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1. Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has recently become President of which country for third time?

- (A) Brazil (B) Mexico
(C) Canada (D) Cuba
(E) Spain

Ans (A)

Exp :Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has emerged as the President of Brazil for the third time.

He defeated the incumbent President Jair Bolsonaro in voting.

Lula Da Silva gained 50.83 percent of the votes. It was over 98 percent of the votes counted in a run-off election.

2. Which country has won the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022?

- (A) Colombia (B) Spain
(C) Brazil (D) Russia
(E) Portugal

Ans (A)

Exp :Defending Champion Spain defeated Colombia by 1-0 to win FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai.

A late own goal by Spain's Ana Guzman was the difference between the two teams as Spain became the first team to defend the U-17 Women's World Cup successfully.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino alongside the top officials from the Asian Football Federation (AFC) and the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) was in attendance at the venue as Spain managed a solitary goal win and successfully retained the World Cup title which they also claimed in 2018.

3. Which company has achieved the No 1 rank in the Indian oil and gas sector for its sustainability performance in the 2022 edition of the S&P DJSI ranking?

- (A) Hindustan Petroleum
(B) Bharat Petroleum
(C) Indian Oil Corporation
(D) Coal India
(E) NTPC Limited

Ans (B)

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), "Maharatna" and a Fortune Global 500 Company has once again achieved the No 1 rank in the Indian oil and gas sector for its sustainability performance in the 2022 edition of the S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings.

This is the 3rd consecutive year that BPCL is at the top of the DJSI Indices in India having achieved a score of 65 percentage points, against an industry average score of 31 which is far better than last year's score of 59 against an industry average score of 39 on DJSI platform.

4. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated India's second Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya in which city?

- (A) Ayodhya (B) Cuttack
(C) Puri (D) Nayagarh
(E) Varanasi

Ans (C)

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated India's second Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya (RAVV) in Puri.

The Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya has been launched to spread knowledge of the Vedas among people.

Rastriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya which is also called the National Model Vedic School.

Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratisthan is the first such school in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.

The curriculum of the Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya includes all four Vedas, Rigveda, Samaveda, Yajurveda, and Atharva.

In the Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya, students will also get the opportunity to opt for science, english, mathematics, social science, computer science, and agriculture.

The courses will begin in the 2022-23 academic year. Four more such schools will come up at Badrinath in Uttarakhand, Sringeri in Karnataka, Dwarka in Gujarat, and Guwahati in Assam.

5. The International Union of Geological Sciences UNSC has recognised the Mawmluh Cave of which state?

- (A) Meghalaya (B) Tripura
(C) Mizoram (D) Sikkim
(E) Manipur

Ans (A)

The International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), one of the largest scientific organisations of UNESCO, has recognised the Mawmluh Cave, located in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, as one of the first 100 IUGS geological heritage sites. The full list will be presented at the IUGS's 60th-anniversary event, which will take place in Zumaia, Spain. The announcement of the 100 geological

heritage sites is expected to kick start an endeavour to designate geological sites from around the world that are iconic, and recognised by all geoscience communities for their impact in understanding the Earth and its history.

International Union of Geological Sciences Founded: 1961;

6. Which company has officially appointed Lee Jae-yong as its executive chairman?

- (A) Hyundai (B) Motorola
(C) OnePlus (D) Samsung
(E) Xiaomi

Ans (D)

Samsung Electronics Co. officially appointed Lee Jae-yong as its executive chairman, formalizing the all-encompassing leadership role he has long played at South Korea's largest business.

The 54-year-old, Lee has been vice chairman of Samsung Electronics, the crown jewel of South Korea's biggest business conglomerate, since 2012.

He takes over a position previously held by his father, Lee Kun-hee, who died two years ago after being incapacitated by a 2014 heart attack.

Present business condition of Samsung Electronics - The appointment comes as Samsung, the world's biggest maker of memory chips and smartphones, faces mounting business headwinds amid a sharp downturn in worldwide tech demand, caused by soaring inflation, interest rates and a gloomy economic outlook.

Samsung reported a 31% drop in third-quarter profit and said geopolitical uncertainties were likely to dampen demand until early 2023, as the global economic downturn slashed appetite for electronic devices.

7. Which country is the highest contributor of per capita greenhouse gas emissions?

- (A) China (B) USA
(C) Russia (D) India
(E) Japan

Ans (B)

The "Emissions Gap Report 2022: The Closing Window" was released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

India's per capita greenhouse gas emissions were at 2.4 tCO₂e (tonne carbon dioxide equivalent), which is far below the world average of 6.3 tCO₂e in 2020. The US contributed the highest emissions of 14

tCO₂e, followed by 13 tCO₂e in Russia and 9.7 tCO₂e in China.

The annual report assesses the gap between the pledges taken by different countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the estimated reduction required to maintain the average global temperature rise to below 2°C, preferably 1.5°C, by the end of this century.

8. Which institution released the "Commodity Markets Outlook report for October 2022"?

- (A) International Monetary Fund
(B) World Bank
(C) World Economic Forum
(D) Reserve Bank of India
(E) World Trade Organization

Ans (B)

The World Bank has recently released the "Commodity Markets Outlook report for October 2022".

As per the report, Global energy prices will ease in the next couple of years but remain higher than the historic average.

The report also noted that Energy prices are expected to fall by 11 per cent in 2023 and 12 per cent in 2024

9. Recently, Saras Food Festival, 2022 has been organized in which city to promote ethnic and home-made handicrafts?

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

Ans (C)

Recently, Saras Food Festival, 2022 has been organized in New Delhi to promote ethnic and home-made handicrafts, paintings, toys, etc., prepared by women of Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Saras Food Festival -

It is an initiative of the Union Ministry of Rural Development as an effort to empower women on a large scale.

Women from self-help groups, formed under the flagship program 'National Rural Livelihoods Mission' of the Union Ministry of Rural Development are participating in this festival.

This event will give women SHGs an opportunity to showcase their skills in the field of food making and introduce people to the food culture of our country.

Self-Help Groups -

SHGs are informal associations of people who choose to come together to find ways to improve their living conditions.

It can be defined as a self-governed, peer-controlled information group of people with similar socio-economic backgrounds and having a desire to collectively perform a common purpose.

SHG relies on the notion of "Self Help" to encourage self-employment and poverty alleviation.

10. National Unity Day 2022 has recently observed on the birth anniversary of whom?

- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (B) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- (C) Subhas Chandra Bose
- (D) Dahyabhai Patel
- (E) Lal Bahadur Shastri

Ans (B)

On National Unity Day 2022, the Union Home Minister of India remembered Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 147th birth anniversary saying that the latter realised the dream of a strong and united India with his farsightedness.

National Unity Day is celebrated every year on 31st October to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It is also known as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

The reason behind the celebration of this day is to make people aware of the ideas of staying together and uplifting society.

It was celebrated for the first time in 2014.

Several events are organised on this day like 'Run For Unity' - a nationwide marathon to increase awareness about the contribution of Sardar Patel to national integrity, National Unity pledge, etc.

In 2018, the Government of India unveiled the 'Statue of Unity' in Gujarat to mark the 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Patel.

11. Which state has got India's first Aqua Park & Northeast's first fish museum?

- (A) Assam
- (B) Manipur
- (C) Meghalaya
- (D) Mizoram
- (E) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans (E)

Fisheries Minister Tage Taki announced that a fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh.

The fish museum will be part of India's first-ever "Integrated Aqua Park" which has been approved by the central government.

The park will be set up at Tarin (Ziro) in the Lower Subansiri district.

The fish museum will be part of the Integrated Aqua Park which is sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Fisheries.

12. North India's first hyperscale data center Yotta Yotta D1 has recently inaugurated in which state?

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

Ans (E)

The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated North India's first hyper-scale data centre Yotta Yotta D1.

It has been built at the cost of Rs 5,000 crores and is spread over an area of 3,00,000 square feet at the Data Centre Park in Greater Noida.

During the inauguration of North India's first Data Centre, an MoU worth Rs 39,000 crores were also signed between the state Government and Hiranandani Group.

The Data Centre Park, which is spread over 20 acres by Hiranandani Group, will have a total of 6 data centres.

The newly inaugurated seven-story Yotta D1 is part of this episode.

UP Government's Data Centre Policy -

As per the official statement, the Data Center Policy was notified in 2021.

Under the state government's policy, the work of setting up of 4 data Centre Parks by various investors is currently under process with an investment of more than Rs 15,950 crores.

13. Padma Bhushan Jamshed J Irani, who has passed away recently, was famous by which name?

- (A) Steel Man of India
- (B) Bird Man of India
- (C) The Light of Asia
- (D) Father of Gujrat
- (E) Shakespeare of India

Ans (A)

The former MD of Tata Steel Jamshed J Irani who was also famously known as the "Steel Man of India" has passed away recently.

Irani was 86.

Jamshed J Irani retired from the Board of Tata Steel back in June 2011.

He had contributed tremendously to the Indian Industry, the steel business, and the TATAs for over four decades.

Jamshed J Irani began his career as a senior scientific officer in 1963 at the British Iron and Steel Research Association, Sheffield.

On his return to India in 1968, Irani joined TATA Steel as an assistant to the director (R&D).

Later in 1979, he was appointed as the General Manager and in 1985, he became the President.

Jamshed J Irani became the Managing Director of TATA Steel in 1992 and he served in the position till 2001.

Jamshed J Irani was also conferred upon Padma Bhushan- the third highest Civilian Award in 2007.

He was conferred an honorary Knighthood (KBE) by Queen Elizabeth II in 1997.

Irani was appointed as an International Fellow at the Royal Academy of Engineering in 1996.

14. Recently, Government of Indian has signed a MoU with FIFA, AIFF for which initiative in India?

- (A) Football4Schools
- (B) Football for Hope
- (C) Football4All
- (D) Football for Goals
- (E) Think4Football

Ans (A)

Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has signed an MoU with FIFA and the All India Football Federation for the "Football4Schools" initiative in India.

The sport has been given a place of pride in NEP 2020 and the Football4Schools program espouses the spirit of NEP2020.

15. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has recently restricted the use of which herbicide Chemical compound, citing health hazards?

- (A) Atrazine
- (B) Glyphosate
- (C) Glufosinate
- (D) Chlorpyrifos
- (E) Clethodim

Ans (B)

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has restricted the use of glyphosate, a widely used herbicide, citing health hazards for humans and animals.

The new notification mandates that all certificates of registration for the chemical that companies have to

get for its manufacture or sale have now to be returned to the registration committee.

Failure to do so will result in appropriate action being taken under the Insecticides Act of 1968.

16. Recently, the Indian Navy participated in which edition of India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT) Joint Maritime Exercise 2022?

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

Ans (A)

Recently, the Indian Navy participated in the first edition of India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT), a Joint Maritime Exercise among the Indian, Mozambique and Tanzanian navies commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

17. University Grants Commission has directed to colleges to observe "Bharatiya Bhasha Divas" on which day?

- (A) January 11
- (B) December 11
- (C) February 11
- (D) November 11
- (E) March 11

Ans (B)

Instructing all higher education institutions to observe the "Bharatiya Bhasha Divas" on December 11.

The UGC stated that the day is aimed at creating "language harmony" and an atmosphere for learning Indian languages.

December 11 is selected as "Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas" or "Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav" as it marks the birth anniversary of poet Subramania Bharati, a pioneer of modern Tamil poetry.

18. Ministry of Home Affairs has declared "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal-2022" to how many police officers for four special operations?

- (A) 41
- (B) 85
- (C) 25
- (D) 63
- (E) 100

Ans (D)

The Ministry of Home Affairs has declared "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal-2022" for four special operations conducted by the security forces in areas of terrorism, border action, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling and rescue operations.

A total of 63 police officers having different ranks from Constable to Additional Director General of

Police have been awarded the 'Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal-2022' on Sardar Patel's birth anniversary.

Those awarded belonged to three states (Telangana, Punjab and Maharashtra) and Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir as well as Delhi. All were part of four special operations conducted on different occasions.

19. An event "Run for Unity" was held in which city to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, also celebrated as Ekta Diwas nationwide?

- (A) Latur (B) Nanded
(C) Pune (D) Panaji
(E) Noida

Ans (A)

A 'Run for Unity' event was held in Latur in Maharashtra on Monday to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, also celebrated as Ekta Diwas nationwide.

In Malegaon, the Run for Unity was flagged off by district guardian minister Dada Bhuse.

Run for Unity is organized by the Nashik rural police every year on October 31.

The run started from the Balasaheb Thackeray Sports Complex in Malegaon.

More than 500 residents of Malegaon participated in the run.

The winners of the run were felicitated with medals and certificates by dignitaries present on the occasion.

Winners were declared in the 14-18, 19-30 and 31 years-and-above age groups.

20. Which city is the host for World Cities Day 2022?

- (A) Mumbai (B) Porto
(C) Shanghai (D) London
(E) Taipei

Ans (C)

World Cities Day is observed on October 31 to promote international cooperation in the promotion of global urbanization and address related challenges.

The theme for World Cities Day has been the same since the inception. It is "Better City, Better Life".

However, the sub-theme for the day differs each year. The sub-theme for 2022 is "Act Local to Go Global".

Each year, World Cities Day is hosted by different cities across the world. The 2022 edition was hosted by Shanghai in China.

On December 27, 2013, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution to create the World Cities Day.

21. Who has been taken over as Southern Command Chief?

- (A) Ajai Kumar Singh
(B) Manoj Pande
(C) Upendra Dwivedi
(D) Yogendra Dimri
(E) Nav Kumar Khanduri

Ans (A)

Lieutenant General Ajai Kumar Singh takes over as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Command of the Indian Army, as per the Defence release

Ajai Kumar Singh is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Pune, and the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.

He was commissioned into the 7/11 Gorkha Rifles in December 1984.

Southern Command Indian Army -

Southern Command is a formation of the Indian Army which is active since 1895.

The command has seen the action during the integration of several princely states into Modern India, during the 1965 and 1971 Indo-Pakistani wars.

Notably, during the Second World War Southern Command was reformed as the Southern Army in April 1942. The formation reverted to the title Southern Command in November 1945.

The headquarters of Southern Command is located in Pune, Maharashtra. It consists of two corps and two military areas.

22. Which country has recently launched "Mengtian", the last module its permanent space station?

- (A) USA (B) China
(C) Japan (D) Russia
(E) Canada

Ans (B)

China has recently launched the third and final module to complete its permanent space station "Mengtian".

Mengtian by China was launched from the Wenchang Satellite Launch Center in the Southern Island Province of Hainan.

Mengtian or Celestial Dream joins Wentian as the second laboratory module for the station which is collectively known as 'Tiangong' or 'Celestial Palace'.

Both are connected to the Tianhe core module where the crew lives and works.

Mengtian weighs in at about 20 tons with a length of 17.9 meters and a diameter of 4.2 meters.

China's crewed space program officially turned three decades old in 2022.

23. Who has conferred with Karnataka Ratna Award posthumously?

- (A) Ashwini Revanath
- (B) Raghavendra Singh
- (C) Puneeth Rajkumar
- (D) Darshan Thoog
- (E) Yogaraj Bhat

Ans (C)

The prestigious Karnataka Ratna Award was posthumously conferred on late actor Puneeth Rajkumar by the Chief Minister of the state Basavaraj Bommai at a function on November 1, 2022.

Karnataka Ratna Award ceremony was attended by the family members of Puneeth Rajkumar and the prestigious award was presented to the late actor's wife Ashwini Revanath.

Actors Jr NTR and Rajnikanth were also among those present.

The Chief Minister of Karnataka had announced earlier that the state government has decided to present the Karnataka Ratna Award to Puneeth Rajkumar on November 1.

Karnataka Ratna Award, the highest civilian award of the state, has been conferred only nine times earlier.

24. Mangarh Dham is located in which state, which has been declared as National Monument recently?

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

Ans (D)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared Mangarh Dham as a National Monument in the Banswara District of Rajasthan. While addressing the 'Mangarh Dham Ki Gaurav Gatha', Prime Minister said that Mangarh Dham is a symbol of the tenacity and sacrifices of the tribals and added that this is the common heritage of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh.

During the freedom struggle where Bhils and other tribes engaged in a long stand-off with British officials, when more than 1.5 lakh Bhils rallied at Mangarh Hill on November 17, 1913, under the leadership of Shri Govind Guru.

Britishers opened fire at this gathering, leading to Mangarh Massacre where approximately 1500 tribals were martyred.

25. Which ministry has established a Carbon Credit Market to help the country meet its Nationally Determined Contributions?

- (A) Ministry for Power
- (B) Ministry of Coal
- (C) Ministry of Defence
- (D) Ministry of Mines
- (E) Ministry of Petroleum

Ans (A)

The Ministry for Power, New & Renewable Energy is taking steps to establish a Carbon Credit Market to help the country meet its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

A carbon credit (also known as carbon offset) is a credit for greenhouse emissions reduced or removed from the atmosphere by an emission reduction project, which can be used by governments, industry or private individuals to compensate for the emissions they generate elsewhere.

Carbon markets will open up new avenues for organizations that are engaged in developing, trading and consulting carbon credits, while stunting the growth of fossil-fuel generation capacities.

26. Recently, the third edition of the National Tribal Dance Festival has inaugurated on the foundation day of which state?

- (A) Telangana
- (B) Chhattisgarh
- (C) Tripura
- (D) Maharashtra
- (E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (B)

Recently, the third edition of the National Tribal Dance Festival to be held from 1st November to 3rd November, 2022 was inaugurated at Raipur, Chhattisgarh on the event of state foundation day.

Over 1,500 tribal artistes from around India and 10 countries, including Mozambique, Mongolia, Togo, Russia, Indonesia, Maldives, Serbia, New Zealand and Egypt will be hosted at the event.

Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh on 1st November, 2000 with its 16 Chhattisgarhi speaking districts. It is the 10th largest state in India with an area of 135,190 sq-km. It is an important hub for the production of steel and electrical power in India, producing about 15% of the total steel produced in India.

Chhattisgarh is mainly famous for its agriculture accounting for about 80% of the work force. It is also known as 'Dhan Ka Katora' meaning 'Bowl of Rice' for the production of rice.

The most familiar tribes found in the state are Miriam, Baiga, Kamars, Halbas, Gonds, Bhumja,

27. Which country has recently assumed the rotating monthly Presidency of the United Nations Security Council?

- (A) Ghana (B) Cuba
(C) Mali (D) Senegal
(E) Guyana

Ans (A)

West African country, Ghana assumes the rotating monthly Presidency of the United Nations Security Council.

During the month of November 2022, Ghana shall preside over the meetings of the Council (adoptions, debates and consultations) and, under its authority, shall represent the Security Council in its capacity as an organ of the United Nations.

28. Who has become the first woman director of ICAR-SBI?

- (A) KC Alexander
(B) Dr A Ramesh
(C) Dr G Sundar
(D) Dr G Hemaprabha
(E) Dr A Selvi

Ans (D)

ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute (ICAR-SBI) got its first-ever woman director in over a century of the Institution's existence.

Dr G Hemaprabha was appointed as the Director of the ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute up to 2024 on the recommendation of the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, New Delhi under the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

29. Which state government has set up committee to implement Uniform Civil Code?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Rajasthan
(C) Gujarat (D) Uttarakhand
(E) Manipur

Ans (C)

With Gujarat headed to Assembly elections and awaiting the release of the poll schedule, state Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi announced that the cabinet had decided to form a committee for the

implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state.

Gujarat is the second BJP-ruled state after Uttarakhand to constitute a committee of experts on the UCC.

Chief Ministers of Himachal Pradesh and Assam, also ruled by the BJP, too have backed the UCC proposal.

30. Bangladesh Prime Minister has conferred the prestigious "Friends of Liberation War" honour to whom?

- (A) Robert F Kennedy
(B) Rosemary Kennedy
(C) John F Kennedy
(D) Edward M Kennedy
(E) Joseph P Kennedy

Ans (D)

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina conferred the prestigious "Friends of Liberation War" honour on former US Senator Edward M Kennedy posthumously in Dhaka for his contribution to the liberation of Bangladesh.

The honour was handed over to his son Edward M Ted Kennedy Junior.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recalled the great contribution of Edward Kennedy Senior with gratitude.

She said that Kennedy Senior took a bold stand against the genocide committed by Pakistan on innocent Bengali people despite the US government's role during the 1971 liberation war.

Earlier, Kennedy Junior with his family called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Sunday at her official residence in Dhaka.

Ted Kennedy Junior, is a former member of the Connecticut State Senate, USA.

He is currently on a seven-day visit to Bangladesh to join the yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of US-Bangladesh relations.

31. Which state has announced child-friendly police stations?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Odisha
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Gujarat
(E) Maharashtra

Ans (B)

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has declared 16 child-friendly police stations and a Sampark Help Desk.

Child-friendly police stations in the state have been developed with a view to providing a child-friendly atmosphere.

The main objective of the initiative is to make minors more comfortable while lodging complaints with police without fear.

Such measures are aimed at easing the fear and mental pressure of children visiting the police stations, seeking justice.

Sampark Help Desk has been initiated with technical collaboration from UNICEF with the objective of addressing the issues of gender violence by providing psychosocial support to the victim of sexual violence who face tremendous trauma post the incident.

32. Which city is hosting the "India Chem 2022" conference?

- (A) Bengaluru (B) Ahmedabad
(C) Pune (D) New Delhi
(E) Chennai

Ans (D)

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the India Chem 2022 in New Delhi.

The theme was - "Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India".

The Department has organized the 12th edition of INDIA CHEM in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). The event has highlighted the investment opportunities especially in Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIRs) and focus on the "Make in India" initiative for making the country Atmanirbhar in sector.

India Chem, the flagship event of the Department, is one of the largest composite events of the industry in the Asia-Pacific region.

It comprises of an International Conference and Exhibition.

The Indian Chemicals and Petrochemicals industry is the backbone of the Indian economy and plays a vital role in the growth of various key sectors like automotive, construction, electronics, health care, textiles and FMCG.

Export of Indian Chemicals has registered an overwhelming growth of 106% in 2021-22 over 2013-14.

India's export of chemicals for 2021-22 has hit a record at US\$ 29,296 Million, whereas in 2013-14, India's chemical export was US\$ 14,210 Million.

33. Which country has recently launched demining training project in Ukraine?

- (A) Germany (B) United States
(C) France (D) Australia
(E) Russia

Ans (B)

US has launched a demining training project in Ukraine by awarding USD 47.6 million to Tetra Tech, Inc of California.

Tetra Tech will strengthen the Government of Ukraine's capacity to locate and remove landmines, unexploded and abandoned ordnance, improvised explosive devices, and other explosive hazards from civilian areas.

The project also supports deploying additional clearance teams and explosive ordnance risk education teams through the local non-governmental organization Ukrainian Deminers Association.

Since 1993, the United States has invested over USD 4.7 billion for the safe clearance of landmines and explosive weapons of war as well as the securing and safe disposal of excess small arms and light weapons and munitions in more than 100 countries and territories.

The United States is the world's largest financial supporter of conventional weapons destruction.

America would provide USD 600 million in additional military assistance for Ukraine

34. Padma Bhushan awardee Elaben Bhatt, who has passed away recently, was the founder of which trade union?

- (A) All India Women Trade Congress
(B) National Trade Union Congress
(C) Centre of India Trade Unions
(D) All India United Trade Union Centre
(E) Self Employed Women's Association

Ans (E)

89-years old Elaben Bhatt, a noted Gandhian, a leading women's empowerment activist and a renowned founder of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) has passed away. Elaben Bhatt was globally recognized as a woman leader who had founded many welfare institutions. SEWA (Self-Employed Women's Association) was founded by Elaben Bhatt in 1972.

It is one of the largest cooperatives working for women with a base of over 2 million members from around 18 states in India and the neighboring nations.

Elaben was the Chairperson of Sabarmati Ashram and had recently resigned as the Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi-founded Gujarat Vidhyapith.

35. Which two women officers of Central Reserve Police Force has promoted for the first time to Inspector General Rank?

- (A) Seema Dhundia and Annie Abraham
- (B) Vandana Chavan and Punita Arora
- (C) Mitali Madhumita and Anjana Kashyap
- (D) Priya Jhingan and Nivedita Choudhary
- (E) Divya Ajith Kumar Sunita Aggrawal

Ans (A)

Seema Dhundia and Annie Abraham, two women officers of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), have been promoted to the rank of Inspector General for the first time after their induction into the force in 1987.

Inspector General Seema Dhundiya will head the Bihar sector of the Central Reserve Police Force while IG Annie Abraham will be posted as the head of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) of the CRPF.

This is also the first time RAF will be headed by a woman Inspector General.

Notably, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was the first Central Armed Police Force to induct women in combat in 1986.

Both officers have commanded an all-women Indian Police contingent at the United Nations.

The officers have also been decorated with the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service, Police Medal for Meritorious Service, and the 'Ati Utkrisht Sewa Padak' during their service.

As per Annie Abraham, she led an all-male battalion in Mizoram and had to move the central battalion from there to Jammu when the land row broke out in 2008.

36. Which word is chosen as Collins Dictionary's Word of the Year?

- (A) Post-truth (B) Pandemic
- (C) Permacrisis (D) Poisonous
- (E) Feminism

Ans (C)

Permacrisis has been chosen as the Collins Dictionary's word of the year.

The word means an extended period of instability and insecurity.

"Permacrisis" is a word that describes living in an age of continued upheaval.

Notably: Permacrisis was Beating off competition from the likes of "Kyiv", "sportswashing" and "partygate", the term "permacrisis" was named as Britain's word of the year in recognition of a dismal 2022.

37. Which ministry has launched Performance Grading Index (PGI) for 2020-21?

- (A) Ministry of Power
- (B) Ministry of Finance
- (C) Ministry of Coal
- (D) Ministry of Education
- (E) Ministry of Mine

Ans (D)

The Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) for 2020-21, an evidence-based comprehensive analysis of school education system across states and Union Territories.

38. Zojila Day is commemorated on 1 November to celebrate the gallant action by Indian troops of which operation?

- (A) Operation Rahat
- (B) Operation Bison
- (C) Operation Rakshak
- (D) Operation Megh
- (E) Operation Sadbhavana

Ans (B)

Zojila Day was commemorated on 1st November, at Zojila War Memorial near Drass.

Zojila Day is observed to celebrate the gallant action by Indian troops in "Operation Bison" in 1948.

The operation was launched on the icy heights of Zojila pass, the gateway to Ladakh.

Zojila day epitomizes the indomitable spirit of bravery and the "Never Say Die" attitude of the Indian Army.

This battle was also historic for the reason that tanks were used for the first time at such heights.

39. HARIT Aaykar Initiative launched by which department for Increasing Greenery and Creating Micro Forests?

- (A) Enforcement Directorate
- (B) Central Bureau of Investigation
- (C) Income Tax Department
- (D) National Investigation Agency
- (E) Research and Analysis Wing

Ans (C)

The Income Tax Department participated in the Government of India's month-long Special Campaign for Swachhata which ends on 31st October, 2022.

This day (31st October) marks the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and is also observed as the National Unity Day.

It was launched on the occasion of National Unity Day to increase greenery and create micro forests.

Under this initiative, the Income Tax Department resolves to increase the green cover by planting trees and creating micro-forests in and around Income Tax Department's buildings and other public areas.

A micro-forest is a small, planted forest that maximises tree density and biodiversity.

The Miyawaki method, which was devised by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki in the 1980s, is a technique to create micro forests over small plots of land.

40. The "Nuclearization of Asia" has been authored by whom?

- (A) Rene Naba (B) Jules Verne
(C) M Hidvatullah (D) Michael Phelps
(E) Sonu Sood

Ans (A)

French Author Rene Naba has authored a new bilingual book in both French and English titled "De la Nucléarisation de l'Asie" (Nuclearization of Asia). The book discusses the nuclear emergency and threat posed by the nexus of Pakistan and China.

The book published by Golias was released at the Geneva Press Club which was attended by the in-person participation of 35 people and 23 of them participated in virtual mode.

René Naba is the author of 2 books on Asia.

The 1st book was "Pakistan facing the challenge of the postWestern world and Eurasia" Golias 2018, the first book in French on the strategic mutation of Pakistan.

Rene Naba is the former head of the Arab Muslim world in the diplomatic service of AFP and vice president of the International Center for the Fight against Terrorism.

41. Which company has recently received India's first Responsible-Steel Certification?

- (A) JSW Steel
(B) Jindal Steel
(C) ESL Steel Limited
(D) TATA Steel
(E) Steel Authority of India

Ans (D)

Tata Steel has received ResponsibleSteel certification for three of its production facilities in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

The steel works, tubes division and cold rolling mill (Bara) have joined the group of other steel-producing sites around the world with the certification.

This is a historic moment for Tata Steel and an important step in our sustainability journey.

Globally, the steel industry is at a critical juncture and the larger impact of how we produce and consume steel needs to be addressed urgently.

About the ResponsibleSteel -

ResponsibleSteel is the steel industry's first global multi-stakeholder standard and certification initiative that works with steel producers, consumers, and intermediaries towards building a sustainable steel industry by addressing pressing challenges including climate change, diversity, human rights and more.

42. Indian Army has announced to acquire how many Kamikaze Drones along with 10 aerial targeting systems?

- (A) 120 (B) 80
(C) 250 (D) 40
(E) 180

Ans (A)

The Indian Army officials announced that it has started the process of acquiring 120 loitering munitions and 10 aerial targeting systems to strengthen its military power along with the border with China.

Loitering systems and aerial targeting systems, as per the officials, are being purchased through a fast-track process under the "buy Indian" category.

Notably, the ongoing border dispute with China in Eastern Ladakh has led to the Indian Army stepping up its overall combat capability. Other plans for the Indian Army - There are also a couple of other new tenders by the Indian military for Unmanned Air Vehicles which include the high-and medium-altitude logistics drones, unmanned surveillance helicopters, and remotely piloted UAVs of different sizes, among others.

43. Edtech company BYJU's has appointed whom as brand ambassador for its social initiative?

- (A) Virat Kohli (B) Lionel Messi
(C) Neymar (D) Sunil Chhetri
(E) MS Dhoni

Ans (B)

Edtech major BJU's has roped in football star Lionel Messi as the first global brand ambassador of its social impact arm, Education for All.

Footballer Lionel Messi, who plays for Paris Saint-Germain and Captains the Argentinian Football Team, has signed an agreement with BYJU's to promote the cause of equitable education.

44. Who has been elected as the prime minister of Israel recently?

- (A) Yair Lapid
- (B) Naftali Bennett
- (C) Benjamin Netanyahu
- (D) Sara Netanyahu
- (E) Benny Gantz

Ans (C)

Benjamin Netanyahu has won the Israel Election and confirmed the former premier's triumphant comeback as the head of a solidly right-wing alliance.

As per the final results, the collation has won 64 of 120 Parliament seats in the country's fifth election held in less than four years. Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing Likud Party won 32 seats and his right-wing religious and nationalist bloc won 64 in the 120-seat Parliament or Knesset. 73-year-old Benjamin Netanyahu is the longest-serving Prime Minister of Israel and has been elected five times over the course of 15 years.

Benjamin Netanyahu clinched his comeback after being 14-months in opposition.

Netanyahu remains on trial over corruption allegations,

which he denies, with the case returning to court.

45. Footballer Gerard Pique who has recently announced his retirement from the sport, is from which country?

- (A) Spain
- (B) Portugal
- (C) Barcelona
- (D) Germany
- (E) France

Ans (A)

Legendary Footballer from Spain Gerard Pique has announced his retirement from the sport after Barcelona's next La Liga Match.

Gerard Pique represented Spain from 2009 to 2018, where he scored 5 goals from 102 matches.

Arriving at Camp Nou at the age of 10, Gerard Pique left his home city for Manchester United's academy in 2004.

He won his first Champions League Trophy under then Manager Alex Ferguson in 2008.

46. Recently, Defence Exercise "Operation Vigilant Storm" has conducted between South Korea and which other country?

- (A) India
- (B) Japan
- (C) France
- (D) United States
- (E) Russia

Ans (D)

Operation Vigilant Storm is a Defence Exercise that is held between the United States and South Korea.

The exercise includes hundreds of warplanes from both sides staging mock attacks 24 hours a day.

The Defence Exercise featured 240 warplanes and included variants of the F-35 stealth fighter from both the United States and South Korea.

47. Who has won India's first silver medal after 11 years of trying at the World Puzzle Championship?

- (A) Prasanna Seshadri
- (B) Ray Robson
- (C) Demelza Becerra
- (D) Ángel Heras
- (E) Dimitrios Lado

Ans (A)

Prasanna Seshadri has won India's first silver medal after 11 years of trying at the World Puzzle Championship (WPC). The WPC gold this year went to Japan's Ken Endo.

The World Puzzle Championship is an annual international puzzle competition run by the World Puzzle Federation. All the puzzles in the competition are pure-logic problems based on simple principles, designed to be playable regardless of language or culture.

The World Puzzle Federation is an association of legal bodies with an interest in puzzles.

Only one organization per country can belong to the WPF.

48. Adani New Industries Ltd has constructed a wind turbine in which state as part of its growth plans for renewable energy?

- (A) Uttarakhand
- (B) Gujarat
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Rajasthan
- (E) Bihar

Ans (B)

Adani New Industries Ltd has constructed a wind turbine in Mundra in Gujarat as part of its growth plans for renewable energy that is taller than the Statue of Unity .

It has blades that are broader than the wingspan of a jumbo jet.

49. Which state will host Track Asia Cup 2022 Cycling Tournament?

- (A) Assam
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Kerala
- (D) Tripura

(E) Ladakh

Ans (C)

Kerala is set to host the Track Asia Cup 2022 Cycling Tournament. Track Asia Cup is one of the biggest cycling events and will be held at LNCPE Outdoor Velodrome from 25th November 2022 to 28th November 2022.

In the Track Asia Cup 2022, around 200 cyclists will participate from over 25 countries in Asia.

The event is being conducted outside Delhi for the first time. Track Asia Cup is sanctioned by the Asian Cycling Confederation and Cycling Federation of India.

The Cycling Association of Kerala informed that due to extreme heat, efforts are being made to hold the matches under flood lights.

Track Asia Cup also the selection of Asian Countries for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Cycling Giants including China, Korea, Japan, and Kazakhstan are going to participate in the event.

Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Indonesia, and India will also be a part of the event.

An organizing committee has been formed under the patronship of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Track Asia Cup 2022 will play a crucial role in developing cycling as a major sport event in the state.

50. Ministry of Jal Shakti has organized "Ganga Utsav- The River Festivals" 2022 on which day of November?

(A) 01 November

(B) 02 November

(C) 03 November

(D) 04 November

(E) 05 November

Ans (D)

Ministry of Jal Shakti is organizing Ganga Utsav- The River Festivals 2022 on 4th November 2022 at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi in two separate sessions. The Ganga Utsav- The River Festivals 2022 is being organized by the collaboration of The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, and the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Ganga Utsav- The River Festivals 2022 will include a blend of art, culture, music, knowledge, poetry, dialogue, and stories. Several activities like puppet shows, film screenings, painting, pottery, and nest-making workshops will be held.

51. India's first floating financial literacy camp was organized recently by which payment bank?

(A) Fino Payments Bank

(B) Airtel Payment Bank

(C) NSDL Payment Bank

(D) Paytm Payment Bank

(E) India Post Payments Bank

Ans (E)

India's first floating financial literacy camp was organized recently by India Post Payments Bank.

India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp was conducted as part of the launch of the initiative called "Niveshak Didi" in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar.

It was conducted among local residents around the famous Dal Lake in Srinagar.

Niveshak Didi held the financial literacy session in local Kashmiri language from Shikara – a unique wooden boat found on Dal Lake and other waterbodies in Srinagar.

52. President Droupadi Murmu has recently inaugurated the viaduct "Atal Setu" that connects Sikkim with which state/country?

(A) Ladakh

(B) Tibet

(C) Nepal

(D) West Bengal

(E) Bhutan

Ans (D)

President Droupadi Murmu has virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation of various central and state government projects at Manan Kendra, Gangtok, Sikkim.

She inaugurated the Atal Setu viaduct connecting West Bengal and Sikkim at Rangpo on National Highway 10.

The two-lane Chisopani traffic tunnel including approach roads in East Sikkim.

The Ganju Lama Girls Hostel, Ravangla in South Sikkim under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram.

The President laid the foundation stone for the National Institute of Technology, Khamdong, East Sikkim.

53. Who will head the committee formed by Government of India to strengthen assessment of higher educational institutions?

(A) K Radhakrishnan

(B) G Bhootlingam

(C) Sujoy Dantwala

(D) Vinoh Hazari

(E) M Jankiraman

Ans (A)

The Central government has constituted a high-level panel to strengthen the assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions.

The panel will be headed by the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur and the Standing Committee of IIT Council Dr K Radhakrishnan.

The mandate of the Committee includes strengthening the Assessment and Accreditation processes and preparing a road map for the National Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy, 2020.

The accreditation status of any Higher Educational Institution serves as a source of reliable information for the students, employers and society regarding the quality of education being offered in the Institution.

The other Members of the Committee include Vice-Chancellor of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya, Assam Professor Mridul Hazarika, IIM Lucknow's Professor Bharat Bhasker.

54. Name the India's first "eye in the sky" satellite which has recently crashed in Indian ocean?

- (A) RISAT-2 (B) RISAT-2B
(C) RISAT-1 (D) EOS-01
(E) RISAT-2BR1

Ans (A)

Recently, the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) RISAT (Radar Imaging Satellite)-2 satellite has made an uncontrolled re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere at the predicted impact point in the Indian Ocean near Jakarta. RISAT-2 is India's first "eye in the sky" which keep surveillance on the country's borders as part of anti-infiltration and anti-terrorist operations.

RISAT-2 - The principal sensor of Risat-2, considered a 'spy' satellite, was an X-band synthetic-aperture radar from Israel Aerospace Industries.

Risat-2 was built more quickly following the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks due to delay with the indigenously developed C-band for Risat-1 satellite.

The satellite, which was India's first dedicated reconnaissance satellite, possessed day-night as well as all-weather monitoring capability.

It was also used to track hostile ships at sea that were deemed a military threat. Launch:

55. Rising Sun Water Fest-2022 has recently held at Umiam Lake (manufactured reservoir). The lake is located in which state?

- (A) Meghalaya (B) Tripura
(C) Mizoram (D) Sikkim
(E) Nagaland

Ans (A)

The opening ceremony of the Rising Sun Water Fest-

2022 was conducted amidst the pristine surroundings of Umiam Lake (man-made reservoir) at Meghalaya. Members of the Garo tribal community perform Wangala dance on the occasion of 'The Rising Sun Water Fest-2022'.

56. Which state has undertaking four-day Tokhu Emong Bird Count?

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

Ans (B)

Nagaland is undertaking four-day Tokhu Emong Bird Count (TEBC), the first avian documentation exercise to go beyond Amur falcons.

The exercise has been timed with the post-harvest Tokhu Emong festival of the Lothas, the Naga community that dominates Wokha district of Nagaland.

57. The Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar has recently inaugurated the 15th CII Agro Tech -2022 in which city?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Gurugram
(C) Chandigarh (D) Lucknow
(E) Indore

Ans (C)

The Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the 15th CII Agro Tech -2022 at Chandigarh.

The CII Agro Tech 2022 has been organised by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) in partnership with Haryana and Punjab government from 4-7 November 2022. The CII Agro Tech -2022 is India's premier international initiative exclusively focused on strengthening the Indian Agriculture and Food Processing sector through technology interventions, discussions, and nurturing partnerships. Theme of the 15th CII Agro Tech -2022: "Digital Transformation for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security".

58. Who has been awarded by the Kerala Jyothi award 2022?

- (A) Hariharan Reddy
(B) M T Vasudevan Nair
(C) Vaikom Basheer
(D) Ottaplakkal Kurup
(E) Sarojini Johnson

Ans (B)

M T Vasudevan Nair, a renowned Malayalam author and Jnanpith laureate, has been chosen to receive the inaugural Kerala Jyothi award, which was established by the state government in the spirit of the Padma awards to recognise people who have made priceless contributions to society.

59. Who has been honoured with a member of the Order of Australia Award?

- (A) Yashwant Sinha
- (B) Amit Dasgupta
- (C) Vashu Bhagnani
- (D) Sajeev Koshy
- (E) Sanjeev Kapoor

Ans (B)

Amit Dasgupta was appointed as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to the Australia-India bilateral relationship.

Dasgupta is a tireless promoter of Australia-India relations, challenging the nations' governments and people to realise the underlying potential of a stronger bilateral relationship.

Dasgupta's deep and longstanding service to the Australia-India bilateral relationship is commendable and worthy of formal national recognition through his appointment as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

60. Which state government has launched Lakhpati Didi Yojana?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Rajasthan
- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Uttarakhand
- (E) Himachal Pradesh

Ans (D)

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated the "Lakhpati Didi" fair at the survey of India Maidan, Hathbarkala in Dehradun.

The fair is part of an initiative undertaken by the BJP government to empower women in the state.

The Rural Development department of the Uttarakhand government has made preparations to make 1.25 lakh women from self-help groups "Lakhpati" by 2025.

61. Which Indian multinational conglomerate is going to acquire German retailer METRO AG's Cash & Carry business in India in a deal estimated at around 500 million euros?

- (A) Reliance Industries
- (B) Adani Limited
- (C) L&T
- (D) Aditya Birla Group
- (E) Tata Group

Ans:(A)

Reliance Industries is set to acquire German retailer METRO AG's Cash & Carry business in India in a deal estimated at around 500 million euros (Rs 4,060 crore).

The deal includes 31 wholesale distribution centres, land banks and other assets owned by METRO Cash & Carry.

This is going to help Reliance Retail, the country's largest retailer, expand its presence in the B2B segment.

62. In the recently concluded BWF Para-Badminton World Championships 2022, which nation clinched maximum no of golds in the tournament?

- (A) Japan
- (B) Indonesia
- (C) Peru
- (D) India
- (E) South Korea

Ans(B)

About BWF Para-Badminton World Championships
The Para-Badminton World Championships is an individual bi-annual event organized by the BWF.

The highest ranked para-badminton players compete in six Sport Classes in five categories.

The championships was organized under Para Badminton World Federation (PBWF) before it decided to join with BWF in June 2011.

63. Which company will join hands with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras to support startups in the maritime sector?

- (A) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- (B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- (C) Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL)
- (D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- (E) Goa Shipyard Limited

Ans(C)

The Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) will join hands with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras to support startups in the maritime sector.

This programme will help young talented entrepreneurs to develop products or services with financial support from the shipyard.

This is part of the startup engagement programme 'USHUS' launched by the CSL to support the Centre's initiative in supporting maritime startups.

According to the agreement IIT- Madras will act as an implementation partner and will provide incubation, mentorship and training to the startups.

The CSL has declared a corpus of Rs 50 crore for the start up programme 'USHUS'.

Startups will get seed grants of Rs 50 lakh and Rs 1 crore as prototyping grants, as well as equity funding at the scale up stage.

64. Recently ADB has approved a \$70 million loan to which country to support government efforts to deepen reforms in upper secondary science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education across the country?

- (A) Nigeria (B) Egypt
(C) Ethiopia (D) Zimbabwe
(E) Cambodia

Ans(A)

Singapore-based Sikh researcher and documentary filmmaker Amardeep Singh has been honoured with the 'The Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize' for the year 2022.

Administered by Hofstra University, New York, the \$50,000 prize, which is bestowed every two years, recognises significant works to increase interfaith understanding.

Established in 2006 by Ishar Bindra and family in Brookville, New York, the award is meant to encourage understanding of various religions and encourage cooperation between faith communities.

Born in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, Amardeep Singh runs Lost Heritage Productions -- a Singapore-based visual media production house -- along with wife Vininder Kaur.

The production house is focused on research and documentation of forgotten legacies.

66. Recently which country has unveiled an "upgraded version" of the Bavar-373 (Belief-373) surface-to-air missile system with a range of more than 300 km?

- (A) Iraq (B) Iran
(C) Afghanistan (D) Pakistan
(E) Israel

Ans:(B)

Iran has unveiled an "upgraded version" of the Bavar-373 (Belief-373) surface-to-air missile system with a range of more than 300 km.

The system was successfully tested by launching a long-range Sayyad B4 (Hunter B4) missile.

During the test, its upgraded radar managed to detect a target at a distance of more than 450 km, and track the target at a distance of about 405 km before destroying it at a range of over 300 km.

Prior to the upgrade, the Bavar-373 missile system was capable of detecting, tracking and hitting targets

at ranges of 350 km, 260 km, and 200 km respectively.

67. Name the only Indian company to be ranked under 100 in the recently released Forbes' World's Best Employers ranking 2022?

- (A) HDFC Bank
(B) Bajaj
(C) Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)
(D) Aditya Birla
(E) L&T

Ans(C)

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's oil-to-telecom Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) is ranked India's best employer and among top 20 worldwide, according to the recently released Forbes' World's Best Employers ranking 2022.

The Forbes list is topped by South Korean smartphone

and electronics maker Samsung, which is followed by tech giants Microsoft, IBM, Alphabet, and Apple.

American companies occupy second to twelfth positions on the list followed by German carmaker BMW, retailer Amazon and sports retailer Decathlon in the 13th, 14th, and 15th positions on the list.

With 230,000 employees, Reliance Industries occupies 20th place on the list and is the only Indian company in the top 100. Only 7 Indian companies figure in the top 500 in the list. Other Indian companies on the Forbes' World's Best Employers 2022 are HDFC Bank, occupying 137th position, and Bajaj at 173rd, Aditya Birla Group at 240th position, Larsen & Toubro at 354th, ICICI Bank at 365th, HCL Technologies at 455th, and State Bank of India at 499th.

68. This year the Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC, or COP27 is organised by which country?

- (A) USA (B) Australia
(C) Netherlands (D) Egypt
(E) Denmark

Ans:(D)

Leaders from across the world are meeting at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt for the Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC, better known as COP27.

All the negotiators agreeing to discuss the creation of a mechanism to compensate the poor nations for damage suffered due to climate change.

As the session proceeds, several issues are likely to be discussed, including Climate finance, adaptation and a follow-up on COP26's Glasgow pact.

69. Recently who has won the Paris Masters 2022 title?

- (A) Holger Rune (B) Novak Djokovic
(C) Roger Federer (D) Rafael Nadal
(E) Carlos Alcaraz

Ans:(A)

Denmark's Holger Rune defeated defending champion Novak Djokovic in a thrilling final at the Paris Masters, snapping the Serb's 13-match winning streak in the process.

Rune's remarkable run in Paris, which saw him beat World No. 10 Hubert Hurakcz, No. 9 Andrey Rublev, No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz, and No. 8 Felix Auger-Aliassime, prior to the final, will now see him go into the top 10 of the ATP rankings.

70. The National Florence Nightingale Awards which was presented recently is related to which field?

- (A) Civil (B) Nursing
(C) Social (D) Writing
(E) Film

Ans:(B)

President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the year 2021 to the nursing professionals at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The awards are given to recognize the meritorious services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals to the society. It was instituted in 1973 by the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry.

71. What will be the new applicable percentage of Quota for economically weaker section (EWS) announced by the SCI recently?

- (A) 10% (B) 15%
(C) 12% (D) 8%
(E) 7%

Ans: (A)

The Supreme Court said that the 50 per cent ceiling for reservation - which was fixed in 1992 in Mandal Commission case by a nine-judge bench - is applicable only to the SC/ST and OBC categories and the 10 per cent reservation economically weaker section (EWS) was over and above the limit. The quota is available in admissions to higher educational institutions, and in initial recruitment in central government jobs.

The amendment also empowered state governments to provide reservation on the basis of economic backwardness. Under the 2019 notification, a person who was not covered under the scheme of reservation for SCs, STs, and OBCs, and whose family had a gross annual income below Rs 8 lakh, was to be identified as EWS for the benefit of reservation.

In January this year, the government accepted the committee's report, which said that the "threshold of Rs 8 lakh of annual family income, in the current situation, seems reasonable for determining EWS" and "may be retained".

72. Which of the following Indian shooter has not won a gold medal in the P3 team event at the Para Shooting World Championship in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates?

- (A) Sinharaj (B) Deepak Sharma
(C) Rahul Jakhar (D) Nihal Singh
(E) None of these

Ans: (B)

India won two medals - a gold and a bronze - in the Para Shooting World Championship at Al Ain, UAE. India's Rahul Jakhar, Singhraj and Nihal Singh claimed the gold in P3 team event 25 meter pistol mixed SH1.

In the individual event, Rahul Jakhar bagged a bronze medal, finishing behind Kim Jungnam of South Korea and Olseken Denysiuk of Ukraine. Jungnam finished with 28 points ahead of Denysiuk and Jakhar ended with 21 points. In the P3 - mixed air rifle prone event, India's Avani Lekhara shot 630.6 to finish 19th in the qualifying round. Sidhartha Babu was placed 17th with a score of 631.3 points.

73. How much fund has announced by Spain in the recently launched International Drought Resilience Alliance at the COP27?

- (A) 3 Million Euro (B) 4 Million Euro
(C) 5 Million Euro (D) 7 Million Euro
(E) 2 Million Euro

Ans: (C)

Leaders from over 25 countries and 20 organisations launched the International Drought Resilience Alliance to accelerate action and help countries be better prepared for future droughts.

The declaration was made at the sidelines of the Sharm el-Sheikh Climate Change Conference that opened in Egypt.

Leaders from all sectors pledged to drive change in how the world tackles the growing drought risks:

moving from emergency response to building long-term resilience.

The mission of the alliance is to give political impetus to make the land's resilience to drought and climate change a reality by 2030.

The Alliance will be bolstered by new political commitments, including a 5 million euro seed fund announced by Spain and catalyse a process to mobilize more resources for this agenda, and a commitment made by Kenyan President William Ruto to plant 5 billion trees in the next 5 years, and 10 billion trees in 10 years.

74. Name the Indian-American professor, who receives Amazon Research Award to study evolving machine learning systems?

- (A) Kiran Desai (B) Khushwant Singh
(C) Sanjay Gupta (D) Pavithra Prabhakar
(E) Padma Lakshmi

Ans: (D)

An Indian-American professor Pavithra Prabhakar of computer science at a university in the US has received an Amazon Research Award to design a tool that minimises negative user experiences.

Pavithra Prabhakar, who is the Peggy and Gary Edwards chair in engineering, was one of 74 recipients of the awards from Amazon.

75. Which state government has signed a MoU with Ashok Leyland for development, management and operation of three new Institutes of Driving Training and Research (IDTR)?

- (A) Odisha (B) West Bengal
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Assam
(E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans: (A)

Odisha has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ashok Leyland for development, management and operation of three new Institutes of Driving Training and Research (IDTR).

The new institutes will be operated at Berhampur, Keonjhar and Bonai in Sundargarh district.

A heavy motor vehicle (HMV) driving training institute has been functioning in Jajpur's Chhatia since 2013.

The Chhatia HMV Institute was jointly established by the Odisha government and Ashok Leyland to train high quality drivers to meet the demand of the transport industry and to make local youths employable by adopting skill development in HMV driving.

Now, the state government has decided to set up another three such institutes at Berhampur, Keonjhar and Bonai, particularly in the mining belt of the state where the requirement of skilled drivers are more.

The tenure of skilled driving training is 30 days as prescribed by the CMVR (Central Motor Vehicle Rule), 1989. Once the tests are cleared, the centre will also issue driving licenses to the skilled drivers.

76. Recently how much fund has been allocated for the action plan for 'Early Warnings for All' was launched at the United Nations' Climate Summit — COP27?

- (A) \$2.1 Billion (B) \$3.1 Billion
(C) \$3.5 Billion (D) \$2.6 Billion
(E) \$4.1 Billion

Ans: (B)

A \$3.1 billion action plan for 'Early Warnings for All' was launched at the United Nations' Climate Summit — COP27, with a statement of support from as many as 50 nations including India.

The plan envisaged by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) aims to reach everyone on earth with early warnings against extreme weather events.

It will cost the equivalent of just 50 cents per person per year for the next five years to reach everyone on Earth with early warnings against increasingly extreme and dangerous weather. The Executive Action Plan for the Early Warnings for All initiative calls for initial new targeted investments between 2023 and 2027 of \$3.1 billion — a sum which the benefits would dwarf.

This is a small fraction (about 6 %) of the requested \$50 billion in adaptation financing. It would cover disaster risk knowledge, observations and forecasting, preparedness and response, and communication of early warnings. Out of the estimated new targeted investments of \$3.1 billion required over the five years, \$374 million would be used to conduct risk assessment on hazards and vulnerabilities, \$1.18 billion to develop hazard monitoring and early warning services.

As much as \$1 billion would be used to build national and community response capabilities, and \$550million for communicating risk information so it reaches all those who need it.

77. This year which eminent personalities has been feliciated with the Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman?

- (A) Ajit Doval
(B) Bipin Rawat

- (C) Manoj Pande
(D) Girish Chandra Tiwari
(E) Viren Dangwal

Ans: (C)

To honour people with distinguished achievements, Uttarakhand government announced to felicitate NSA Ajit Doval, lyricist Prasoon Joshi, and three more with this year's Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman.

Apart from Ajit Doval, former Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat, the late poet and author Girish Chandra Tiwari and late journalist Viren Dangwal will be awarded posthumously with the award

The state government awards people with Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman every year to cherish their achievements in their respective fields. Notably, Prasoon Joshi is the chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification.

The award began in 2021, is one of the two highest state-level civilian awards. Another one is Uttarakhand Ratna.

The first edition of the award was given to former CM ND Tiwari, environmentalist Anil Prakash Joshi, author Ruskin Bond, mountaineer Bachendri Pal and folk singer Narendra Singh Negi.

78. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of Law Commission of India after a gap of 4 years?

- (A) Justice P. V. Sanjay Kumar
(B) Justice Prakash Shrivastava
(C) Justice Aravind Kumar
(D) Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi
(E) Justice S. Manikumar

Ans: (D) The Central government has constituted Law Commission of India after a gap of four years and appointed former Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi as its chairperson.

Former Kerala High Court judge Justice KT Sankaran, Prof. Anand Paliwal, Prof. DP Verma, Prof.(Dr) Raka Arya and Shri M Karunanithi have been appointed members of the Law Commission.

Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi was recently in the spotlight as the judge who headed the Karnataka High Court bench which delivered the hijab verdict. The last Law Commission to function was under the chairmanship of Justice BS Chauhan who retired as chairperson of the 21st Law Commission in August 2018.

79. Recently who was elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), succeeding India's Narinder Batra as its full-time chief?

- (A) Mohammad Tayyab Ikram

- (B) Kalyan Chaubey
(C) Shantanu Narayen
(D) Arvind Krishna
(E) Rakesh Kapoor

Ans: (A)

Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) CEO Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau was elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), succeeding India's Narinder Batra as its full-time chief.

Seif Ahmed was the acting president of the FIH following Batra's resignation from the top post after the Delhi High Court asked him to stop functioning as the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chief.

Batra, who became the FIH president in 2016, resigned from the post in July.

He also gave up his International Olympic Committee (IOC) membership which was directly linked with his IOA position.

The FIH Executive Board consists of a president; eight ordinary members – four female and four male; an athletes' representative; etc.

80. Which company holds the numero uno position in the top-100 rank of 'Forbes' World's Best Employers rankings 2022'?

- (A) Tata Consultancy Services
(B) Samsung
(C) Reliance Industries
(D) Apple
(E)Huawei

Ans: (B)

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's oil-to-telecom Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) is ranked India's best employer and among top 20 worldwide, according to the recently released Forbes' World's Best Employers ranking 2022.

The Forbes list is topped by South Korean smartphone and electronics maker Samsung, which is followed by tech giants Microsoft, IBM, Alphabet, and Apple.

American companies occupy second to twelfth positions on the list followed by German carmaker BMW, retailer Amazon and sports retailer Decathlon in the 13th, 14th, and 15th positions on the list.

With 230,000 employees, Reliance Industries occupies 20th place on the list and is the only Indian company in the top 100.

Only 7 Indian companies figure in the top 500 in the list.

Other Indian companies on the Forbes' World's Best

Employers 2022 are HDFC Bank, occupying 137th position, and Bajaj at 173rd, Aditya Birla Group at 240th position, Larsen & Toubro at 354th, ICICI Bank at 365th, HCL Technologies at 455th, and State Bank of India at 499th.

81. Recently who took oath as the 50th Chief Justice of India after succeeding Justice UU Lalit?

- (A) Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud
- (B) Abhinav Chandrachud
- (C) Surya Kant
- (D) Chintan Chandrachud
- (E) Indu Malhotra

Ans: (A)

Justice DY Chandrachud took oath as the new Chief Justice of India.

President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice DY Chandrachud as the 50th Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Justice Chandrachud succeeded Justice UU Lalit, who retired.

Born in 1959, Justice Chandrachud was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of India on the 13th of May 2016.

Earlier, he served as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

He had completed his LLB from Campus Law Centre from Delhi University and obtained an LLM degree and a Doctorate in Juridical Sciences from Harvard Law School in the USA.

82. What is the theme of the India's G20 Presidency as announced by PM Narendra Modi?

- (A) One nation, one programme
- (B) One Earth, One Family, One Future
- (C) One world one future
- (D) Our world our future
- (E) Our world our family

Ans: (B)

PM Narendra Modi unveiled the logo, theme and website of India's G20 Presidency, saying that it reflects the country's "message and overarching priorities" to the world.

India will assume the G20 Presidency on December 1 from the current President Indonesia.

The lotus in the logo of G20 is a symbol of hope in these tough times.

The notion of universal brotherhood is being reflected via the G20 logo.

G20 Presidency is not merely a diplomatic meeting for India, it is a new responsibility and a measure of the world's trust in India.

India's G20 mantra is - One Earth, One Family, One Future.

83. Recently who has been named the Interim Managing Director of Hewlett Packard in India?

- (A) Vijay Chauhan
- (B) Pradip Kumar
- (C) Gurpreet Brar
- (D) Aman Gupta
- (E) kuldeep singh

Ans: (C)

PC and printer major Hewlett Packard elevated its India MD Ketan Patel to a global role where Patel will head the Personal Systems category.

Head of India market for more than two years, Patel will now be General Manager of Personal Systems category, based in Palo Alto in the US.

Now Gurpreet Brar has been named the Interim Managing Director of India. As India head, Patel was responsible for HP's all business including computing, printing, and associated services. Prior to being the India head, he was based in Singapore as the Vice President and Head, Personal Systems Category, for Asia Pacific and Japan region.

84. What is the name of India's first privately developed rocket, designed by Skyroot?

- (A) Vikram-K
- (B) Vikrant-S
- (C) Prakram-S
- (D) Vikram-S
- (E) Veer Vikram-k

Ans: (D)

India's first privately developed rocket – Vikram-S— is set for a launch in a sub-orbital mission with three payloads between November 12 and 16, Hyderabad-based space startup Skyroot Aerospace announced.

The maiden mission of Skyroot Aerospace, named 'Prarambh' (the beginning), will carry two Indian and one foreign customer payloads and is set for launch from Indian Space Research Organisation's launchpad at Sriharikota. Spacekidz, a Chennai-based aerospace startup, will fly 'Fun-Sat', a 2.5 kg payload developed by students from India, the US, Singapore and Indonesia on the sub-orbital flight on board Vikram-S.

Recently, ISRO Chairman S Somanath unveiled the mission patch for the Skyroot Aerospace launch.

With this mission, Skyroot is set to become the first private space company in India to launch a rocket into space, heralding a new era for the space sector which

was opened up in 2020 to facilitate private sector participation.

85. Recently who has been elected as the president of New Zealand Cricket (NZC)?

- (A) Lesley Murdoch (B) Maia Lewis
(C) Suzie Bates (D) Debbie Hockley
(E) Haidee Tiffen

Ans: (A)

Former New Zealand woman cricketer Lesley Murdoch was elected president of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) at their Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The 66-year-old is the second woman to fill this role after outgoing president, Debbie Hockley.

Murdoch, who played six Tests and 25 One-day Internationals for the New Zealand women's team — captaining it in both formats — and represented her country in hockey at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, has been NZC's vice president for the past year.

86. Name the first Indian mixed doubles pair to enter the top five of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Rankings?

- (A) Manika Batra & Harmeet Desai
(B) Manika Batra & Sathiyam Gnanasekaran
(C) Ankita Das & Sathiyam Gnanasekaran
(D) Neha Aggarwal & Soumyajit Ghosh
(E) Manika Batra & Kamlesh Mehta

Ans: (B)

Table Tennis stars Manika Batra and Gnanasekaran Sathiyam created history as they became the first Indian mixed doubles pair to enter the top five of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Rankings.

The duo accomplished this landmark after they made it to the final of the WTT Contender event held in Nova Gorica, Slovenia.

They lost to South Korea's Lim Jonghoon and Shin Yubin in the final.

But they ended up getting 280 rating points for their performances in the tournament and with this, they overtook Hong Kong's Tokyo 2020 bronze medallist Doo Hoi Kem and her partner Wong Chun-ting, a two-time world championship bronze medal-winner to climb to the number five spot.

87. What is the name of the rocket launched by Iran's Revolutionary Guard that will be used for future launches of Iran's Nahid communications satellites?

- (A) Ghaem 20 rocket

- (B) Ghaem 22 rocket
(C) Ghaem 100 rocket
(D) Ghaem 122 rocket
(E) Ghaem 99 rocket

Ans: (C)

Iran's Revolutionary Guard successfully launched a new rocket designed to eventually send satellites into outer space. The test flight launched Iran's new Ghaem 100 rocket, a three-stage solid-fueled vehicle, on a suborbital test flight. It is designed to carry satellites of up to 176 pounds (80 kilograms) into orbits of about 310 miles (500 kilometers) above Earth.

satellites.

88. India is participating in 26th International Malabar Naval Exercise in Japan. Which are the other nations participating in?

- (A) USA, China & Australia
(B) USA, Russia & Australia
(C) USA, Japan & England
(D) USA, Japan & Australia
(E) Russia, Japan & Australia

Ans: (D)

India is participating in 26th International Malabar Naval Exercise in Yokosuka of Japan.

Australia, Japan and the USA are also participating in the Malabar Naval Exercise.

The naval forces of these countries will take part in the exercise till the 18th of next month.

Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kamorta are ready to demonstrate at the event.

The presence of these indigenously built ships of the Indian Navy at these multi-national events will be an opportunity to showcase the ship-building capabilities of Indian Shipyards.

89. Recently India joined the MAC at the 27th Summit of the Conference of Parties (COP27) at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt. In context to same what does MAC stands for?

- (A) Mangrove Alliance for Climate
(B) Mangrove Affinity for Climate
(C) Mangrove Amicability for Climatechange
(D) Mangrove Annexation for Climatechange
(E) Mangrove Abutment for Climate

Ans: (A)

Dubbing mangrove forests the "most productive ecosystems" of the world, India joined the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) at the 27th Summit of the Conference of Parties (COP27) at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt.

UAE, Indonesia, Australia, Japan, Spain and Sri Lanka are the other MAC supporters.

The mangroves can absorb four to five times more carbon emissions than the tropical forests and can help create new carbon sinks.

90. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Adidas, a German multinational corporation?

- (A) Arild Gulden
- (B) Bjorn Gulden
- (C) Rudolf Dassler
- (D) François-Henri Pinault
- (E) Allan Leighton

Ans: (B)

Adidas has appointed Bjorn Gulden as its new chief executive, and he will take over the German sportswear brand in January as the company. Gulden will replace

Kasper Rorsted, Adidas' CEO since 2016, whose departure was announced in August.

91. Charlotte Edwards, who has been inducted in the prestigious list of cricket legends by ICC, is from which cricket team?

- (A) England
- (B) Australia
- (C) Ireland
- (D) South Africa
- (E) New Zealand

Ans (A)

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the latest legends who have joined the prestigious list of cricketers that make up the ICC Hall of Fame.

Shivnarine Chandepaul, Charlotte Edwards, and Abdul Qadir have become inductees number 107, 108, and 109 respectively.

The ICC Hall of Fame celebrates the greatest players ever who have graced the game throughout its rich history.

92. Which ministry has recently approved India's first Sovereign Green Bonds Framework?

- (A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (B) Ministry of Finance
- (C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- (D) Ministry of Commerce
- (E) Ministry of Statistics

Ans (B)

The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved the final sovereign green bonds framework of India.

Notably, the approval of India's first Sovereign Green Bonds is the fulfillment of the announcement in the Union Budget FY2022-23 by the Union Finance Minister that the sovereign green bonds will be issued for mobilizing the resources for green projects.

Sovereign Green Bonds Framework also comes close in the footsteps of India's commitment under Panchamrit as elucidated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021.

Sovereign Green Bonds Framework -

India's first Sovereign Green Bonds Framework was formulated and according to the provisions of the framework, Green Finance Working Committee was constituted to validate the key decisions on the issuance of Sovereign Green Bonds.

An Independent and Norway-based second-party opinion (SPO) provider was appointed to evaluate India's green bonds framework and certify the alignment of the framework with ICMA's Green Bond Principles and International Best Practices.

After due deliberation and consideration, India's green bonds framework was rated as 'Medium Green' with a 'Good Governance Score'.

93. Which ministry has conducted Mother Tongue Survey of India?

- (A) Ministry of Family Welfare
- (B) Ministry of Personnel
- (C) Ministry of Home Ministry
- (D) Ministry of Education
- (E) Ministry of Child Development

Ans (C)

The Union Home Ministry has successfully completed a Mother Tongue Survey of India with field videography of 576 languages and dialects across India.

As per the annual report of the Home Ministry for 2021-22, it has been planned to set up a web archive at the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to preserve and analyze the original flavor of each indigenous mother tongue.

In continuation with the earlier publications under this project, the volume on LSI Jharkhand is finalized while in Himachal Pradesh is nearing completion.

More than 6 lakh maps (district, sub-district, village level) have been prepared and are being uploaded in the in-house portal for census functionaries.

According to the analysis of 2011 linguistic census data in 2018, more than 19,500 dialects or languages are spoken in India as mother tongues.

As per the 2011 Linguistic census, Hindi is the most widely spoken mother tongue in India with 52.8 crore

people, or 43.6 percent of the population declaring it as the Mother Tongue.

The next highest, after Hindi, is Bengali.

94. Which Ministry has released the Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report for the entire country for the year 2022?

- (A) Ministry of Statistics
- (B) Ministry of Environment
- (C) Ministry of Food Processing
- (D) Minister of Jal Shakti
- (E) Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans (D)

Recently, the Union Minister of Jal Shakti released the Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report for the entire country for the year 2022.

The total annual ground water recharge is 437.60 Billion Cubic Meters (BCM) and the annual ground water extraction is 239.16 BCM.

By comparison, an assessment in 2020 found that the annual groundwater recharge was 436 bcm and extraction 245 bcm.

Further, out of the total 7089 assessment units in the country, 1006 units have been categorized as 'Over-exploited'. The overall stage of groundwater extraction in the country is 60.08%.

The stage of ground water extraction is very high in the states of Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu where it is more than 100%.

In the states of Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and UTs of Chandigarh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry, the stage of ground water extraction is between 60-100%.

In the rest of the states, the stage of ground water extraction is below 60 %.

95. Who has been awarded by Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman Award for 2022?

- (A) Rana Ayyub
- (B) Swati Chaturvedi
- (C) Shehla Rashid
- (D) Abhisar Sharma
- (E) Arfa Khanum

Ans (E)

The Gandhi Peace Foundation has announced the award of its prestigious Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman for 2022 to The Wire's senior editor Arfa Khanum Sherwani.

Nandy also announced that the awardee for 2021 was the independent journalist and YouTuber, Ajit Anjum.

The award honours the legacy of journalist, author and human rights activist Kuldip Nayar and is awarded to journalists working in Indian languages contributing to democratic values and independent media.

This honor was started in 2017. First, senior journalist Ravish Kumar was awarded, followed by Marathi journalist Nikhil Wagle.

96. Which state government has launched logo of Purple Fest for Education?

- (A) Goa
- (B) Assam
- (C) Kerala
- (D) Bihar
- (E) Tripura

Ans (A)

State government of Goa has launched logo of Purple Fest at a function held in Manohar Parrikar Memorial Hall of Sanjay Centre for Education, Porvorim.

The event was organised by the Office of State Commission for Persons with Disabilities Goa in collaboration with Directorate of Social Welfare and Entertainment Society of Goa.

Goa Government is delighted to introduce Purple Fest – Celebrating Diversity, a first-of-its-kind inclusive festival that embraces, expresses and celebrates persons with disabilities.

Government will provide 100 per cent facilities to the Divyangs in the State.

he government will start sign language course in next year for the special people, which he assured to public.

The aim of the three-day inclusive festival is to illustrate how people can unite to support each other and "make everyone in our society feel included".

97. PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit will be held in which city?

- (A) Lucknow
- (B) Varanasi
- (C) Gorakhpur
- (D) Allahabad
- (E) Noida

Ans (B)

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to inaugurate the two-day PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit.

The PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit will be held at the Deendayal Hastkala Sankul (Trade Centre and Museum) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

The primary objective of the summit is to bring together greater awareness about the PM Gati Shakti National Masterplan with a focus on infrastructure development in the waterways.

PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit is a transformative approach for improving logistics efficiency and reducing logistics costs to ensure first and last-mile connectivity.

The Ministry has identified 101 projects estimated to cost around 62 thousand crore rupees under Gati Shakti which are aimed to be completed by 2024.

PM Gati Shakti was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and aims to provide Multimodal connectivity Infrastructure to various special economic zones and enhance logistical efficiency.

98. Who has received International Kannadiga Rathna award 2022?

- (A) Trishika Devi (B) Narasimharaja
(C) YKC Wadiyar (D) Bhimsen Joshi
(E) Dr Rajkumar

Ans (C)

Member of the erstwhile royal family, Yaduveer Krishnaraja Chamaraja (YKC) Wadiyar has been selected for the International Kannada Rathna award. It is presented annually by Dubai Kannadigas to mark Kannada Rajyothsava.

The award will be presented to YKC Wadiyar during Vishwa Kannada Habba on November 19 at Sheikh Rashid Auditorium in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in association with Kannadigaru Dubai Sangha as part of celebration of the 67th Kannada Rajyothsava.

Besides, Vishwamanya Award would be presented to achievers in various fields.

99. 42nd International Congress of the Indian National Cartographic Association (INCA) has started in which state?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Telangana (D) Uttarakhand
(E) Karnataka

Ans (D)

Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd.) inaugurated the 42nd International Congress of the Indian National Cartographic Association (INCA) in Dehradun.

The 42nd International Congress is being organized by the National Hydrographic Office from 9th November to 11th November 2022 at Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

The theme of the 42nd International Congress of the Indian National Cartographic Association is Digital Cartography to Harness Blue Economy.

100. Which state will host Khelo India National University Games in 2023-2024?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra (D) West Bengal
(E) Himachal Pradesh

Ans (A)

Uttar Pradesh government to host Khelo India National University Games in 2023-2024 in four cities. Khelo India National University Games will be conducted in four cities of Uttar Pradesh including Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, and Noida.

In the Khelo India National University Games, 4,500 athletes will participate representing 150 universities across the country.

There will be 20 disciplines including basketball, judo, kabaddi, wrestling, swimming, boxing, rowing, etc.

Uttar Pradesh has got the opportunity to host the National University Games for the first time after Odisha and Karnataka.

Disciplines like kabaddi, judo, archery, and fencing will be organized in Noida and rowing will be organized in Gorakhpur.

In Varanasi, events like wrestling, malkham, and Yoga will be organized. The rest of the events will be organized in Lucknow.

101. Prime Minister of India has recently unveiled the 108-foot long Bronze statue of whom in Karnataka?

- (A) Hiriy Kempegowda
(B) Kempananje Gowda
(C) Harihar Lingamma
(D) Morasu Vokkaliga
(E) Nadaprabhu Kempegowda

Ans (E)

Exp: Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the 'Status of Prosperity', the 108-foot long Bronze statue of Bengaluru founder Nadaprabhu Kempegowda. The statue has been built to commemorate the contribution of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, the founder of the city, towards the growth of Bengaluru.

102. Which research institute has mandated to archive all life science data generated from publicly-funded research in India?

- (A) Regional Centre for Biotechnology
(B) BSC BioNEST Bio-Incubator
(C) Indian Biological Data Centre
(D) Nano Biotechnology Centre
(E) Biotech Cluster Gate

Ans (C)

Exp :Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh has unveiled India's first national repository for life science data, generated from publicly-funded research in the country.

The Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC) which is established at the Regional Centre of Biotechnology has a data storage capacity of four petabytes.

It is also home to the "Brahm"- High-Performance Computing Facility.

The Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC) is committed to the spirit of data sharing as per FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) principles.

India's first national repository for life science data, the Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC) has been established in Faridabad, Haryana.

The Union Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh informed that the Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC) has started nucleotide data submission services via two data portals- the 'Indian Nucleotide Data Archive (INDA)' and 'Indian Nucleotide Data Archive.

Life Science refers to the study of living organisms, including humans, microbes, plants, animals, and fungi.

103. Recently, the Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review session was held in which city?

- (A) Paris (B) New York
(C) London (D) Geneva
(E) Zürich

Ans (D)

Exp :Recently, the Human Rights Council (HRC) Universal Periodic Review (UPR) session was held in Geneva, where India's human rights record was examined by the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group.

104. Recently, which government agency has released the Report on Municipal Finances?

- (A) Reserve Bank of India
(B) State Bank of India
(C) Ministry of Finance
(D) Ministry of Commerce
(E) National Housing Bank

Ans (A) Exp : Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the Report on Municipal Finances, compiling and analyzing budgetary data for 201 Municipal

Corporations (MCs) across all States.

The RBI Report explores 'Alternative Sources of Financing for Municipal Corporations' as its theme.

There have been several lacunae in the working of MCs and no appreciable improvement in their functioning despite institutionalisation of the structure of local governance in India.

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105. Which state cricket team has clinched the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy title 2022?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Mumbai (D) Delhi
(E) Karnataka

Ans (C)

Mumbai has beat Himachal Pradesh by three wickets in the final and won their maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy title at Eden Gardens, Kolkata.

The 15th edition of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, a Twenty20(T20) competition that is played in India, was held from 11th October 2022 to 5th November 2022.

Put into bat first, Himachal posted a total of 143/8 in 20 overs with Ekant Sen (37 off 29) top-scoring for them.

In reply, Mumbai chased down the target in 19.3 overs with three wickets in hand.

About Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy -

The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is a domestic T20 cricket championship in India, which is organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), among the teams from the Ranji Trophy.

The tournament is named after a former Indian test cricketer Syed Mushtaq Ali.

The first match was held in 2006/07 and the trophy was won by Tamil Nadu under the captaincy of Dinesh Karthick and also Rohit Sharma scored the first ever T20 century in the match.

Until now, Tamil Nadu is the most successful team of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, by winning it thrice.

106. Who has been awarded by the 32nd Bihari Puraskar?

- (A) Madhu Kankariya (B) Dr Madhav Hada
(C) Satya Narayan (D) Dr Bhagwati Lal
(E) Chandra Prakash

Ans (B)

Exp :Noted writers Madhu Kankariya and Dr Madhav Hada have been awarded by the 31st and 32nd Bihari Puraskar, respectively.

Kankariya was awarded the Puraskar for her 2018 novel "Hum Yahan The" while Hada was awarded for his 2015 literary criticism book "Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri".

107. As per the recent amendment in Aadhaar Rules, the updation of documents in Aadhar must be done in how many year?

- (A) 05 Years (B) 10 Years
(C) 15 Years (D) 20 Years
(E) 25 Years

Ans (B)

Exp :The Centre amended Aadhaar regulations, advising card holders to update documents supporting their information at least once every 10 years from the date of enrolment to ensure the accuracy of the data. Updating documents is not mandatory but would be encouraged.

The amendment made to the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations said users may update their documents to ensure the continued accuracy of their information in the Central Identities Data Repository.

108. Which state government has observed 10th November as "Millet Day" in the state?

- (A) Odisha (B) Tripura
(C) Assam (D) Goa
(E) Kerala

Ans (A)

Exp :The state government of Odisha is observing 10th November 2022 as 'Millet Day' in the state.

The day is chosen according to the Hindu calendar, the 1st thursday of margasira month.

The primary aim of celebrating the day is to promote millets as a highly nutritive and eco-friendly food product.

The initiative started in 7 districts, till now the mission has reached 19 districts of Odisha so far.

Besides, the government aims to promote the millet mission across 30 districts of Odisha.

109. Who has been elected as new president of All India Rubber Industries Association?

- (A) Kamlesh Jain (B) Vishal Bagaria
(C) Ramesh Kejriwal (D) Arnob Guha
(E) Shashi Singh

Ans (C)

Exp :All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) has announced that it has elected Ramesh Kejriwal as its president and Shashi Singh as the senior vice president.

Kejriwal will play a key role in leading forward the road map of the apex body for rubber industries in the country.

Prior to being elected to this position, Kejriwal was a Managing Committee Member of AIRIA and has previously served as the Eastern Region Chairman.

Ramesh Kejriwal will be succeeding Dr Sawar Dhanania

and will play a key role in leading forward the road map traversed and etched by the last two preceding Presidents of the Association.

The All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) is not for profit making body serving the rubber industry and trade with the objectives of safeguarding and promoting interests of the industry. AIRIA is serving industries for last 77 years and in these 77 years there were many presidents who made efforts and sincerely served AIRIA.

110. National Education Day has celebrated on the birth anniversary of whom?

- (A) Abul Kalam Azad
(B) Humayun Kabir
(C) Triguna Sen
(D) Karan Singh
(E) Narasimha Rao

Ans (A)

Exp :The National Education Day is observed annually on November 11 in India.

In India, National Education Day is celebrated every year on November 11 as it marks the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who was India's first education minister after independence.

He was awarded Bharat Ratna posthumously, India's highest civilian honour in 1992.

111. According to Global Carbon Budget 2022 report, the global carbon emissions are expected to reach how much tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere in 2022?

- (A) 37.6 billion tonnes
(B) 25.6 billion tonnes
(C) 40.6 billion tonnes
(D) 51.6 billion tonnes
(E) 19.6 billion tonnes

Ans (C)

Exp :Global Carbon Budget 2022 report was released on November 11, 2022. The report was released by the Global Carbon Project – a group of scientists who track carbon emitted by human activities.

The global carbon emissions are expected to reach 40.6 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere in 2022.

This projection is close to the highest-ever annual total of 40.9 billion tonnes of CO₂ emitted in 2019.

There is no sign of carbon emission decline required for limiting the global warming to 1.5 degree Celsius. If the current emission levels continue, there is a 50 per change that the warming of 1.5°C exceed in the next 9 years.

112. Recently launched websites and applications “protected system” or “Critical Information Infrastructure” is related to -

- (A) National Population Register
- (B) Resident of India
- (C) National Register of Citizens
- (D) Overseas Citizens of India
- (E) Citizen's Identity Card

Ans (A)

Exp :The Central Government notified websites and applications related to the decennial Census exercise and the National Population Register (NPR) as “protected system” or “Critical Information Infrastructure” under the IT Act. The Registrar General of India (RGI), under the Ministry of Home Affairs, issued a notification to declare certain computer assets of the Indian Government as “protected system” or “Critical Information Infrastructure” under the Information Technology Act, 2008.

113. As per the recent amendment in Electoral Bond Scheme, the sale of electoral bonds has been extended by how many days in the year of general elections?

- (A) 25 days
- (B) 15 days
- (C) 10 days
- (D) 05 days
- (E) 30 days

Ans (B)

Exp :The Electoral Bond Scheme has been amended by the Indian Government.

The Union Finance Ministry issued a notification amending the Electoral Bonds Scheme to allow the sale of electoral bonds for extra 15 days in the year of general elections to the Legislative Assembly of States and UTs with legislature. The notification allows the Central Government to open additional

one-week window for issuing electoral bond starting from November 9, 2022.

Prior to this notification, these bonds can be bought by any individual in a period of 10 days each in the months of January, April, July and October as specified by the Central Government.

Since assembly elections to various states and union territories are held each year, the amendment allows additional 15 days of bond sales annually.

114. Which state government has passed a bill to raise the total reservation to how much percent, offered to different categories?

- (A) 77%
- (B) 60%
- (C) 81%
- (D) 55%
- (E) 69%

Ans (A)

Exp :A bill was passed in the Jharkhand assembly to raise the total reservation offered to different categories to 77 per cent.

In a special session, the assembly passed an amendment to the Jharkhand Reservation of Vacancies in Posts and Services Act, 2001, raising the reservations for STs, SCs, EBCs, OBCs and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in government jobs from the present 60 per cent.

The bill proposes that the state will urge the Centre for changes in the Ninth Schedule of Constitution.

In the proposed reservation, local people of the SC community will get a quota of 12 per cent, STs will get 28 per cent, Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) 15 per cent, OBCs 12 per cent, and EWS barring those from the other reserved categories 10 per cent.

At present, the STs get a 26 per cent reservation in Jharkhand, while SCs get 10 per cent quota.

The OBCs currently get a 14 per cent quota in the state, and increasing it was an electoral promise of all mainstream parties in 2019, including the ruling alliance of JMM, Congress and RJD.

The bill was passed amid protests by MLAs of the ruling BJP.

Proposals for some amendments, and a proposal to send the bill for vetting by an assembly committee were rejected.

115. Which ministry has launched the Green Energy Open Access portal?

- (A) Ministry of Environment
- (B) Ministry of Coal
- (C) Ministry of Steel

- (D) Ministry of Power
(E) Ministry of Petroleum

Ans (D)

Exp :Union Minister of Power & New and Renewable Energy launches the Green Energy Open Access portal.

It is aimed at ensuring affordable, reliable, sustainable, and green energy for all.

Green Energy open Access is allowed to any consumer with load limit reduced from 1000 kW to 100 kW

The portal will allow consumers to access green power easily through transparent, simplified, uniform and streamlined procedure.

Consumers would benefit from Access to Green Power.

Approval for Green Energy Open Access which will be granted to a Consumer in a time bound manner within 15 days.

The Nodal agencies shall post progress reports related to green energy open access to stakeholders through the portal.

The approval for Green Energy Open Access will be granted in 15 days or else it will be deemed to have been granted, subject to the fulfilment of technical requirements through the portal.

116. The 9th Ministerial meeting of India-US Economic & Financial Partnership has held in which city?

- (A) Mumbai (B) Gurugram
(C) New Delhi (D) Noida
(E) Chennai

Ans (C)

Exp :The 9th Ministerial meeting of the India-US Economic and Financial Partnership was held in New Delhi on 11th November.

The Indian delegation was led by the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and the USA delegation were led by Dr Janet Yellen, Treasury Secretary.

The 9th India-US EFP meeting included discussions on various economic issues including global macroeconomic outlook, climate finance, supply chain resilience, international taxation, anti-money laundering, countering the financing of terrorism, India's upcoming G20 presidency, and reforms of the MDB .

The meeting concluded with the adoption of a Joint Statement by the Union Finance Minister and the US Treasury Secretary.

117. Recently, which international organisation has released "Global Vaccine Market Report 2022"?

- (A) World Health Organisation
(B) World Bank
(C) World Trade Organization
(D) UNICEF
(E) United Nations Population Fund

Ans (A)

Exp :Recently, the World Health Organisation (WHO) released 'Global Vaccine Market Report 2022'.

This is the first report to capture the implications of Covid-19 for vaccine markets highlighting the issue of vaccine inequity.

Findings of the Report -

It shows that inequitable distribution is not unique to Covid-19 vaccines, with low-income countries consistently struggling to access vaccines that are in-demand by high-income countries. Limited vaccine supply and unequal distribution drive global disparities.

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine against cervical cancer has only been introduced in 41% of low-income countries, even though they represent much of the disease burden, compared to 83% of high-income countries.

118. Recently, Which Railway Station has been awarded by 4- star "Eat Right Station"?

- (A) Mumbai Railway Station
(B) Bhopal Railway Station
(C) Chennai Railway Station
(D) Kanpur Railway Station
(E) Mangalore Railway Station

Ans (B)

Exp :Recently, Bhopal Railway Station has been awarded a 4- star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers. The 4-star rating indicates full compliance by the station to ensure safe and hygienic food is available to passengers.

119. Recently, the birth anniversary of whom, has celebrated on 11th November 2022?

- (A) Bhogaraju Pattabhi
(B) Rajendra Prasad
(C) Aruna Asaf Ali
(D) Acharya Kripalani
(E) Abul Kalam Azad

Ans (D)

Exp :Recently, the Prime Minister of India has paid tributes to Acharya Kripalani on his Jayanti.

He was born on 11th November 1888 in Hyderabad, Sindh.

His original name was Jivatram Bhagwandas Kripalani but was popularly known as Acharya Kripalani. He was an independence activist, Indian politician and an Educationist.

He earned the moniker 'Acharya' around 1922 when he was teaching at the Gujarat Vidyapith, founded by the Mahatma a couple of years before.

He was associated with Gandhi by 1917 after Gandhi had taken up the cause of indigo workers in Gujarat.

He was part of the Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-22) and the Civil Disobedience movements (started in 1930) and Quit India Movement (1942).

He became one of the founders of the Kisan Mazdoor Praja Party (KMPP) after independence leaving congress.

He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1952, 1957, 1963 and 1967 as a member of Praja Socialist Party.

He moved the first-ever No confidence motion in Lok Sabha in 1963, immediately after the India-China War (1962).

Books

My Times, his autobiography published posthumously in 2004.

Kripalani was the author of several books, including Gandhi: His Life and Thought (1970).

120. Which year has been declared as ASEAN-India Friendship year?

- (A) 2022 (B) 2021
(C) 2020 (D) 2019
(E) 2018

Ans (A)

The year 2022 has been declared as the ASEAN-India Friendship year, as ASEAN and India commemorate 30 years of partnership.

A series of events has been planned to celebrate the occasion throughout the year.

As a part of this programme, Indian media delegation is on a visit to Singapore and Cambodia under the ASEAN-INDIA Media exchange programme from 8th November to 13th November.

Key Points -

The delegation interacted with the officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Communication & Information of Singapore to understand the media landscape in Singapore and the kind of challenges Singapore government faces in timely

communicating the correct perspective of people friendly policies to their citizens. After the first leg of visit, the delegation has reached Cambodia.

Evolution of India -ASEAN relationship -

India was initially made a sectoral partner by ASEAN in 1992.

With the increasing depth in the relationships the status was changed to a Dialogue Partner in 1996.

In 2022 the relationship was further upgraded to Summit level.

And finally in 2012 it was elevated to Strategic partnership

121. Which intergovernmental forum has agreed to build a pandemic fund to prevent and prepare for the pandemic?

- (A) G20 (B) G7
(C) G8 (D) BRICS
(E) IMF

Ans (A)

Exp :G20 Health and Finance Ministers launched a \$1.4 billion fund to tackle the next global pandemic before the bloc's leaders gather for a Summit on the Indonesian resort island of Bali.

G20 Speakers at the event welcomed the launch of the Pandemic fund as a key part of the solution to reducing risks from epidemics and pandemics in the most vulnerable parts of the world.

G20 Summit 2022 is scheduled to take place in Indonesia on November 15-16, 2022. Indonesia's Presidency began on December 1, 2021, leading up to the summit in the 4th quarter of 2022. The G20 countries have agreed to build a pandemic fund to prevent and prepare for the pandemic.

122. Which company has signed a MoU with the Inland Waterways Authority of India to build the country's first hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel?

- (A) Mazagon Shipyard
(B) Cochin Shipyard
(C) Goa Shipyard
(D) Larsen & Toubro
(E) Hindustan Shipyard

Ans (B)

Exp :Cochin Shipyard has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Inland Waterways Authority of India to build the country's first hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel for Varanasi in UP. Cochin Shipyard Ltd also signed another MoU for the construction of six electric catamaran vessels for Uttar Pradesh and two such vessels for Guwahati.

The MoU was signed in the presence of the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister for Heavy Industry Mahendra Nath Pandey, and other hosts of dignitaries.

123. Which team has won T20I world Cup 2022?

- (A) Pakistan (B) India
(C) Netherland (D) England
(E) Ireland

Ans (D)

Exp :England defeated Pakistan by 5 wickets and won the T20I world Cup 2022 for the second time.

Ben Stokes hit a half-century to take the side home in Melbourne, Australia.

With England's all-rounder Sam Curran recording a miserly 3-12, Pakistan collapsed in the final overs to finish on a below-par 137 for eight after being sent in to bat by England Captain Jos Buttler.

Sam Curran was also named the player of the match and the player of the tournament.

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 -

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 was the 8th T20 world cup tournament.

It was played in Australia from October 16 to November 13, 2022. Pakistan became the first team to reach the finals of the tournament while England became the second team after beating India to reach the semi-finals.

In the T20 World Cup Finals, England defeated Pakistan by 5 wickets to win their second T20 World Cup Title.

England's Sam Curran was named the Man of the Match and also the Player of the Tournament.

124. Who has been elected as Chairman of International Cricket Council for 2 year?

- (A) Greg Barclay
(B) Sumod Damodar
(C) Sourav Ganguly
(D) Clare Connor
(E) Clive Hitchcock

Ans (A)

Exp :New Zealand's Greg Barclay unanimously re-elected as the International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman for another two-year term.

Barclay, who served his first stint as ICC chair between 2022 and this November, will now be in the position until 2024.

He was previously the Chair of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and was a director of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2015.

125. RL Kashyap, who has passed away recently, was a famous -

- (A) Physicist (B) Chemist
(C) Botanist (D) Geologist
(E) Mathematician

Ans (E)

Exp :85-Year-old Renowned mathematician and great scholar Padma Shri Awardee Shri Rangasami Lakshminarayan Kashyap or RL Kashyap passed away.

RL Kashyap translated around twenty-five thousand Sanskrit mantras into English language.

Apart from Mathematics, RL Kashyap has also made many important contributions to the field of Veda.

He received many international awards for his immense contributions to the fields of science and technology.

Kashyap also wrote more than 250 research papers.

126. Which armed force has conducted "Prasthan", an offshore security exercise?

- (A) Indian Navy
(B) Indian Army
(C) Indian Air Force
(D) Both (A) and (B)
(E) Indian Coast Guard

Ans (A)

Exp :The Indian Navy conducted a structured exercise to evaluate organizational effectiveness in protecting offshore assets off Mumbai on an Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) platform 150 km into the sea. The exercise was named 'Prasthan' by the Indian Navy.

Prasthan is conducted twice a year under the aegis of Headquarters, Western Naval Command. The exercise which is conducted every six months aims to integrate the efforts of all maritime stakeholders involved in offshore defense.

127. Which bank has topped in PSU lenders' list in Q2 Credit Growth?

- (A) State Bank of India
(B) Union Bank of India
(C) Bank of Maharashtra
(D) Indian Overseas Bank
(E) Punjab National Bank

Ans (C)

Exp :The second quarter of 2022–23 saw the Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) outperform other public sector lenders in terms of percentage loan growth.

According to public sector bank issued quarterly data, the lender saw a 28.62 percent increase in gross advances at the end of September 2022, totaling Rs 1,48,216 crore.

Union Bank Of India came in second with an increase of 21.54 percent to Rs 7,52,469 crore.

The largest lender in the nation, State Bank of India, took third place with an 18.15% increase in gross advances.

However, SBI's total loans were almost 17 times higher at Rs 25,47,390 crore as compared to Rs 1,48,216 crore of BoM in absolute terms.

128. Amur Falcon is a festival of which state, which 7th edition has recently observed?

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

Ans (C)

Exp :The Manipur Forest Authority to celebrate the 7th edition of the Amur Falcon Festival in Tamenglong district, Imphal.

The objective of the Amur Falcon Festival is to spread awareness about the protection and conservation of the Amur Falcon.

Amur Falcon is the world's longest-flying migratory bird.

It is a day-long festival that is generally celebrated in the first or second week of November to strengthen human-nature relationships and acknowledge the importance of the small raptor in the lives of people.

The first edition of the Amur Falcon Festival was celebrated in 2015.

129. The central government will launch the world's longest luxury river cruise from Varanasi to which city?

- (A) Guwahati (B) Prayagraj
(C) Patna (D) Dibrugarh
(E) Munger

Ans (D)

Exp :The government is set to launch the world's longest luxury river cruise from Varanasi to Dibrugarh via Bangladesh next year.

The world's longest luxury river cruise aims to give a push to Indian inland waterways development.

The 50 days cruise will set sail from Varanasi and pass-through Kolkata and Dhaka before reaching Bogibeel in the Dibrugarh district of Assam.

The cruise will sail on 10th January 2023 and will cover a distance of 4,000 km.

130. India has celebrated Happy Children's Day on November 14. In context to the same tell us World Children's Day is observed on which day?

- (A) 14 November (B) 16 November
(C) 18 November (D) 20 November
(E) 22 November

Ans (D)

India celebrates Happy Children's Day on November 14 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

This year marks the 133rd birth anniversary of Pandit Nehru who was born in 1889 in Allahabad, India.

Nehru was a great advocate for children's right and for an all-inclusive education system where knowledge is accessible to all.

Nehru was often called by the name "Chacha Nehru".

Children's Day is also known as 'Bal Diwas' in India. Earlier, Children's Day was celebrated in India on November 20, the day World Children's Day is celebrated by the United Nations.

However, after the death of Jawaharlal Nehru, a resolution was passed in the Indian Parliament to mark his birthday as Children's Day.

Jawaharlal Nehru died in the year of 1964 and since then, to commemorate his birth anniversary, Children's Day is celebrated on November 14.

He was a great advocate for children's right and for an all-inclusive education system where knowledge is accessible to all.

131. Which country will host U-19 Men's T20 World Cup 2024?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Abu Dhabi
(C) India (D) Dubai
(E) Bangladesh

Ans (A)

International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the venue for Under-19 Men's and Women's T-20 World cup.

ICC said the 2024 Under -19 men's T-20 World Cup will be hosted by Sri Lanka while the 2026 edition will be staged in Zimbabwe and Namibia.

The 2025 Under -19 women's T20 World Cup will be held in Malaysia and Thailand, and 2027 Under -19 women's event will be jointly hosted by Bangladesh and Nepal.

The hosts are selected via a competitive bidding process overseen by a Board sub-committee chaired by Martin Snedden.

Eight teams will qualify for the event automatically comprising the top three teams from each group from 2023, T20 World Cup.

The remaining two teams will be identified through the 10-team ICC Women's T20 World Cup Global Qualifier.

132. Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected as the first Female President of which country?

- (A) Slovakia (B) Croatia
(C) Ljubljana (D) Austria
(E) Slovenia

Ans (E)

Natasa Pirc Musar, a lawyer won the second round of Slovenia's Presidential election and has become the first female President of the country.

Natasa Pirc Musar won 53.86 percent of votes in the runoff, while her rival, right-wing politician and the former Foreign Minister Andze Logar won 46.14 percent of votes, as per the election commission data based on the 99 percent of the votes counted.

Natasa Pirc Musar is a Slovenian Attorney and book author, former Information commissioner, journalist, and the former President of Slovenia's Red Cross.

Musar is best known for her rulings and the books on freedom of information, high-profile legal cases, in which she represented Slovenia-born Melania Trump, the Social Democrats Political Party of Slovenia, and other notable clients.

President of Slovenia

The President of Slovenia is the head of the state of the Republic of Slovenia. It was established on December 23, 1991, when the National Assembly passed a new Constitution as a result of the Independence from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

As per the Constitution, the President is the highest representative of the state. In practice, the position of President is mostly ceremonial. However, among other things, the President is also the Commander-in-Chief of the Slovenian Armed Forces.

133. Who has been awarded by Australian of the Year 2023?

- (A) Dawn Fraser (B) Amar Singh
(C) Jack Brabham (D) Lionel Rose
(E) Shane Gould

Ans (B)

An Indian-Origin Sikh Volunteer Amar Singh was honored along with three others with the prestigious 2023 New South Wales Australian of the Year Award.

Amar Singh has been honored for supporting the community during floods, bushfires, drought, and the pandemic.

The New South Wales Government made the announcement of Amar Singh in the 'local hero' category.

Amar Singh founded 'Turbans4Australia' 7 years ago. It is a charity organization that works towards supporting the displaced and vulnerable impacted by natural calamities.

134. Who has been awarded by the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award 2022?

- (A) Antonio Gades (B) Geraldine Chaplin
(C) Eulàlia Ramon (D) Carlos Saura
(E) Antonio Saura

Ans (D)

Exp :Carlos Saura, Award-winning Spanish Film Director has been honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India held in Panaji, Goa.

Three films of Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee Asha Parekh will be screened as a retrospective at the upcoming edition of the film festival.

Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award -

IFFI Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award is an international honor which is instituted by the International Film Festival of India.

The recipient is honored for their outstanding contribution to the growth and development of world cinema.

The award was first instituted in 1999 at the 30th International Film Festival of India.

135. Recently, Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award has been awarded to the which Table Tennis player?

- (A) Sathiyam Gnanas
(B) Manika Batra
(C) Sreeja Akula
(D) Harmeet Desai
(E) Achanta Sharath Kamal

Ans (E)

Exp :The Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry announced the National Sports Awards 2022.

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award has been awarded to the Table Tennis player Achanta Sharath Kamal.

On the other hand, Arjuna Awards will be given to 25 players including Nikhat Zareen, Seema Punia, Lakshya Sen, Deep Grace Ekka, Sushila Devi, and Omprakash Mitharval, among others.

For Dronacharya Award, five coaches have been chosen in the regular category and three coaches in the Lifetime Category.

Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games will be given to four sportspersons. The awardees of the National Sports Awards 2022 will receive their awards from the President at a specially organized function at Rashtrapati Bhavan on November 30, 2022.

136. Recently, which edition of the "pan-India" coastal defence Exercise Sea Vigil-22 has scheduled to be held on 15th-16th November 2022?

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

Ans (C)

Exp :Recently, it has been reported that projects launched to track small fishing vessels along India's coast are making progress.

The third edition of the 'pan-India' coastal defence Exercise Sea Vigil-22 is also scheduled to be held on 15th-16th November to test coastal security.

137. The Regional Centre for Biotechnology is located in which city, where "Indian Biological Data Bank" has recently set up?

- (A) Faridabad (B) Noida
(C) New Delhi (D) Indore
(E) Lucknow

Ans (A)

Exp :Recently, government has set up 'Indian Biological Data Bank' at the Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), Faridabad.

Indian Biological Data Bank is better known as 'Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC)'.

IBDC -

IBDC is the first national repository for life science data in India, where the data will not only be submitted from across India but can be accessed by researchers from across India

It is mandated to archive all life science data in IBDC generated from publicly funded research in India.

The data center is supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

It is being established at the RCB in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Bhubaneswar.

It costed around 85 crore rupees to be set up.

138. According to recent findings, which state has the largest anthropomorphic burial site collection?

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

Ans (A)

Exp :According to recent findings, Andhra Pradesh has the largest anthropomorphic burial site collection in Tirupati district.

Anthropomorphic sites are those marked by a representation of human form above the megalithic burials.

139. Who has been appointed as chief executive officer of Prasar Bharati?

- (A) Dilip Rath (B) Gaurav Dwivedi
(C) Neera Saggi (D) Anil Kumar
(E) Prabha Das

Ans (B)

Exp :Senior IAS officer, Gaurav Dwivedi has appointed the Chief Executive Officer of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati.

A 1995-batch officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, Mr Dwivedi will have a five-year tenure from the date he assumes charge. Earlier, Mr Dwivedi was the Chief Executive Officer of MyGovIndia, the citizen engagement platform of the government.

He has been awarded the Prime Minister's Award for his excellent work in administration.

He replaces Shashi Shekhar Vempati.

Shashi Shekhar Vempati was the CEO of Prasar Bharati from 2017 to 2022. After Mr Vempati completed his five-year tenure, Director General of Doordarshan Mayank Agrawal was given the additional charge of CEO Prasar Bharati in June this year.

140. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2022 has celebrated on the birth anniversary of whom?

- (A) Alluri Sitarama (B) Tantia Bhil
(C) Birsa Munda (D) Tilka Majhi
(E) Mangal Pandey

Ans (C)

Exp :November 15 is celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas or Tribal Pride Day to honour tribal freedom fighter, Birsa Munda.

On November 10, 2021, the Union Cabinet declared November 15 as "Janjatiya Gaurav Divas" marking the birth anniversary of the revered leader and saluting his contributions to India's freedom movement.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated a museum in Ranchi in memory of Birsa Munda also known as Dharti Aaba.

141. The most powerful rocket ever Artemis 1 has recently launched by which space agency to Moon?

- (A) SpaceX (B) Blue Origin
(C) NASA (D) JAXA
(E) ESA

Ans (C)

Exp :National Aeronautics and Space Administration has launched the most powerful rocket ever built on a journey to the Moon.

The step marks the start of the US Space Agency's new flagship program, Artemis.

The 32-story tall Space Launch System (SLS) blasted off

from the storied Kennedy Space Center in Florida at 1.47 am (0647 GMT).

It was also the third time for NASA because of the two previous failed attempts.

The launch was also delayed because of weather setbacks, including Hurricane that battered Florida in later September 2022.

142. Who has been awarded by the UK's Order of Merit 2022?

- (A) Thomas A Steitz
(B) Venki Ramakrishnan
(C) Har Gobind Khorana
(D) Kailash Satyarthi
(E) Abhijit Banerjee

Ans (B)

Exp :Indian-born Nobel laureate Professor Venki Ramakrishnan has been awarded the prestigious Order of Merit by Britain's King Charles III.

The honor recognizes Ramakrishnan's distinguished service to science.

The UK-based molecular biologist is among the six appointments made to the historic order by the late Queen Elizabeth II before her death in September 2022 and the first to be appointed by King Charles III.

UK's Order of Merit is awarded in recognition of distinguished service to the armed forces, science, literature, art, or for the promotion of the culture.

As per Buckingham Palace, the individuals were chosen by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in early September 2022.

143. Who has been elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association?

- (A) Achanta Sharath (B) Gagan Narang
(C) Bajrang Lal (D) Mary Kom
(E) Mirabai Chanu

Ans (D)

Exp :Olympic Medalist Mary Kom was unanimously elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), while the Table Tennis legend Achanta Sharath Kamal was elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the body.

Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, and Commonwealth Games Medalist Achanta Sharath Kamal were among the 10 eminent sportspersons who will be constituting the new 'Athletes Commission' of the Indian Olympic Association'.

10 Members of Athletes Commission of IOA - Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Gagan Narang, Achanta Sharath Kamal, Bajrang Lal, Mirabai Chanu, Rani Rampal, Shiva Keshavan, Bhavani Devi & Om Prakash Karhana.

144. What is the rank of India in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023 out of 63?

- (A) Seventh (B) Sixth
(C) Eighth (D) Fifth
(E) Ninth

Ans (C)

Exp :India has climbed two spots to rank 8th out of 63 in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023.

The improvement in rank is the result of India's low emissions and the increasing use of renewable energy. The Climate Change Performance Index report was published on November 14, 2022, by three environmental non-governmental organizations that track the climate performance of the European Union and 59 countries.

Together, it accounts for over 92 percent of the Greenhouse Gas emissions in the world.

145. Recently, which international organization has launched a report titled as “Financing India’s Urban Infrastructure Needs: Constraints to Commercial Financing and Prospects for Policy Action”?

- (A) IMF (B) WTO
(C) NDB (D) ADB
(E) World bank

Ans (E)

Exp :Recently, the report, titled “Financing India’s Urban Infrastructure Needs: Constraints to Commercial Financing and Prospects for Policy Action” was released by the World bank.

The report underlines the urgent need to leverage more private and commercial investments to meet emerging financial gaps.

146. Which government agency has launched a regulatory framework for online bond platform providers in a bid to streamline their operations?

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

Ans (B)

Exp :Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has come out with a regulatory framework for online bond platform providers in a bid to streamline their operations.

Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs) would be companies incorporated in India and they should register themselves as stock brokers in the debt segment of the stock exchange, as per the framework that would be effective immediately.

147. National Press Day is celebrated across India every year on 16th November to commemorate the setting up of the which organisation?

- (A) Press Council of India
(B) Registrar of Newspaper
(C) Prasar Bharati
(D) Press Trust of India
(E) Central Board of Film Certification

Ans (A)

Exp :National Press Day is celebrated across India every year on 16th November to commemorate the setting up of the Press Council of India.

Press Council of India -

It was first set up in 1966 under the Indian Press Council Act 1965 on the recommendations of the first Press Commission.

As a quasi-judicial autonomous authority, it was reestablished in the year 1979 under an Act of Parliament, Press Council Act, 1978.

The Press Council of India is the only body to exercise an authority even over the instruments of the State in its duty to safeguard the independence of the press.

The Council is a body corporate having perpetual succession consisting of a Chairman and 28 members. The Chairman is selected by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and a member elected amongst themselves by the 28 members of the Council.

148. The Reserve Bank of India has allowed the opening of how many special vostro accounts in two Indian Banks (UCO Bank and IndusInd Bank) for the settlement of payments in rupee for trade between India and Russia?

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

Ans (A)

Exp :The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed the opening of nine special vostro accounts in two Indian Banks (UCO Bank and IndusInd Bank) for the settlement of payments in rupee for trade between India and Russia.

Russia’s two largest banks — Sberbank and VTB Bank — are the first foreign lenders to have received approval from the RBI towards settling international trade transactions in rupee.

A Vostro account is just another name for a Nostro account. It is an account held by a bank that allows the customers to deposit money on behalf of another bank.

149. With which country India has hosted the Leadership for Industry Transition (LeadIT) Summit?

- (A) Egypt (B) Sweden
(C) Switzerland (D) Finland
(E) Denmark

Ans (B)

Exp :India and Sweden hosted the Leadership for Industry Transition (LeadIT) Summit, on the sidelines of COP27 at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt.

The summit was followed by the public launch of the LeadIT Summit Statement 2022 in the India Pavilion at COP27.

150. Government of India has nominated whom as the Director on RBI’s central board?

(A) Ajay Seth (B) Revathy Iyer
(C) Vivek Joshi (D) Anand Gopal
(E) Sachin Chaturvedi

Ans (C)

Exp :The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that the government has nominated Vivek Joshi to its director on central board.

Joshi is the secretary of the Department of Financial Services.

Joshi took charge as the Secretary of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance since November 1, 2022.

Between 2014-2017, he served as joint Secretary, the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, where his responsibilities included formulation of public procurement policies for the Central Government and appraisal of publicly funded projects/schemes.

He is also currently posted as Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs since January 2019.

151. The Government of India has appointed whom as a full-time member of NITI Aayog?

(A) Surjit Bhalla (B) Arvind Virmani
(C) Arvind Panagariya (D) Sanjeev Sanyal
(E) Pravin Krishna

Ans (B)

Exp :The Government of India has appointed the former Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Virmani as a full-time member of NITI Aayog.

He served as the CEA in the Finance Ministry from 2007 to 2009.

Arvind Virmani, founder-chairman of the non-profit public policy organization Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare, served as the Chief Economic Advisor in the Finance Ministry during Manmohan Singh led Government from 2007 to 2009.

He has served in various capacities in the Government.

Virmani was a member of the Reserve Bank of India's Technical Advisory Committee on Monetary Policy from February 2013 to August 2016.

He had also served at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington DC.

Arvind Virmani, in 2009, was appointed the Executive Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF), and he served there till 2012.

During his tenure at IMF, he represented India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan.

152. Who has become the first Indian player to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation?

(A) Sharath Achanta
(B) Manika Batra
(C) Sreeja Akula
(D) Harmeet Desai
(E) Sathiyam Gnanasekaran

Ans (A)

Exp :Ace Indian paddler Sharath Achanta Kamal has become the first Indian player to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

The star paddler from India got 187 votes, the second-highest number, behind Elizabeta Samara of Romania, who received 2012 votes, the difference was of a mere 8.83 percent votes polled from their continents- Asia and Europe- respectively.

153. The International Financial Services Centres Authority has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which agency for supervision of regulated entities?

(A) RBI (B) SEBI
(C) SIDBI (D) NHB
(E) SBI

Ans (A)

Exp :The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and the Reserve Bank of India have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration in the field of regulation and the supervision of the regulated entities in their respective jurisdiction.

Reserve Bank of India is the central bank and monetary authority of India, while the International Services Centres Authority is a unified regulator that is responsible for the development and regulation of financial products, financial services, and financial institutions.

According to an official statement released by the IFSC authority, the Memorandum of Understanding will facilitate technical cooperation and the exchange of information.

The Memorandum of Understanding between IFSCA and RBI also opens up avenues for cooperation between the two regulators.

154. National Press Day is observed every year on -

(A) November 11 (B) November 16
(C) November 14 (D) November 18
(E) November 20

Ans (B)

Exp :National Press Day is celebrated every year in India on November 16 in honour of the Press Council of India.

The day marks the presence of the free and responsible press in the country.

The Press Council of India is responsible for examining the quality of reportage from the Indian media, while also keeping a regular check on other journalistic activities.

155. According to which international organisation, the human population across the globe touched 8 billion?

- (A) UNICEF (B) UNDP
(C) UNFPA (D) WTO
(E) United Nations

Ans (C)

Exp :According to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the human population across the globe touched 8 billion.

As of 2022, more than half the world's population lives in Asia, China and India being the two most populous countries with more than 1.4 billion people each.

India's Population -

According to UN, India's fertility rate has hit 2.1 births per woman i.e., replacement-level fertility and is further declining.

While India's population growth is stabilising, it is "still growing at 0.7% per year" and is set to surpass China in 2023 as the world's most populous country. India is likely to peak at 1.7 billion population in 2048 and then start declining to 1.1 billion at the end of century.

156. "Patan Patola" scarf is associated with which state, which has recently been gifted by PM Narendra Modi to PM of Italy?

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

Ans (D)

Exp :Recently, Prime Minister of India gifted a 'Patan Patola' scarf to the Prime Minister of Italy at the G20 summit. Patan Patola - Patola is a double ikat woven fabric, usually made from silk in Patan (North Gujarat).

Ikat is a method of tie-dyeing the warp or weft before the cloth is woven. It received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2013. The ancient art of double

ikat or Patola woven in pure silk dates back to the 11th century.

This peculiar quality has its origins in an intricate and difficult technique of dyeing or knot dyeing, known as

'bandhani', on the warp and weft separately before weaving.

The Patola fabrics bear an equal intensity of colours and design on both sides.

One of the major practitioners of this art form is the Salvi family from Patan.

The other commonly worn Patola is the Rajkot Patola, woven on a flat loom.

Before World War II, Indonesia was the major buyer of Patolas.

157. What has been chosen as Paris 2024 mascot?

- (A) Sea Bear (B) Olympic Flame
(C) A white tiger (D) Sasquatch
(E) Phrygian cap

Ans (E)

Exp :The Phrygian cap, the symbol of the French republic but wearing sneakers as a nod to the present, has unveiled as the mascot for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The Olympic Phryge ((pronounced fri-jee-uhs) is a bit smaller, the Paralympic Phryge is a bit slimmer and has a blade on his right leg because it is a Phryge with an impairment.

158. Which country has emerged as the second-largest producer of crude steel?

- (A) Japan (B) China
(C) India (D) USA
(E) Britain

Ans (C)

Exp :India has emerged as the second-largest producer of crude steel by replacing Japan.

The biggest steel producing country is currently China, which accounted for 57% of world steel production.

Top 5 Countries are - China, India, Japan, United States, Russia.

Government Initiatives for Steel Industry -

National Steel Policy (NSP) 2017: It seeks to create a technologically advanced and globally competitive steel industry that promotes economic growth.

Steel Scrap Recycling Policy: It was launched to utilise steel scrap emanating from vehicles and white goods (that have reached their end of life) for quality steel production.

In West Bengal, three steel production units were established: Hirapur for pig iron (1864), Kulti for steel (1908), and Burnpur for rolling (1937). The Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) results from the merger of these factories. The Kolkata-Asansol rail line connects the three units. Hirapur produces pig iron, which is shipped to Kulti for steel production. Burnpur is home to mechanical parts. In July 1972, it was placed under government ownership.

159. Who has won the Brazilian Formula 1 Grand Prix 2022?

- (A) Lewis Hamilton (B) George Russell
(C) Carlos Sainz (D) Charles Leclerc
(E) Sergio Pérez

Ans (B)

Exp :Mercedes' George Russell has won his maiden F1 race in Brazilian Grand Prix in Sao Paulo.

Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton & Ferrari's Carlos Sainz came at the second and third positions respectively. With Red Bull's Max Verstappen finishing fourth. It was also Mercedes' maiden win in the F1 2022 season.

The 2022 season's final race will be held in Abu Dhabi from November 18 to 20 at Yas Marina Circuit.

160. Who has become Meta's India head?

- (A) Ajit Mohan
(B) Sandhya Devanathan
(C) Manish Chopra
(D) Abhijit Bose
(E) Sandeep Bhushan

Ans (B)

Exp :Meta has announced the appointment of Sandhya Devanathan as the new Vice President of Meta India.

She will focus on bringing the organization's business and revenue priorities together to serve its partners.

The appointment of Sandhya Devanathan has come after the former India Chief Ajit Mohan announced to step down from the company to pursue another opportunity.

She will transition to her new role on January 1, 2023, and will report to Dan Neary, Vice President, Meta APAC.

161. What is the name of India's first privately developed rocket, which has been successfully launched Sriharikota?

- (A) Vikram-S (B) Apache-3
(C) PSLV-C4 (D) Arihant-1
(E) Trishul

Ans (A)

Exp :Vikram-S, India's first privately developed rocket successfully lifted off from the Spaceport in Sriharikota.

The move has marked the foray of the private sector into India's space industry, dominated by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for decades.

With this new mission, Skyroot Aerospace became the first private sector company in the country to launch a rocket into space. It will start a new era for the space sector which was opened in 2020 to facilitate private sector participation.

162. Which edition of "No Money for Terror Ministerial Conference" on countering financing of terrorism has recently addressed by PM Narendra Modi?

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

Ans (C)

Exp :Prime Minister Modi has recently addressed the third edition of "No Money for Terror Ministerial Conference" on Countering Financing of Terrorism. Over 70 countries and 450 delegates are participating in the conference including the Ministers, Heads of Multilateral Organisations, and Financial Action Task Force heads of delegations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his address at the No Money for Terror Ministerial conference stressed that all terrorist attacks deserve equal outrage and action and noted that the intensity of the reaction to the various attacks cannot be based on its place of occurrence.

163. Recently, who has been appointed as the Governor of West Bengal?

- (A) C V Ananda Bose
(B) Satyadev Narayan Arya
(C) Jagdeep Dhankar
(D) Banwarilal Purohit
(E) Bhagat Singh Koshyari

Ans (A)

Exp :The former bureaucrat C V Ananda Bose has appointed as the Governor of West Bengal.

The appointment of C V Ananda Bose as the Governor of West Bengal will take effect on the date he assumes charge of his office.

Governor of Manipur La Ganesan was holding the additional charge of West Bengal since July 2022 after incumbent Jagdeep Dhankhar was nominated as

the Vice President Candidate by the National Democratic Alliance.

164. Who has become Indian Army's first woman sky diver with 10,000 ft jump?

- (A) Lance Naik Manju
- (B) Punita Arora
- (C) Madhuri Kanitkar
- (D) Arti Sarin
- (E) Padma Bandopadhyay

Ans (A)

Exp :Lance Naik Manju of Eastern Command from the Corps of Military Police created history by becoming the first woman soldier skydiver of the Indian Army.

Earlier in May 2022, 26-year-old Abhilasha Barak from Haryana had also created history by becoming the Indian Army's first woman combat fighter.

165. Recently, India has decided to launch a Young Professionals Exchange in 2023 along with which country?

- (A) United States
- (B) Australia
- (C) Japan
- (D) Thailand
- (E) United Kingdom

Ans (E)

Exp :Recently, United Kingdom (UK) and India decided to launch a Young Professionals Exchange in 2023.

UK will offer 3000 degree-holding Indians in the 18-30 year age group places to work for up to two years. The scheme will commence in early 2023 and be on a reciprocal basis.

India is a key strategic partner for the UK in the Indo-Pacific both in terms of market share and defence, as was underscored by the signing of the Defence and International Security Partnership between India and the UK in 2015.

The UK is a regional power in the Indo-Pacific as it possesses naval facilities in Oman, Singapore, Bahrain, Kenya, and British Indian Ocean Territory.

The profound ties of culture, history and language already give the UK a potentially strong foundation upon which to further deepen its relationship with India.

166. Recently, how many new countries has signed up for Global Offshore Wind Alliance at COP27?

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

Ans (D)

Exp :Recently, nine new countries sign up for Global Offshore Wind Alliance at COP27.

Nine new countries: Belgium, Colombia, Germany, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, the UK, and the US.

Australia announces to sign up with global offshore wind alliance.

Global Offshore Wind Alliance -

It was established to ramp up of offshore wind in order to tackle the climate and energy security crises.

It was set up by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Denmark and the Global Wind Energy Council.

GWEC was established in 2005 to provide a credible and representative forum for the entire wind energy sector at an international level.

Several organizations are supporting the alliance and promoting offshore wind in their respective regions.

167. Recently, which edition of Norway-India Joint Working Group Maritime meeting 2022 was held in Mumbai, India?

- (A) Eleventh
- (B) Eighth
- (C) Twelfth
- (D) Ninth
- (E) Fourteenth

Ans (B)

Exp :Recently, the 8th Norway-India Joint Working Group Maritime meeting was held in Mumbai, India.

Norway has the technical expertise in Maritime sector and India has huge potential for development of Maritime sector and large pool of trained seafarers, which make both countries natural complementary partners.

Earlier, India had also prepared Maritime India Vision 2030, which has identified more than 150 initiatives across various maritime sectors like ports, shipping and waterways focusing on capacity augmentation etc.

168. Which organization has launched a report "Living Amazon Report" 2022, which stated that some 35% of the rainforest is either totally lost or highly degraded?

- (A) Greenpeace
- (B) Nature Conservancy
- (C) World Economic Forum
- (D) World Wildlife Fund
- (E) World Animal Protection

Ans (D)

Exp :According to a new report 'Living Amazon Report' 2022 by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF),

some 35% of the rainforest is either totally lost or highly degraded.

The report was released at the 27th Conference of Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

The report outlined the current status of the Amazon biome and basin, summarised key pressures and drivers of change and outlined a conservation strategy.

169. Recently, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has inaugurated the GeoSmart India 2022 Summit in which city?

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

Ans (C)

Exp :Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has inaugurated the GeoSmart India 2022 Summit in Hyderabad.

GeoSmart India 2022 Summit Inaugurated in Hyderabad-

170. Which city of United Arab Emirates will host first global media congress?

- (A) Dubai (B) Sharjah
(C) Ajman (D) Abu Dhabi
(E) Quwain

Ans (D)

Exp :Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company will host the first edition of the Global Media Congress, in partnership with Emirates News Agency.

The congress is scheduled to take place from 15th to 17th November.

The global media industry will gather in Abu Dhabi to leverage networking opportunities and take part in a conference program sharing ideas and cutting-edge solutions shaping the future of the industry.

The Global Media Congress will offer a platform for journalists, tech firms, content creators, digital marketing professionals, streaming giants, entertainment executives, regulators, and key media stakeholders.

Partnerships are built between key media players in the GCC and MENA region.

A large government representation from exhibitors and buyers will attend the event.

The event will allow an international transfer of knowledge to the UAE and the wider GCC in the key media sectors.

171. Which state has topped in the medal tally of Northeast Olympic Games 2022 with 237 medals?

- (A) Manipur (B) Meghalaya
(C) Tripura (D) Nagaland
(E) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans (A)

Exp :Manipur has clinched the top position in the Northeast Olympic Games for the second consecutive time with 237 medals, including 85 gold, as the second edition of the regional multi-sport event concluded.

Manipur also won 76 silver and 77 bronze while Assam was a close second with 201 medals (81 gold, 60 silver and 60 bronze) in the event competed among the eight states of the country's northeast region from November 10.

Arunachal Pradesh ended at third place while host state Meghalaya was fourth with 149 medals (36 gold, 35 silver, 78 bronze), a much better show than their sixth-place finish with 39 medals in the first edition.

Manipur had also topped the medal tally (80 gold, 49 silver and 33 bronze) when it hosted the inaugural Games in October 2018.

The U-17 Manipuri women's football team, which has a few national team players in its ranks, beat Arunachal Pradesh 3-0 in the final.

Around 3000 athletes competed in 18 disciplines at 12

venues spread across Shillong. The first edition in Manipur had 12 disciplines.

The Games are being organised by the government of Meghalaya and the state Olympic Association under the aegis of Northeast Olympic Association (NEOA). The Meghalaya government fully funded the event.

Arunachal Pradesh was to host the second edition of the Games in 2019 but there was a change of plan following the COVID-19 pandemic and Shillong was named the host city.

Nagaland will host the third edition of the Northeast Olympic Games.

Hosts Meghalaya emerged as team champion in athletics while Manipur took the honours in archery. Assam won the team championships in shooting.

172. An MoU of the exhibition has been signed between India with which country?

- (A) Finland (B) Denmark
(C) Sweden (D) Greenland
(E) Iceland

Ans (B)

Exp :In the beginning of March, 2023 Museum Kolding and the National Museum in New Delhi will open the joint exhibition "Silver treasures from Denmark and India".

An MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) of the exhibition was signed and exchanged between the National Museum, New Delhi, India and the Museum Kolding, Kolding, in New Delhi

The exhibition will showcase the finest of the silver collection from the Museum Kolding and the National Museum in New Delhi in March 2023.

The collaboration and exhibition is under the recently agreed cultural exchange programme between India and Denmark for the years 2022 to 2026.

For the first time, at the National Museum visitors will be able to see the parallel traditions of the Indian and Danish silver objects.

173. Which state government has launched "Amar Sarkar" Web portal?

- (A) Assam (B) Kerala
(C) Tripura (D) Bihar
(E) Goa

Ans (C)

Exp :Tripura chief minister Dr Manik Saha has launched a new portal "Amar Sarkar".

It act as a bridge between the people and the government.

A total of 78 departments, including the panchayat department, has been included in the webportal.

The portal will help people to register their problems and complaints through village committee officials.

174. India's first Elephant Death Audit Framework introduced by which state?

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

Ans (D)

Exp :Tamil Nadu's Forest Department has introduced an elephant death audit framework to put in place a more detailed and transparent process for recording and monitoring elephant deaths in the State.

Presently, identifying the cause of mortality in the field remains critical for many questions related to population and conservation of elephants.

The framework will improve transparency, assist all stakeholders in assessing the results and ultimately facilitate standardisation and more credible comparisons of cause of mortality.

175. Which country has won excellence in leadership in family planning awards?

- (A) China (B) Japan
(C) Canada (D) Australia
(E) India

Ans (E)

Exp :India became the only country to receive the Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards 2022 in the "country category" at the International Conference on Family Planning held in Thailand.

India's efforts in improving family planning demonstrate the progress the country has been making toward achieving the SDG targets on women and maternal health.

176. Who has become the youngest world Number one ATP Player?

- (A) Carlos Alcaraz (B) Lleyton Hewitt
(C) Andy Roddick (D) Marat Safin
(E) Pat Rafter

Ans (A)

Exp :Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz has become the youngest year-end ATP World Number 1, making him the first teenager to achieve this feat. Alcaraz has shown an incredible rise in the world of tennis this year.

He soared from number 32 to the top of this sport's mountain on September 12, which is also the biggest jump to number one in 50 editions of year-end ATP rankings.

Before this 19-year-old star, the youngest year-end ATP World Number 1 was Lleyton Hewitt of Australia, who was 20 years, 275 days in age at the time of his crowning in 2001.

On the other hand, Alcaraz will be 19 years, and 214 days old on December 5, the 2022 year-end ranking date after the last ATP Challengers Tour events of the season.

He is the 18th year-end world number 1 in history and the first outside of 'Big Four' players Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, and Andy Murray since Andy Roddick in 2003.

The 2021 Next Gen ATP Finals champion made a huge splash after becoming the youngest ATP 500 champion in the history of the series (since 2009) at the Rio Open.

After that, Alcaraz clinched his first-ever ATP Masters 1000 title in Miami.

But the biggest moment of this 19-year-old's career came at US Open, where he was crowned as the youngest men's singles winner at this major

American competition since the 19-year-old Pete Sampras in 1990.

177. Recently, Bandaru Wilsonbabu named as the Ambassador of India to which country?

- (A) Djibouti (B) Comoros
(C) Seychelles (D) Cape Verde
(E) Mauritius

Ans (B)

Exp :Indian Foreign Service (2004), Shri Bandaru Wilsonbabu, presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Madagascar, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Union of the Comoros, with residence in Antananarivo.

He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

The Comoros is an independent country made up of 3 islands in southeastern Africa.

178. What is the name of Chief Election Commissioner of India, who has been invited by the Election Commission of Nepal as an international observer for the forthcoming elections?

- (A) Sushil Chandra (B) Sunil Arora
(C) Rajiv Kumar (D) Amitabh Kant
(E) Anup Chandra Pandey

Ans (C)

Exp :Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has been invited by the Election Commission of Nepal as an international observer for the forthcoming elections to Nepal's House of Representatives and Provincial Assembly, the Election Commission said.

About Nepal's Election -

Elections are scheduled in Nepal on 20 November to elect 275 members of the Federal Parliament and 550 seats of the seven Provincial Assemblies.

A total 330 seats in the seven provincial houses will be decided directly; the remaining 220 seats will be filled by proportional representation.

179. What is the name Arunachal's first Greenfield Airport, which has recently inaugurated by PM Modi?

- (A) Sindhudurg Airport (B) Tezu Airport
(C) Pasighat Airport (D) Donyi Polo Airport
(E) Mopa Airport

Ans (D)

Exp :Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar, the first greenfield airport in Arunachal Pradesh and dedicated 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Station to the nation.

The foundation stone for the airport was laid by the Prime Minister in February 2019.

Donyi Polo Airport will be the fourth operational airport for Arunachal Pradesh, taking the total airport count in the Northeast region to 16.

From 1947 to 2014, only nine airports were built in the Northeast. In a short span of the last eight years, seven airports have been built in the Northeast.

The Donyi Polo Airport is becoming a witness to the history and culture of Arunachal Pradesh.

"Donyi" means the Sun while "Polo" means the moon.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister is Pema Kandu and Governor is B D Mishra.

180. What is the theme of World Toilet Day 2022 observed on 19 November?

- (A) Valuing Toilets (B) wastewater
(C) toilets and jobs (D) When nature calls
(E) Making the Invisible Visible

Ans (E)

Exp :The United Nations observes World Toilet Day on November 19 annually.

The main aim is to raise public awareness of broader sanitation systems such as wastewater treatment, stormwater management, and hand washing.

181. Which country will take over the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence for 2022-23?

- (A) China (B) Russia
(C) Pakistan (D) India
(E) United States

Ans (D)

Exp :India will take over the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence for 2022-23 at a meeting of the body in Tokyo, Japan.

India, in the election to the Council of Chair, had received more than a two-thirds majority of first-preference votes while Canada and the United States ranked in the next two best places in the tally, so they were elected to the two additional government seats on the steering committee. The Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrashekhar will represent India at the handover ceremony in Tokyo, Japan. India joined the

Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (AI) group as a founding member in 2020.

The Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrashekhar will represent India at GPAI Meeting in Tokyo on November 21, 2022, for the symbolic takeover from France, which is the outgoing Council Chair.

182. What is the rank of India in Network Readiness Index 2022?

- (A) 44th (B) 61st
(C) 32nd (D) 71st
(E) 49th

Ans (B)

Exp :India improves its rank by 6 slots and is now placed at 61st rank, according to the Network Readiness Index 2022 Report released recently.

The NRI report in its latest version of 2022 maps the network-based readiness landscape of 131 economies on the basis of their performances in four different pillars: People, Technology, Governance, and Impact covering a total of 58 variables.

The Network Readiness Index 2022 Report was prepared by the Portland Institute. It is an Independent non-profit, nonpartisan research and educational institute based in Washington DC.

183. Who has become first Indian woman to win medal at Asian Cup 2022?

- (A) PV Sindhu (B) Sharath Kamal
(C) Manika Batra (D) Sreeja Akula
(E) Sathiyana Gnanasekaran

Ans (C)

Exp :Indian Table Tennis Player Manika Batra defeated World No 6 Hina Hayata of Japan in the Asian Cup 2022 women's singles bronze medal match in Bangkok, Thailand.

With the win, Manika Batra became the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Asian Cup Table Tennis Tournament. It is also India's third medal at the continent's meet, with Chetan Baboor winning Silver in 1997 and Bronze in 2000. He was the only Indian Table Tennis player to win a medal at the Asian Cup before this. The Union Minister Kiren Rijiju also appreciated Manika Batra's achievement via Twitter and also complimented India's improving performance in sports.

Manika Batra had lost to Tokyo 2020 Bronze Medallist Mima Ito of Japan in Semi-Finals. World's No 5 Japanese player handed Manika Batra a 4-2 defeat after a closely fought encounter. Earlier in the Asian Cup 2022 Table Tennis tournament, Manika Batra had defeated world no 23 Chen Szu Yu of Chinese Taipei in a thrilling quarter-final to become the first Indian woman to make the tournament's semi-final stage.

184. Who has been appointed as the Election Commissioner?

- (A) Subhash Agarwal (B) Arun Goel
(C) Ajanta Dayalan (D) Bala Nirajan
(E) Dharendra Krishna

Ans (B)

Exp :A retired IAS officer of the Punjab cadre Arun Goel has been appointed as the Election Commissioner.

The Minister of Law and Justice has notified the appointment made by the President of India Droupadi Murmu. He will join the office on November 21.

The President is pleased to appoint Arun Goel, IAS (Retd.) (PB: 1985) as the Election Commissioner in the Election Commission with an effect from the date he assumes office.

Arun Goel had taken voluntary retirement from the post of Secretary, Heavy Industries.

He will join the Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and the Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey in the Election Commission.

185. Who has won 2022 ATP finals title by beating Casper Rudd?

- (A) Rafael Nadal (B) Casper Ruud
(C) Roger Federer (D) Novak Djokovic
(E) Jelena Djokovic

Ans (D)

Exp :Novak Djokovic claimed a record-equalling sixth ATP Finals Title by beating Casper Ruud to top a fantastic finish to the season for the Serb.

Novak Djokovic won 7-5, 6-3 to secure his first title at the event since 2015 and match Roger Federer's record.

The 35-year-old Djokovic, who had lost his two previous finals at the event, raised his arms and smiled broadly after sealing the match with an ace.

Novak Djokovic also became the oldest champion at the prestigious year-end tournament and also earned the largest payday in Tennis history as he walked away with \$4.5 million for claiming the ATP Finals Trophy.

186. When has the birth anniversary of Rani Lakshmbai observed recently?

- (A) 19 November (B) 20 November
(C) 21 November (D) 22 November
(E) 23 November

Ans (A) Exp :Recently, Prime Minister paid tribute to India's iconic freedom fighter, the Queen of Jhansi, Rani Lakshmbai, to commemorate her birth anniversary on 19th of November 2022.

Rani Lakshmbai - Rani Lakshmbai is also known as Jhansi Ki Rani. She was the queen of the Maratha-ruled princely state of Jhansi. She was one of the leading figures of the Indian Revolt of 1857.

She's seen as a symbol of resistance to British rule in India.

At the age of 14, Manu got married to the Maharaja of Jhansi, Gangadhar Rao Newalkar, whose first wife had passed away before having a child and who was trying to have an heir to succeed him at the throne.

Hence, Manikarnika became Laxmibai, Rani of Jhansi.

In 1853, when the Maharaja of Jhansi died, Lord Dalhousie refused to acknowledge the (adopted) child and applied the Doctrine of Lapse, and annexed the state.

She died fighting on the battlefield on 17th June 1858. When the Indian National Army started its first female unit (in 1943), it was named after the valiant queen of Jhansi.

187. Prime Minister of India has inaugurated the month-long Kashi Tamil Sangamam in which city?

- (A) Madurai (B) Varanasi
(C) Haridwar (D) Ayodhya
(E) Auroville

Ans (B)

Exp :Prime Minister of India inaugurated the month-long Kashi Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

This programme is an initiative by Government of India as a part of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" and to uphold the Spirit of Ek Bharat Sreshtha Bharat .

Kashi Tamil Sangamam -

Kashi Tamil Sangamam celebrates many aspects of the historical and civilisational connection between India's North and South.

It is being organized by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with other ministries like Culture, Textiles, Railways, Tourism, Food Processing, Information & Broadcasting etc. and the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

IIT Madras and Banaras Hindu University (BHU) are the two implementing agencies for the programme.

188. Recently, the Andaman & Nicobar Islands has filed an application, seeking the Geographical Indication tag for which object?

- (A) Nicobari Tea
(B) Nicobari Fabric
(C) Nicobari Hodi craft

(D) Nicobari Shawl

(E) Nicobari Wood Carving

Ans (C)

Exp :Recently, the Andaman & Nicobar Islands has filed an application, seeking the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the Nicobari Hodi craft.

This is the first application from the Union Territory seeking a tag for one of its products.

Earlier, the government awarded the GI tag to Mithila Makhana.

189. Which Telugu star has recently honored with the Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022 award at the opening ceremony of the 53rd International Film Festival of India?

- (A) Ram Charan (B) Pawan Kalyan
(C) Nagarjuna (D) Chiranjeevi
(E) Allu Arjun

Ans (D) Exp :At the opening ceremony of the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Telugu superstar Chiranjeevi was honoured with the Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022 award.

Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting Anurag Thakur announced that the Indian Film Personality of the Year award will be conferred upon megastar Chiranjeevi.

In a career spanning nearly four decades, Chiranjeevi has acted in more than 150 films, primarily in the Telugu film industry.

190. Who has authored the book "The World: A Family History"?

- (A) Simon Sebag
(B) Santa Montefiore
(C) Hugh Sebag
(D) Grigory Potemkin
(E) Tara Palmer

Ans (A) Exp :British Historian Simon Sebag Montefiore has released a new book titled "The World: A Family History".

In "The World: A Family History", Montefiore he tells how humanity evolved by the stories of different and famous families.

The two-part book, which will be published by Hachette India, will tell the story of humankind in "a ground-breaking, single narrative that will forever shift the boundaries of what history can achieve".

Notably: Some of Montefiore's previous books are: 'Stalin: The Court of The Red Tsar', 'Jerusalem: The Biography', 'Written in History: Letters That Changed the World', among others.

191. Veteran actor Tabassum Govil died recently. In context to same what is the name of the magazine for which she worked as an editor?

- (A) Grihalaxmi (B) Dhanlaxmi
(C) Vamangini (D) Sangini
(E) Kalatra

Ans: (A) Exp :Veteran actor Tabassum Govil passed away aged 78. Tabassum made her big screen debut as a child actor with Nargis (1947) and went on to star in Mera Suhaag (1947), Manjhar (1947), Bari Behen (1949), and Deedar (1951). Tabassum played the young version of Meena Kumari in Baiju Bawra (1952) and also had a titular role in Mughal-e-Azam. Later in her adulthood, Tabassum featured in films like Chameli Ki Shaadi (1986), Naache Mayuri (1986), Sur Sangam (1985), and Gambler (1971). She, who hosted Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan from 1972 to 1993 made her comeback on TV with Rajshri Productions' Pyaar Ke Do Naam: Ek Raadha, Ek Shyaam in 2006.

Tabassum also worked as an editor of the Hindi magazine, Grihalaxmi.

Govil's last film appearance was in Swarg (1990).

192. This year which eminent personality was awarded the 'Peace Prize' by the Gandhi Mandela Foundation?

- (A) Ramesh Oza (B) Dalai Lama
(C) Morari Bapu (D) Sadhguru
(E) Pope Francis

Ans: (B)

Exp :Tibetan Spiritual leader Dalai Lama was, awarded the 'Peace Prize' by the Gandhi Mandela Foundation.

The religious leader was selected for the award in 2020, however, it could not be given to him because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gandhi Mandela Award was presented to the Dalai Lama by the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.

The Tibetan Spiritual leader also emphasized kindness, unity, and non-violence in the world.

Note: The Gandhi Mandela Foundation, a Government of India registered trust, is a non-profit organization, formed with the motive to promote Mahatma Gandhi's and the former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela's values of non-violence.

193. Who has been re-elected as the president of Kazakhstan?

- (A) Nursultan Nazarbayev
(B) Kemel Tokayev

(C) Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

(D) Timur Tokayev

(E) Karim Massimov

Ans: (C) Exp :Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev easily won a new seven-year term in a snap election in which the second biggest choice by voters was to reject all six candidates.

Tokayev received more than 81 percent of the votes in the election. Five candidates were on the ballot against Tokayev. Nearly 6 percent of voters chose the "against all" option. Tokayev has taken steps to keep Kazakhstan's distance from longtime ally and dominant regional power Russia. When Tokayev became President in 2019 following the resignation of Nursultan Nazarbayev, he was widely expected to continue the authoritarian course of the man who had led the resource-rich country since it gained independence from the Soviet Union.

194. With whom India has signed an agreement on cooperation in hi-tech areas such as climate modelling and quantum technologies?

- (A) Russia (B) Europe
(C) United Kingdom (D) European Union
(E) United Nations

Ans: (D)

Exp :India and the European Union (EU) signed an agreement on cooperation in hi-tech areas such as climate modelling and quantum technologies, building on the Trade and Technology Council launched by the two sides earlier this year.

The agreement builds on commitments by both sides for deepening technological cooperation on quantum and high-performance computing during the India-EU leaders meeting on May 8.

The agreement signed is aimed at facilitating collaboration on high-performance computing applications using Indian and European supercomputers in areas such as bio-molecular medicines, Covid-19 therapeutics, mitigating climate change, predicting natural disasters, and quantum computing,

The India-EU TTC is a strategic mechanism that gives New Delhi access to advanced technologies and allows the two sides to set standards in crucial areas such as 5G and artificial intelligence.

This is the first such trade and technology council set up by India with any of its partners.

For the EU, it is only the second such body, following the first one set up with the US.

The proposal for setting up the council came from the EU side and India agreed to it as it will allow the two

sides to work on issues such as 5G, artificial intelligence, quantum computing, climate modelling, and health-related technology.

195. This year who has been awarded the Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement?

- (A) Dr. Uma Sharma
- (B) Leena Nair
- (C) Jayshree Ullal
- (D) Mallika Srinivasan
- (E) Revathi Advaiti

Ans: (A)

Exp :Kathak exponent Dr. Uma Sharma has been awarded this year's Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement.

The award was presented by Dr. Karan Singh during a ceremonial soiree, hosted by Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra in New Delhi in the presence of Ustad Amjad Ali Khan.

Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement was instituted by SBKK in 2010 to commemorate the huge contribution made by Sumitra Charat Ram (1914 – 2011) as a harbinger of cultural revival in post-independent India.

Pt Birju Maharaj, Kishori Amonkar, Mayadhar Raut, Kumudini Lakhia, Pt Jasraj, Pt Hariprasad Chaurasia, Girija Devi, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, and Dr. Sonal Mansingh are the recipients of this award earlier.

Dr. Uma Sharma is a renowned classical dancer who has been also awarded Padma Bhushan for her unique contribution to the cultural tradition of this country.

196. What is the name of the Integrated Fire Power Exercise recently conducted by South Western Command of the Indian Army in Rajasthan?

- (A) Vinashak
- (B) Shatrunash
- (C) Vidhwanshak
- (D) Virat Prahar
- (E) Veertam

Ans: (B)

Exp :South Western Command of the Indian Army conducted the Integrated Fire Power Exercise, 'Shatrunash' at MFFR in the Thar desert of Rajasthan. The exercise witnessed the use of multifarious firing platforms in an integrated manner involving both ground & aerial manoeuvres. Various actions including the insertion of troops, offensive ground actions involving comprehensive coordination incorporating contemporary technologies in a multi-domain environment etc were conducted.

Skills like real-time communication and sharing of a common operating picture amongst various participants to overcome emerging threats were practised and honed in the exercise.

This was affected by exploiting versatile & indigenously manufactured long-range aerial & ground vectors such as Advanced Light Helicopter (Weapon System Integrated), K9 - Vajra, Sharang Arty Guns, Bhishma (T-90 tanks) & Ajeya (T-72 tanks) to operate in a synergised manner based on the intelligence picture provided by well-established Intelligence, Surveillance & Recce (ISR) Architecture. The devastating effect of firepower was visible at the target end alongwith the ground manoeuvres executed by the mechanised forces.

197. Recently who took over the charge of CEO of KVIC Central Office, Mumbai?

- (A) Manoj Jain
- (B) Vipin Sondhi
- (C) Vinit Kumar
- (D) Amitabh Chaudhry
- (E) Santrupt Misra

Ans: (C)

Exp :Shri Vinit Kumar (IRSEE) takes over the charge of CEO, KVIC Central Office, KVIC Mumbai.

He is appointed as CEO, Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Mumbai under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Shri Vinit Kumar, an IRSEE officer of 1993 batch, has served as the Chairman of Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port, Kolkata before taking over as the Chief Executive Officer of Khadi and Village Industries Commission and also served as Chief Electrical Engineer in Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. and looked after World Bank funded MUTP project before joining as CEO, KVIC.

Shri Kumar joined administrative post of Secretary, Central Railway and gained experience in general administration. He worked in Central Railway in Mumbai suburban system, one of the densest suburban system in the world in maintenance and operations of rolling stock and traction installations. He also worked in Pune and Nagpur in independent charge of traction assets and locomotive workshop

198. Recently the 13th edition of Naseem Al Bahr-2022, commenced in Oman. In context to same this bilateral exercise is being held between which countries?

- (A) India & UAE
- (B) Kazakhstan & Saudi Arabia
- (C) India & Kazakhstan

- (D) India & Oman
(E) Kazakhstan & Oman

Ans: (D)

Exp :The 13th edition of bilateral exercise between the Indian and the Royal Oman navies, Naseem Al Bahr-2022, commenced off the coast of Oman.

The exercise is being conducted in two phases: the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase. Naseem Al Bahr naval exercise was started in 1993.

The last edition was conducted off Goa in 2019.

The Indian Navy's guided missile frigate Trikanth and Offshore Patrol Vessel Sumitra, with their integral helicopters, and the maritime patrol aircraft, Dornier, are participating in the exercise.

The exercise facilitates operational-level interaction between the two navies to foster mutual cooperation and enhance good order at sea.

The exercise also aims to strengthen the ancient maritime and cultural linkages between India and Oman.

199. Who has been elected as a member of the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM)?

- (A) Prof. Venu Gopal Achanta
(B) Professor (Dr.) Amitbodh Upadhyaya
(C) Professor Ekta Menghani
(D) Dr. Manorama Singh
(E) Dr. G. Babu

Ans: (A)

Exp :Prof. Venu Gopal Achanta has been elected as a member of the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM).

The 27th General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) meeting was held at Paris, France. Prof. Achanta is among the 18 members elected from different countries and he is the 7th Indian to be elected to the CIPM.

The first Indian to be elected as a member of CIPM was Dr. K.S. Krishnan, the founder Director of CSIR-NPL.

The last Indian to be elected was Prof. E. S. R. Gopal, the then Director, and CSIR-NPL.

The CIPM is a supreme international committee which functions under the authority of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM).

CGPM was set up under the Meter Convention signed on 20th May 1875 in Paris.

It is responsible for development and implementation of International Systems of Units, universally abbreviated as SI.

The CSIR-NPL, the National Metrology Institute (NMI) of India was established by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi on January 4, 1947.

The Government of India enacted the "Standards of Weights and Measures Act" for the first time in 1956 to ensure that every citizen has access to uniform standards of weights and measures based on the SI units.

India became the member of the CGPM in 1957.

200. Name India's first bank to receive the RBI's Approval to open a special Vostro account with Russia's Gazprombank?

- (A) State Bank of India (B) UCO BANK
(C) HDFC Bank (D) PNB
(E) ICICI Bank

Ans: (B)

Exp :HDFC Bank and Canara Bank have got approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to open a special Vostro account for trade in rupees and both the approvals are for trade with Russia.

So far five Indian banks — UCO Bank, Union Bank, and IndusInd Bank the other three — have received regulatory clearance for such trade. This apart, two Russian banks — Sber Bank and VTB — have the RBI's approval. Both have branches in India.

201. Recently inaugurated largest South Asian Film Market- Film Bazaar will be organized by which company?

- (A) Central Board of Film Certification
(B) MECON engineering company
(C) Film and Television Institute of India
(D) Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute
(E) National Film Development Corporation of India

Ans (E)

Exp :The Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur inaugurated the largest South Asian Film Market- Film Bazaar.

India is one of the largest film-making countries in the world, and the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is Asia's biggest film festival.

Film Bazaar, the largest South Asian Film market organized on the sidelines of the 53rd International Film Festival of India encourages creative and financial collaboration between the South Asian and International Film Communities.

Film Bazaar, created and organized by the National Film Development Corporation, has evolved into South Asia's global film market from its humble beginnings in 2007.

Over the years, films such as Lunch Box, Margarita with a Straw, Qissa, Chauthi Koot, Title, Ship of Theseus, Court, Liar's Dice, and Miss Lovely, among others have been through one or more programs of the Bazaar.

Over the course of five days at IFFI, Film Bazaar becomes the converging point for film buyers and sellers from all over the world.

Film Bazaar will also facilitate the sales of world cinema in the South Asian Region.

53rd International Film Festival of India -

The 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is being held in Goa from November 20 to November 28, 2022.

Organised annually by the Directorate of Film Festivals in Asia, the 53rd edition of the International film festival promotes the art of the film by providing a unique platform showcasing the best of cinema.

202. Purnima Devi Barman, who has been awarded the United Nation's highest environmental honor, "Champions of the Earth", for 2022, is from which state?

- (A) Assam (B) Kerala
(C) Goa (D) Bihar
(E) Tripura

Ans (A)

Exp :Assam's leading conservationist Purnima Devi Barman has been awarded the United Nation's highest environmental honor, 'Champions of the Earth', for 2022.

She is a wildlife biologist won the award along with four others from different countries for their transformative action to prevent, halt and reverse ecosystem degradation.

Champions of Earth Award is given in various categories and India's Purnima Devi Barman received it in the Entrepreneurial Vision Category, for leading the 'Hargila Army'.

203. Which country's Parliament has passed Free Trade Agreement with India?

- (A) United Kingdom (B) Australia
(C) New Zealand (D) Denmark
(E) United States

Ans (B)

Exp :Australian Parliament has passed the country's Free trade Agreement (FTA) with India.

Once implemented, the trade agreement will provide duty-free access to the Australian market for over

6,000 broad sectors of India, including textiles, leather, furniture, jewellery and machinery.

Under the pact, Australia is offering zero-duty access to India for about 96.4% of exports (by value) from day one. This covers many products that currently attract 4-5% customs duty in Australia.

204. Recently, "INMARCO 2022" held in which city, where India's first National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping has launched?

- (A) Kolkata (B) Chennai
(C) Madurai (D) Mumbai
(E) Gandhidham

Ans (D)

Exp :Recently, India's first National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) was launched at "INMARCO 2022" held in Mumbai. The INMARCO is a quadrennial International Maritime Conference and Exhibition, hosted by the Institute of Marine Engineers (India).

205. The 400th birth anniversary of Assam's legendary war hero Lachit Borphukan has celebrated in which city from 23rd to 25th November, 2022?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Silchar
(C) Dibrugarh (D) Patna
(E) Saraighat

Ans (A)

Exp :The 400th birth anniversary of Assam's legendary war hero Lachit Borphukan will be celebrated in the New Delhi from 23rd to 25th November, 2022

A book on Lachit Borphukan will be released and a documentary on the legendary warrior will also be screened at Vigyan Bhawan, the venue of the event in Delhi.

A similar request will also be made to the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

206. Recently, which state government has issued a notification to declare Arittapatti village as a Biodiversity Heritage Site?

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

Ans (A)

Exp :Recently, the Tamil Nadu Government issued a notification declaring Arittapatti in Melur block, Madurai district, a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS). It is Tamil Nadu's first and India's 35th Biodiversity Heritage Site.

207. Which government agency has released 7th edition of "Handbook of Statistics on Indian States, 2021-22"?

- (A) State Bank of India
- (B) Ministry of Statistics
- (C) NITI Aayog
- (D) Reserve Bank of India
- (E) MEITY's limited

Ans (D)

Exp :The seventh edition of the Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22 is released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Which seeks to provide comprehensive data about the regional economies of India.

208. Vayusena Nagar is located in which state, where Indian Airforce's Air Fest 2022 has organized?

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Punjab
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Uttarakhand
- (E) Himachal Pradesh

Ans (A)

Exp :Air Fest 2022 showcased maneuvers of planes & helicopters in the arsenal of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in an annual event organized at Head Quarters Maintenance Command, Vayusena Nagar in Nagpur. The Air Fest is being conducted as a part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".

209. India has won how many gold medals at 15th Asian Airgun Championship?

- (A) 20
- (B) 18
- (C) 25
- (D) 09
- (E) 28

Ans (C)

Exp :India ended their campaign at the 15th Asian Championships in South Korea with 25 gold medals. Indian pair Manu Bhaker and Samrat Rana won the 10-meter Junior Air Pistol Mixed Team event. Bhaker and Rana in the qualification shot 578 shots to finish second against Uzbekistan pair Nigina Saidkulova and Mukhammad Kamalov.

210. What is the name of the founder of "Rasna" who has passed away recently?

- (A) Sudarshan K
- (B) Ballabha Das
- (C) Ruben Rausing
- (D) Areez Pirojshaw
- (E) Prem Kumar

Ans (D)

Exp :The founding chairman of the popular drink Rasna, Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta has passed away. Decades back, his father Phiroja Khambatta started a modest business which Areez took to being the largest concentrate manufacturer in the world, with a presence in over 60 countries.

He created affordable soft drink packs of Rasna in the 1970s as an alternative to soft drink products sold at high costs.

It is sold at 1.8 million retail outlets in the country. Khambatta was the former chairman of the World Alliance of Parsi Irani Zarthostis (WAPIZ).

He also served as the past president of the Ahmedabad Parsi Panchayat and the vice president of the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India.

A recipient of the President of India's Home Guard and Civil Defence Medal as well as the Paschimi Star, Samarseva and Sangram medals, Khambatta was also honoured with the National Citizen's Award for outstanding contribution in the field of commerce. The Trust and Foundations under his chairmanship have been involved in various projects to do with health care, education and scholarship.

211. Which port has launched Continuous Marine Water Quality Monitoring Station in association with IIT Madras?

- (A) Mumbai Port
- (B) Kandla Port
- (C) Mangalore Port
- (D) Cochin Port
- (E) Nhava Sheva Port

Ans (E)

Exp :Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority also known as Nhava Sheva Port in association with the Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, developed a Continuous Marine Water Quality Monitoring Station (CMWQMS).

They launched an Electric Environmental Monitoring Vehicle (EV) at the Port.

212. Anwar Ibrahim has been sworn in as Prime-Minister of which country?

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

Ans (B) Exp :Malaysia's veteran opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim has been sworn in as the country's new prime minister, after several days of post-election deadlock.

The new leader was appointed by King Sultan Abdullah, after elections over the weekend resulted in an unprecedented hung parliament.

213. Which company has been named a recipient of the Salesforce Partner Innovation Award in the "Communications" category?

- (A) Microland (B) Mindtree
(C) Prodapt (D) IQVIA
(E) Tech Mahindra

Ans (C)

Exp :Prodapt, a leading global consulting, technology & managed services provider with a singular focus on the Connectedness industry, has been named a recipient of the Salesforce Partner Innovation Award in the "Communications" category.

The prestigious award recognizes Prodapt's contributions to Salesforce-driven digital transformation programs and the development of specific solution accelerators for the communications industry.

214. Who has been awarded by Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2021 in "Land Adventure" category?

- (A) Shubham Vanmali (B) Dhananjay Singh
(C) Bhawani Singh (D) Naina Dhakad
(E) Vikram Samyal

Ans (D)

Exp :The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India announced the National Adventure Award called "Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award" (TNNAA) for the year 2021.

The award is given in four categories which are Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure, and Life Time Achievement.

215. Who has been honoured with the prestigious Dr Kalam Seva Puraskar 2022?

- (A) Askhanola Jews (B) Vijay Kumar
(C) Vikash Sharma (D) Ravi Kumar Sagar
(E) Ajay Nagar

Ans (D)

Exp :Ravi Kumar Sagar, one of the youngest founders and CEO of RK'S INNO group was conferred with the most prestigious Dr Abdul Kalam Seva Puraskar. The award was presented to him for his persistent service to society and is one of the youngest entrepreneurs in India. About the Dr Kalam Seva Puraskar -

Dr Kalam Seva Puraskar is hosted every year by Vandhe Bharat Foundation and LeadIndia Foundation to commemorate the birth anniversary of the late former President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

The award is conferred to the deserving candidates on the birth anniversary of Dr. Kalam for recognizing various people who have been doing extraordinary work for society.

216. Which Indian city has become the first city in South Asia to Top CDP's Climate Action List?

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

Ans (A)

Exp :Mumbai has become the first Indian city to be added to the A-list in the 5th Annual Cities Report published by CDP, a non-profit organisation that runs the world's environmental disclosure system for companies, cities, states, and regions – recognises the important role that cities play in taking bold actions to mitigate and adopt to climate change.

217. Shaheedi Diwas or Martyrdom Day of "Guru Tegh Bahadur" has recently on which day of November?

- (A) 25 November (B) 24 November
(C) 23 November (D) 22 November
(E) 21 November

Ans (B)

Exp :Guru Tegh Bahadur was the ninth Sikh Guru and second Sikh martyr, who sacrificed his life for religion and for the protection of the human rights.

The martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur is celebrated every year on November 24.

Guru Tegh Bahadur's Martyrdom Day is also observed as Shaheedi Diwas. He was the father of the tenth Guru, Gobind Singh. It was on 24 November 1675, Guru Tegh Bahadur sacrificed his life for the sake of people who did not even belong to his community to protect religion, human values, ideals and principles.

The sites of his execution and cremation were later converted into Sikh holy places namely Gurudwara Sis Ganj Sahib and Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib in Delhi.

Guru Tegh Bahadur's term from 1665 to 1675 - He travelled extensively to preach the teachings of Guru Nanak.

During Aurangzeb's regime, he had resisted forced conversions of non-Muslims to Islam.

In 1675, he was publicly killed on the orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in Delhi.

His works are included in Adi Granth.

In the Guru Granth Sahib, there are one hundred and fifteen hymns of Guru Tegh Bahadur.

Guru Tegh Bahadur is remembered for his selfless service to people. He travelled across the country with the

218. Sangai festival is associated with which state, that has commenced recently?

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

Ans (C)

Exp :The Sangai Festival of Manipur begins, it is the largest tourism festival in Manipur.

The festival is named after the State Animal which is found only in Manipur.

The Sangai Festival was held at Sangai Ethnic Park located at Moirang Khunou of Bishnupur district.

This time the festival is being held at 13 different places in Manipur to showcase the varieties of cultural items to both domestic and international tourists.

The theme of the festival is the 'festival of oneness'. The ten days festival is expected to attract tourists to Manipur.

219. Which fair of India has created a world record of largest open-air trade fair in the world?

- (A) Cuttack Baliyatra (B) Kila Padia
(C) Mukteswar Yatra (D) Ratha Yatra
(E) Ghosa Jatra

Ans (A)

Exp :Cuttack Baliyatra has made it into the Guinness World Record after achieving the feat of making 22,000 paper boats in 35 minutes. During the Baliyatra festival, more than 2,100 students from 22 schools made paper boats and created a world record at an event organized at Barabati Stadium by the district administration and Cuttack Municipal Corporation.

220. As per Reserve Bank of India's data on daily wage payments in India, which state has the highly paid agricultural and non-agricultural workers?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Kerala
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Bihar
(E) Madhya Pradesh

Ans (B)

Exp :Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released data on daily wage payments in India.

Agricultural Workers -

In Madhya Pradesh (MP), male agricultural workers in rural areas got a daily wage of just Rs 217.8 while in Gujarat, it worked out to Rs 220.3 in the year ended March 2022.

Kerala leads in highly paid agricultural workers with an average wage of Rs 726.8 per worker.

In Jammu & Kashmir, farm workers get an average wage of Rs 524.6, Himachal Pradesh Rs 457.6, and Tamil Nadu Rs 445.6 per person.

221. Which bank has launched India's first sticker-based Debit Card- FIRSTAP, in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

- (A) IDFC First Bank
(B) HDFC Bank
(C) State Bank of India
(D) ICICI Bank
(E) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Ans (A)

Exp :IDFC First Bank has launched India's first sticker-based Debit Card- FIRSTAP, in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

The card will facilitate transactions by simply tapping the sticker on a Near Field Communication (NFC) enables a point-of-sale terminal.

While speaking on the occasion, the Head- Retail Liabilities and Branch Banking, at IDFC First Bank said that the launch of the sticker-based Debit Card is in line with the bank's customer-centric philosophy.

222. 13th Edition of "Naseem Al Bahr" (Sea Breeze) exercise has been commenced between India and which country?

- (A) Kuwait (B) Oman
(C) Yemen (D) Qatar
(E) Saudi Arabia

Ans (B)

Exp: Indian Navy's guided missile stealth frigate, INS Trikand, Offshore patrol vessel INS Sumitra and MPA Dornier, participated in 13th edition of Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Oman bilateral exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr' (Sea Breeze). The exercise was conducted from 19 to 24 November 2022 off coast of Oman.

INS Trikand is a frontline frigate equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors. It is a part of the Indian Navy's Western Fleet, based at Mumbai.

INS Sumitra, a multirole offshore patrol vessel is part of the Eastern Fleet of the Indian Navy, based at Visakhapatnam.

223. Recently, India has agreed to pursue a Free Trade Agreement with the regions of which intergovernmental union?

- (A) Arab League (B) G7
(C) OPEC (D) G20
(E) GCC

Ans (E)

Exp :India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have agreed to pursue a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two regions and resume the negotiations. GCC is a union of six countries in the Gulf region — Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain. The council is the largest trading bloc of India.

224. Recently, how many countries have joined together to create a new high-level group "Ambition on Melting Ice" on Sea-level Rise and Mountain Water Resources?

- (A) 20 (B) 14
(C) 18 (D) 13
(E) 10

Ans (C)

Exp :At COP27, a broad coalition of 18 governments joined together to create a new high-level group 'Ambition on Melting Ice (AMI) on Sea-level Rise and Mountain Water Resources'.

The "AMI" group aims to ensure impacts of cryosphere loss is understood by political leaders and the public, and not only within mountain and polar regions, but throughout the planet.

The founding governments of the group include Chile (co-chair), Iceland (co-chair), Peru, Czech Republic, Nepal, Finland, Senegal, Kyrgyz Republic, Samoa, Georgia, Switzerland, New Zealand, Monaco, Vanuatu, Sweden, Tanzania, Liberia, Norway and Mexico.

225. Recently Leith's Softshell Turtle has included in which endangered level?

- (A) Appendix I (B) Appendix II
(C) Appendix III (D) Appendix IV
(E) Appendix V

Ans (A)

Exp :At its 19th Meeting in Panama, the Conference of Parties to CITES adopted India's proposal to move Leith's Softshell Turtle from Appendix II to Appendix I.

India has also proposed to include Jeypore Hill Gecko (Cyrtodactylus jeyporensis) in Appendix II.

Leith's Soft-shelled Turtle -

Leith's Softshell Turtle (*Nilssononia leithii*) is a large freshwater soft-shelled turtle which is endemic to peninsular India and it inhabits rivers and reservoirs.

226. Recently, Bank of Baroda has opened its first mid-corporate Branch in which state?

- (A) Bihar (B) Kerala
(C) Assam (D) Tripura
(E) Goa

Ans (B)

Exp :Bank of Baroda opened its first mid-corporate Branch in Kerala at Kochi.

The key focus of mid corporate branch is to increase corporate book size and income to improve turnaround time (TAT) for corporate proposals and provide enhanced service to corporate customers.

The Bank recently reorganized its corporate banking model. The corporate banking vertical has been divided into two units — large corporates and mid-corporates – to effectively serve both customer segments

227. What is the name of second ship of Project 15B, which has been delivered to Indian Navy recently?

- (A) INS Imphal (B) INS Mormugao
(C) INS Surat (D) INS Kolkata
(E) INS Kochi

Ans (B)

Exp :INS Mormugao is the second ship of Project 15B stealth destroyers being built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL).

INS Mormugao has delivered to the Indian Navy in November 2022.

Project 15B was signed on 28th January 2011, which is a contract of four ships.

This project is a follow-on of the Kolkata class (Project 15A) destroyers Commissioned in the last decade and the lead ship of the project-INS Visakhapatnam had been commissioned into the Indian Navy.

228. The European Space Agency has named what to people with physical disabilities to work and live in space?

- (A) Cosmonaut (B) Cybernaut
(C) Taikonaut (D) Parastronaut
(E) Supernaut

Ans (D)

Exp :The European Space Agency has named the first ever "parastronaut" in a major step towards allowing people with physical disabilities to work and live in space.

European Space Agency had appointed British Paralympic sprinter John McFall to take part in a feasibility study during astronaut training to assess the conditions needed for people with disabilities to take part in future missions.

McFall, who lost his right leg due to a motorcycle accident at the age of 19, won a bronze medal in the 100 metres at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

229. Which Broadcasting company has celebrated the silver jubilee or 25 years of its establishment on 23 November 2022?

- (A) Prasar Bharati (B) Press Trust of India
(C) Doordarshan (D) All India Radio
(E) Press Council of India

Ans (A)

Exp :Prasar Bharati celebrated the silver jubilee or 25 years of its establishment on 23 November, 2022.

It was on this day in 1997, that it came into being as a statutory autonomous body set up by an Act of Parliament.

It comprises the Doordarshan and All India Radio.

230. India's Unemployment rate has ease to how much percent in July-September 2022?

- (A) 3.2% (B) 4.2%
(C) 9.2% (D) 7.2%
(E) 8.2%

Ans (D)

Exp :Unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in urban areas declined to 7.2 percent during July-September 2022 from 9.8 per cent a year ago.

231. Who has released the book "India: The Mother of Democracy"?

- (A) Dharmendra Pradhan
(B) Anurag Thakur
(C) Ramesh Pokhriyal
(D) Ashwini Vaishnaw
(E) Narendra Modi

Ans (A)

Exp :Union Education & Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan released the book 'India: The Mother of Democracy' prepared and published by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) in New Delhi.

The book is an attempt to showcase the democratic ethos ingrained in India since the dawn of civilisation. It is shown in this book that since the dawn of civilization, India has been imbued with democratic ethos.

About The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) -

The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) is a captive body of the Ministry of Education, Government of India established by an Administrative Order. The body has provided financial assistance to historians and scholars through fellowships, grants, and symposia.

232. Who has become world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 77 percent?

- (A) Andrés Manuel (B) Narendra Modi
(C) Rishi Sunak (D) Joe Biden
(E) Anthony Albanese

Ans (B)

Exp :Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 77 percent.

This was revealed in a Global Leader Approval Ratings released by a US based consulting firm Morning Consult.

The Indian PM is followed by Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador at 69 per cent and Australian PM Anthony Albanese at 56 per cent, on the second and third spots, respectively.

US President Joe Biden and UK's new PM Rishi Sunak come lower down the list with approval ratings of 41 per cent and 36 per cent, respectively.

233. Which ministry has formed a panel to revamp only government job guarantee scheme?

- (A) Ministry of Road Transport
(B) Ministry of Agriculture
(C) Ministry of Rural Development
(D) Ministry of Family Welfare
(E) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Ans (C)

Exp :India's Union rural development ministry has formed a panel to revamp its only job guarantee scheme in the hope of directing more work to the country's poorer regions.

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, or MNREGA, was in high demand in the India's rural areas as they emerged from the pandemic amid soaring inflation and limited non-farm job opportunities.

234. Which Indian Institute of Technology has ranked in top 50 of Times Higher Education Employability Rankings?

- (A) IIT Patna (B) IIT Bombay

(C) IIT Madras (D) IIT Delhi
(E) IIT Roorkee

Ans (D)

Exp :The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi has been placed at the 28th position in the Top 50 of Times Higher Education Global Employability University Ranking and Survey (GEURS).

IIT Delhi is the only Indian institute to rank in the top 50.

The varsity was ranked 27th last year.

235. How many schools have been awarded with the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar for the 2021-2022 academic session by the Ministry of Education?

(A) 39 (B) 42
(C) 26 (D) 61
(E) 15

Ans (A)

Exp :Thirty-nine schools from across the country were awarded the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar for the 2021-2022 academic session by the Ministry of Education.

The schools were selected from among a total of 8.23 lakh entries.

Out of which 28 were government and aided schools and 11 were private schools.

236. The Indian railways is planning at becoming a major exporter of Vande Bharat trains by which year?

(A) 2025-26 (B) 2026-27
(C) 2027-28 (D) 2028-29
(E) 2029-30

Ans (A)

Exp :The railways is looking at becoming a major exporter of Vande Bharat trains by 2025-26 to markets in Europe, South America and East Asia.

The latest version of the indigenous trains with sleeper coaches will be operational by the first quarter of 2024.

The Union Budget for 2023-24 will likely announce 300 more Vande Bharat trains to provide further fillip to the indigenously built semi-high speed trains.

If budgetary support comes through, the country will produce 800 trainsets in the next five years.

Railways to produce at least 75 Vande Bharat trains by August 2023 to launch the services connecting 75 key cities as part of the central government's plans to celebrate 75 years of Independence.

237. Which country has won the International Electro-technical Commission Vice Presidency and

Strategic Management Board Chair for the 2023-25 term?

(A) Canada (B) India
(C) Chile (D) China
(E) USA

Ans (B)

Exp :India wins the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Vice Presidency and Strategic Management Board (SMB) Chair for the 2023-25 term.

Shri Vimal Mahendru will be the IEC Vice President representing India.

By securing over 90% of the votes cast by full members of International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) during its General Meeting held recently in San Francisco, USA, India's representative, a member of the Indian National Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and various technical committees of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS-India), was elected.

About International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) -

International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is an international standard setting body that publishes international Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

Standardization Management Board (SMB) is an apex governance body of IEC responsible for technical policy matters.

238. Constitution Day is celebrated on which day of November every year in India to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India?

(A) 24th November (B) 25th November
(C) 26th November (D) 27th November
(E) 28th November

Ans (C)

Exp :Constitution Day is celebrated on 26th November every year in India to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India.

The constitution of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November 1949, and it came into effect on 26th January 1950.

239. Which batsman has broken the world record for the highest individual score in men's List A cricket by hammering 277 off 141 balls?

(A) Mitchell Santner
(B) Ravishrinivasan Sai
(C) Baba Aparajith

- (D) Kaushik Gandhi
(E) Narayan Jagadeesan

Ans (E)

Exp :Tamil Nadu batter Narayan Jagadeesan broke the world record for the highest individual score in men's List A cricket by hammering 277 off 141 balls against Arunachal Pradesh in the Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Chinnaswamy in Bangalore.

Tamil Nadu became the first team to breach the 500-mark in List A cricket before winning the Group C match by 435 runs, making it the highest victory margin at this level.

The previous record was Somerset's 346-run win over Devon in 1990.

240. Which country has recently signed world's "longest" gas supply deal with China?

- (A) Bahrain (B) Kuwait
(C) Qatar (D) Oman
(E) Iran

Ans (C)

Exp :QatarEnergy announced a 27-year natural gas supply deal with China.

It strengthened ties with Asia while Europe scrambles for alternative sources.

The state energy company will send four million tonnes of liquefied natural gas annually from its new North Field East project to China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Sinopec).

Asian countries led by China, Japan and South Korea are the main market for Qatar's gas, which is increasingly being sought by European countries since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Negotiations with European countries have struggled as Germany and others balked at signing the type of long-term deals made with Asian nations.

North Field is at the centre of Qatar's expansion of its liquefied natural gas production by more than 60 percent to 126 million tonnes a year by 2027.

China is the first country to seal a deal for North Field East.

241. Which state has become first in India to get Jio 5G Services in all districts?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Bihar
(C) Maharashtra (D) Punjab
(E) Haryana

Ans (A)

Exp :Jio announced that it has rolled out its True 5G network in every headquarters of Gujarat's 33 districts, making it the first state in India to get 100 percent coverage of 5G Services in the state.

As a model state, Jio informed that it will also launch a series of True 5 G-powered initiatives across health, education, agriculture, industry 4.0, and Internet of Things (IoT) sectors in Gujarat and then later extend it across the country.

As per the Telecomm Firm, Gujarat also holds a special place, as it is Reliance's 'Janmabhoomi', and further added that this strategic announcement was a dedication to Gujarat and its people.

Evolution from First Generation to Fifth Generation - 1G was launched in the 1980s and worked on analog radio signals and supported only voice calls.

2G was launched in the 1990s which uses digital radio signals and supports both voice and data transmission with a bandwidth of 64 Kbps.

3G was launched in the 2000s with a speed of 1 Mbps to 2 Mbps and it has the ability to transmit telephone signals including digitised voice, video calls and conferencing.

4G was launched in 2009 with a peak speed of 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps and it also enables 3D virtual reality.

242. Which company has become the official cyber security partner for the stock exchange-BSE?

- (A) Arctic Wolf (B) Rapid7
(C) TAC Security (D) Qualys
(E) BeyondTrust

Ans (C)

Exp :Risk and vulnerability management company TAC Security announced that it is the official cyber security partner for the stock exchange-BSE.

The cyber security company said it signed an agreement with the oldest stock exchange to ensure that the BSE is empowered with the highest possible level of cybersecurity.

It said the alliance was a significant stride in the longstanding relationship between the two institutions.

TAC Security is a global leader in vulnerability management that protects Fortune 500 companies, large enterprises & governments globally.

TAC Security manages 5+ Million vulnerabilities through its Artificial intelligence (AI) based Vulnerability Management Platform ESOF (Enterprise Security in One Framework).

243. Recently, SEBI has mandate that, Mutual funds have to pay dividend to unit-holders in how many working days after declaration of record date?

- (A) Seven (B) Fifteen
(C) Thirty (D) Sixty
(E) Ninety

Ans (A)

Exp :Mutual funds (MFs) have to pay dividend to unit-holders in seven working days after declaration of record date.

In a circular issued, SEBI said the record date will be two working days from the issue of public notice on dividend payment.

The transfer of redemption proceeds to the unit-holders should be made in three working days from the date of redemption.

On paying redemption proceeds for schemes investing at least 80 per cent of total assets overseas, the transfer of redemption proceeds should be made in five working days from the date of redemption.

Record date is the date which is set by the mutual funds that determines which unit holders are eligible to receive the dividends.

SEBI has also directed that the record date should be two working days from the date of a public notice, for the purpose of payment of dividend.

244. The bilateral training exercise "AUSTRALIA HIND 22" has begun between India and which country?

- (A) Austria (B) Russia
(C) Italy (D) Australia
(E) China

Ans (D)

Exp :The bilateral training exercise "AUSTRALIA HIND 22" between contingents of the Indian Army and the Australian Army begins at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.

The exercise will continue till 11th of December.

This is the first exercise in the series of AUSTRALIA HIND with participation of all arms and services contingent from both armies.

During the exercise, participants will engage in a variety of tasks ranging from joint planning, joint tactical drills, sharing basics of special arms skills and raiding a hostile target.

The joint exercise, besides promoting understanding and interoperability between the two armies, will further help in strengthening ties between India and Australia.

The Australian Army contingent comprised soldiers from the 13th Brigade of the 2nd Division.

The Indian Army is represented by troops from the DOGRA Regiment.

245. Which country has won its first Davis Cup title?

- (A) Australia (B) Germany
(C) Canada (D) Russia
(E) France

Ans (C)

Exp :Canada won their first Davis Cup title after Felix Auger-Aliassime beat Australia's Alex de Minaur by 6-3, 6-4 in the second match of the finals.

Felix Auger-Aliassime, who is world number six, had to guard against three break points in the first set but also found his rhythm in the eighth game.

The 2022 Davis Cup is the 110th edition of the Davis Cup, a tournament between national teams in men's tennis.

It is sponsored by Rakuten.

The Russian Tennis Federation were the defending champions, but they and Belarus were eliminated from competing in international events due to the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine.

246. Who has won India's first gold at Youth World Boxing Championships 2022 in the men's 48kg final?

- (A) Vanshaj Shetty (B) Vishwanath Suresh
(C) Dev Ghorpade (D) Ashish Singh
(E) Sudhir Gautam

Ans (B)

Exp :Young Indian boxers Vishwanath Suresh, Vanshaj, and Devika Ghorpade recorded a commanding 5-0 win to bag gold at the IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships 2022 in La Nucia, Spain.

Vishwanath won India's first gold at the championship after defeating Ronel Suyom of the Philippines in the men's 48kg final.

Bhawan Sharma bagged a silver medal in the women's 48kg category as she conceded a 0-5 loss against Uzbekistan's Gulsevar Ganieva.

Ashish won a silver medal in the 54kg category.

He won 1-4 against Japan's pugilist Yuta Sakai in the men's final.

The IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championship 2022 was held at La Nucia from 14th November to 26th November 2022.

247. What is the name of third ship of survey vessel, launched recently by Indian Navy?

- (A) Ikshak (B) Shalki
(C) Shankul (D) Jalashwa
(E) Airavat

Ans (A)

Exp :Ikshak' is the third of the four Survey Vessels (Large SVL) Project, being built by GRSE/L&T for the Indian Navy was launched on 26th November 2022 at Kattupalli, Chennai.

Ikshak made her first contact with the water of the Bay of Bengal at 1040 hours.

The launch ceremony was felicitated by VAdm MA Hampiholi, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Naval Command.

248. Which project of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won the GOLD AWARD at the National Awards for e-Governance?

- (A) e-Panchayat Mission Mode
- (B) e-SVAMITVA
- (C) e-Government Directory
- (D) e-Gram Manchitra
- (E) Central Finance Commission

Ans (A)

Exp :e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (eGramSwaraj and AuditOnline) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won the GOLD AWARD under the category "Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation" of the National Awards for e-Governance.

The award is a recognition of the excellent and exemplary work done by Team eGovernance and supported by Team NIC-MoPR.

To strengthen e-Governance in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) across the country, Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has launched eGramSwaraj.

It is a user friendly web-based portal.

eGramSwaraj aims to bring in better transparency in the decentralised planning, progress reporting and work-based accounting.

249. The 14th edition of Aero India will be held from February 13-17, 2023 at the Air Force Station in which city?

- (A) Chandigarh (B) Hyderabad
- (C) Bengaluru (D) Kolkata
- (E) Chennai

Ans (C)

Exp :The 14th edition of Aero India will be held from February 13-17, 2023 at the Air Force Station in Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

The previous edition of the biennial event was held in a hybrid model in 2021 due to Covid as there were several restrictions in place.

Asia's premier air show which was traditionally held for five days was cut short to three.

The 14th edition is scheduled for five days and the general public too will be allowed.

Bengaluru-based defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) will organise the event.

In this, exhibitors from across the world are expected to take part.

250. Vikram Gokhale, who has passed away recently, was a famous -

- (A) Athlete (B) Politician
- (C) Author (D) Actor
- (E) Designer

Ans (D)

Exp :Veteran Bollywood actor Vikram Gokhale passed away recently at the age of 77.

He started his career in 1971.

In 2013, he won his first National Award in the Best Actor category for his performance in the Marathi film "Anumati".

The movie also the Best Feature Film Award at the New York Indian Film Festival.

For his contribution to Theatre acting, India's National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, Sangeet Natak Akademi, conferred him with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2011.