has observed recently on which day of September?

- (A) September 28
- (B) September 25
- (C) September 30
- (D) September 29
- (E) September 27

Ans (C)

The world celebrates International Translation Day every year on September 30 to recognize the work of the translators who help in connecting countries all over the world.

International Translation Day 2022 on September 30 is also the day that celebrates the feast of St Jerome, a Bible translator who is also considered to be the patron saint of translators.

International Translation Day 2022 theme also highlights the role of the language professionals and their contribution to building culture, understanding, and lasting peace.

Theme -

The theme of International Translation Day 2022 is 'A World Without Barriers: The Role of Language Professionals in Building Culture, Understanding and Lasting Peace'.

245. Which company has launched "AmazeWIT Circles", to upskilling and providing meaningful career opportunities to women in the technology space?

- (A) Google (B) Microsoft
(C) Wipro (D) Amazon
(E) Reliance

Ans (D)

Amazon India has launched "AmazeWIT Circles", to reiterate its commitment to upskilling and providing meaningful career opportunities to women in the technology space.

The "AmazeWIT Circles" is a dedicated networking event to educate women and make them industry ready for careers in technology.

The "AmazeWIT Circles" is curated for tenured Software Development Engineers and is led by technology leaders at Amazon who cover topics relevant to technical upliftment and sustained career development.

Key Points -

The "AmazeWIT Circles" is a cohort-based connect that helps women to refine their skills and address the challenges faced by working women.

246. Which Indian industrialist has been named by TIME magazine in the TIME100 Next list?

- (A) Mukesh Ambani (B) Akash Ambani
(C) Gautam Adani (D) Ratan Tata
(E) Shiv Nadar

Ans (B)

Reliance Jio Chairman Akash Ambani, son of billionaire Mukesh Ambani, has been named by

TIME magazine in the TIME100 Next list that recognises "rising stars from across industries and around the world.

Significantly, he is the only Indian to be featured on the list this year.

However, there is another Indian-born American business leader, subscription social platform OnlyFans' Indian-origin CEO Amrapali Gan, on the list as well.

Notably: Akash Ambani has since played a key role in landing multibillion-dollar investments from Google and Facebook.

247. Jayanti Patnaik, who has passed away recently, was the first chairperson of which commission?

- (A) National Commission for Backward Classes
(B) National Women's Commission
(C) National Human Rights Commission
(D) National Commission for Minorities
(E) National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

Ans (B)

Jayanti Patnaik, the first chair of the National Women's Commission and a former member of parliament, passed away in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha.

She was the wife of late Janaki Ballav Patnaik.

President Droupadi Murmu has sent her condolences to her family, friends, and well-wishers, describing her as an accomplished social worker who won the hearts of the people of the state by her service and dedication.

248. Who has topped in "Hurun India 40 & under self-made rich list 2022"?

- (A) Nithin Singh (B) Ajay Chaudhary
(C) Nikhil Kamath (D) Karthik Rangappa
(E) Pawan Kumar Tripathi

Ans (C)

Nikhil Kamath, the cofounder of Zerodha, topped the "IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List 2022" with a net worth of Rs 17500 crore.

Bhavish Aggarwal, the founder of Ola, came in second place (Rs 11700 crore), and Divyank Turakhia of Media.net in third place (Rs 11200 crore).

Key points -

According to Hurun, this year the number of under-40 billionaires surged to 1,103, an increase of 96.

249. World Maritime Day 2022 has recently been observed on which day of September?

- (A) September 29 (B) September 27
(C) September 30 (D) September 28
(E) September 26

Ans (A)

The International Maritime Organization observed World Maritime Day on the last Thursday of September.

This year, it will be observed on September 29.

The day focuses on drawing public attention to maritime safety and the marine environment.

The World Maritime Day 2022 Parallel Event will be organized in Durban, South Africa from 12th to 14th October 2022.

250. Which edition of FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022 has been inaugurated by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan?

(A) 17th (B) 14th

(C) 15th (D) 13th

(E) 16th

Ans (D)

Union Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022.

The theme was "Education to Employability – Making It Happen". The Summit would look through the NEP lens and focus on how India can become the "Skill Capital of the World," using the UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) as an underlying theme.