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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

Highlights of the Report -

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

About National Geospatial Policy 2021 -

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

Commonwealth Games 2022: Men's 55kg Weightlifting Finals

Gold Medal- Malaysia's Aniq Kasdan with 249 kg

Silver Medal- India's Sanket Sargar with 248 kg

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

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

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

(E) Maharashtra

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

Key Points -

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

Australia's Lucapa Diamond Company and the Angolan government.

Dimensions of Lulo Rose -

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

It weighs 34 grams.

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

Key Points -

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

He is currently the ambassador of India to Vietnam.

The Delhi-based Ministry of External Affairs made this announcement.

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

Key Points -

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

- (A) Venkat Rahul (B) Jhilli Dalabehera

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. Who has won F1 Hungarian Grand Prix 2022?

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

Ans (E)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

He is scheduled to retire in 2025.

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

Key Points-

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

Key Points -

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

Other famous festivals of Telangana -

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

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

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

- (D) Senegal
(E) Zimbabwe

Ans (E)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

Important points of exercise -

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

Key Points -

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

Key Points -

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

Financial Inclusion Index -

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

(C) Life Insurance Corporation

(D) State Bank of India

(E) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

46. Who has sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner?

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (A)

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

Key Points -

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

The career of Saurav Ghosal -

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

Key Points -

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

(E) China

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

(A) 2023 (B) 2024

(C) 2025 (D) 2026

(E) 2027

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(E) Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans (B)

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

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

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

(A) Federal Bank (B) HDFC Bank

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

(E) South Indian Bank

Ans (A)

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

About Tax Information Network (TIN) -

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

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

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

(A) Arun Raste (B) Supriya Sahu

(C) Nehal Vora (D) Anuj Kumar

(E) Mahesh Vyas

Ans (B)

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

Earlier, the committee had 21 members.

Key Points -

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

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

(A) NATO (B) FAO

(C) IAEA (D) OSCE

(E) IMO

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

Career of Naib Subedar Deepak Punia -

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

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

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

(E) BSNL

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

Also, it will organize and improve existing soil maps.

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

Goal -

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

Objective -

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

Key Points -

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

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

Significance -

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

(E) India Arbitration Centre

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

Why this recognition is given to Prof Ramadhar Singh?

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

Radio Jaighosh: Channel and Timing -

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

About Morgan Stanley:

Industry: Financial services

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

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

Headquarters: New York, U.S.

Chairman & CEO: James P. Gorman

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

108. Which Tennis player has recently announced her retirement?

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

Ans (B)

Tennis Star Serena Williams announced her retirement from Tennis.

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

About Serena Williams -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

State Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

Findings of the report -

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

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

Findings Related to India -

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

What is ONDC - Open Network for Digital Commerce?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

About Rakesh Jhunjhunwala -

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

On Utsav Fixed Deposit Scheme -

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

Marine Exports From India -

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

It comprises of 3 Kirti Chakras and 13 Shaurya Chakras.

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

Key Points -

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

It is the highest railway bridge in the world.

It is located in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

Goal of Steel Slag Road in Arunachal Pradesh -

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

Indigenisation of Weapons System for Armed Forces

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

Highlights of the Exercise -

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

National Mission-Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems -

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

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

RBI's central board -

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

Ujjivan SFB and Bank of Baroda: Key Points -

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

About ECLGS -

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

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

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

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

Ans (E)

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

Career of Amitabh Chaudhary -

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

Note -

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (B)

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

Aim -

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

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

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

Ans (A)

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

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

Aim -

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

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

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

Key Highlights -

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

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

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

Ans (C)

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (A) Cryolite India (B) Shiprocket
(C) DigiCoders (D) WillowTree
(E) Capgemini

Ans (B)

Logistics Technology Platform Shiprocket has become the latest start-up to join the unicorn club.

The company raised USD 33 Million or Rs 260 crore from its existing investors Temasek Holdings and Lightrock India to be crowned as the 106th Unicorn of India.

Zomato-backed Shiprocket is the 20th company to cross the 1 Billion Valuation mark in 2022 and joins the league of CredAvenue, Xpressbees, LEAD and PhysicsWallah among others.

Post the latest round of funding, the logistics aggregator is valued at USD 1.2 Billion according to

the data submitted with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

158. World Photography Day 2022 has recently observed on which day of August under the theme "Pandemic Lockdown through the lens"?

- (A) August 15 (B) August 16
(C) August 17 (D) August 18
(E) August 19

Ans (E)

World Photography Day 2022 is being observed on August 19, under the theme of "Pandemic Lockdown through the lens". This day is observed annually and it focuses on art, craft and science of photography.

The day celebrates how a picture catches the essence, emotion and mood of moment in time. About World Photography Day- It is an annual event, that is celebrated worldwide. It is the celebration of art, craft, science and history of photography.

Photography has become an ever-increasing medium to express and appreciate the people worldwide.

159. Which state government/UT has formally launched the "Make India No 1" campaign?

- (A) Ladakh (B) Haryana
(C) Delhi (D) Punjab
(E) Assam

Ans (C)

Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal has formally unveiled his Aam Aadmi Party's national ambition with the launch of the "Make India No 1" campaign.

At an event organised at Talkatora stadium here, he proposed a five-point vision for good governance.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor termed the campaign a "national mission" and appealed to the masses to join.

The five-point vision of this initiative -

The first thing that we have to do is provide free and quality education to every child of this country.

The second measure that we will have to take is to provide free and best medical treatment along with free medicines and test facilities to every citizen of the country.

Third, we will have to provide employment to every youth which is possible with the right intention and management.

160. Which is the first state in India to receive "Har Ghar Jal" certification recently?

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

Ans (D)

The people of all the villages in Goa and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (D&NH and D&D) declared their village to be a "Har Ghar Jal" through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha, certifying that all households in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps and ensuring that "No One is Left Out".

All 85,156 of the 85,635,000 rural households in Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, and Goa have access to potable water via a tap connection with Har Ghar Jal.

Key Points -

The Government of India's flagship programme, Jal Jeevan Mission, was unveiled on August 15, 2019, from the Red Fort's ramparts by its forward-thinking Prime Minister.

161. Which armed force has signed Memorandums of Understanding with eight banks to provide customized banking services for its troops?

- (A) Indian Navy (B) National Security Guard
(C) Indian Army (D) Indian Coast Guard
(E) Indian Air Force

Ans (D)

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with eight banks to provide customized banking services for its personnel deployed across India for the welfare of its troops.

Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, Yes Bank, Punjab National Bank(PNB), IDFC First Bank, and ICICI Bank are among the eight banks.

Key Points -

ICG inked these MoUs with these banks in order to provide customised services to its employees, with the well-being and welfare of the troops as key purposes.

162. Which bank has opened the first all-women branch in north Kerala?

- (A) HDFC Bank (B) ICICI Bank
(C) Axis Bank (D) IDBI Bank
(E) State Bank of India

Ans (A)

HDFC Bank inaugurated an all-women branch in Kozhikode, north Kerala. Mayor of the city Corporation Beena Philip opened the branch of HDFC Bank.

As of March 31, 2022, women made up 21.7% (21,486) of the workforce, according to the bank.

By 2025, the private lender wants to raise it to 25%.

Deals beyond a certain threshold require regulator approval, which keeps an eye on unethical business practises in the marketplace.

HDFC Bank All-Women Branch -

The launch of the all-women branch of HDFC Bank, according to Sanjeev Kumar, Branch Banking Head, South (Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Kerala), is yet another illustration of their efforts to advance gender and diversity initiatives of the HDFC Bank

163. Recently, Indian Space Research Organisation has received a Crew Module Fairing from which company for Gaganyaan mission?

- (A) DRDO (B) HAL
(C) BHEL (D) BEML
(E) NTPC

Ans (B)

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed two pieces of space equipment to the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for use in the Gaganyaan mission.

This is the second crew module fairing (CMF) that India's top space agency has purchased from HAL for the mission. Even though both of these CMFs will be used in some capacity, the first experiment will use the CMF that ISRO obtained from HAL.

HAL and ISRO -

According to sources, ISRO received the CMF structure, which included the thrust-transfer structure for the high-altitude escape motor (HTS).

164. The book "Bibi: My Story" is an autobiography whom?

- (A) Barack Obama (B) Naftali Bennett
(C) Joe Biden (D) S Jaishankar
(E) Benjamin Netanyahu

Ans (E)

Former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has a memoir coming out this fall. "Bibi: My Story" will be published November 22, in Israel. Born a year after the founding of the Jewish state, I have dedicated my life to combat the forces that seek its destruction and make peace with those that do not,". My story is one of tragedy and triumph, setbacks and successes, lessons learned and loved ones cherished. It is woven with that of Israel, which has proven that faith and resolve can overcome insurmountable odds to forge a brilliant future, Netanyahu, 72, said in a statement.

165. What is the name of India's first portal on arrested narco offenders?

- (A) NIRNAY (B) VYAN
(C) SAMAN (D) NIDAAN
(E) ATISAR

Ans (D)

A first-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational for use by

various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country. The portal—NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders—has been developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

It is part of the narcotics coordination mechanism (NCORD) portal that was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on July 30 in Chandigarh during the national conference on "Drug trafficking and national security".

166. Recently, on which day of August, India observed Akshay Urja Diwas or Renewable Energy Day?

- (A) 17th of August (B) 22nd of August
(C) 20th of August (D) 19th of August
(E) 21st of August

Ans (C)

Every year on the 20th of August India observes Akshay Urja Diwas or Renewable Energy Day. Akshay Urja Diwas 2022 or Renewable Energy Day aims to spread awareness about the development and adoption of renewable energy in India. Akshay Urja Diwas 2022, marks its importance by promoting and lining up the alarming rate of depletion of Natural resources. This day makes people aware of the use of natural resources like wind energy, solar energy, and hydropower.

Akshay Urja Diwas was first established in 2004 to support renewable energy development programs in India and promote the usage of natural resources.

167. Sadbhavna Diwas has been celebrated on 20th August to commemorate the birth anniversary of whom?

- (A) Sanjay Gandhi (B) Rajiv Gandhi
(C) Charan Singh (D) Gulzarilal Nanda
(E) Lal Bahadur Shastri

Ans (B)

Sadbhavna Diwas 2022 -

India celebrates Sadbhavna Diwas in memory of Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary. Sadbhavna Diwas 2022 commemorates the 78th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi on 20th August 2022. Sadbhavna Diwas was instituted after the death of Rajiv Gandhi in 1992, by Congress. Sadbhavna Diwas promotes peace, harmony, empathy, and unity among all citizens of India.

On this several cultural events and contests are organized across the country.

Significance - Sadbhavna Diwas promotes harmony, peace, national integrity, unity, and empathy among all citizens of India On this day, we celebrate the birth

anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, and senior Congress officials and close relatives pay tribute to him. Sadbhavna Diwas is also known for spreading awareness about greenery, protection of the environment, and the beauty of nature. This day promotes awareness among people about environmental challenges faced by the earth day by day. This day also promotes planting at least one sapling to be a part of the environment.

168. Which airline company has emerged as second largest domestic airline by market share?

- (A) Vistara (B) Air India
(C) IndiGo (D) SpiceJet
(E) Go First

Ans (A)

Full-service Vistara emerged as the second biggest airline by domestic market share last month with a 10.4% pie of the sky, distantly second to the market leader IndiGo at 58.8%. The airline is Tata Sons' joint venture with Singapore Airlines. The number three, four and five positions saw airlines separated by just decimal points — Air India (8.4%), GoFirst (8.2%) and SpiceJet (8%).

India's airlines carried 9.7 million passengers on domestic routes in July, almost double from a year earlier but lower than the 10.5 million passengers ferried in June 2022.

According to data from the aviation regulator - Vistara, which had a 7.5% market in January and around 9% in the subsequent months, climbed to 10.4% in July.

Go First carried 8.2% of the domestic passengers last month, while SpiceJet flew 8%.

SpiceJet and Go First have been forced to cut capacity, which helped Vistara overtake them in market share.

169. Recently, "Dahi-Handi" has recognized as an official sport of which state?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Karnataka
(C) Rajasthan (D) Gujarat
(E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (A)

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announces that 'Dahi-Handi' will be recognized as an official sport in Maharashtra.

The state is set to organize a 'Pro- Dahi Handi' completion.

The Maharashtra Government also announces that the Govindas will get a job under the sports category and if any Govinda loses his life insurance of Rs 10 lakh

will be given, also if they end up being partially handicapped insurance of Rs 5 lakh will be given by the Government of Maharashtra.

The decision was taken as many cities of Maharashtra celebrate and enjoy 'Dahi-Handi' as an adventurous sport.

170. The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has inked a Memorandum of Understanding to establish its first international marketing and sales office in which country?

- (A) Singapore (B) Malaysia
(C) Indonesia (D) Thailand
(E) Vietnam

Ans (B)

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish its first international marketing and sales office in Kuala Lumpur in anticipation of a potential agreement for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas in Malaysia.

The change has taken place because Tejas is being considered by Malaysia as a Fighter Lead-in Trainer (FLIT) aircraft for the Royal Malaysian Air Force.

HAL marketing office: Highlights -

The office in Kuala Lumpur would increase HAL's potential to obtain the agreement while also enabling them to fulfil other requirements of the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), such as the upgrading and repairing of the Russian Su-30s and British Hawk trainer aircraft.

171. India's first Indigenously Developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus, developed by KPIT-CSIR, has unveiled in which city?

- (A) Mumbai (B) Pune
(C) New Delhi (D) Bangalore
(E) Lucknow

Ans (B)

India's first Indigenously Developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus has unveiled in Pune recently by MoS Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh.

The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus has been developed by KPIT-CSIR in Pune and is being termed the country's first truly indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus.

The development of the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus comes as part of the country's commitment to the use of clean and green energy for transportation to reduce its carbon footprint and positively contribute toward climate change action.

How do Hydrogen Fuel Cells power Vehicles?

Unlike the traditional heavy vehicles i.e., Buses and Trucks, the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus uses Hydrogen and Air to produce electricity to power itself.

172. Which state government has collaborated with SettleMint to distribute seeds among farmers by Blockchain Technology?

- (A) Punjab (B) Chhattisgarh
(C) Jharkhand (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Haryana

Ans (C)

Jharkhand Government has launched a unique project which employs Blockchain Technology for Distribution of Seeds to Farmers.

The project which has been launched in association with Global Blockchain Technology Major SettleMint, aims to revolutionize the agriculture sector and will reduce pilferage.

The state plans to include all key stakeholders of agriculture sector i.e., suppliers, distributors and farmers, as key part of the project.

The scheme was launched by the Directorate of Agriculture, Jharkhand on 18th August 2022.

174. What is the theme of this year's "International Day Of Remembrance & Tribute To The Victims Of Terrorism"?

- (A) Memories (B) Souvenir
(C) Emerging (D) Peace
(E) Guard

Ans (A)

International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed every year on 21st day of August.

Theme - The theme for International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is "Memories."

History - The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism was established by the UN General Assembly in its resolution in 2017. The day is observed each year to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorism and protect their human rights as well as freedom.

175. Nayyara Noor, who has passed away recently, was popularly known by which honorific nicknames?

- (A) Nightingale of Pakistan (B) Queen of Ghazal
(C) Nightingale of Bangladesh (D) Queen of Melody
(E) Nightingale of Irani Pop

Ans (A)

One of Pakistan's greatest singers, Nayyara Noor, has died recently. She was 71. She often known as "Bulbul-e-Pakistan" (Nightingale of Pakistan).

Nayyara Noor was born in November 1950 in Guwahati, Assam in India.

She spent her early childhood here before her family relocated to Karachi, the capital of newly created Pakistan, a few years later. In a career spanning four decades, Noor won plenty of accolades – including the Nigar Award in 1973 for best playback singer for the film Gharana. She was also given the Pride of Performance award by the government in 2006 for her contributions to the arts.

176. The government has recently awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to which product from Bihar?

- (A) Kathiya Gehu (B) Sitapur Durrie
(C) Mithila Makhana (D) Patan Patola
(E) Kesar Mango

Ans (C)

The government has recently awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana. The move is expected to help growers get the maximum price for their premium produce.

177. According to External Affairs Ministry, the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held in which city?

- (A) Rohtak (B) Lucknow
(C) Jabalpur (D) Indore
(E) Hyderabad

Ans (D)

According to External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on the 9th of January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India. It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9th January 1915. Since 2015, its format has been revised to celebrate the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) once every two years and to hold theme-based Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Conferences during the intervening period with participation from overseas diaspora experts, policymakers, and stakeholders.

178. What is the name of the longest freight train of Indian Railways which has been test run recently?

- (A) Super Vasuki (B) Navyug
(C) Karmabhoomi (D) Ernakulam
(E) Bhimsen

Ans (A)

The Indian Railways conducted a test run of its latest train called Super Vasuki. The Super Vasuki is

operated by the South East Central Railway (SECR) zone of the Indian Railways. The SECR ran the record long-haul freight trains Vasuki and Trishul last year and the 2.8 km long SheshNaag train before that. The Super Vasuki was set up by amalgamating five rakes of trains as one unit.

179. What is the name of Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer, who has passed away recently?
(A) Mutathu Varkey (B) Narayan
(C) Sarah Joseph (D) Paul Zacharia
(E) Nalini Bekal

Ans (B)

Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer Narayan has passed away at the age of 82 in Kochi. He was born in the Malayaraya community in Kadayathur hills in Thodupuzha taluk in 1940. His debut novel, "Kocharethi" published in 1998, was selected for the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award in 1999. The novel has been translated to English, Hindi and south Indian languages. Kocharethi portrays the struggles of the Malayaraya community through the life of protagonist Kunjipennu. The novel has been translated to English, Hindi and south Indian languages.

180. Who has been named to the board of trustees of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation?
(A) Anil Agarwal (B) Nandan Nilekani
(C) Ashok Hinduja (D) Leena Gandhi
(E) Ashish Dhawan

Ans (E)

Indian philanthropist Ashish Dhawan has been named to the board of trustees of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The foundation announced the appointment of two new members to its board of trustees. Ashish Dhawan is the founder and CEO of Convergence Foundation, and along with him, Dr Helene D Gayle, President of Spelman College, US, has also been appointed. Both the new board members have worked with foundation grantees focused on saving lives and creating opportunities across health, education, and economic prosperity.

181. India's first Commercial Space Situational Awareness Observatory will be set up in which state?
(A) Uttarakhand (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Haryana
(E) Himachal Pradesh

Ans (A)

Uttarakhand's Garhwal region is all set to be home to India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory.

The observatory will be developed by Bengaluru-based start-up Digantara and will be used to track satellites and space debris.

The Space Situational Awareness Observatory will be used to monitor space activity which includes space debris that is floating in the Lower Earth Orbit (LEO) and the Geosynchronous Earth Orbit (GEO).

Apart from this, it will also add to India's capability to locate and track military satellites hovering over the region.

182. *Miniopterus Phillipsi*, which has been discovered in India and Sri Lanka by a team of international researchers, is a species of which animal?

(A) Horses
(B) Bat
(C) Pangolins
(D) Whales
(E) Dogs

Ans (B)

In a breakthrough discovery, a new species of Bat has been discovered in India and Sri Lanka by a team of international researchers.

The species of bat discovered by the team has distinct physical characteristics including long fingers as compared to other species.

The team used DNA barcoded specimens to identify the New long-fingered bat species and it has been named *Miniopterus Phillipsi* after W W A Philips (1892-1981), for his contributions to studies on the mammals of Sri Lanka and South Asia.

The newly discovered bat species is part of the larger *Miniopteridae* family which consists of at least 40 species worldwide.

183. Recently, which government entity has launched the second phase of the Grameen Udyami Project in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society?

(A) Directorate General of Training
(B) National Skill Development Corporation
(C) Confederation of Indian Industry
(D) Food Corporation of India
(E) Federation of Commerce & Industry

Ans (B)

Recently, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society, launched the second phase of the Grameen Udyami Project.

Under the initiative, the endeavor is to multiskill India's youth and impart functional skills to them for enabling livelihoods.

184. Om Birla will unveil the statue of which Maharashtra-born freedom fighter along with Swami Vivekananda in Mexico?

- (A) Pandurang Sadashiv
- (B) Bhagwan Singh Gyane
- (C) Pandurang Khankhoje
- (D) Vishnu Ganesh Pingle
- (E) Shivaram Rajguru

Ans (C)

Lok Sabha Speaker, who is currently in Canada for the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, will travel to Mexico where he will unveil statues of Swami Vivekananda and Maharashtra-born freedom fighter and agriculturalist Pandurang Khankhoje (1883-1967).

185. Which state has launched the country's first online taxi service owned by a State government?

- (A) Tamil Nadu
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Goa
- (E) Maharashtra

Ans (B)

Kerala has soft launched 'Kerala Savari', the country's first online taxi service owned by a State government, to ensure fair and decent service to passengers along with fair remuneration to auto-taxi workers.

186. Which international bank has signed a 96.3-million-dollar loan agreement with the Indian Government?

- (A) International Monetary Fund
- (B) New Development Bank
- (C) World Bank
- (D) Asian Development Bank
- (E) Bank for International Settlements

Ans (D)

The agreement has been signed to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh.

This project is in line with the goals of the Jal Jeevan Mission to provide piped water to all rural households by 2024.

Under the project, water supply infrastructure will be upgraded to ensure safe, sustainable, and inclusive rural water supply and sanitation services.

The ADB project would connect over 75 thousand houses to provide continuous water delivery to around 3 lakh 70 thousand inhabitants across ten districts.

187. What is the theme of "World Water Week 2022"?

- (A) Seeing the unseen: The value of water
- (B) Building Resilience Faster
- (C) Water and Climate change: Accelerating Action
- (D) Water for society: Including all
- (E) Water, Ecosystems and Human Development

Ans (A)

World Water Week 2022 takes place from 23 August to 1 September. The World Water Week is an annual event organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) since 1991 to address the global water issues and related concerns of international development. The theme of the 2022 World Water Week is: "Seeing the unseen: The value of water", which helps us view water in new and fascinating ways. This overarching theme is captured in three main perspectives -

The value of water for people and development.

The value of water for nature and climate change.

188. Which state government has launched the "Vidya Rath -School on Wheels" project?

- (A) Kerala
- (B) Assam
- (C) Nagaland
- (D) Bihar
- (E) Meghalaya

Ans (B)

Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the 'Vidya Rath -School on Wheels' project. This project aims at providing economically challenged underprivileged children to access elementary education for a period of 10 months. The project was launched at a function held at the premises of Gauhati High Court in Assam. What is the Vidya Rath-School project?

The Vidya Rath-School on Wheels will reportedly provide access to elementary education to underprivileged children for 10 months. After 10 months, the children will be integrated into the conventional system of education. Children will be provided with uniforms and textbooks and free-mid day meals under the project. Students will be provided free mid-day meals, uniforms and textbooks under the project.

189. External affairs minister S Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in which country?

- (A) Uruguay
- (B) Suriname

- (C) Panama (D) Nicaragua
(E) Paraguay

Ans (E)

External affairs minister S Jaishankar unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay and visited the historic Casa de la Independencia, from where the South American country's independence movement started more than two centuries ago. Jaishankar arrived in Brazil on the first leg of his six-day visit to South America with an aim to boost overall bilateral ties with the region.

Jaishankar, who is on his first-ever official visit to South America, is also visiting Paraguay and Argentina.

190. 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference will be hosted by which country?

- (A) Australia (B) Germany
(C) Canada (D) France
(E) Japan

Ans (C)

The 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) will be led by Amos Masondo, the chair of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), along with a distinguished team of MPs. The 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), will be held in Halifax, Canada, from August 22 to 26, 2022. The 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference provides delegates of Commonwealth parliaments and legislatures with an annual forum to discuss parliamentary system improvements and international political issues.

191. Recently, Prime Minister of India has inaugurated Asia's biggest private multi-speciality hospital in which city?

- (A) Gurugram (B) Faridabad
(C) Ghaziabad (D) Meerut
(E) New Delhi

Ans (B)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Asia's Biggest Private Hospital - Amrita Hospital in Faridabad.

The 2,600-bed Amrita Hospital in Faridabad spreads across an area of 133 acres and has been built at a cost of Rs 6000 crores.

Amrita Hospital in Faridabad will be managed by Mata Amritanandamayi Math – a charitable organisation spearheaded by its namesake Mata Amritanandamayi.

192. Which Indian wrestler has won the U-20 World Wrestling Champion for the first time for India?

- (A) Yogeshwar Dutt (B) Rinku Singh

- (C) Saurav Gurjar (D) Antim Panghal
(E) Jeet Rama

Ans (D)

Antim Panghal, a 17-year-old wrestler from Haryana created history by being crowned as India's First-Ever U-20 World Wrestling Champion. On 19th August, she defeated Kazakhstan's Atlyn Shagayeva in a match she completely dominated with a score of 8-0 win. The U-20 World Wrestling Championship was being held in Sofia, Bulgaria. Antim's feat is history as it was the first time in the 34-year long history of the tournament that an Indian girl has bagged the top position to become U-20 World Wrestling Champion.

193. Which state government is planning to build an education township in the state?

- (A) Uttarakhand
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Rajasthan
(E) Maharashtra

Ans (C)

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to build an education township in the state.

As per the Yogi Adityanath government, the education township will be developed on the idea of "Single Entry, Multiple Exit".

The move will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place.

Besides, it will provide accommodation and many other facilities to both students and teachers.

The objective of the education township -

The Government's objective behind the education township is to provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in one place.

194. What is the new name of largest joint military drills between South Korea and the United States for 2022?

- (A) Ulchi Freedom Shield
(B) Maneuver warfare
(C) Green dagger
(D) Dynamic Mongoose
(E) Exercise Reforger

Ans (A)

South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years with a resumption of field training.

This year, the annual summertime exercise has been renamed 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' and it is scheduled to end on 1st September 2022.

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol has vowed to normalize the combined exercises and boost deterrence against the North.

South Korea has separately started or launched the four-day Ulchi Civil Defence Drills, which is specially designed to boost the government readiness for the first time after the Coronavirus pandemic occurred.

195. Who has been appointed as the Head of Disney+Hotstar?

- (A) Kumar Madhavan
- (B) Sajith Sivanandan
- (C) Amita Maheshwari
- (D) Gaurav Banerjee
- (E) Kevin Vaz

Ans (B)

Sajith Sivanandan has been appointed as the executive vice-president and head of Disney+Hotstar. Disney's International Content and Operations is India's largest streaming service and Sajith Sivanandan has previously worked with Google.

Sajith Sivanandan will be reporting to Chairman of Disney's International Content and Operations Group, Rebecca Campbell, and President of Disney Star, K Madhavan.

He will start working with Disney+Hotstar in October with a dual reporting line of Disney Star.

Key Points -

Sajith Sivanandan will join Disney in October, and he will be in charge of overall business operations in India.

196. Global escrow banking solution provider, Castler has partnered with which bank to offer digital escrow services for the bank's customers?

- (A) HDFC Bank
- (B) ICICI Bank
- (C) Yes Bank
- (D) Axis Bank
- (E) State Bank of India

Ans (C)

Global escrow banking solution provider, Castler has partnered with Yes Bank to offer digital escrow services for the bank's customers.

The firm is a global digital escrow platform for individuals and enterprises, offering domestic and cross-border escrow solutions.

Through this partnership, both are in pole position to dominate the Enterprise Escrow Banking space and

digitally democratise the product for easy adoption amongst its varied customer base.

197. Vikram Doraiswami has recently appointed as India's High Commissioner to which country?

- (A) Ireland
- (B) United States
- (C) Russia
- (D) United Kingdom
- (E) Scotland

Ans (D)

Vikram K. Doraiswami, a seasoned diplomat appointed as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom which is seen as a significant position given the two nations' expanding strategic alliance.

Vikram K. Doraiswami is Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh currently.

He is an Indian Foreign Service officer from the 1992 batch. At May 1994, Vikram K. Doraiswami was appointed Third Secretary in the Indian High Commission in Hong Kong after completing his in-service training in New Delhi between 1992 and 1993.

198. Who has been named as secretary to President Droupadi Murmu?

- (A) Rajesh Verma
- (B) Rajiv Gauba
- (C) Ajay Bhalla
- (D) Pradeep Sinha
- (E) Rajiv Mehrishi

Ans (A)

Odisha cadre 1987-batch IAS officer, Rajesh Verma has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu.

He replaces the incumbent Kapil Dev Tripathi, a 1980-batch IAS officer.

He is currently serving as Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs & has also served as principal secretary to Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik.

In the past, Verma has also served as the Principal Secretary to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Principal Secretary of Energy Department, Government of Odisha.

199. World Gujarati Language Day 2022 has recently celebrated on which day of August?

- (A) 23 August
- (B) 22 August
- (C) 25 August
- (D) 26 August
- (E) 24 August

Ans (E)

World Gujarati Language Day 2022 is celebrated every year on 24 August.

This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great writer of Gujarat 'Veer Narmad'.

'Gujarati Diwas' is celebrated because the poet Narmad was considered to be the creator of the Gujarati language.

He has made Gujarati literature international.

200. Who has appointed as Director of the National Institute of Immunology?

- (A) Sagar Sengupta (B) Debasisa Mohanty
(C) Soumen Basak (D) Sanjeev Das
(E) Vinay Nandicoori

Ans (B)

Odia scientist, Debasisa Mohanty was appointed as Director of the National Institute of Immunology (NII).

He is currently working as a staff scientist at NII.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment, with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post and up to the age of his superannuation.

The post fell vacant after Rajesh Verma, a 1987 batch IAS officer of Odisha cadre, was appointed as Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu on August 18.

201. India's first composite indoor shooting range has been inaugurated at which Indian Naval Ship?

- (A) INS Karna (B) INS Talwar
(C) INS Kadmatt (D) INS Trishul
(E) INS Makar

Ans (A)

India's 1st Composite Indoor Shooting Range has been inaugurated at INS Karna.

The Shooting range has been equipped with advanced target systems with associated control software to help personnel improve their firing skills. The Composite Indoor Shooting Range or CISR was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta at INS Karna.

INS Karna is the first in the Navy and the only military unit in the country to develop and operationalize an indoor shooting range.

202. What will be the insurance cover for Transgender persons under Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY) scheme?

- (A) 4 Lakh (B) 5 Lakh
(C) 3 Lakh (D) 6 Lakh
(E) 7 Lakh

Ans (B)

National Health Authority (NHA) has announced that Transgender persons will now be brought under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY. The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) is the "world's largest government-funded

healthcare program" targeting more than 50 crore beneficiaries.

The landmark decision announced by the Central Government is aimed at providing a comprehensive medical package to transgender persons.

To formalize the scheme, an MoU - Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the National Health Authority (NHA) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

203. World's highest and India's first geothermal energy project will establish in which state/UT by ONGC?

- (A) Chandigarh (B) Haryana
(C) Ladakh (D) Rajasthan
(E) Nagaland

Ans (C)

State-run explorer Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) will be participating to generate electricity through Geothermal Energy at Puga, a remote valley located in Ladakh, off the road to Chumar on the de-facto border with China.

204. Which state government has approved the proposal to start the country's first night safari in its capital city?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Maharashtra
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Karnataka

Ans (D)

The cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the proposal of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department to start the country's first night safari in the capital Lucknow.

Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh said that on the lines of Singapore's world's first night safari, this night safari in Lucknow will be developed on 350 acres in the Kukrail forest area spread over an area of 2027.46 hectares and a zoological park will be built in 150 acres.

205. Which aviation company has joined Government scheme "Aatmanirbhaar Bharat" to develop India's indigenous F/A 18 Super Hornet fighter jet?

- (A) Boeing
(B) Lockheed
(C) Northrop
(D) Airbus
(E) SpaceX

Ans (A)

In the coming week, India will commission its first Indigenous aircraft carrier.

US aviation major Boeing has made a strong pitch for the Indian Navy to choose the F/A 18 Super Hornet fighter jet, claiming that it would bring a profit of \$3.6 billion in domestic manufacturing.

Boeing has joined its offers with the Government scheme Aatmanirbhaar Bharat, before the commissioning of the indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant which will operate the new fighters.

Vikrant is the largest warship built by India, and India plans to buy 26 carrier-based fighters for Vikrant.

This deal will be done through a Government-to-Government deal to meet the needs of the Indian Navy, with the US firm competing with French aircraft maker Dassault Aviation has pitched its Rafale-M jets.

206. Internaut Day has celebrated on which day of August around the world to mark the invention of the World Wide Web?

- (A) 22 August (B) 26 August
(C) 23 August (D) 24 August
(E) 25 August

Ans (C)

Internaut Day is being celebrated around the world to mark the invention of the World Wide Web.

An "internaut" is a person who possesses a thorough knowledge of how to use the Internet and its history. August 23 marks the day when the World Wide Web was opened to the public back in the year 1991 for the first time by WWW inventor Tim Berners Lee as he allowed its access, CERN announced that the internet would be free to everyone and there would be no fee for its use.

207. The world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains was launched by which country?

- (A) France (B) Germany
(C) Italy (D) Belgium
(E) Austria

Ans (B)

The world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains was launched by Germany.

The first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains has replaced 15 diesel trains that were previously operated on nonelectrified tracks in Lower Saxony, Germany.

The engine of the trains is powered by electricity generated using hydrogen fuel cells.

The use of hydrogen is a clean alternative to fossil fuels as per the German government's announcement.

208. Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga has elected as interim Prime Minister of which country?

- (A) Mali (B) Burkina Faso

- (C) Senegal (D) Côte d'Ivoire
(E) Niger

Ans (A)

In Mali, the military has appointed Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga as interim Prime Minister after the country's civilian PM Choguel Kokalla Maiga was admitted to hospital.

Before this appointment, Colonel Maiga was working as a Government Spokesman and Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation.

Choguel Kokalla was named premier after the military took power in August 2020.

In recent months, Maiga had come under criticism from many of his former allies for following the Junta's line.

Military Junta leader Colonel Assimi Goita had himself appointed transitional president after the May 2021 coup.

209. Which Agribusiness company has signed agreements with Assam, Manipur, and Tripura for Palm Oil?

- (A) Avanti Feeds (B) Godrej Agrovet
(C) Kaveri Seeds (D) Rallis India
(E) United Phosphorus

Ans (B)

Godrej Agrovet, a diversified agribusiness conglomerate, announced that it has signed an MoU with the governments of Assam, Manipur, and Tripura to advance and promote oil palm growth in the area under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm initiative.

The partnership between Godrej Agrovet and the state governments will create new chances for expansion of oil palm plants in these states as well as support for farmers.

210. Who has won the Pulitzer Prize 2022?

- (A) Fahmida Azim (B) Danish Siddiqui
(C) Adnan Abidi (D) Sanna Irshad
(E) Amit Dave

Ans (A)

Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim working for the Insider online magazine of the US has been selected for the Pulitzer Prize 2022. She will be awarded under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary. She is among the four journalists including Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey of Insider being published from New York, selected for their work on the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs. The work "I escaped a Chinese internment Camp" has illustrations by Fahmida Azim.

211. Which city has declared as India's best aspirational district under NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme?

- (A) Varanasi (B) Haridwar
(C) Chandigarh (D) Ayodhya
(E) Puri

Ans (B)

Haridwar has been declared as India's Best Aspirational District by NITI Aayog. The distinction of Best Aspirational District to the Holy City of Haridwar was accorded under NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme. Along with the title of being India's Best Aspirational District, the district will also receive an additional allocation of Rs 3 Crores. The news about Haridwar being selected as India's Best Aspirational District was confirmed by Rakesh Ranjan, the director of NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Program in a letter written to Uttarakhand Chief Secretary SS Sandhu and Haridwar District Collector. The letter outlined the achievements of Haridwar district in development of basic infrastructure.

212. Uttar Pradesh state government has approved setting up India's first night safari park in which district?

- (A) Lucknow (B) Sonbhadra
(C) Kheri (D) Mirzapur
(E) Pilibhit

Ans (A)

UP State Government has approved setting up India's first night safari park at Kukrail Forest Area in Lucknow.

Recently, UP state cabinet gave its approval for establishing India's First Night Safari Park in Lucknow's Kukrail Forest Area. The ambitious project will see a part of the 2027, 4-hectare forest area in Kukrail to be converted into a Night Safari Park and a Zoological Park.

The proposal says that the Zoological Park will be set up in an area of 150 acres while the Night Safari Park will be established in an area of 350 acres.

213. Name the former German chancellor, awarded with UNESCO Peace Prize for her "efforts to welcome refugees"?

- (A) Olaf Scholz (B) Joachim Sauer
(C) Angela Merkel (D) Gerhard Schröder
(E) Frank-Walter

Ans (C)

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel was awarded UNESCO Peace Prize for her "efforts to welcome refugees". According to the website of the

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Merkel was awarded the 2022 Félix Houphout-Boigny-UNESCO Peace Prize for her "courageous decision in 2015 to welcome more than 1.2 million refugees, notably from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea. Merkel held the office of German Chancellor for a period of 16 years and resigned in 2021.

214. Recently, India and Bangladesh has signed Memorandum of Understanding on interim water sharing of which river?

- (A) Surma River (B) Kushiya River
(C) Teesta River (D) Barak River
(E) Brahmaputra River

Ans (B)

Recently, India and Bangladesh have finalised the text of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on interim water sharing of the Kushiya river.

Key Points - It was finalised during the 38th meeting of the ministerial-level Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) of India and Bangladesh,

215. Recently, the Government of India has signed the tripartite agreement for swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks under which project across the country?

- (A) Bharatmala Pariyojna
(B) Green India, Clean India
(C) Infrastructure Facilities
(D) Kala Sanskriti Vikas
(E) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission

Ans (A)

Recently, the Government of India has signed the tripartite agreement for swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP) under Bharatmala Pariyojna across the country. The objective is to centralize freight consolidation and reduce logistics cost from 14% to less than 10% of Gross Domestic Product at par with International Standards.

The tripartite agreement was signed by: National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML):

216. Anang Tal Lake, is located in which state/UT, which has recently declared a monument of national importance through a gazette notification by the Ministry of Culture?

- (A) Bihar (B) Assam
(C) Kerala (D) Delhi
(E) Puducherry

Ans (D)

Recently, the Anang Tal Lake in South Delhi has been declared a monument of national importance through a gazette notification by the Ministry of Culture. The Anang Tal lake in South Delhi is believed to have been built a thousand years ago. As per the website of the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, Tradition ascribes this tank to a Tomar King, Anang Pal II, the builder of Lal Kot. Archaeological Survey of India gave a two-month notice for its intention to declare the site to be of national importance under ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

217. What is the name of Indian Grandmaster, who has won 28th Abu Dhabi Masters?

- (A) Adhiban Baskaran (B) Nihal Sarin
(C) Arjun Erigaisi (D) Gukesh D
(E) Raunak Sadhwani

Ans (C)

In the 28th Abu Dhabi, Masters Chess Tournament Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi defeated David Anton Guijarro from Spain in the ninth and final round. Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi won the 28th Dhahi Masters Chess Tournament with 7.5 points. Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi is in the third position in the live rating list and has gained an impressive 35 Elo rating points after the recent Chess Olympiad in India. In the 28th Dhahi, Masters Chess Tournament Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi won six matches and drew three other games. He won against Deep Sengupta, Raunak Sadhwani, top-seed Wang Hao of China, Aleksandr Indjic, Rohit Krishna, and David Anton Guijarro. He drew the matches against Evgeny Tomashevky, Jordan Van Forest, and Ray Robson.

218. Women's Equality Day 2022 has celebrated on which day of August?

- (A) 23 August (B) 24 August
(C) 25 August (D) 26 August
(E) 27 August

Ans (D)

Women's Equality Day 2022 is celebrated all over the world to celebrate women's empowerment and equality.

This year, Women's Equality Day will be celebrated on 26th August 2022. In 1973, the first Women's Equality Day was celebrated across the world. Every year 26th August is celebrated as Women's Equality Day because on this day the United States gave women the right to vote. The day highlights the continuous efforts of women to achieve complete equality in society. Women's Equality Day 2022 is dedicated to every woman, who has fought for her

equal position in this society and to all who are continuing the battle for equality in society.

219. The fourth edition of India's Clean Air Summit has begun in which city?

- (A) Bangalore (B) Chennai
(C) Hyderabad (D) Bhopal
(E) New Delhi

Ans (A)

The fourth edition of India's Clean Air Summit (ICAS) took place in Bangalore with global experts. With the help of India's Clean Air Summit, global experts are set to discuss an integrated approach to resolving air pollution and increasing climate change. India's Clean Air Summit will continue till 26th August 2022. The Centre for Air Pollution Studies (CAPS) and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology, and Policy (CSTEP), think-tanks have organized the summit.

220. Who has appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund?

- (A) Arvind Chaudhary (B) KV Subramanian
(C) V Anantha (D) Sanjeev Sanyal
(E) Raghuram Rajan

Ans (B)

Former Chief Economic Adviser, KV Subramanian was appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

His term will begin from November and will continue for a period of three years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by curtailing the tenure of eminent economist Surjit S Bhalla as ED (India), IMF up to 31 October 2022. Bhalla was appointed as the Executive Director for India on the board of the IMF in 2019.

221. Which Indian state/UT launched the Parivar Kalyan Card (PKC) Scheme?

- (A) Bihar (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Karnataka (D) Tamil Nadu
(E) Assam

Ans (B)

Central Government has given its approval for the launch of UP Parivar Kalyan Card using Aadhaar authentication.

The UP Family ID plan is a scheme under which Family IDs will be provided to family units of residents living in Uttar Pradesh. After its implementation, the UP Parivar Kalyan Card will be a 12-digit card that will help the state govt to map all the families and the benefits of several govt schemes received by a family.

222. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in 2022?

- (A) Samir V Kamat (B) Amit Dhawan
(C) Radha Pyari (D) Meeta Baghel
(E) Rajesh Singh

Ans (A)

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Samir V Kamat as the new Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation. Dr Kamat, who holds the post of Director General, Naval Systems & Materials, at the DRDO will succeed G Satheesh Reddy who has now been named as scientific adviser to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

DRDO is the research and development wing of the Defence Ministry. Reddy was appointed as DRDO chief in August 2018 for two years.

223. Which Union Ministry has published 'Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022'?

- (A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(B) Ministry of External Affairs
(C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(D) Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs
(E) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Ans (C)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change published the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 to ensure environmentally sound management of waste batteries and replace the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001. Key Points about Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 - Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Producers (including importers) of batteries are responsible for the collection and recycling/refurbishment of waste batteries and the use of recovered materials from waste into new batteries.

224. Under "Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojna" The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers has announced to launch which scheme?

- (A) One Nation One Fertiliser Scheme
(B) Livestock insurance Scheme
(C) Krishi Sinchai Yojana
(D) Agro Bhandaran Yojna
(E) Mission for Sustainable Agriculture

Ans (A)

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers announced it has been decided to implement One Nation One

Fertiliser by introducing a "Single Brand for Fertilisers and Logo" under the fertiliser subsidy scheme named "Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojna" (PMBJP).

225. Which Indian judoka has won India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships with a gold in the Women's 57kg category?

- (A) Cawas Billimoria (B) Akram Shah
(C) Narendra Singh (D) Angom Chanu
(E) Linthoi Chanambam

Ans (E)

Indian judoka Linthoi Chanambam scripted history by winning India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships with a gold in the Women's 57kg category at the World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships.

The 15-year-old judoka outclassed Brazil's Bianca Reis in the 57-kg category final.

Career of Linthoi Chanambam -

Linthoi Chanambam became the first Indian judoka to win a medal at any age-group category of the World Championships. The 15-year-old has been one of the best judokas from India in the past couple of years and is also part of the Indian government's TOPS programme.

226. Which state has got its second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years?

- (A) Manipur (B) Mizoram
(C) Assam (D) Nagaland
(E) Sikkim

Ans (D)

North-east state, Nagaland got its second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years with the commissioning of a new facility at Shokhuvi. Dimapur Railway Station, in the heart of the commercial hub of the state, was inaugurated in 1903. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio flagged off the Donyi Polo Express from Shokhuvi Railway Station during the day. The Donyi Polo Express ran daily between Guwahati in Assam and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh.

227. "Samajik Adhikari Shivir" has organized by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment in which city?

- (A) Kolkata (B) Nagpur
(C) Pune (D) Mumbai
(E) Chennai

Ans (B)

"Samajik Adhikari Shivir" was organized by the Department of SJ&E in association with ALIMCO, Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC), and District

Administration Nagpur. The "Samajik Adhikari Shivir" was organized for the distribution of aid and assisting devices to Senior Citizens under "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana" (RVY Scheme) and "Divyangjan" under the ADIP scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

228. Which airline company has become the first airline to use CAE's artificial intelligence-powered training system to train the airline's pilot?

- (A) Air France (B) AirAsia
(C) Indigo (D) Emirates
(E) Thai AirAsia

Ans (B)

AirAsia India becomes the first airline to use CAE's artificial intelligence-powered training system to train the airline's pilots.

CAE is the leading provider of pilot training solutions that are based on simultaneous technology.

The CAE headquarters are in Canada.

The training system adopted by AirAsia is called the CAE Rise, which provides real-time data during pilot training sessions and analyses them to deliver higher quality training.

CAE Rise also enables the translation of simulator training data into valuable insights for instructors.

229. Who has taken oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India recently?

- (A) Justice Tirath Singh Thakur
(B) Justice Sunita Agarwal
(C) Justice Uday Umesh Lalit
(D) Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta
(E) Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra

Ans (C)

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit took oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India. Newly elected President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union ministers were present at the ceremony. Justice Lalit's predecessor, Justice NV Ramana, was also present at the oath-taking ceremony.

230. Which Indian cricketer has named as the brand ambassador of DreamSetGo?

- (A) Sachin Tendulkar (B) Sourav Ganguly
(C) Virender Sehwag (D) Virat Kohli
(E) Anil Kumble

Ans (B)

DreamSetGo, a sports experiences and travel platform, has announced Sourav Ganguly as its first brand ambassador.

As the "Supercaptain" for DreamSetGo, Ganguly will play a key role in promoting DSG's curated experiences offered through its key partnerships with Manchester City, Chelsea FC.

The startup is focused on delivering seamless, end-to-end, world-class personalized experiences for sports fans in India, giving them an opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the sport.

231. What is the name India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier, which will be commissioned by Prime Minister of India at Kochi?

- (A) INS Vikrant (B) INS Vishal
(C) INS Viraat (D) INS Arihant
(E) INS Vikramaditya

Ans (A)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will commission the first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, at the Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi on September 2.

With the commissioning of IAC Vikrant, India will have two operational Aircraft Carriers, which will further boost the maritime security of the nation.

It will be the first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier.

232. T-AIM is an initiative of which state government, which has been selected by the Government to represent India at the G20 Digital Innovation Network?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Telangana
(C) Tripura (D) Assam
(E) Tamil Nadu

Ans (B)

The Telangana AI mission (T-AIM) has revealed that four of its startups have been selected by the Government to represent India at the G20 Digital Innovation Network.

T-AIM is an initiative of the Government of Telangana supported by NASSCOM. The four startups Arficus, Edubuk, Eunimart, and MayaMD are supported by the Revv Up programme. The program by the government has been supporting 80 start-ups that are built on artificial intelligence.

233. As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, which Indian has become the world's third-richest person in the world?

- (A) Mukesh Ambani (B) Jeff Bezos
(C) Shiv Nadar (D) Gautam Adani
(E) Bill Gates

Ans (D)

Indian industrialist Gautam Adani has become the world's third-richest person on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

It is the first time when an Asian has ranked in the top three. The self-made billionaire has seen his net worth more than double to \$137.4 billion in the last year, rising 20 spots on the index to now rank just behind Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos. Adani has made his fortune in ports and commodities trading and now operates India's third-largest conglomerate with interests ranging from coal mining and edible oils to airports and news media.

234. When is the National Small Industry Day has been observed in India?

- (A) 27th August (B) 28th August
(C) 29th August (D) 30th August
(E) 31st August

Ans (D)

National Small Industry Day is observed every year in India on August 30 to recognize the significance of and the contribution of the small industries in India. National Small Industry Day 2022 aims at encouraging the development and growth of small-scale businesses that contribute as much as 40 percent to the gross industrial value of India's economy.

235. Abhijit Sen, who has passed away recently, was a renowned name in which field?

- (A) Geography (B) Psychology
(C) Biology (D) Economics
(E) Physics

Ans (D)

One of India's leading agriculture economists, Abhijit Sen passed away at the age of 72. Abhijit Sen was a former Planning commission member and was one of the country's foremost experts on the rural economy. Abhijit Sen served as a member of the Planning Commission during the previous United Progressive Alliance Government. He was also the Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) in the first Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government and authored the report of the High-Level Committee on Long Term Grain Policy that was submitted in 2000.

236. Who has become the first Indian Cricketer to play 100 matches in all the formats?

- (A) Rohit Sharma (B) Hardik Pandya
(C) Virat Kohli (D) Dinesh Karthik
(E) Shreyas Iyer

Ans (C)

Cricket Legend Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and just the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game. He

added another milestone to his name when he was named in India's playing XI for the highly anticipated Asia Cup 2022 match with Pakistan.

Kohli has now 100 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since making his international debut in August 2008.

His best individual score for India in this format is 94 and he has scored 30 half-centuries in this format.

237. Recently, which Government agency has released the "Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India Report 2021"?

- (A) Narcotics Control Bureau
(B) Central Bureau of Investigation
(C) National Crime Records Bureau
(D) National Investigation Agency
(E) Intelligence Bureau

Ans (C)

Recently, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released the "Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India Report 2021."

The report tabled figures for "Crime Against Women", "Suicide" and "Crime Rates".

Report's findings for Crime Against Women -

The rate of crime against women (number of incidents per 1 lakh population) increased from 56.5% in 2020 to 64.5% in 2021.

238. Which state government has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Uttarakhand
(C) Rajasthan (D) Telangana
(E) Himachal Pradesh

Ans (B)

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day.

The Chief Minister Sports Development Fund will be established to be given financial benefits to the students according to accelerated rules. On this occasion, in view of the shortage of sports coaches, the Chief Minister appointed eight sports coaches in each district, established of Chief Minister's Sports Development Fund to give quick financial benefits to the players as per rules and four per cent reservation for skilled players in state services.

239. World's largest religious monument will be built in which state of India?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Meghalaya
(C) Odisha (D) Karnataka
(E) West Bengal

Ans (E)

The largest religious monument in the world, the Temple of Vedic Planetarium in West Bengal, which will serve as the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), will also have the world's biggest dome.

The Vedic Planetarium will offer guests a tour of the various parts of the cosmic creation.

The Temple of Vedic Planetarium is ISKCON founder Srila Prabhupada's vision and is apparently inspired by the design of the Capitol building in the United States.

240. Who will take over as managing director and chief executive officer of Mercedes-Benz India in January 2023?

- (A) Santosh Iyer
- (B) Piyush Arora
- (C) Amit Govind
- (D) Shailendra Atre
- (E) Vijay Kumar

Ans (A)

Santosh Iyer will take over as managing director and chief executive officer of Mercedes-Benz (The German luxury automaker) India's operations on January 1, 2023.

Martin Schwenk, who will take over as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercedes-Benz Thailand, will be replaced by Santosh Iyer.

Santosh Iyer was appointed vice president of the firm for customer services and retail training in 2016.

241. Pullampara panchayat has become first fully digital literate panchayat in India. It is located in which state?

- (A) Tamil Nadu
- (B) Karnataka
- (C) Kerala
- (D) Maharashtra
- (E) Telangana

Ans (C)

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The "Digi Pullampara" project was started on August 15, 2021.

Digital literacy was imperative for the public to get government services as well as connect with the global knowledge network.

Full digital literacy was gained by Pullampara panchayat's "DigiPullampara" project, under which some 3,300 residents between the 14-65 age group were provided digital education.

800-odd government services have been made available by the state government online and the

digitally literate population can make maximum use of them.

242. Which state will get the world's largest jungle safari park in the Aravalli range?

- (A) Haryana
- (B) Rajasthan
- (C) Bihar
- (D) Punjab
- (E) Uttarakhand

Ans (A)

Haryana will get the world's largest jungle safari park in the Aravalli range.

The park will be 10,000 acres and cover the Gurugram and Nuh districts.

This park will be the world's largest project.

Outside Africa, Sharjah is the home to the largest curated safari park covering an area of about 2,000 acres.

The park was opened in February 2022.

And the Aravalli park will be five times larger than the Sharjah park.

243. What is the rank of India ranks in the Global Innovation Index of the World Intellectual Property Organization?

- (A) 45
- (B) 86
- (C) 62
- (D) 40
- (E) 98

Ans (D)

India has reached the 40th rank in the Global Innovation Index of the World Intellectual Property Organization. This is a great leap of 41 places in 7 years.

India was at 81 positions in 2015 and 40th in 2022.

India has also maintained 1st rank in ICT services exports over the years.

The last time when the GII ranking was done, India stood in the 45th position.

The country has come a long way and there are even more heights to scale.

Significance -

Global Innovative Index represents the most innovative economies in the world.

The ranking of a country is based on certain indicators such as its success and capacity for innovation.

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- (A) September 28
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- (C) September 30
- (D) September 29
- (E) September 27

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Theme -

The theme of International Translation Day 2022 is 'A World Without Barriers: The Role of Language Professionals in Building Culture, Understanding and Lasting Peace'.

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Key Points -

The "AmazeWIT Circles" is a cohort-based connect that helps women to refine their skills and address the challenges faced by working women.

246. Which Indian industrialist has been named by TIME magazine in the TIME100 Next list?

- (A) Mukesh Ambani (B) Akash Ambani
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Ans (B)

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Significantly, he is the only Indian to be featured on the list this year.

However, there is another Indian-born American business leader, subscription social platform OnlyFans' Indian-origin CEO Amrapali Gan, on the list as well.

Notably: Akash Ambani has since played a key role in landing multibillion-dollar investments from Google and Facebook.

247. Jayanti Patnaik, who has passed away recently, was the first chairperson of which commission?

- (A) National Commission for Backward Classes
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She was the wife of late Janaki Ballav Patnaik.

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(E) Pawan Kumar Tripathi

Ans (C)

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Key points -

According to Hurun, this year the number of under-40 billionaires surged to 1,103, an increase of 96.

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- (A) September 29 (B) September 27
(C) September 30 (D) September 28
(E) September 26

Ans (A)

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The World Maritime Day 2022 Parallel Event will be organized in Durban, South Africa from 12th to 14th October 2022.

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(C) 15th (D) 13th

(E) 16th

Ans (D)

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- (C) Rajasthan
- (D) Bihar
- (E) Telangana

Ans.11 (B)

Reliance Industries chairman MukeshAmbaniin 45th AGM announced the company's plan to build India's 1st and World's Largest Carbon Fibre Plant at Hazira, Gujarat.

The plant will be developed as part of the company's Oil to Chemical segment (O2C) in which RIL has committed an investment of Rs 75,000 crore in the next five years. The development of India's First Carbon Plant from the Industry Giant comes as part of their vision for new materials. Carbon Fibre is a new-age material which has found multiple uses in industry and automotive sector. It is a lightweight but strong material with high conductivity and has been growing in demand

as a substitute for steel in theautomobile, construction and military sectors.

12. Which ministry will celebrate the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 from 1st to 30th Sept 2022 as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan?

- (A) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- (B) Ministry of Finance
- (C) Ministry of Culture
- (D) Ministry of Ayush
- (E) Ministry of Women and Child Development

Ans.12 (E)

The Ministry of Women and Child Development will celebrate the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 from 1st to 30th Sept 2022 as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan. The Central Theme of Poshan Maah 2022 is "Mahila aur Swasthya" and "Bacha aur Shiksha".

Poshan Maah is being celebrated as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan, the Central Government's flagship programme which aims to improve nutritional outcomes for children under 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

As part of the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah, the ministry plans to rope in the Gram Panchayats as Poshan Panchayats with the key focus on Women's Health and Children's Education.

The key objective of POSHAN (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition) Abhiyaan is to counter malnutrition in a mission mode.

On this front, the government has also launched Mission Poshan 2.0 as a support initiative to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition.

13. What amount has sanctioned for Tejas Mark-2 Project by PM Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Security?

- (A) Rs 5500 crore
- (B) Rs 6500 crore
- (C) Rs 7000 crore
- (D) Rs 8500 crore
- (E) Rs 8000 crore

Ans.13 (B)

Recently, Central Government approved the development of an indigenous fighter jet in the form of Tejas 2.0.

PM Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved Tejas Mark-2 Project.

The Committee sanctioned Rs 6500 crore for design and development of the Tejas Mark-2 fighter jet with prototypes, flight testing and certification.

The allocation comes in addition to the existing Rs 2500 crore sanctioned to HAL.

14. Recently, which non-profit organization has launched "Save the Whale Shark Campaign" along Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep in Mangaluru?

- (A) World Land Trust
- (B) Wildlife Alliance
- (C) Wildlife Trust of India
- (D) WWF-India
- (E) Save the Elephants

Ans.14 (C)

Recently, Delhi-based non-profit, Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) launched 'Save the Whale Shark Campaign' along Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep in Mangaluru.

August 30, 2022 is International Whale Shark Day, this year's theme is "The Future of Sharks: Guardians of Our Seas."

15. Which international organisation has released a report titled "India Covid-19 procurement: challenges, innovations, and lessons"?

- (A) World Health Organisation
- (B) International Monetary Fund
- (C) World Trade Organization
- (D) Asian Development Bank
- (E) World Bank

Ans.15 (E)

Recently, the World Bank has released a report titled "India Covid-19 procurement: challenges, innovations, and lessons", saying India managed to get many things right in its management of the pandemic.

The report takes a close look at the initiatives taken by the government of India (GoI) to ensure sustained supply of essential medical commodities during the critical initial phase of the Covid pandemic.

16. What is the name of Cyber Security Exercise, which has recently been conducted by Computer Emergency Response Team - India for 13 Countries as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative?

- (A) Synergy
- (B) Harmony
- (C) Unity
- (D) Oneness
- (E) Coaction

Ans.16 (A)

Recently, Computer Emergency Response Team - India (CERT-In) successfully designed & conducted the Cyber Security Exercise "Synergy" for 13 Countries as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative.

The exercise was conducted as part of the International

Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group which is being led by India under the leadership of National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS).

17. Which state government has introduced "MahilaNidhi" to help women entrepreneurs?

- (A) Punjab (B) Rajasthan
(C) Bihar (D) Telangana
(E) Nagaland

Ans.17 (B)

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has launched 'MahilaNidhi', a loan scheme for the social and economic development of women through loans.

Under the scheme, apart from everyday necessities, easy credit will be available to women for business expansion and starting new businesses.

In the budget 2022-23, the government said it will establish "MahilaNidhi" through Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council.

18. Tata Steel has inked aMoU with which state government to establish steel facility in the state?

- (A) Bihar (B) Assam
(C) Kerala (D) Punjab
(E) Sikkim

Ans.18 (D)

The Tata steel company and the Punjabi government have agreed to establish a 0.75 million tonne per year (MnTPA) long products steel facility with an electric arc furnace (EAF) powered by scrap.

Tata Steel's decision to build the greenfield facility at KadianaKhurd in Ludhiana's Hitech Valley is a part of the company's commitment to investing in a circular economy and switching to low-carbon steel making through steel recycling.

19. Which state government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the "Parley for the Oceans", a plastic-waste management company?

- (A) Telangana (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Karnataka (D) Tamil Nadu
(E) Maharashtra

Ans.19 (B)

Andhra Pradesh government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the "Parley for the Oceans", a U.S.-based company that works for plastic-waste management.

The MoU was signed under the presence of Chief Minister of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and an event was

held at the AU Convention Centre in Vishakhapatnam.

20. Who has named as India's ambassador to Thailand?

- (A) Nagesh Singh (B) Shashi Kumar
(C) AjaiSaxena (D) Rushulo Kemp
(E) TarunCoomar

Ans.20 (A)

An Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1995 batch, Nagesh Singh has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Thailand.

He will replace the incumbent ambassador SuchitraDurai.

Bilateral relations between India and Thailand continued to strengthen during 2021, marked by cooperation at regional and sub-regional levels within the framework of ASEAN, Mekong Ganga Cooperation and BIMSTEC as well as at other multilateral fora.

21. Recently who has taken charge as the Secretary of the Department of Commerce?

- (A) Sunil Barthwal (B) Niranjansethi
(C) Samkit Shah (D) Akhilesh Kumar
(E) HarinderPreet Singh

Ans.21 (A)

Senior IAS officer Sunil Barthwal assumed charge as the commerce secretary.

Barthwal, a 1989-batch officer of the Bihar cadre, previously served as the labour and employment secretary.

Sunil Barthwal replaced Subrahmanyam, a 1987-batch IAS officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre, who was appointed as chairperson and managing director, India Trade Promotion Organisation on a contract basis for a period of two years following his superannuation.

22. Who has won her third straight gold medal in the women's sabre event at the National Games 2022 Gandhinagar?

- (A) Aditi Ashok (B) Manu Bhaker
(C) ManikaBatra (D) Bhavani Devi
(E) DeepikaKumari

Ans.22 (D)

Olympian Bhavani Devi won her third straight gold medal in the women's sabre event at the National Games 2022 in Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar. Tamil Nadu's Bhavani Devi beat Jagmeet Kaur of Punjab 15-3 in the final.

Kerala's Christy Jose Josna and Manipuri Laishram Abi Devi won the bronze medals. Fellow Olympian ElavenilValarivan won the gold medal in the women's rifle shooting, edging out Karnataka's Tillotama Sen 16-10. West Bengal's Mehuli Ghosh took the bronze.

23. Recently, UNESCO has released a list of how many exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of the country?

- (A) 50 (B) 40
(C) 30 (D) 20
(E) 10

Ans.23 (A)

Recently, UNESCO released a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of the country.

One of the major challenges to the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South Asia is lack of proper inventory and documentation.

What are Some of the Important Textiles Crafts Listed?

Toda embroidery and Sungudi from Tamil Nadu

Himroo weaves from Hyderabad

Bandha tie and dye weaving from Sambalpur in Odisha

Kunbi weaves from Goa

Mashru weaves and Patola from Gujarat

Himroo from Maharashtra

Garad-Korial from West Bengal

Ilkal and Lambadi or Banjara embroidery from Karnataka

SikalnayakanpetKalamkari from Tamil Nadu

Khes from Haryana

Chambarums from Himachal Pradesh

Thigma or wool tie and dye from Ladakh

AwadhJamdani from Varanasi

24. Global Methane, Climate and Clean Air Forum 2022 is being held in which city?

- (A) New York (B) Washington DC
(C) Paris (D) Geneva
(E) London

Ans.24 (B)

Global Methane, Climate and Clean Air (GMCCA) Forum 2022 is being held in Washington, DC, USA to discuss opportunities to protect the climate and improve air quality with a special focus on methane by adhering to the Global Methane Pledge.

25. Recently, the 36th National Games was inaugurated by the Prime Minister in which state?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Karnataka
(C) Rajasthan (D) Gujarat
(E) Tamil Nadu

Ans.25 (D)

Recently, the 36th National Games was inaugurated by the Prime Minister in Gujarat.

National Games -

The Olympic movement, which garnered the attention of the nation in the 1920s, includes the National Games.

The National Games in India were first envisioned as the Indian Olympic Games with the goal of promoting Olympic sports in the nation.

26. Who has won "Changemaker" award 2022?

- (A) SrishtiBakshi (B) VijiPalithodi
(C) Manasi Pradhan (D) TejiBachchan
(E) Deepika Narayan

Ans.26 (A)

A women's rights activist from India, SrishtiBakshi has won the "Changemaker" award at the UN SDG (United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) Action Awards held at a ceremony in Bonn, Germany.

The award is given to recognise the efforts of SrishtiBakshi to raise awareness of gender-based violence and inequality.

27. Who has been named as the new chairman of ASCI?

- (A) Saugata Gupta (B) Shashidhar Sinha
(C) N S Rajan (D) Subhash Kamath
(E) Rajan Thakur

Ans.27 (C)

The election of N S Rajan, Director of August One Partners LLP, as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) was done.

Of the board meeting that followed the 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of ASCI, Saugata Gupta, Managing Director & CEO, Marico Limited, was elected Vice-Chairman, and Shashidhar Sinha, Chief Executive Officer at IPG Mediabrands India, was named Honorary Treasurer.

28. The Hero MotoCrop has appointed whom as its new brand ambassador?

- (A) Ram Charan (B) Rama Rao Jr
(C) Chiranjeevi (D) Allu Arjun
(E) UpasanaKamineni

Ans.28 (A)

The Hero MotoCrop has appointed actor Ram Charan as the new brand ambassador.

Hero MotoCrop, the country's largest two-wheeler maker has launched the Hero GIFT Programme. The Hero GIFT stands for the Grand Indian Festival of Trust.

29. World Vegetarian Day 2022 has observed recently on which day of October?

- (A) 01st October (B) 02nd October
(C) 03rd October (D) 04th October
(E) 05th October

Ans.29 (A)

World Vegetarian Day is celebrated on the first day of October.

It also kickstarts Vegetarian Awareness Month.

This global day of advocacy and awareness celebrates the benefits of vegetarianism and encourages people to reduce their consumption of animal products.

The day is commemorated to create awareness about the benefits of vegetarianism like reducing the risks of heart diseases and other health complications.

30. Which company has launched "carbon calculator" for Indian consumers?

- (A) Visa (B) Mastercard
(C) American Express (D) JCB Co., Ltd.
(E) Credit One Bank

Ans.30 (B)

Mastercard, a global payment and technology company is set to launch Carbon Calculator features. Mastercard is in talks with Indian Banks to launch the Carbon Calculator feature which will offer the consumers an estimated carbon footprint for each of their purchases.

31. Recently, Svante Paabo has won the Nobel Prize 2022 in which field?

- (A) Anatomy (B) Physiology
(C) Histology (D) Morphology
(E) Genetics

Ans.31 (B)

Svante Paabo won the Nobel Prize 2022 in Physiology or Medicine for his achievements in concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution.

The winner was announced at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

Paabo's discovery and knowledge were derived mainly from paleontological and archeological findings, bones, and artifacts from extinct relatives at multiple sites around the world.

Svante Paabo was born in Stockholm in 1955 and has performed his prize-winning at the University of Munich in Germany and at Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig Germany.

32. Name the first indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopter of India which has recently inducted in Indian Air Force?

- (A) Varun (B) Vishal
(C) Prakhar (D) Prabal
(E) Prachanda

Ans.32 (E)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inducts the first developed Light Combat Helicopter into the Indian Air Force.

The ceremony was held at Air Force Station, Jodhpur in Rajasthan.

The helicopter has been named "Prachanda".

The minister at the induction said that LCH not only adds to the combat capability of the Air Force but is also a great leap towards the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The need for a combat helicopter was felt during the Kargil War and LCH is a culmination of two decades of effort to fulfill this need.

33. In which edition of India Mobile Congress 2022, the 5G services has launched recently?

- (A) 7th (B) 8th
(C) 4th (D) 6th
(E) 5th

Ans.33 (D)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi rolled out 5G service in India at the 6th edition of India Mobile Congress 2022(IMC-2022) at New Delhi's Pragati Maidan.

Telecom minister Ashwani Vaishnaw has announced to set up 100 5G technology labs in the country.

At least 12 of them will be used to train students and conduct experiments.

The minister further also asked the telecom companies participating in the Indian Mobile Congress to contribute their input to the new telecom bill through which the government aims to simplify the licensing regime.

The minister also noted that India will take a lead in 6G.

It is the planned successor to 5G and will likely be faster.

34. Which city has bagged the title of India's cleanest city as the results of the Central government's annual

cleanliness survey "SwachhSurvekshan Awards 2022"?

- (A) Rohtak (B) Lucknow
(C) Indore (D) Jabalpur
(E) Gurugram

Ans.34 (C)

Indore bagged the title of India's cleanest city for the sixth time in a row as the results of the Central government's annual cleanliness survey "SwachhSurvekshan Awards 2022" were announced. Madhya Pradesh secured the first position in the category of best performing states, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra.

35. Who has been awarded by the 32nd Bihari Puraskar?

- (A) Vikram Seth (B) MadhavHada
(C) Vikas Singh (D) Anita Nair
(E) Durjoy Dutta

Ans.35 (B)

Writer Dr MadhavHada will be awarded the 32nd Bihari Puraskar for his 2015 literary criticism book "PachrangCholaPaharSakhiRi", the KK Birla Foundation announced.

A literary critic and academic, Hada has written extensively on literature, media, culture and history. He has also been a member of the general council of the SahityaAkademi and the Hindi Advisory Board. He has been a recipient of the BhartenduHarishchandra Award for Media Studies and the DevrajUpadhyay Award for Literary Criticism.

36. Which two state has the highest number of foreign tourist visits in 2021?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Kerala (D) Karnataka
(E) West Bengal

Ans.36 (A)

As per a report by Union Tourism Ministry, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu had the highest numbers of foreign tourist visits, with 1.26 million and 1.23 million, respectively in 2021.

The over 280-page report titled "India Tourism Statistics 2022" was released by Vice-President JagdeepDhankhar on World Tourism Day at VigyanBhawan in New Delhi.

India received 677.63 million domestic tourist visits in 2021, an increase of 11.05 per cent from 610.22 million in 2020.

37. Which company has become the third iPhone manufacturer in India?

- (A) Pegatron (B) Wistron
(C) Foxconn (D) Sansui
(E) Hi Tech

Ans.37 (A)

With the opening of a factory in Mahindra World City in Chennai, Taiwan's Pegatron became the third Apple supplier to establish a production facility in India.

It will put about Rs 1,100 crore into the facility, which might lead to the creation of 14,000 employment.

The other two Apple suppliers with facilities in India are the Taiwanese companies Foxconn and Wistron.

38. Which company has unveiled a prototype of Optimus robot?

- (A) Tesla (B) Rivian
(C) Amazon (D) Google
(E) Apple

Ans.38 (A)

Elon Musk unveils Optimus robot's prototype: Elon Musk, the CEO of Tesla, unveiled a model of the humanoid "Optimus" robot, which uses some of the same Artificial Intelligence (AI) software and sensors as the Autopilot driving assistance system in Tesla vehicles. At Tesla AI Day 2022, which was held to show off how far the company's research into autonomous robots and vehicles had progressed, Optimus was unveiled.

39. Which scientist of Indian Space Research Organisation has been elected as the Vice President of IAF?

- (A) Rajat Gupta (B) Adi Godrej
(C) Vinod Khosla (D) Anil Kumar
(E) Tanya Dubash

Ans.39 (D)

Senior Indian Space Research Organization scientist Anil Kumar has been appointed as the Vice-President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF). Dr. Anil Kumar is currently serving as the Associate Director, of ISRO Telemetry, Tracking, and Command Network (ISTRAC).

About International Astronautical Federation (IAF) - The International Astronautical Federation was founded in 1951.

IAF is one of the world's top space advocacy bodies with 433 members in 72 nations.

International Astronautical Federation Congress (IAC) is an annual space event and it is attended by

more than 6000 participants, IAC is organized by the IAF.

The International Astronautical Federation Congress includes networking events, talks, and a technical program on advances in science and exploration, applications, and operations, technology, infrastructure, and space and society.

40. Recently, Telangana state government hiked Scheduled Tribes reservation from 6% to what percent?

- (A) 11% (B) 10%
(C) 09% (D) 12%
(E) 17%

Ans.40 (B)

The Telangana government issued an order to increase the reservation for the Scheduled Tribe communities from 6 percent to 10 percent. The order issued by the Tribal Welfare Department informed that the enhanced reservations would apply in the educational institutions and to services under the state government with immediate effect.

41. Alain Aspect, John F Clauser and Anton Zeilinger has won Nobel Prize 2022 in which field?

- (A) Physics (B) Chemistry
(C) Biology (D) Geology
(E) Astronomy

Ans.41 (A)

The Royal Swedish Academy has decided to honour Alain Aspect, John F Clauser, and Anton Zeilinger with Nobel Prize 2022 in Physics.

They'll be awarded the prize for their experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science.

About Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser, and Anton Zeilinger -

Alain Aspect was born on June 15, 1947. He is a French physicist, known for his experimental work on quantum entanglement.

Aspect is a graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan.

John Francis Clauser was born on December 1, 1942. He is an American theoretical and experimental physicist.

Clauser is known for his contributions to the foundations of Quantum mechanics in particular the Clauser-Horne-Shimony-Holt inequality.

Anton Zeilinger was born on May 20, 1945. He is an Austrian quantum physicist.

Zeilinger received the Inaugural Isaac Newton Medal of the Institute of Physics for his conceptual and experimental contributions to the foundations of quantum physics.

Anton's contribution has become the cornerstone for the rapidly-evolving field of quantum information.

42. Indian Navy has recently signed a pact on White Shipping Information Exchange with which navy?

- (A) Israeli Navy (B) New Zealand Navy
(C) Italian Navy (D) Japan Maritime Force
(E) Republic of Korea Navy

Ans.42 (B)

Indian navy signed an agreement with the Royal New Zealand navy on White Shipping Information Exchange.

The agreement was signed between R Hari Kumar, Navy Chief Admiral, and Rear Admiral David Proctor, Chief of the New Zealand Navy.

The agreement was signed to promote greater transparency in the Maritime Domain.

CNS Hari Kumar visited New Zealand from September 29 to October 1, 2022.

Closer collaboration for enhancing shared Maritime Domain Awareness is in keeping with convergent views of both countries to promote greater transparency in the maritime domain.

43. Which bollywood actor has been honoured by "national icon" of election commission of India?

- (A) Manoj Bajpayee (B) Piyush Mishra
(C) Rajkumar Rao (D) Pankaj Tripathi
(E) Nawazuddin Siddiqui

Ans.43 (D)

Mirzapur actor Pankaj Tripathi has been named the "National Icon" of the election commission of India.

At an event organized on October 4, 2022, the award-winning actor was made a "national icon" on the basis of his association with ECI in creating awareness among voters.

The announcement was made by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar.

44. Who has won gold medal in women's 53kg wrestling at the National Games 2022?

- (A) Vinesh Phogat (B) Sakshi Malik
(C) Antim Panghal (D) Kavita Devi
(E) Divya Karan

Ans.44 (C)

Antim Panghal, the World under-20 champion, made an impressive debut at the National Games 2022 as she won the gold medal in women's 53kg wrestling.

Haryana's Antim Panghal, who made history in August by becoming the first Indian to become U20 world champion in women's wrestling, beat Priyanshi Prajapati of Madhya Pradesh by fall in the final.

The National Games 2022 is being held across six cities, Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar, in Gujarat. The National Games 2022 will conclude on the 12th of October.

45. India has signed an agreement with which country to export missiles, rockets & ammunition?

- (A) Armenia (B) Iran
(C) Azerbaijan (D) Turkey
(E) Yerevan

Ans.45 (A)

India will export missiles, rockets, and ammunition to Armenia after the recent clashes between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The missiles will also include Indigenous Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher. India has signed this deal with Armenia to help them to depend on the country against their neighboring country Azerbaijan.

46. Which Indian American has received Lifetime Achievement award in US?

- (A) Har Gobind Khorana
(B) S Chandrasekhar
(C) Subramanyan N
(D) Vivek Lall
(E) Abhijit Banerjee

Ans.46 (D)

Vivek Lall, an Indian-origin General Atomic Global Corporation Chief Executive is honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by US President Joe Biden with the citation of "With Grateful Recognition".

This citation was given to Vivek Lall, who has done a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from Wichita State University in Kansas, by the AmeriCorps and the office of the President.

AmeriCorps is a part of the US Government.

The organization aims to foster activities that bring Americans closer together to "serve communities".

47. How many laboratories for 5G technology will be set up across India by government?

- (A) 100 (B) 110
(C) 120 (D) 130
(E) 140

Ans.47 (A)

The government now intends to establish 5G laboratories around the nation, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the start of 5G services in India at the Indian Mobile Congress.

The Indian government intends to establish 100 5G laboratories around the nation, according to Ashwini Vaishnav, the Union Minister for Communications, Electronics, and Information Technology.

48. Book "Tagore & Gandhi" has won the Valley of Words Book Awards in English non-fiction. Who is the writer of the book?

- (A) Shashi Tharoor (B) Anees Salim
(C) Anita Nair (D) Annie Zaidi
(E) Devdutt Pattanaik

Ans.48 (B)

Anees Salim's The Odd Book of Baby Names (English fiction) and Rudrangshu Mukherjee's Tagore & Gandhi: Walking Alone, Walking Together (English non-fiction) were among the eight that were adjudged the best books of the year at the 'Valley of Words Book Awards. The PFC-VoW Book Awards, currently in its sixth edition, is considered one of the most comprehensive independent literary award programmes in India.

49. Who has been appointed as Deputy Election Commissioner?

- (A) Anup Pandey (B) Ajay Bhadoo
(C) Punit Sharma (D) Nitesh Kumar
(E) Ritesh Gupta

Ans.49 (B)

Senior bureaucrat, Ajay Bhadoo has been appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected on Sunday by the Centre.

Bhadoo, a 1999 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Gujarat cadre, has been appointed to the post up to July 24, 2024.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the senior bureaucrat's candidature.

His two-month extension as Joint Secretary in the President's Secretariat ended on September 25.

He was appointed as Joint Secretary to former President Ram Nath Kovind in July 2020.

Earlier, Bhadoo served as Gujarat's Vadodara Municipal Commissioner.

50. Which state government has launched "Aasara" pension for poor?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Odisha
(C) Telangana (D) Maharashtra

(E) Andhra Pradesh

Ans.50 (C)

The Telangana government has introduced 'Aasara' pensions as a part of the state's welfare measures and social safety net strategy. The 'Aasara' pensions aim to secure life for all the poor. It is a welfare scheme for the older section of the state, widows, physically disabled, and beedi workers to avail pension facilities. Under the Asif Nagar Mandal jurisdiction 10,000 new Aasara pensions have been sanctioned.

51. Who has become the first Native American woman in space?

- (A) Nicole Mann (B) Josh Cassada
(C) Anna Kikina (D) Kayla Barron
(E) Anne McClain

Ans.51 (A)

A US astronaut Marine Colonel Nicole Mann is set to become the first Native American woman in space. She is one of the four astronauts who blasted off from Florida at midday bound for the International Space Station.

Nicole Mann has scripted history by becoming the second Native American who traveled to space following John Herrington in 2002.

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(E) Astronomy

Ans.52 (B)

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The Nobel Prize in Chemistry is about simplifying the difficult processes.

Barry Sharpless and Morten Meldal laid the foundation for a functional chemistry known as click chemistry.

In this form of chemistry the molecular building blocks snap together quickly and efficiently.

Carolyn Bertozzi took the click chemistry to a new level and started using it for living organisms.

About Barry Sharpless, Morten Meldal and Carolyn Bertozzi -

K Barry Sharpless was born in 1941 in Philadelphia, PA, USA. Sharpless completed his PhD in 1968 from Stanford University, CA, USA.

53. Recently, The National Payments Corporation of India has decided no charge for RuPay credit cards using which payment method?

- (A) Merchant (B) NEFT
(C) UPI (D) RTGS
(E) Internet Banking

Ans.53 (C)

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has said there will be no charge for RuPay credit card use on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for transactions up to Rs 2000.

The RuPay credit card has been operational for the last four years, and all major banks are enabled and are issuing incremental cards for both commercial and retail segments.

54. India has signed a memorandum of understanding with which country to launch Rupay debit card?

- (A) Kuwait (B) Dubai
(C) Qatar (D) Oman
(E) Saudi Arabia

Ans.54 (D)

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55. Who has won the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award 2022?

- (A) Angela Merkel (B) Olaf Scholz
(C) Joachim Sauer (D) Gerhard Schröder
(E) Frank Walter Steinmeier

Ans.55 (A)

Former German chancellor Angela Merkel won the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) prestigious Nansen award for her "leadership, courage and compassion" in ensuring the protection of hundreds of thousands of desperate people at the height of the Syria crisis.

Dr Angela Merkel is the 2022 Nansen Award global laureate for her political courage, compassion and decisive action as Federal Chancellor of Germany to protect people forced to flee.

The year 2022 marked a century (100 years) since Fridtjof Nansen was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1922.

It is also 100 years since the creation of the Nansen passport, an identity document for refugees that enabled its holders to move across borders in search of work.

The UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award selection committee also honoured four regional winners for 2022 -

The Nansen Award 2022 regional winner for Africa was given to The Mbera Fire Brigade, an all-volunteer firefighting group in Mauritania led by Ahmedou Ag Albohary.

The award for the Americas went to Vicenta González, a women's rights advocate and activist whose cacao cooperative in Costa Rica empowers local and asylum-seeking women.

56. Who has assumed charge as the chairman and managing director of GAIL India Limited?

- (A) Sandeep Kumar Gupta
- (B) Rakesh Kumar Jain
- (C) Deepak Gupta
- (D) Ayush Gupta
- (E) Navneet Mohan Kothari

Ans.56 (A)

Sandeep Kumar Gupta assumed charge as the chairman and managing director of GAIL (India) Limited.

Gupta, who will replace Manoj Jain, has a wide experience of over 34 years in the oil and gas industry. Before joining GAIL, he was working with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) since 2019.

Gupta, 56, is a commerce graduate and a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

In June, the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) had selected him for the top role at GAIL after interviewing 10 candidates.

57. Who has been awarded by the "Devendra Lal Memorial Medal award 2022?

- (A) Roxy Mathew Koll
- (B) Vimal Mishra
- (C) Subimal Ghosh
- (D) Kuljeet Kaur
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Ans.57 (A)

Roxy Mathew Koll, a scientist at the Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), received the American Geophysical Union's (AGU) 2022 Devendra Lal Memorial Medal.

Koll was selected for his outstanding research in Earth and space sciences.

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Since 1985, individuals, businesses, and communities have come together every October to show their support for the many people affected by breast cancer. Breast Cancer Awareness Month can be a time to reflect, give back, or even celebrate.

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(C) JagdeepDhankhar (D) Narendra Modi
(E) Jagat Prakash Nadda

Ans.71 (B)

President DraupadiMurmu will launch the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan virtually on 9th September 2022.

The Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan aims to eliminate tuberculosis from India by 2025.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a distinctive call to end TB in India giving years ahead of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of 2030.

Along with this Presentation, Murmu will also launch the Ni-KshayMitrainitiative which forms a vital component of the Campaign.

72. Recently inaugurated National Legal Services Authority Centre for Citizen Services is located in which city?

- (A) Rajkot (B) Junagadh
(C) Bhavnagar (D) Jamnagar
(E) Ahmedabad

Ans.72 (D)

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) Centre for Citizen Services, was inaugurated by Chief Justice of India UdayUmeshLalit.

The space at Jaisalmer House which was provided to NALSA would be utilised for the establishment of Legal Assistance Centre for Citizens, Legal Assistance Centre for NRIs, Training Centre, and Digital Command Centre for providing futuristic legal services across the country.

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- (A) Kerala (B) Karnataka
(C) Maharashtra (D) Tamil Nadu
(E) Telangana

Ans.73 (D)

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has launched the MoovalurRamamirthamAmmaiyar Higher Education Assurance scheme titled "Pudhumai Penn" at a function in Chennai, in the presence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Mr Kejriwal also unveiled 26 schools of excellence and 15 model schools set up by the Tamil Nadu government emulating the model by his AAP government in Delhi.

74. Who has been appointed as next high commissioner of India to Canada?

- (A) Sanjay Verma (B) Manpreet Vohra

- (C) Rajesh Ranjan (D) Ajay Bisaria
(E) Rakesh Malhotra

Ans.74 (A)

Senior diplomat Sanjay Kumar Vermahas been appointed as India's next high commissioner to Canada.

He succeeds Acting High Commissioner Anshuman Gaur.

Verma is a 1988 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service and is currently the ambassador of India to Japan.

He is expected to take up the Canada assignment shortly.

Among other postings, Verma has served in Indian missions in Hong Kong, China, Vietnam and Turkey. He has also served as Consul General of India in Milan, Italy.

75. BirjuSah, who has passed away recently, was associated with which sport?

- (A) Karate (B) Tennis
(C) Boxing (D) Cricket
(E) Footballs

Ans.75 (C)

Indian boxer, BirjuSah has passed away recently, the first Indian boxer to win medals at both the Asian and Commonwealth Games.

He was 48.

76. Which state has been accredited the International Travel Award 2023?

- (A) West Bengal (B) Maharashtra
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Telangana
(E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans.76 (A)

West Bengal has been accredited the International Travel Award 2023 for Best Destination for Culture by the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA), an affiliate member of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

The award will be presented at the World Tourism and Aviation Leaders' Summit in Berlin, Germany, on March 9, 2023.

For the second year in a row, World Travel Awards selected the Republic of Cuba as the Caribbean's Leading Cultural Destination in 2022.

77. What is the theme of "International Literacy Day 2022"?

- (A) Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces
(B) Literacy and Multilingualism
(C) Literacy and Skills Development

- (D) Literacy in a digital world
(E) Reading the past, Writing the future

Ans.77 (A)

International Literacy Day (ILD) is celebrated on 8 September every year all across the globe to make people aware of the meaning and importance of literacy for individuals and societies.

The day spread awareness about the importance of literacy for individuals, communities, and societies and the need for intensified efforts towards more literate societies.

78. Which edition of Bengaluru Space Expo 2022 held in Bengaluru?

- (A) 6th (B) 7th
(C) 8th (D) 9th
(E) 5th

Ans.78 (B)

The 7th Edition of BSX 2022, is organized in association with the Indian Science and Research Organization (ISRO), Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE), and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).

The 7th Edition of BSX 2022 is scheduled from 5th September to 7th September 2022 at BIEC in Bengaluru.

Over 100 companies and organizations from around 15 countries participate in the exhibition to showcase advanced technologies and products for the space sector.

79. Indian airline company IndiGo has appointed whom as the new Chief Executive Officer?

- (A) MarjanRintel (B) Pieter Elbers
(C) Benjamin Smith (D) Rono Dutta
(E) MarjoleinElbers

Ans.79 (B)

PeiterElbers assumed the charge of Indigo's chief executive officer, over three months after he was announced as the replacement for outgoing CEO Ronojoy Dutta. Elbers, the former chief executive of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, was named as the next CEO by IndiGo on May 18, 2022. He has been at the helm of KLM since 2014. The 52-year-old is also a member of the executive committee of the Air France – KLM Group.

80. The Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife has given its approval to the Indian Air Force to setup a new airbase in which state/UT?

- (A) Chandigarh (B) Ladakh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Bihar

(E) Sikkim

Ans.80 (B)

The Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife has given its approval to the Indian Air Force to setup a new airbase in Ladakh.

The new IAF airbase is expected to come up in the Changthang sanctuary area, right off the Line of Actual Control. New IAF Base of 500 hectares in Changthang Sanctuary - The new airbase that is being setup in the Ladakh region will be spread across 500 hectares of land within the reserve.

The project proposal has sought the use of 508.187 ha from Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary for the creation of the IAF Airbase within the Union Territory of Ladakh.

81. Recently, National Health Authority has introduced QR Code based rapid OPD registration in the hospital under which scheme?

- (A) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission scheme
(B) Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
(C) Atal Health Insurance Scheme
(D) Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram
(E) Universal Immunisation Programme

Ans.81 (A)

The National Health Authority under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission scheme has introduced QR Code based rapid OPD registration in the hospital.

The service allows old and new patients to simply scan a QR Code and share their demographic details such as name, age, address, gender, father name, and mobile number with the hospital.

82. Recently, Tourism department of Jammu & Kashmir has inaugurated Bird Festival in which district?

- (A) Kathua (B) Kulgam
(C) Poonch (D) Rajouri
(E) Pahalgam

Ans.82 (E)

Jammu and Kashmir have inaugurated Bird Festival 2022 in Pahalgam in South Kashmir.

It is a first-of-its-kind bird festival in the Union Territory.

Jammu and Kashmir are all set to welcome tourists from all around the world for the Bird Festival 2022.

The festival will be organized in collaboration with the Department of Tourism in the Sanctuary Foundation.

The inaugural ceremony of the six-day Bird Festival was attended by a large number of nature enthusiasts and bird lovers from across the country.

1200 species of birds are found all over India, out of which Kashmir has about 600 species.

Bird Tourism is a new concept in India and Kashmir being a paradise of nature, has much more potential than any other state in India.

83. Which state has won gold in the women's diving 1-meter springboard event in the National Games 2022?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Karnataka
(C) Kerala (D) Rajasthan
(E) West Bengal

Ans.83 (A)

Maharashtra won gold in the women's diving 1-meter springboard event in the National Games 2022.

In women's hockey Haryana qualified for the semi-finals by defeating Karnataka by 6-0.

Olympian ShrihariNataraj of Karnataka set a new national record in Swimming in the 100-meter backstroke event.

Nina Venkatesh made a new record by clocking 28.38 seconds in 50 meters women's butterfly event.

84. 5th Assembly of International Solar Alliance will be held in which city between October 17–20, 2022?

- (A) Athens (B) New Delhi
(C) Berlin (D) Stockholm
(E) Rome

Ans.84 (B)

The curtain raiser for the 5th Assembly of International Solar Alliance and associated side activities, which will take place in New Delhi from October 17–20, 2022.

India currently holds the position of President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly.

85. What is the theme of World Cerebral Palsy Day 2022?

- (A)Millions of Reasons
(A) Brings together
(C) Embrace Diversity
(D) Change My World
(E) Living with cerebral palsy

Ans.85 (A)

World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed on October 6. Cerebral Palsy is a lifelong disability with no known cure.

In 2012, Cerebral Palsy Alliance created World Cerebral Palsy Day on October 6.

The day aims to ensure that children and adults with cerebral palsy have the same rights, access and opportunities as rest of the world.

86. Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of Prashant Kumar for 3 years as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which bank?

- (A) HDFC Bank (B) Bandhan Bank
(C) YES Bank (D) Canara Bank
(E) ICICI Bank

Ans.86 (C)

Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of

Prashant Kumar as the MD & CEO of Yes Bank for a period of 3 years.

The appointment is effective from 6th October 2022 subject to the approval of shareholders.

Prashant Kumar was appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Yes Bank post the reconstruction in March 2020.

87. Who has been named as Chief Executive Officer of Bank of India Mutual Funds?

- (A) P R Rajagopal (B) SwarupDasgupta
(C) Bhushan Kumar (D) Mohit Bhatia
(E) Subrata Das

Ans.87 (D)

The appointment of Mohit Bhatia as CEO of Bank of India Investment Managers Private Ltd (Bank of India Mutual Funds) has been made public.

In the fields of sales and distribution, team development, marketing & branding, and the creation of digital eco-systems, Bhatia has more than 26 years of professional expertise.

Mohit Bhatia's most recent position was head of sales and marketing at Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Ltd.

The Bank of India Mutual Funds firm achieved 50,000 crores in assets under management (AUM) during his leadership.

Bank of India's wholly-owned subsidiary, Bank of India Investment Managers Private Ltd (Bank of India Mutual Funds)

For the quarter of July through September, Bank of India Mutual Funds had an average AUM of 3054.36 dollars according to industry estimates.

88. Who will be the head of the recently formed commission by Government of India to inquire into demand for SC status to non-Hindu Dalits?

- (A) HarilalJekisundas (B) KG Balakrishnan
(C) BijanMukherjea (D) SudhiRanjan Das
(E) Bhuvneshwar Prasad

Ans.88 (B)

The Union Government has appointed a three-member commission.

The commission will be headed by former Chief Justice of India KG Balakrishnan.

The commission has formed to consider the possibility of granting SC status to new persons, who have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes but converted into religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism.

89. Government of India has named whom as presiding officer of UAPA Tribunal?

- (A) Siddharth Mridul (B) Dinesh Kumar Sharma
(C) Rajiv Shukla (D) Suresh Kumar Kait
(E) Mukta Gupta

Ans.89 (B)

The government of India has appointed Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma of the Delhi High Court as the presiding officer of the tribunal for the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), related to the ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates. Once an organisation is banned under the provisions of UAPA, a tribunal is set up by the government to adjudicate whether there are sufficient grounds for the decision.

Chief Justice SC Sharma of the Delhi High Court appointed Justice Sharma to head the tribunal that will examine the ban.

90. Which Indian Force has recently celebrated its raising day on 8th October 2022?

- (A) Indian Army (B) Indian Coast Guard
(C) Indian Air Force (D) Indian Navy
(E) Indian Security Guard

Ans.90 (C)

Indian Air Force was raised on October 8, 1932, and it is completing 90 years on that day.

The President of India is the Commander-in-chief of the IAF.

This time Air Force Day flypast is scheduled to take place over Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh.

91. Ben S Bernanke, Douglas W Diamond and Philip H Dybvig has won Nobel Prize 2022 in which field?

- (A) Economy (B) Medicine
(C) Literature (D) Peace
(E) Physiology

Ans.91 (A)

The Royal Swedish Academy of Science has announced to award the 2022 Sveriges Riksbank prize in Economic science in the memory of Alfred Nobel

to Ben S. Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond and Philip H Dybvig. The laureates will be awarded with the Nobel prize for research on banks and financial crises. The announcement was made on October 10, 2022.

92. Government approved the making of new weapon system branch in which armed force?

- (A) Indian Air Force (B) Indian Army
(C) Indian Armed Forces (D) Indian Navy
(E) Indian Coast Guard

Ans.92 (A)

The government approved the creation of the New Weapon System branch in the Indian Air Force.

The announcement was made by the Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhary on October 8, 2022.

VR Chaudhary said that this was the first time a new operational branch has been created in the Indian Air Force, since Independence.

He announced the news in Chandigarh at the Air Force Day parade.

93. Politician Mulayam Singh Yadav has passed away recently. In which year he was became the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for the first time?

- (A) 1971 (B) 1992
(C) 1990 (D) 1989
(E) 1998

Ans.93 (D)

Mulayam Singh Yadav, a veteran politician and the founder of the Samajwadi Party passed away on October 10, 2022, at the age of 82.

Mulayam Singh Yadav had emerged as the socialist leader and had established himself as an OBC stalwart.

In 1989, Yadav took oath as the 15th Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, which also marked a year when the Congress was voted out from one of the largest states of the country.

Mulayam Singh Yadav as the Chief Minister of UP - Mulayam Singh Yadav first became the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh in 1989.

94. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared which village in Gujarat as first 24x7 solar powered village in India?

- (A) Madhapur (B) Modhera
(C) Khavda (D) Waghai
(E) Ajrakhpur

Ans.94 (B)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared Modheravillage of Gujarat's Mehsana district as first 24x7 solar powered villages in India.

Modhera was only famous for Sun temple but now it'll be also known as a solar-powered village.

Prime Minister Modi prayed in Modheshwari goddess Temple at Modhera and witnessed the wonderful 3d projection mapping and heritage light and sound show at the iconic Modhera Sun temple.

A ground-mounted solar power plant and more than 1,300 rooftop solar systems on government and residential buildings have been installed to make Modhera the first 24x7 solar-powered villages in India.

95. Which International organization has released "Education 4.0 Report" 2022?

- (A) Young Global Leaders
- (B) World Wide Fund for Nature
- (C) World Economic Forum
- (D) Water Environment Federation
- (E) American Water Works Association

Ans.95 (C)

Titled "Education 4.0 Report", the report explains how technology can address learning gaps and make education accessible to all.

The information was published under Education 4.0 India initiative, launched in May 2020 and has convened over 40 partners from the education technology, government, academic and start-up communities.

96. Which female Indian Cricketer has named as Gulf Oil India ambassador?

- (A) Smriti Mandhana
- (B) Harmanpreet Kaur
- (C) Mithali Raj
- (D) Jhulan Goswami
- (E) Deepti Sharma

Ans.96 (A)

Indian cricket star Smriti Mandhana has signed on as a brand ambassador of lubricant manufacturer Gulf Oil India.

India women's vice-captain joins current men's cricket ace Hardik Pandya and former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni as an ambassador for the company.

Through the partnership, Gulf Oil stated that it aims to "celebrate women power" and "inspire female audience in the country", while also honouring the achievements of Indian women cricketers.

With this association, Gulf Oil claims to have become the first company in the lubricant space to appoint a

woman cricketer as ambassador to represent the organisation and its ethos.

97. Indian Foreign Service Day has recently celebrated on which day of October?

- (A) October 07
- (B) October 08
- (C) October 09
- (D) October 10
- (E) October 11

Ans.97 (C)

October 9 is celebrated as Indian Foreign Service Day.

On 9 October 1946, the Indian government established the Indian Foreign Service for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas.

The history of the Service and this day goes back to September 1946, when, on the eve of India's Independence, the Government of India decided to create a service called the Indian Foreign Service for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the origin of the Indian Foreign Service can be traced back to British rule when the Foreign Department was created to conduct business with the "Foreign European Powers".

98. Which Indian cueist has won his record 25th World title in Kuala Lumpur?

- (A) Kamal Chawla
- (B) Manan Chandra
- (C) Rishabh Thakkar
- (D) Pankaj Advani
- (E) Shayaan Razmi

Ans.98 (D)

Indian cueist, Pankaj Advani defended his World Billiards Championships (150-up) title for the 5th time, beating compatriot Sourav Kothari in the best-of-7 frames final at the High End Snooker Club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for a record 25th title at the global level.

Pankaj's last world title came over 12 months ago in Qatar where he won the IBSF Six-Red Snooker World Cup.

99. Who has been declared as Formula One world champion after winning Japanese Grand Prix?

- (A) Charles Leclerc
- (B) Max Verstappen
- (C) Lewis Hamilton
- (D) Sergio Pérez
- (E) Kelly Piquet

Ans.99 (B)

Red Bull driver Max Verstappen was declared Formula One world champion after winning a dramatic rain-shortened Japanese Grand Prix.

This was the 25-year-old Dutchman's second championship in a row, which he won with four races to go.

Red Bull's Verstappen crossed the line first and he was then awarded the title when second-place finisher Charles Leclerc was given a five-second penalty, dropping him to third.

100. What is the theme of this year's World Post Day 2022?

- (A) Write A Letter
- (B) Post for Planet
- (C) Innovation, Integration
- (D) Postal Businesses
- (E) Travelling Through Time

Ans.100 (B)

World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October, the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.

This day celebrates the role of the post in people's and businesses' everyday lives.

It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969.

Since then, countries across the world participate annually in the celebrations.

The Posts in many countries use the event to introduce or promote new postal products and services.

101. Recently, PM Modi has inaugurated MahakalLok corridor project. The Mahakaleshwar Temple is located in which city?

- (A) Varanasi
- (B) Ayodhya
- (C) Ujjain
- (D) Haridwar
- (E) Konark

Ans.101 (C)

Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate Shri MahakalLok at Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.

It has been built in the Mahakaleshwar temple of Ujjain, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of India.

Shri MahakalLok is a place where all the mythological stories of Lord Shankar will be witnessed at one place.

102. Who has become the first Indian woman player to bag the ICC player of the month award?

- (A) Pooja Vastrakar
- (B) Harmanpreet Kaur
- (C) Sneha Rana
- (D) Smriti Mandhana
- (E) Mithali Raj

Ans.102 (B)

Indian captain Harmanpreet Kaur becomes the first Indian woman player to bag the ICC player of the month for September.

Pakistan wicketkeeper batter MDRizwan gets the award in the men's category.

The players will receive gold medallions from the ICC.

103. Which Indian cricketer has launched a "made-in-India camera drone" named "Droni"?

- (A) Hardik Pandya
- (B) Virat Kohli
- (C) Rohit Sharma
- (D) MS Dhoni
- (E) Yuvraj Singh

Ans.103 (D)

Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Indian cricket star launched a 'made-in-India camera drone' named 'Droni'.

The drone has advanced features manufactured by Garuda Aerospace.

It has moved into the consumer drone market with 'Droni'.

MS Dhoni is the brand ambassador of Garuda Aerospace, a company that has attempted to offer drone solutions for agricultural pesticide spraying, solar panel cleaning, industrial pipeline inspections, mapping, surveying, public announcements, and delivery services. The event was organized in Chennai.

The event also included the launch of a new "Kisan Drone", focused at the agricultural sector, mainly in spraying applications.

Kisan Drone is a battery-powered drone capable of carrying out agricultural pesticide spraying over a land area of 30 acres per day.

104. Recently, China has launched Kuafu-1 satellite to look into which celestial body?

- (A) Venus
- (B) Sun
- (C) Mars
- (D) Saturn
- (E) Jupiter

Ans.104 (B)

China has launched a new observatory that will look into the Sun.

It has launched the satellite after successfully integrating its under-construction Space Station and approving the next phase of its lunar missions.

The Advanced Space-based Solar Observatory (ASO-S) was launched onboard a Long March-2D rocket.

The satellite has been named Kuafu-1, after a giant in Chinese mythology who chased the sun.

105. Nitin Gadkari has launched first flex fuel car in India. Which fuel is majorly used in flex fuel cars?

- (A) Ethanol (B) Petrol+
(C) Hydrogen (D) Electricity
(E) CNG

Ans.105 (A)

The Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched India's first flex fuel car, "Toyota Corolla Altis".

The Indian government has started the production of flex fuel vehicles called E85, E90 and E95 according to the ratio of petrol to ethanol.

The pilot project aims to check feasibility of hybrid vehicles in India that can use ethanol-powered flex fuel vehicles to decrease pollution and increase the use of ethanol in electric-hybrid vehicles to reduce the dependency on diesel and petrol.

106. World Migratory Bird Day has recently celebrated on which day of October?

- (A) 08 October (B) 09 October
(C) 10 October (D) 11 October
(E) 12 October

Ans.106 (A)

World Migratory Bird Day was recently celebrated on 08 October 2022.

World Migratory Bird Day -

It is a bi-annual global campaign organised to raise awareness about migratory birds, the need for their conservation, and the importance of the preservation of their habitat.

It is celebrated on the second Saturday in May and then in October. This year it was celebrated on 14 May and 8 October 2022.

WMBD is organized by a collaborative partnership among two UN treaties - the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), and the non-profit organization, Environment for the Americas (EFTA). The 2022 global campaign is also being actively supported by other dedicated organizations, including the East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) and Bird Life International (BLI).

107. Recently, Indian Army has celebrated 73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army on which day?

- (A) 08 October (B) 09 October
(C) 10 October (D) 11 October
(E) 12 October

Ans.107 (B)

Indian Army celebrated the 73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army on 9th October 2022.

The Raising Day of the Territorial Army is celebrated to commemorate its raising by the first Governor General Shri C Rajagopalachari on this day in 1949.

On the 73rd Raising Day Lieutenant General PreetMohinder Singh, Director General of the Territorial Army paid tribute to the fallen heroes of the Territorial Army by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial.

108. Which two states have topped in worst state list in terms of child marriage?

- (A) Bihar and Chhattisgarh
(B) Chhattisgarh and Kerala
(C) Jharkhand and West Bengal
(D) Uttarakhand and Assam
(E) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

Ans.108 (C)

Child marriage still remains a big problem in Jharkhand, which is one of the most backward states of the country.

According to the latest demographic sample survey by the Union Home Ministry, the survey was brought out by the office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs.

It was conducted in 2020 and the report was published late last month.

109. Who has become the first athlete to won Gold in Yogasana at 36th National Games?

- (A) Nipunika Mori (B) Pooja Patel
(C) Padma Sinha (D) Utkantha
(E) ShivamikaSahgal

Ans.109 (B)

At the 36th National Games, Pooja Patel of Gujarat has become the first athlete to win gold in Yogasana. Yogasana is one of the five sports to be played at the National Games this year for the first time.

This Indian indigenous sport made its debut at the Khelo India University Games earlier this year.

As far as the medal table of the 36th National Games is concerned, Services Sports Control Board is leading the chart with a total of 113 medals, including 51 gold, 33 silver, and 29 bronze.

Haryana is second on the table with 95 medals (31 gold, 29 silver, 35 bronze), followed by Maharashtra (119), Karnataka (84), and Tamil Nadu (67).

Maharashtra has fewer gold medals than Haryana, which is why it has been placed third on the table.

110. Which footballer has recently made history by making a record of 700 club career goals?

- (A) Cristiano Ronaldo (B) Lionel Messi
(C) Kevin De Bruyne (D) Neymar
(E) Robert Lewandowski

Ans.110 (A)

Cristiano Ronaldo reached another historic landmark in his extraordinary career by scoring his 700th club goal to seal Manchester United's comeback win over Everton.

The 37-year-old Portuguese forward becomes the first and only player in this present generation to score seven times a hundred goals in football history.

His 700th club goal extends his tally over Lionel Messi with Argentina forward scoring 691 goals for Fc Barcelona and Paris Saint Germain.

111. Recently, who has been appointed as the chief justice of the Rajasthan high court?

- (A) Pankaj Mithal (B) PrasannaVarale
(C) VikramNath (D) DipankarDatta
(E) Sanjay Karol

Ans.111 (A)

The central government has recently appointed the new Chief Justice for Karnataka, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh high courts.

Justice Pankaj Mithal has been appointed as the chief justice of the Rajasthan high court.

Karnataka's high court chief justice is Justice B Varale, and Justice AM Magrey has been appointed the chief justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

112. International Monetary Fund has cut India's Gross Domestic Product Growth forecast to how much percent in 2022?

- (A) 9.6% (B) 6.8%
(C) 7.1% (D) 5.8%
(E) 8.4%

Ans.112 (B)

The International Monetary Fund cuts its projection of India's economic growth to 6.8% in 2022.

India had grown at 8.7 per cent in 2021-2022(April 2021 to March 2022).

The International Monetary Fund(IMF) projected a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 7.4 per cent for India in the year that started in April 2022.

Even that forecast was less than 8.2% projected in January this year.

113. Who has won the top UAE award from Aligarh Muslim University?

- (A) Syed Mobashir Yunus

- (A) Firoz Mohammad
(C) Wazahat Husain
(D) Nesar Ahmad
(E) Mohammad Tahseen

Ans.113 (C)

Professor Wazahat Husain, a leading academic from the Aligarh Muslim University has won an international award for Traditional, Alternative and Complementary Medicine.

Professor Husain is a retired chairman of the Department of Botany at the Aligarh Muslim University(AMU) has received the second Sheikh Zayed International Award in an event arranged by the Zayed Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation. Wazahat Husain has been honoured Lifetime Achievement Awards twice, once jointly by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the AYUSH ministry and then by the Wildlife Institute of India and Department of Wildlife Sciences, AMU.

114. What is the name of AI-enabled device for screening cervical cancer in women developed by AIIMS?

- (A) Endoscope (B) Borescope
(C) Kinescope (D) Colposcope
(E) Fetoscope

Ans.114 (D)

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi has been developing an Artificial Intelligence enabled device named Colposcope for the screening of cervical cancer in women.

As per the Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, AIIMS, the image captured by the device will help in detecting the cancer of the cervix.

The device can also be carried out by healthcare workers in the field for the diagnosis of the disease.

Cervical Cancer occurs because of Human Papiloma Virus, HPV Infection.

Every year, an estimated one lakh 20 thousand women develop cervical cancer and over 77 thousand women die because of this disease in India.

115. Recently, Central Government has expanded which scheme to include skilled girls in non-traditional livelihood (NTL) options?

- (A) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
(B) One Stop Centre Scheme
(C) Nari Shakti Kendra
(D) Balika Samridhi Yojana
(E) Mahila police Volunteers

Ans.115 (A)

The Central Government, expanding the mandate of its flagship scheme - "BetiBachaoBetiPadhao" (BBBP Scheme) announced the inclusion of skilling of girls in non-traditional livelihood (NTL) options.

New Changes in the BBBP Scheme -
Ensuring 1% increment in enrolment at the secondary level

particularly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) subjects.

Skilling of girls and women every year (mainly in non-traditional livelihoods)

Raising awareness about safe menstrual hygiene

Promulgating elimination of child marriages

116. Recently, On which day of October nation has celebrated birth anniversary of LoknayakJayaprakash Narayan?

- (A) 09th October (B) 08th October
(C) 07th October (D) 10th October
(E) 11th October

Ans.116 (E)

The Prime Minister of India has paid tribute to LoknayakJayaprakash Narayan and NanajiDeshmukh on their birth anniversary on 11th October 2022.

About Jayprakash Narayan -

Birth: 11th October, 1902 in Sitabdiara, Bihar.

Influenced By: Marxist ideas in the USA and Gandhian ideology.

Contribution to Freedom Struggle:

In 1929, he joined the Indian National Congress.

In 1932, he was imprisoned for a year for participation in the civil disobedience movement.

In 1939, he was imprisoned again for his opposition to Indian participation in World War II on the side of Britain but escaped.

117. Which university has emerged as the best institute among 1,799 universities from 104 countries in Times Higher Education rankings 2023?

- (A) University of Cambridge
(B) University of Oxford
(C) Harvard University
(D) Stanford University
(E) Imperial College London

Ans.117 (B)

Recently, the Times Higher Education (THE) rankings 2023 were released.

Earlier, QS World University Ranking 2023 was released.

118. Recently, Home Minister Amit Shah unveils 14 feet high statue of LokNayakJayprakash Narayan in which state?

- (A) Jharkhand (B) Assam
(C) Bihar (D) Kerala
(E) Ladakh

Ans.118 (C)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveils 14 feet high statue of LokNayakJayprakash Narayan at Sitabdiara in Saran district, Bihar.He paid floral tribute to socialist icon Jayaprakash Narayan on his birth anniversary at his ancestral village at Sitabdiara.Home Minister Amit Shah highlighted the welfare schemes of the Union government.

119. Former chairperson of Nagaland State Commission for Women Dr TemsulaAo has passed away recently. In which year she was awarded by Padma Shri?

- (A) 2008 (B) 2007
(C) 2014 (D) 2020
(E) 2004

Ans.119 (B)

Former chairperson of Nagaland State Commission for Women, academician, renowned writer and Padma Shri Dr TemsulaAo passed away at a private hospital in Dimapur. She was 80.Dr TemsulaAo, who was known as a leading literary voice in the northeast, was awarded Padma Shri in 2007.She was a recipient of the Nagaland Governor's Award for Distinction in Literature, the Meghalaya governor's Gold Medal and the SahityaAkademi Award, among other recognitions.Dr TemsulaAo spent almost half of her life teaching at the North Eastern Hill University (NEHU).She retired from there in 2010 as a professor of English and dean of the School of Humanities and Education NEHU.Her literary works are reported to have been translated into German and French as well as Hindi, Assamese and Bengali.

120. Former banker Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan has taken charges as whole-time member of which government entity?

- (A) SEBI (B) RBI
(C) NHB (D) SIDBI
(E) NABARD

Ans.120 (A)

Former banker Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan took charge as the fourth whole time member (WTM) in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).Narayan, who has been a member of various advisory committees of Sebi and RBI, has been

appointed for an initial period of three years. Before assuming charge, Narayan was an associate professor at SP Jain Institute Management & Research. He has over two and half decades of experience in the banking and financial markets, during which he held the position of Regional Head of Financial Markets for ASEAN and South Asia at Standard Chartered Bank.

He has strong expertise in foreign currency, interest rates, derivatives and debt capital markets. Narayan has also worked with Deutsche Bank and Citibank.

121. What is the name of the scheme recently approved by the union cabinet for the Development Initiative for North East Region?

- (A) PM-PDOT (B) PM-IISCs
(C) PM-DevINE (D) PM-JJBY
(E) PM-APY

Ans.121 (C)

The union cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a new scheme, Prime Minister's Development Initiative (PM-DevINE) for North East Region. The scheme is for the remaining four years of the 15th Financial Commission from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

The PM-DevINE scheme is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% Central funding and will be implemented by the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER). The scheme will have an outlay of Rs 6,600 crore from 2022-23 to 2025-26. PM-DevINE will be executed by the Ministry of DoNER through North Eastern Council or Central Ministries/agencies. While some of the projects under PM-DevINE to be approved for 2022-23 are part of the Budget announcement, projects with substantial socio-economic impact or sustainable livelihood opportunities for the general public may be considered in the future.

122. Recently, 2nd United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress was inaugurated in which city under the theme "Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind"?

- (A) Hyderabad (B) Bengaluru
(C) Chennai (D) Mumbai
(E) New Delhi

Ans.122 (A)

Recently, 2nd United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress was inaugurated in Hyderabad under the theme "Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind". India's geospatial

economy is expected to cross Rs. 63,100 crores by 2025 at a growth rate of 12.8%. About UN World Geospatial Information Congress - The first United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress was held in Deqing, Zhejiang Province, China in 2018. The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) organizes the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) every four years. The objectives are enhancing international collaboration among the Member States and relevant stakeholders in Geospatial information management and capacities.

123. Who has become the first actor to film in outer space?

- (A) Val Kilmer (B) Tom Cruise
(C) James Bond (D) Lewis Wilson
(E) Chris Hemsworth

Ans.123 (B)

Hollywood Actor Tom Cruise, who is renowned for pulling off high-octane stunts in his projects, is taking things to the next level and may soon become the first actor to shoot in space. The Top Gun actor has reportedly partnered with director Doug Liman on a project that calls for him to perform a spacewalk.

The Hollywood actor and director have reportedly approached the Universal Filmed Entertainment Group (UFEG) with a proposal for Tom to launch himself up to the International Space Station.

The project was initially slated for 2020, but the Covid-19 outbreak put the project on hold.

The movie is currently in the conceptual stage and hasn't started shooting yet. Tom Cruise would be the first movie celebrity to film on the International Space Station if the film is successful, as was previously announced. Liman was asked about reports that the movie will cost around \$200 million but she insisted they are yet to work out the final budget. Presumably, a flight to space for Cruise and a film crew will cost a packet.

124. Which state government has launched "Football for All" in the state to take the culture of football to the grassroots?

- (A) Chhattisgarh (B) Jharkhand
(C) Rajasthan (D) Odisha
(E) Maharashtra

Ans.124 (D)

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched 'Football for All' in the state to take the culture of football to the grassroots. The Programme has been

initiated by FIFA in Odisha in partnership with the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) & Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS).

125. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of hydropower projects in which district of Himachal Pradesh?

- (A) Shimla (B) Dharamshala
(C) Chamba (D) Dalhousie
(E) Palampur

Ans.125 (C)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of two hydropower projects in Chamba Himachal Pradesh. He also flagged off the Vande Bharat Express from Una to New Delhi.

This is the fourth Vande Bharat train available in the country.

Narendra Modi also inaugurated the Indian Institute of Information Technology Una and laid the foundation stone of a bulk drug Park in Una.

He dedicated the IIT to the nation and is looking forward to launching Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana -3 in HP.

Hydropower projects launched by PM Modi -

Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation of two hydropower projects in Chamba Himachal Pradesh.

The projects will produce over 270 million units of electricity every year.

Himachal Pradesh is also expected to gain approx one hundred ten crore rupees as annual revenue.

126. What is the rank of India among 12 Indo-Pacific nations in self-reliant arms production capabilities?

- (A) 4th (B) 5th
(C) 6th (D) 7th
(E) 8th

Ans.126 (A)

India ranks fourth among 12 Indo-Pacific nations in self-reliant arms production capabilities, according to a study released by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). The 12 countries in the study were selected because they have the highest military spending in the region — Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. China was the world's fifth-largest arms importer in 2016-20. Its self-reliance policies and its high economic growth in that period meant that the Chinese arms industry now increasingly fulfills the requirements of the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

Its high volume of imports in absolute terms accounts for only 8 percent of total procurement for the period, the lowest share for any of the 12 governments.

127. Who has been appointed as Secretary of the Science and Engineering Research Board?

- (A) Sandeep Verma (B) Akhilesh Gupta
(C) Madhu Wadhawan (D) Akhilesh Gupta
(E) Rajeev Kumar

Ans.127 (B)

Senior Adviser at the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Dr Akhilesh Gupta, has been appointed Secretary of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB). Dr Gupta replaced Dr Sandeep Verma. About Dr Akhilesh Gupta -

He joined the India Meteorological Department in 1985 & later the National Center for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting in 1994, both currently under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. He has been one of the authors of India's National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) and head of the Secretariat which drafted India's new Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy.

128. 53rd Capacity Building Programme in the Field Administration for the Civil Servants of Bangladesh has inaugurated in which city?

- (A) Dehradun (B) New Delhi
(C) Mussoorie (D) Lucknow
(E) Indore

Ans.128 (C)

53rd Capacity Building Programme in the Field Administration for the Civil Servants of Bangladesh was inaugurated at National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) at Mussoorie.

This institute is the only institute that has trained 1,727 field-level officers of Bangladesh Civil Service such as Assistant Commissioners, SDMs, and Additional Deputy Commissioners. In 2014, the National Center for Good Governance was established by the Government of India.

The center focuses on good governance, policy reforms, training, capacity building, and working as a think tank.

The center has taken up capacity building of civil servants of several foreign countries in partnership with MEA. Till now, it has imparted training to 15 countries including Bangladesh, Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles, Gambia, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Laos, Vietnam, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Cambodia.

The Capacity Building Programme for developing countries' civil servants aims to equip them with cutting-edge knowledge, skills, and tools to deliver and design effective public policy.

The participants will also be taken to see various developmental works like Delhi Metro, Smart City, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, Central Information Commission, and Election Commission of India.

129. International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 has recently observed on which day of October?

- (A) 14 October (B) 10 October
(C) 11 October (D) 12 October
(E) 13 October

Ans.129 (E)

October 13 is designated as International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction with a focus on encouraging a global culture of risk awareness and catastrophe preparedness.

The day is an opportunity to acknowledge the progress being made toward preventing and reducing disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods, economies and basic infrastructure in line with the international agreement for reducing global disaster risk and losses.

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction was started in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly for a day to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction.

Held every 13 October, the day celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face.

In 2015 at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, the international community was reminded that disasters hit hardest at the local level with the potential to cause loss of life and great social and economic upheaval.

Sudden onset disasters displace millions of people every year.

Disasters, many of which are exacerbated by climate change, have a negative impact on investment in sustainable development and the desired outcomes.

130. Which vehicle manufacturer company has tied up with IIT Madras to develop hybrid EVS Using Turbine Tech?

- (A) Ashok Leyland (B) Tata Motors
(C) Eicher Motors (D) Force Motors
(E) BharatBenz

Ans.130 (A)

Ashok Leyland has joined hands with researchers at the National Centre for Combustion Research and Development (NCCRD) for the development and commercialization of a "swirl mesh lean direct injection (LDI) system" for developing hybrid electrical vehicles using turbine technology.

Ashok Leyland is a flagship company of the Hinduja group and a leading commercial vehicle manufacturer.

NCCRD is an arm of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

IIT Madras is developing an indigenously-designed micro gas turbine, whose core is a patented combustion technology called a "swirl mesh lean direct injection system". The main power train will be the electric motor, but the onboard power will be generated by the micro gas turbine.

These micro gas turbines will be developed jointly by NCCRD and AeroStroVilos Energy.

The micro gas turbine will replace the large battery systems. Ashok Leyland has signed a letter of support to develop it for heavy vehicles with NCCRD, IIT Madras.

Ashok Leyland has handed over to NCCRD a nine-meter passenger electric bus. Micro gas turbines have significant features as a technology that will extend fuel combustion beyond traditional IC engines and provide for more efficient performance and multi-fuel capability.

131. Recently Indo-US Vaccine Action Program joint statement has been extended till which year?

- (A) 2027 (B) 2026
(C) 2025 (D) 2029
(E) 2028

Ans.131(A)

Indo-US VAP Joint Statement extended till 2027

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is implementing a focused bilateral collaborative programme (VAP) the Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme, in collaboration with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA, since July 1987. The present five-year VAP Joint Statement has been extended till 2027. The statement has been extended with the Science and Technology Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of India. It is extended with approval from the Minister of Science and Technology and the Ministry of External Affairs.

132.The President of India has inaugurated the 'PARAM KAMRUPA' supercomputer facility and a high-power active and passive component laboratory of SAMEER at which Indian Institute of Technology?

- (A) IIT Kanpur (B) IIT Guwahati
(C) IIT Mumbai (D) IIT Delhi
(E) IIT Kharagpur

Ans.132(B)

President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, inaugurated 'PARAM KAMRUPA' Supercomputer facility and a high-power active and passive component laboratory of SAMEER at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati on the first day of her visit to the State.

The Param Kamrupa, one of its kind supercomputers in the North East region, installed under the National Supercomputing Mission. In the same function, the President virtually inaugurated Dhubri Medical College and Hospital, and laid foundation stone for Zonal Institutes of National Institute of Virology at Dibrugarh in Assam and Jabalpur of Madhya Pradesh. The Super Computer Param Kamrupa will provide advance computing, healthcare techniques along with solutions for many issues to this region.

133.Defense Minister Rajnath Singh will launch ___ website, which will enable citizens to contribute towards Armed Forces War Casualty Welfare Fund, AFBCWF?

- (A) Maa Bharati Ke Yodhha
(B) Maa Bharati Ke Ladaku
(C) Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot
(D) Maa Bharati Ke Veer Jawan
(E) Maa Bharati Ke Rakshak

Ans.133(C)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will launch a website 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' enabling citizens to contribute for the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund, AFBCWF.

It will be launched at a function being organised at the National War Memorial Complex in New Delhi.

Eminent Actor Amitabh Bachchan has accepted to be the Goodwill Ambassador.

AFBCWF is a Tri service fund, utilised for grant of immediate financial assistance of ex-gratia, to the Next of Kin and dependents of Battle Casualties. While the Government of India has initiated a large number of Welfare Schemes for the soldiers killed or disabled during active military operations in the line of duty, there has been a strong public sentiment and requests from patriotic citizens, corporate heads or

industry captains, to contribute to the cause of welfare of the soldiers and their families. This website is being launched to facilitate patriotic Indians to partner in this noble cause.

134. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Athlete Biological Passport Symposium – 2022 has started in which city?

- (A) Mumbai (B) Kolkata
(C) Bengaluru (D) New Delhi
(E) Ahmedabad

Ans.134(D)

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur launched the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) Athlete Biological Passport Symposium - 2022 in New Delhi.

The event is being jointly organized by National Anti-Doping Agency and National Dope Testing Laboratory for the first time in the country.

The measures taken by the government to address the challenge of doping, Mr Thakur said that at the anti-doping front, the government has tied up with the National Forensic Science University and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India so that nutrition supplements can be tested and its information can be shared with the athletes. He said, the symposium will not only benefit the country but the world also.

The World Anti-Doping Agency, WADA has a major role to play in making the sports ecosystem more transparent and NADA executes the same process in the country.

135.What is the name of the offshore security exercise recently conducted by Eastern Naval Command in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off Kakinada?

- (A) Arambh (B) Milaan
(C) Agaaj (D) Prahar
(E) Prasthan

Ans.135(E)

The Offshore Security Exercise, 'Prasthan' in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off Kakinada was conducted by Eastern Naval Command.

The Half Yearly Exercise was conducted in the KG basin to validate SOPs, address various contingencies and strengthen the command & control organisation towards Maritime Security.

Led by the Navy, the exercise saw participation from the various oil operators, like ONGC, RIL, Vedanta and other stakeholders in the domain of maritime security including AP Marine Police, AP fisheries department and the Coast Guard. The exercise was

conducted onboard Drill rigs Platinum Explorer and DDKG- of ONGC and RIL located about 40 nm south of Kakinada.

Contingencies such as terrorist intrusion, bomb explosion, casualty evacuation, search and rescue, man overboard, major fire, oil spill and mass evacuation were exercised. According to the Defence Ministry, the exercise provided all stakeholders with a realistic opportunity to assess their response and preparedness as well as combat contingencies. It was also targeted as bringing about operation in a coordinated and synergised manner.

136. Recently India started its ISSF World Championship campaign with a bronze medal in which women's event in Cairo, Egypt?

- (A) 25m Pistol Team Junior competition
- (B) 30m Pistol Team Junior competition
- (C) 35m Pistol Team Junior competition
- (D) 20m Pistol Team Junior competition
- (E) 32m Pistol Team Junior competition

Ans.136(A)

India began their ISSF World Championship campaign with a bronze in the women's 25m pistol team junior competition in Cairo, Egypt. The trio of Esha Singh, Naamya Kapoor, and Vibhuti Bhatia demolished team Germany 17-1 in the bronze medal match to get India on the medal tally on day one of the competition.

Esha, Naamya, and Vibhuti finished fourth in the first round of qualification with a score of 856 to make it to the next stage in third position. In the next round, they shot 437 to finish behind the Germans in fourth position to qualify for the bronze medal match.

China won the gold in the event while Korea bagged silver.

137. Who has been elected as the new President of Iraq?

- (A) Mustafa Al-Kadhimi
- (B) Abdul Latif Rashid
- (C) Mirza Nasrullah Khan
- (D) Wael Nader al-Halqi
- (E) Adel Safar

Ans.137(B)

Iraqi lawmakers have elected Abdul Latif Rashid as the new President of Iraq, marking a crucial step toward forming a new government for the country.

The newly-elected Rashid was later sworn in as the President of Iraq, the fifth President of the country since 2003. After the parliament session, Rashid tasked Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani with forming a

new government as al-Sudani was nominated by the Coordination Framework (CF), the largest parliamentary alliance and an umbrella group of Shia parliamentary parties.

Al-Sudani, now as the Prime Minister-designate, will have 30 days to form the new government, according to the constitution.

Rashid, 78, is a veteran Kurdish politician born in the city of Sulaimaniyah in northeastern Iraq. He worked as Minister for Water Resources from September 2003 to December 2010.

He is an active member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) under the leadership of Jalal Talabani, who became President of Iraq in 2005.

Rashid was formerly a spokesperson for the PUK in Britain, where he received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1968 from Liverpool University, a Master's degree in 1972, and a doctorate in Engineering from Manchester University in 1976.

138. What is the name of a new scheme launched by the state government of Himachal Pradesh to provide irrigation facilities to the farmers?

- (A) HIMSMI SCHEME
- (B) HIMAIBP SCHEME
- (C) HIMCAD SCHEME
- (D) HIMGWD SCHEME
- (E) HIMPKVY SCHEME

Ans.138 (C)

The state government of Himachal Pradesh has started a new scheme named 'HIMCAD', to provide irrigation facilities to farmers.

According to the latest data, about 80% of the agricultural area of Himachal Pradesh is rain-fed.

The scheme will provide end-to-end connectivity of farmers' fields for better water conservation, crop diversification and integrated farming.

139. How much loan has been given by the World Bank to support Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) project in appreciation of the path-breaking reforms implemented by the state government?

- (A) \$240 million
- (B) \$230 million
- (C) \$260 million
- (D) \$250 million
- (E) \$225 million

Ans.139(D)

The World Bank has extended an unconditional loan of \$250 million to the Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) project in appreciation of the path-breaking reforms implemented by the state government. The reforms initiated under the SALT

project have brought about a paradigm shift in the way education was imparted and the outcomes had been encouraging according to Special Chief Secretary B. Rajasekhar (School Education).

140. Worlds Standards day 2022 has recently observed on which day of October?

- (A) 14 October (B) 10 October
(C) 11 October (D) 12 October
(E) 13 October

Ans.140(A)

Inception: 1946

1st Observed: -1970

Motto: -To raise awareness Among regulators, Industry and consumers as to the importance of standardization to the global Economy.

Taking place every year on 14 October, World Standards Day (WSD) offers an opportunity to raise awareness and increase understanding of the importance of standardization. It is a collaborative initiative of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), who each year develop campaign elements to empower the global community.

141. The Cabinet has granted the status of ST to the Hattee community. The Hatteecommunity belongs to which state?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Karnataka
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Himachal Pradesh

Ans.141 (E)

The Union Cabinet approved the inclusion of some castes of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh in the list of Schedules Tribes. Arjun Munda stated that the move will help them availing welfare benefits. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the chairperson of the cabinet.

Regions of the five states' tribes are included in the ST category -

The Cabinet in its latest decision granted the status of ST to the Hattee community of Himachal Pradesh's Sirmaur district.

Since Himachal goes to the Assembly polls later this year, thus the decision is important.

The Cabinet approved the inclusion of 'Gonds' along with its five sub-castes in the Bhadohi district of Uttar Pradesh in the Scheduled Tribes list of Uttar Pradesh.

The inclusion of 'Narikoravan along with the Kurivikkaran' community in respect to the State of Tamil Nadu was also approved by the Cabinet through the introduction of a Bill in Parliament to amend the Constitution Order, 1950.

The inclusion of the 'Betta-Kuruba' community in respect to the State of Karnataka was also approved by the Cabinet.

Chhattisgarh's 12 caste communities were included in the Scheduled Tribes.

Process for including tribes in the ST list -

The Tribal Affairs Minister explained that the tribes are included in the ST list with the recommendation from the respective State governments.

They are then sent to the Tribal Affairs Ministry, which reviews and sends them to the Registrar General of India for approval.

142. Who has become the first Indian women wrestler to win two medals at World wrestling championship 2022?

- (A) Babita Kumari (B) Sakshi Malik
(C) Vinesh Phogat (D) Ritu Phogat
(E) Anshu Malik

Ans.142(C)

Vinesh Phogat won a bronze medal at the ongoing World Wrestling Championships 2022 in the women's 53kg category in Belgrade, on September 14 in Siberia.

She has become the first Indian women wrestler to win two medals at the World Championship.

She defeated the European champion, Emma Malmgren, from Sweden.

Vinesh Phogat is also the first Indian women wrestler to win a gold medal at both the Commonwealth and Asian games.

She won the gold medal in the women's 53kg freestyle wrestling category at Birmingham 2022.

Medals that have been won by Vinesh Phogat till now -

Vinesh had won first bronze at the 2019 edition at Nur-Sultan.

At the world championships, this is Vinesh's second bronze medal. Her win is also India's first medal of the 2022 edition.

143. Military camp in Kibithu has recently named after whom?

- (A) Bipin Rawat (B) Narendra Modi
(C) Vijay Kumar Singh (D) Vikram Batra
(E) Manoj Mukund Naravane

Ans.143 (A)

The strategically key Kibithu military garrison has named after India's first Chief of Defence Staff Gen BipinRawat. Rawat commanded his Battalion 5/11 Gorkha Rifles at Kibithu from 1999-2000 as a young Colonel and contributed immensely to strengthening the security structure in the area.

The 22km Kibithu-Wallong Road was also renamed General BipinRawat Road along with the renaming of the military camp.

Besides the unveiling of a life-size mural of Rawat, a gate to the garrison built in the traditional style was also inaugurated.

144. Every year 15th September is celebrated as National Engineer's Day to mark the birth anniversary of whom?

- (A) Krishna Raja Wadiya
- (B) MokshagundamVisvesvaraya
- (C) ChandrasekharaVenkata Raman
- (D) SarvepalliRadhakrishnan
- (E) A P J Abdul Kalam

Ans.144 (B)

Every year 15th September is celebrated as National Engineer's Day to mark the birth anniversary of Sir MokshagundamVisvesvaraya.

Engineer's Day is celebrated to pay tribute to Bharat Ratna Sir MokshagundamVisvesvaraya.

145. The International Day of Democracy also known as World Democracy Day is observed every year on which day of September?

- (A) 11 September
- (B) 13 September
- (C) 12 September
- (D) 15 September
- (E) 14 September

Ans.145 (D)

The International Day of Democracy also known as World Democracy Day is observed every year on 15 September.

It is a day that highlights the importance of the participation of all members for the proper functioning of a democracy.

According to the United Nations (UN), the International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world.

146. With which country India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the training of diplomats?

- (A) Madagascar
- (B) Mauritius
- (C) Seychelles
- (D) Mozambique

(E) Maldives

Ans.146 (A)

India and Madagascar signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the training of diplomats between India and Madagascar.

147. Minister PiyushGoyal has appointed whom as a member of the FCI Consultative Committee?

- (A) Kuldeep Rai
- (B) Abhishek Mishra
- (C) Midhun Reddy
- (D) GuttaAdinarayana
- (E) GorleSrinivasa

Ans.147 (B)

The Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry, and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri PiyushGoyal has appointed Abhishek Mishra, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DadasahebPhalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) as the Member of the Consultative Committee, Food Corporation of India (FCI), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.

148. Who has been named as the managing director of the CSC e-Governance India SPV?

- (A) Sanjay Kumar Rakesh
- (B) RushabhAshwin Gandhi
- (C) Alok Pandey
- (D) Sanjay Kumar Dora
- (E) Alok Kumar

Ans.148 (A)

Sanjay Kumar Rakesh, a former IAS officer, has been named managing director of the CSC e-Governance India SPV, which is run by the central government.

The appointment follows Dinesh Tyagi's resignation from the position, who was instrumental in increasing the number of CSCs from 60,000 in 2014 to over 5 lakh at the moment.

149. The world's largest museum of Harappan culture has established in which state?

- (A) Punjab
- (B) Uttarakhand
- (C) Haryana
- (D) Rajasthan
- (E) Ladakh

Ans.149 (C)

The world's largest museum of Harappan culture is coming up in Rakhigarhi in Haryana to showcase about 5,000-year-old Indus Valley artefacts.

The village of Rakhigarhi was part of the Indus Valley Civilisation from 2600-1900 BC.

Haryana is slated to host the world's largest museum dedicated to the Harappan civilization.

Rakhigarhi is a hamlet in Haryana's Hisar district, some 150 kilometres from Delhi.

The settlement is also a well-known archaeological site from the time of the Indus Valley civilization.

150. A new book "Rajini's Mantras" has been authored by whom?

- (A) David Klenerman (B) PC Balasubramanian
(C) Stephen Neidle (D) Chris Abell
(E) Richard Zare

Ans.150(B)

The entrepreneurcumauthor, PC Balasubramanian (PC Bala) authored a new book "Rajini's Mantras: Life lessons from India's mostloved Superstar" in English.

It was published by Jaico Publishing House (India). PC Bala's 1st book was Rajini's Punctantra and Raja Krishnamoorthy, which became a national bestseller. Grand Brand Rajini and Ram N Ramakrishnan were published on December 2022.

151. Which country has won Women Asia Cup 2022?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Pakistan
(C) Bangladesh (D) India
(E) Hong Kong

Ans.151 (D)

India defeated Sri Lanka by 8 wickets in the finals of the Women's Asia Cup 2022. India has bagged the position for the 7th time.

Sri Lanka won the toss and opted to bat first.

Sri Lanka made 65 runs in 20 overs losing 10 wickets. India chased the target in 8.3 overs making 71 runs with a loss of only 2 wickets.

Smriti Mandhana made 51 runs not out in 25 balls.

Renuka Singh Thakur take three wickets against Sri Lanka while Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Sneh Rana taken two wickets each.

152. Recently, Ministry of External Affairs has named Dr Adarsh Swaika as India's next ambassador to which country?

- (A) Bahrain (B) Kuwait
(C) Qatar (D) Oman
(E) Iraq

Ans.152 (B)

Dr Adarsh Swaika, a joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Kuwait.

Dr Adarsh Swaika (IFS: 2002), is presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

He is expected to take up his assignment shortly.

Swaika will succeed Sibi George as the Indian envoy in Kuwait.

There has been a significant upswing in ties between India and Kuwait in the last few years.

153. President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated "PARAM KAMRUPA" supercomputer facility in which Indian Institute of Technology?

- (A) IIT Kanpur (B) IIT Chennai
(C) IIT Guwahati (D) IIT Delhi
(E) IIT Dhanbad

Ans.153 (C)

President of India, Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated a supercomputer facility at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati and launched several other projects during her maiden visit to Assam since assuming office.

This supercomputer facility called "Param-Kamrupa", the facility will be able to conduct advanced research in various scientific fields.

She also inaugurated a high-power active and passive component laboratory called SAMEER at the institute.

154. Recently, PM Modi has inaugurated Indian Institute of Information Technology in which district of Himachal Pradesh?

- (A) Una (B) Solan
(C) Shimla (D) Kangra
(E) Kullu

Ans.154 (A)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) in Una, Himachal Pradesh. During the occasion, Himachal Pradesh Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, and Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur were present. PM Modi also inaugurated the fourth Vande Bharat Express Train of India at the event.

155. International Day of Rural Women 2022 observed on which day of October?

- (A) 15 October (B) 16 October
(C) 17 October (D) 14 October
(E) 13 October

Ans.155 (A)

October 15 is celebrated as the International Day of Rural women across the world.

The day focuses to promote gender quality and highlight the important role played by women in rural areas.

The International Day of Rural Women is a time to celebrate the important role that rural women play in society.

It is also an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges faced by rural women and to call for action to address these issues.

We hope that this day will help empower rural women and give them the recognition they deserve.

156. What is the rank of India in Global Hunger Index 2022?

- (A) 104th (B) 107th
(C) 87th (D) 98th
(E) 85th

Ans.156 (B)

India ranks 107 out of 121 countries on the Global Hunger Index in which it fares worse than all countries in South Asia barring war-torn Afghanistan. India's score of 29.1 places it in the "serious" category.

India also ranks below Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84), and Pakistan (99). Afghanistan (109) is the only country in South Asia that performs worse than India on the index.

China is among the countries collectively ranked between 1 and 17 having a score of less than five.

India's child wasting rate (low weight for height), at 19.3%, is worse than the levels recorded in 2014 (15.1%) and even 2000 (17.15%), and is the highest for any country in the world and drives up the region's average owing to India's large population.

157. Abdul Latif Rashid has been elected as the President of which country?

- (A) Iran (B) Qatar
(C) Dubai (D) Iraq
(E) Bahrain

Ans.157 (D)

The Iraqi Parliament chose Kurdish politician, Abdul Latif Rashid to lead the country.

Rashid won more than 160 votes against 99 for the incumbent Saleh.

Rashid, 78, is a British-educated engineer and was the Iraqi minister of water resources from 2003-2010.

Outgoing President Saleh reportedly walked out of the parliament building as the votes were tallied.

Rashid was born in 1944 in the northeastern Sulaymaniyah region of Iraq. He

graduated as a civil engineer from the University of Liverpool in 1968. He went on to complete his engineering doctorate in 1976 from the University of Manchester.

Rashid has a long history in Iraqi politics. He served as the minister of water resources from 2003 to 2010 and then as the senior adviser to the President. He can speak speaks Kurdish, Arabic and English.

158. The birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam has celebrated on 15th October. Which President of India was he?

- (A) 10th (B) 11th
(C) 12th (D) 13th
(E) 14th

Ans.158 (B)

AvulPakirJainuladbeen Abdul Kalam born on 15th October 1931 was an Indian aerospace scientist and the 11th president of India. He served as the President of India from 2002 to 2007. He was known as the Missile Man of India for his works and development of ballistic missiles and launch vehicle technology.

159. Recently, the Minister of Civil Aviation has inaugurated the 4thHeli-India Summit 2022 in which state/Union Territory?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) (B)Andhra Pradesh
(C) Jammu and Kashmir
(D) Lakshadweep
(E) Madhya Pradesh

Ans.159 (C)

Recently, the Minister of Civil Aviation has inaugurated the 4thHeli-India Summit 2022 in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Theme: Helicopters for Last Mile Connectivity.

160. Under the "Bharat Krishi Satellite programme", a minimum of how many satellites will be required to cover the entire agricultural area of India?

- (A) 2 (B) 3
(C) 4 (D) 5
(E) 6

Ans.160 (A)

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has proposed dedicated satellites for supporting the country's agriculture sector.

Key Points -

Minimum of two satellites are stipulated to guarantee adequate coverage of the entire agricultural area of the country.

They will aid a gamut of farm-related activities related to crop forecasting, pesticide application, irrigation, soil data, and generation of critical data related to drought.

The satellites will be owned by the Department of Agriculture and not by ISRO. The ISRO will provide the technical support.

161. Who has inaugurated India's First aluminium Freight Rake (61 BOBRNALHSM1) in Odisha?

- (A) AshwiniVaishnaw
(B) Nirmala Sitharaman
(C) PiyushGoyal
(D) Narendra Singh Tomar
(E) Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Ans.161 (A)

Union Minister of Railways AshwiniVaishnaw has inaugurated India's First aluminium Freight Rake (61 BOBRNALHSM1) at Bhubaneswar Railway Station in Odisha. The rake's destination is Bilaspur. It is also the first-time aluminium rake that has been manufactured in India with the property of fully lock-bolted construction with no welding on the superstructure. The iron and steel industry uses a lot of imported nickel and cadmium. The proliferation of aluminium wagons will gradually result in less import and at the same time, it is also good for the domestic aluminium industry.

162. Who has won the "World Green City Award" 2022 at the International Association of Horticulture Producers 2022?

- (A) Bengaluru (B) Mumbai
(C) Hyderabad (D) Chennai
(E) Gadwal

Ans.162 (C)

Hyderabad won the "World Green City Award" 2022 at the International Association of Horticulture Producers 2022, organized in Jeju, South Korea.

The city also won another award in the category "Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth". Hyderabad not only won the category award but also the overall "World Green City 2022" award.

It has been the best across all six categories.

The city beats cities like Paris, Montreal, Fortaleza, Mexico City, and Bogota.

Categories and winners at AIPH 2022 -

Living Green for Biodiversity - Columbia

Living Green for Climate Change - Mexico

Living Green for Health and Wellbeing - Brazil

Living Green for Water - Canada

Living Green for Social Cohesion - France

Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth - India

163. Recently, sixth edition of "East Asia Summit of Education Minister's" Meeting has been held in which country?

- (A) India (B) Thailand
(C) Cambodia (D) Vietnam
(E) Philippines

Ans.163 (D)

Recently, India participated in the 6th East Asia Summit Education Minister's Meeting held in Hanoi, Vietnam. About East Asia Summit -

Established in 2005, it is a forum of 18 regional leaders for strategic dialogue and cooperation on the key political, security, and economic challenges facing the Indo-Pacific region.

The concept of an East Asia Grouping was first promoted in 1991 by the then Malaysian Prime Minister, Mahathir bin Mohamad.

164. Which state has become first to achieve Jal Jeevan Mission target for 2022?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Kerala
(C) Karnataka (D) Telangana
(E) Gujarat

Ans.164 (A)

Tamil Nadu has emerged as the only state in India which has achieved the target for 2022 Q1 and Q2 for Jal Jeevan Mission, with 69.57 lakh households provided with tap connections.

Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat visited Chennai and reviewed the progress of the work on the Jal Jeevan Mission for assured portable Tap water supply to every rural household by 2024.

165. Which state will host 9th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo?

- (A) Bihar (B) Goa
(C) Assam (D) Kerala
(E) Sikkim

Ans.165 (B)

The 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo, will be held in Panaji, Goa from 8th to 11th December 2022.

The 9th World Ayurveda Congress aims to transformationally push Ayurveda to bring it into global focus.

The theme for the 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) this year is 'Ayurveda For One Health'.

The event is going to be a four-day event that is supported by both central and state governments.

The four-day event will have seven plenary sessions, 16 themes for oral presentation, a string of associated events, and a public outreach programme. The plenary will be addressed by eminent scientists, academicians, policy makers and Ayurveda practitioners.

There will also be a session on Ayurveda and media. A short film festival on Ayurveda has also been planned.

166. The International Cricket Council has partnered with which international organisation promote gender equality through Cricket?

- (A) UNESCO (B) UNICEF
(C) UNHCR (D) UNICEF
(E) UNDP

Ans.166 (B)

The International Cricket Council (ICC) and UNICEF have launched a global partnership to empower women and girls and promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket.

167. Recently, Government of India has approved first suspension bridge across which river?

- (A) Godavari (B) Krishna
(C) Kaveri (D) Tungabhadra
(E) Mahanadi

Ans.167 (B)

The central government has approved the construction of an iconic cable stayed-cum-suspension bridge across the Krishna river connecting Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and passing through the Nallamala forest range.

The decision was announced by the union minister for road transport and national highways Nitin Gadkari.

The two-storeyed cable bridge with a four-lane carriageway across the Krishna river was approved last week by the standing committee on finance for the union ministry of road transport and national highways.

168. Which state has topped the Public Affairs Index 2022 in big states?

- (A) Haryana (B) Rajasthan
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Karnataka
(E) Maharashtra

Ans.168 (A)

Haryana has bagged the top position in the category of big states in the Public Affairs Index-2022.

The state has emerged at the forefront in social, economic and political justice themes.

It has topped among the major states followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka among many other states.

169. Recently, Union Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated "Gatha Swaraj Ki" gallery in city?

- (A) Gwalior (B) Lucknow
(C) Noida (D) New Delhi
(E) Imphal

Ans (A)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated a gallery-cum-exhibition depicting the history of prominent Maratha commanders at the sprawling Jai Vilas Mahal of Scindias, the erstwhile rulers of Gwalior.

Shah visited the museum in the palace and inaugurated the "Gatha Swarajki-Maratha Gallery" depicting the history of the main Maratha rulers including the Scindias, Gaikwads, Holkars, Nevalkars, Bhosales and the Pawar.

170. "International Day for the Eradication of Poverty" is observed every year on which day of October globally?

- (A) 13 October (B) 14 October
(C) 15 October (D) 16 October
(E) 17 October

Ans.170 (E) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed every year on October 17 globally.

171. Who has been elected as the 36th president of Board of Control for Cricket in India?

- (A) Roger Binny (B) Madan Lal
(C) Arun Singh (D) Rajeev Shukla
(E) Jay Shah

Ans.171 (A)

Roger Binny, the highest wicket-taker of India's triumphant 1983 World Cup campaign, has been officially elected as the 36th Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president.

172. Who has won Booker Prize for "The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida"?

- (A) ShyamSelvadurai (B) Ashok Ferrey
(C) Ameena Hussein (D) Dominic Jeeva
(E) ShehanKarunatilaka

Ans.172 (E)

Shehan Karunatilaka, a Sri Lankan author has won the Booker prize for "The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida".

Booker Prize is one of the most prestigious rewards in the world. Karunatilaka is the second Sri Lankan to get the award.

The Booker prize consists of 50,000 pounds.

The award was given on October 17, 2022.

The first Sri Lankan to win the prize was Michael Ondaatje in 1992.

The Booker Prize is honoured annually for a book published in English in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

173. Justice DY Chandrachud has been appointed as the Chief Justice of India -

- (A) 52nd (B) 51st
(C) 50th (D) 49th
(E) 48th

Ans.173 (C)

President Droupadi Murmu appointed Justice DY Chandrachud as the new chief justice of India.

Justice Chandrachud will be the 50th CJI and will succeed Justice UU Lalit.

Justice Chandrachud will take his official oath on November 9, 2022.

His service will be effective from November 9, 2022, to November 10, 2024.

Justice Chandrachud will be the 50th CJI and will succeed Justice UU Lalit.

Chandrachud is also the second most senior judge of the Supreme Court.

174. Recently, how many new varieties of Neelakurinji Flowers have been identified in the Kallippara hills in Santhanpara region of Western Ghats?

- (A) 8 (B) 7
(C) 4 (D) 6
(E) 2

Ans.174 (D)

Recently, 6 new varieties of Neelakurinji Flowers have been identified in the Kallippara hills in Santhanpara region of Western Ghats.

Neelakurinji Flowers are in full bloom on a vast area on the Kallippara hills in Idukki, Kerala.

175. Recently, which international organisation has released Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2022?

- (A) UNDP (B) UNICEF
(C) UNEP (D) UNESCO

(E) UNSC

Ans.175 (A)

Recently, the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2022 was released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

176. Adani Airports has appointed whom as Chief Executive Officer?

- (A) Vinay Prakash (B) Hemant Nerurkar
(C) Arun Bansal (D) V Subramanian
(E) Vijaylaxmi Joshi

Ans.176 (C)

Adani Airport Holdings has again rejigged its top management, naming Ericsson veteran Arun Bansal its chief executive officer.

Bansal, who spent 25 years at the Swedish telecom network company, was most recently its president for Europe and Latin America.

177. India-Africa Defence Dialogue has been held on the sidelines of DefExpo 2022 in which city?

- (A) Ahmedabad (B) Gandhinagar
(C) Gandhidham (D) Rajkot
(E) Vadodara

Ans.177 (B)

India-Africa Defence Dialogue to be held on the sidelines of DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The dialogue aims to explore new areas of convergence for mutual engagement, including areas like capacity building, training, cyber security, maritime security, and counter-terrorism.

178. Who has become the first Indian woman to run 100m sub-13s hurdles?

- (A) Manjeet Kaur (B) Anu Raghavan
(C) Saraswati Saha (D) Neelu Mishra
(E) Jyothi Yarraji

Ans.178 (E)

Jyothi Yarraji, an Indian Sprinter made history in the women's 100m hurdles as she became the first Indian woman to run a sub-13s time to win the gold medal at the Nation Games 2022.

Jyothi Yarraji broke her national record representing Andhra Pradesh by running the final in 12.79s.

Earlier, Jyothi Yarraji won the women's 100m gold, leaving behind Sprinters lime Dutee Chand and Hima Das.

179. Which country will host 90th General Assembly of INTERPOL?

- (A) India (B) New Zealand
(C) Germany (D) Thailand
(E) Qatar

Ans.179(A)

The 90th General Assembly of Interpol is going to be held in New Delhi from 18th October to 21st October 2022.

The 90th General Assembly of Interpol will have the world's largest police body with 195 members.

The General Assembly is the International policing organization's top governing body and meets once a year to take important decisions.

180. Apoorva Srivastava has named as India's Ambassador to which country?

- (A) Slovenia (B) Czechia
(C) Bratislava (D) Slovak
(E) Hungary

Ans.180 (D)

Indian Foreign Service, Apoorva Srivastava has been appointed to serve as India's Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

An officer of the 2001 batch, she currently serves as Consul-General at the Consulate of India in Toronto. Prior to this, she served in various positions in the Ministry of External Affairs and has been posted in Kathmandu and Paris, among other locations.

181. Which country has been elected as President of International Solar Alliance?

- (A) India (B) France
(C) Australia (D) Japan
(E) Oman

Ans.181 (A)

India and France have been re-elected as the President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance. General Ajay Mathus, director of ISA said that Union Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh has been re-elected as the President of International Solar Alliance. Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, France Minister of State for Development has been re-elected as Co-President.

The four-day International Solar Alliance began on October 17, 2022 under the presidency of India.

182. Who has won the Men's Ballon d'Or award 2022?

- (A) Robert Lewandowski
(B) (B) Karim Benzema
(C) Cristiano Ronaldo
(D) Mohamed Salah

(E) Kylian Mbappe

Ans.182 (B)

Karim Benzema won the men's Ballon d'Or 2022 award in Paris.

The Real Madrid striker also became the first Frenchman to claim the award since Zinedine Zidane did in 1998.

Benzema led Madrid to the Champions League and La Liga titles last season.

He was named UEFA Player of the Year in August this year. Cristiano Ronaldo finished a poor 20th, along with Tottenham's Harry Kane (21st).

Last year's Ballon d'Or Lionel Messi wasn't even nominated this time after a disappointing debut season with PSG.

Meanwhile, Riyad Mahrez came in 12th place and Luis Diaz ranked 17th in the standings.

Also, young Phil Foden finished in 22nd position, with

Manchester City teammate Bernardo Silva in 22nd.

183. Living Planet Report 2022 has been released by which Institution?

- (A) UNEP (B) FAO
(C) World Wide Fund (D) UNESCO
(E) UNSC

Ans.183 (C)

World Wide Fund has released the latest "Living Planet Report 2022".

There has been a 69% decline in the wildlife populations of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish, across the globe in the last 50 years, according to the Living Planet Report 2022 by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

This report is released every two years.

The highest decline in the wildlife populations (94%) was in the Latin America and the Caribbean region.

Africa recorded a 66% fall in its wildlife populations from 1970-2018 whereas the Asia-Pacific recorded a decline of 55%.

184. Board of Control for Cricket in India has approved to conduct Women's Indian Premier League by which year?

- (A) 2023 (B) 2024
(C) 2025 (D) 2026
(E) 2027

Ans.184 (A)

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has approved to conduct the Women's Indian Premier League.

The decision was made at the 91st annual general meeting held in Mumbai.

The women's Indian Premier League is set to begin as a five-team tournament in 2023 after the conclusion of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup on February 26, 2023.

Although BCCI has not decided on the schedule of the WIPL, it will end before the men's IPL.

Recently, Roger Binny has been officially elected as the 36th Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president. Binny succeeded former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly.

185. Astronaut James McDivitt who has passed away recently, was the commander of which lunar mission?

- (A) Apollo 7 (B) Apollo 8
(C) Apollo 9 (D) Apollo 10
(E) Apollo 11

Ans.185 (C)

James McDivitt, the Commander of Apollo 9 mission which tested the first complete set of equipment to go to the moon, has died at 93.

He was also the commander of 1965's Gemini 4 mission, where his best friend and colleague Ed White made the first US Spacewalk.

186. The Kati Bihu is a festival of which state, celebrated on 18th October 2022?

- (A) Kerala (B) Assam
(C) Bihar (D) Tripura
(E) Mizoram

Ans.186 (B)

The Kati Bihu is an auspicious festival of Assam which is a harvest festival.

It is celebrated on 18th October 2022 and the day is marked on the first day of Kati month according to the Assamese Calendar.

The Kati Bihu generally falls in October every day.

Kati Bihu is also known as Kongali Bihu which marks the crucial phase in farmers' lives in Assam.

It marks the fresh start of the harvest season and the relocation of the rice saplings.

The Kati Bihu is celebrated by lighting lamps and candles in the different parts of the house and the main lamp is lit near the Tulsi plant.

The Tulsi plant is cleaned and kept on an earthen platform known as Tulsi Bheti.

During the Kati, Bihu people make offerings and pray to goddess Tulsi for the well-being of their family and friends to have a good harvest.

187. Who has been appointed as head of John Pierpont Morgan Chase & Corporation India?

- (A) Rajnikant Parekh (B) Sanjay Mookim
(C) Aditya Shyam (D) Kaustubh Kulkarni
(E) Vijay Kochhar

Ans.187 (D)

JP Morgan has announced the appointment of its new Country Head of India, Kaustubh Kulkarni.

Madhav Kalyan the current country head of India will be serving in the Asia Pacific Payments Division from 1st November 2022.

Kaustubh Kulkarni is currently serving as the head of investment banking in JP Morgan India and also as the Vice-chair of Asia Pacific for the bank and also as the co-head of investment banking for Southeast Asia.

188. 22nd World Blockchain Summit has begun in which City?

- (A) Dubai (B) Abu Dhabi
(C) Sharjah (D) Doha
(E) Paris

Ans.188 (A)

World Blockchain Summit in Dubai is taking place on October 17 and 18, 2022 at Atlantis, The Palm.

It is one of the most elite gatherings of the global crypto and blockchain ecosystem.

189. Who has authored the book "A confused Mind story"?

- (A) Ashish Verma (B) Neeraj Kumar
(C) Sahil Seth (D) Nidhi Verma
(E) Richa Rastogi

Ans.189 (C)

Indian Revenue Service (IRS) Joint Commissioner GST, Custom & Narcotics and youth influencer, Sahil Seth launched his book titled "A confused Mind story".

The book was launched and the first look was unveiled in the presence of Union Health Minister Sh Mansukh L Mandaviya.

190. Who has been appointed as the Independent Chairman of the Yubi board?

- (A) Atanu Chakraborty
(A) (B) Gaurav Kumar
(C) Saachi Gupta
(D) Siya Reddy
(E) Rajendra Sinha

Ans.190 (A)

Atanu Chakraborty has been appointed as the Independent Chairman of the Yubi board.

Atanu Chakraborty serves as HDFC Bank's board chairman at the moment.

Atanu Chakraborty served as the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and a member of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India.

191. Who has been appointed as New Defence Secretary?

- (A) Aramane Giridhar (B) Rajesh Verma
(C) Rajiv Gauba (D) Manoj Ahuja
(E) Trilochan Mohapatra

Ans.191 (A)

Aramane Giridhar, the Road Transport and Highways Secretary have been named the new defence secretary as part of a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected.

Alka Upadhyaya, the chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India, has been appointed after Giridhar as the new Road and Transport Secretary.

Sanjay Malhotra, Financial Services Secretary will be the new Revenue Secretary.

He has been chosen as an Officer on Special Duty in the Revenue Department.

Malhotra will be succeeding as the Revenue Secretary after Tarun Bajaj completes his term on November 20, 2022.

192. Who has won India's first Greco Roman medal in 77 kg at U-23 World Wrestling C'ship?

- (A) Rinku Singh (B) Sajan Bhanwala
(C) Saurav Gurjar (D) Dilsher Shanky
(E) Jinder Mahal

Ans.192 (B)

India's Greco-Roman wrestler Sajan Bhanwala won a historic Bronze in the 77kg division.

Bhanwala bagged the award at the U-23 World Wrestling Championship. Sajan bagged India's first Greco-Roman medal in U-23 Wrestling World Championship. The wrestler defeated Ukraine's Dmytro Vasetskyi in the repechage round to win the honour. Bhanwala secured a 10-10 victory by points over his Ukrainian counterpart.

193. Ulf Kristersson has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- (A) Finland (B) Switzerland
(C) Norway (D) Sweden
(E) Denmark

Ans.193 (D)

The Swedish parliament on Monday elected Ulf Kristersson the conservative Moderate Party leader as the Prime Minister.

The election was held at the head of a coalition that is being supported by a once radical far-right party.

Kristersson, 59, was elected by 176-173 votes.

Kristersson's three-party coalition does not gain a majority, but in Sweden, prime ministers can govern as long as there is no parliamentary majority against them.

194. Recently, Prime Minister Modi has launched "Mission LiFE" in which state?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Gujarat
(C) Bihar (D) Telangana
(E) Maharashtra

Ans.194 (B)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Mission LiFE movement (Lifestyle for the Environment) at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat.

Envisaged by PM Modi, Mission LiFE is expected to be an India-led global mass movement.

It will nudge individual and collective action to protect and preserve the environment.

195. The draft of the National Credit Framework Framework for Public Consultation has been launched under which ministry?

- (A) Ministry of Statistics
(A) Ministry of Defence
(C) Ministry of Finance
(D) Ministry of Education
(E) Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans.195 (D)

Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the draft of National Credit Framework (NCF) for public consultation under Ministry of Education.

The Government has developed it to enable the integration of academic and vocational domains to ensure flexibility and mobility between them.

It will also enable students who have dropped out of mainstream education to re-enter the education ecosystem.

196. 14th World Spice Congress will be held in which city from February 16 to 18, 2023?

- (A) Mumbai (B) Chennai
(C) Bengaluru (D) Hyderabad
(E) Dispur

Ans.196 (A)

The world's largest exclusive business platform for the spice sector, 14th World Spice Congress is organized by Spices Board India under Ministry of

Commerce and Industry is scheduled to be held at CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra on 16 to 18 February 2023.

More than 1000 delegates from over 50 countries are expected to participate in the event.

This biennial event organized by Spices Board India remains the premier platform that brings the global spice industry together to deliberate on the problems and prospects in the spices sector.

197. As part of the first phase of the "Swadesh Darshan 2", how many states has identified to promote as part of India's new domestic tourism policy?

- (A) 15 (B) 14
(C) 13 (D) 18
(E) 20

Ans.197 (A)

Recently, as part of the first phase of the 'Swadesh Darshan 2' (beginning from January 2023), the government has identified 15 States across the country to be promoted as part of India's new domestic tourism policy.

This policy moves away from theme-based tourist circuits and focuses on reviving up destination tourism.

Some of the prominent places identified are Jhansi and Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, Gwalior, Chitrakoot and Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh and Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra.

198. Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas plant has been inaugurated in which state?

- (A) Haryana (B) Punjab
(C) Rajasthan (D) Kerala
(E) Gujarat

Ans.198(B)

Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in Lehrogaga, in Sangrur, Punjab. The plant has been commissioned with a foreign direct investment of approximately Rs 220 crores by Verbio AG, one of Germany's leading bio-energy companies.

199. Google has partnered with which state government to power digital learning?

- (A) Meghalaya (B) Nagaland
(C) Assam (D) Manipur
(E) Mizoram

Ans.199 (C)

In order to help and expedite the Assam government's objective to foster digital growth and development in the State, Google inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

As part of this new initiative, Google will work with the Assam Government's Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department (SEED) to strengthen school digitization efforts with digital tools and solutions to support teaching and learning, as well as to promote the fundamentals of online safety and digital citizenship to schoolchildren through the "Be Internet Awesome" programme.

200. Deependra Singh Rathore has recently named as Interim Chief Executive Officer of which company?

- (A) Bharti Airtel (B) BookMyShow
(C) Axis Bank (D) Air India
(E) Paytm Payments Bank

Ans.200 (E)

Paytm Payments Bank has appointed Deependra Singh Rathore as the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in addition to his role as Chief Product & Technology Officer.

CEO Satish Gupta is retiring this month.

The bank will announce the new full-time CEO after receiving regulatory approvals.

The bank has also appointed Sunil Chander Sharma, a former IRS officer as Chief Operating Officer (COO).

As the COO, he would oversee the functions of customer support, retail operations, legal and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) and Human Resources and Administration.

About the Paytm Payments Bank:

Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) is an Indian payments bank, founded in 2015 and headquartered in Noida.

In the same year, it received the license to run a payments bank from the Reserve Bank of India and was launched in November 2017.

201. Recently, which district in Odisha has adopted a unique initiative- "Aliva" to eradicate child marriage?

- (A) Nayagarh (B) Cuttack
(C) Sambalpur (D) Dhenkanal
(E) Jagatsinghpur

Ans.201 (A)

Recently, Nayagarh, a district in Odisha, has adopted a unique initiative- Aliva to eradicate child marriage.

As per Odisha's child marriage prevention strategy, the State aims to eradicate child marriage by 2030.

202. The first Asian Palm Oil Alliance meet has been held in which city of India?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Agra
(C) Mumbai (D) Rajkot
(E) Chennai

Ans.202 (B)

The apex edible oil industry associations from five major palm oil importing countries of Asia -- India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal -- have come together to form the Asian Palm Oil Alliance (APOA).

APOA held its first general body meeting on the sidelines of the Globoil Summit being held at Agra, India and the next meeting is expected to be held in Indonesia early next year 2023.

Globoil Summit is one of the World's Leading Edible Oils and Agri Trade Conference, Exhibitions & Awards.

2022 also marks the 25th year celebration of Globoil India.

203. Recently, which company has been accorded by the status of a "Maharatna" Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)?

- (A) Rural Electrification Corporation
(B) Rajasthan Pharmaceuticals
(C) National Fertilizers Limited
(D) Airports Economic Authority
(E) Coal Controller

Ans.203 (A)

Recently, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has been accorded the status of a 'Maharatna' Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).

204. What is the name of recently launched e-learning platform for Oriental and South Asian studies?

- (A) Bharat iVidya (B) Bharat Tutors
(C) Bharat Gyan (D) Bharat Vidya
(E) Bharat Demy

Ans.204 (D)

Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman launched an e-learning platform, Bharat Vidya.

Bharat Vidya is an e-learning platform for Oriental and South Asian studies.

This e-learning platform has been designed and developed by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI).

It is the first-of-its-kind online platform to provide free and paid courses covering various aspects of Indology related to art, architecture, philosophy, language, and science.

205. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the National Conference of Environment Ministers in which state?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Karnataka
(C) Bihar (D) Kerala
(E) Gujarat

Ans.205 (E)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurate the National Conference of Environment Ministers in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.

The aim of the Conference was to create further synergy between the Central and State Governments to implement policies for the elimination of plastic pollution and climate change.

The conference has promoted cooperative federalism for resolving environment-related challenges.

The two-day Conference was organized on September 23-24.

India's per capita plastic consumption is 11 kg while the global average of plastic per capita consumption is 28 kg.

206. What is the theme of this year's LokManthan program?

- (A) Lokparampara (B) Lokpratha
(C) Lokchalan (D) Lokreeti
(E) Loktour

Ans.206 (A)

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the third edition of the LokManthan program at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati.

The theme for this year's program is Lokparampara (Lok traditions).

This will emphasize how Lok traditions have kept our cultural consciousness intact and strengthened our feeling of National Selfhood.

207. Recently, Government has signed a MoU with which banks to expand the reach of "SPARSH" initiative?

- (A) HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank
(B) ICICI Bank and Axis Bank
(C) Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank
(D) Axis Bank and HDFC Bank
(E) Bank of Baroda and Axis Bank

Ans.207 (C)

The Defence Accounts Department (DAD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bank of Baroda (BoB) and HDFC Bank, to onboard them as Common Service Centres (CSC) under the System for Pension Administration (Raksha) (SPARSH)

initiative, across more than 14,000 branches throughout India.

The MoU will onboard more than 7900 branches of BoB and 6300 branches of HDFC Bank as Service Centres to provide last-mile connectivity to pensioners, especially those who live in remote areas of India.

208. Sedapatti Muthiah, who has passed away recently, was the former assembly speaker of which state?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Telangana
(E) Nagaland

Ans.208 (B)

Former Union Minister and Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker Sedapatti R Muthiah passed away at the age of 77.

About Sedapatti R Muthiah -

Sedapatti R. Muthiah was an Indian politician of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK).

He was popularly known by the name Sedapattiar.

He was one of the leaders of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) from its creation and was second in command in AIADMK until 1998.

He became the Speaker of the Assembly in 1991 and continued in office till 1996, during the late Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa's period.

He was TN Assembly Speaker from 1991 to 1996 when the AIADMK was in power.

He secured consecutive victories from the Sedapatti segment four times in 1977, 1980, 1984, and 1991, which earned him the moniker Sedapattiyar.

He became an MP from the Lok Sabha constituency of Periyakulam in Theni twice, in 1989 and

He also became a Union Minister for Surface Transport in the Cabinet of then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

He kept away from politics for some time, but later joined the DMK in 2008 and went on to become a member of the party's electoral wing.

209. In India, "Antyodaya Diwas" observed on 25th September annually to mark the birth anniversary of whom?

- (A) Syama Prasad Mukherjee
(B) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
(C) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
(D) Nanaji Deshmukh
(E) Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

Ans.209 (B)

Antyodaya Diwas is celebrated annually on 25th September in India. It marks the birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya and is celebrated in his honour to remember his life and legacy.

He was one of the most prominent personalities in the history of Indian politics. This year, the Antyodaya Diwas marks the 105th birth anniversary of Upadhyaya.

He was the co-founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS) and a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) thinker.

210. Which Indian author and poet has been announced as this year's recipient of the Hermann Kesten Prize by the PEN Centre in Germany's Darmstadt?

- (A) Yashica Dutt (B) Suraj Yengde
(C) Kanchallaiah (D) Kavita Krishnan
(E) Meena Kandasamy

Ans.210 (E)

Indian author and poet Meena Kandasamy has been announced as this year's recipient of the Hermann Kesten Prize by the PEN Centre in Germany's Darmstadt.

The Hermann Kesten Prize honours personalities who, in the spirit of the charter of the PEN association, stand up for the rights of persecuted authors and journalists.

The PEN Center, Germany, will present the award to the Indian author at a ceremony in Darmstadt on November 15 this year. The winner will receive an amount of €20,000 (\$19,996) as prize money.

211. What is the strike range of recently tested next-generation Agni-prime ballistic missile?

- (A) 1,000 to 2,000 km
(A) 1,500 to 2,000 km
(C) 1,000 to 1,500 km
(D) 2,000 to 3,000 km
(E) 2,500 to 3,500 km

Ans.211 (A)

India successfully test-fired the next-generation Agni-Prime ballistic missile.

The missile was test fired from a mobile launcher from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

The strike range of the solid-fuelled canisterised missile is between 1,000 to 2,000 km.

It has passed all mission parameters during the test.

Its navigation was tracked and examined by radars and telemetry equipment positioned along several points.

Previously the missile's trail was done on December 18, 2021, from the same base and it was also successful.

212. Who has become the first Indian-origin Prime Minister of the UK from Britain's Conservative Party?

- (A) Liz Truss (B) Sajid Javid
(C) Rishi Sunak (D) Priti Patel
(E) Suella Braverman

Ans.212 (C)

Rishi Sunak becomes the first Indian-origin Prime Minister of UK from Britain's Conservative Party.

Sunak succeeded the throne after Liz Truss resigned within 45 days of her appointment, becoming the shortest ruling PM.

Rishi has been the former UK Chancellor of the Exchequer and became the PM.

Sunak will be the fifth Prime Minister of the UK in the last 5 years.

213. Who has become the first Indian wrestler to win Gold medal in U-23 World Wrestling Championships?

- (A) Ravi Kumar (B) Yogeshwar Dutt
(C) Rinku Singh (D) Aman Sehrawat
(E) Maruti Mane

Ans.213 (D)

Aman Sehrawat creates history by winning a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in wrestling.

He became the first Indian wrestler to win the gold medal in Pontevedra, Spain.

Aman Sehrawat beat a 16-year-old junior European silver-medallist Ahmet Duman of Turkey 12-4 in the finals to bag the award.

Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Ravi Kumar Dahiya had made the final in their categories in early editions but could only win the silver medal.

214. Which neighbouring country of India has recently added to "Black List" by FATF?

- (A) Afghanistan (B) Myanmar
(C) Bangladesh (D) Pakistan
(E) Sri Lanka

Ans.214 (B)

Financial Action Task Force has included Myanmar on the list of high-risk countries called as "Black List"

with strategic deficiencies in regimes to counter money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing.

Myanmar is the third to be listed along with North Korea and Iran.

The city was added to the FATF list of high-risk nations for its failure to mark strategic deficiencies as committed by it in February 2020.

215. Recently launched ISRO's heaviest rocket LVM3 M2 has placed how many satellites in orbit?

- (A) 35 (B) 36
(C) 31 (D) 32
(E) 30

Ans.215 (B)

Indian Space Research Organization launched its first commercial mission of Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) M2 satellite successfully from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

216. Which state has won the first position in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) Awards 2021?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Gujarat

Ans.216 (D)

In the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) awards 2021, Uttar Pradesh bagged the first position followed by Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu at second and third place, respectively.

Gujarat also saw five special category awards while MP got three special category awards.

Odisha has been felicitated with the prestigious PMAY-U Awards 2021 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for the best policy initiative under a special category.

About Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) -

217. Recently, which state government has launched Lok Adalat in jails for the speedy disposal of cases for the prisoners of the state?

- (A) Chhattisgarh (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Haryana

Ans.217 (A)

Recently, the Chhattisgarh government has launched Lok Adalat in jails for the speedy disposal of cases for the prisoners of the state.

218. Recently, the World has celebrated the which anniversary of the United Nations(UN) on 24th October 2022?

- (A) 77th (B) 70th
(C) 82nd (D) 79th
(E) 81st

Ans.218(A)

Recently, the World has celebrated the 77th anniversary of the United Nations(UN) on 24th October 2022.

About United Nations -

The United Nations (UN) is an international organization founded on 24 October 1945. It is currently made up of 193 Member States.

219. The revival of Sukapaika River has recently started by Odisha government. It is the tributary of which river?

- (A) Baitarani (B) Bhargavi
(C) Chitroptala (D) Krishna
(E) Mahanadi

Ans.219 (E)

The SukapaikaRiver which stopped flowing 70 years ago, will be revived by Odisha government.

The government has started working on its revival plan following a recent direction from the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

220. Which ministry will organize "Kashi Tamil Sangamam" programme in November 2022?

- (A)Ministry of Culture
(A) Ministry of Defence
(C) Ministry of Education
(D) Ministry of Railways
(E) Ministry of Communications

Ans.220(C)

"Kashi Tamil Sangamam" will be organized by the Ministry of Education next month.

The "Kashi Tamil Sangamam" is a month-long program that will be held from the 16th of the next month.

The "Kashi Tamil Sangamam" aims to rediscover the centuries-old bond of knowledge and ancient civilizational linkage between Varanasi and Tamil Nadu.

221. The people of which country have been awarded by Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2022 by the European Parliament?

- (A) Ukraine (B) France
(C) India (D) Russia

(E) Germany

Ans.221 (A)

The people of Ukraine have been awarded its annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought by the European Parliament on October 19, 2022.

The award is given to honour their fight against Russia's invasion.

The award consists of prize money of 50,000 euros (\$49,100), which is distributed among the representatives of Ukrainian civil society.

222. Which two Indian Beaches have recently added to the coveted list of Blue Beaches?

- (A)Gorai and Dabhari
(A) Suvali and Diveagar
(C) Umbharat and Bassein
(D) Dandi and Guhagar
(E) Minicoy Thundi and Kadmat

Ans.222 (E)

Two more Indian Beaches, Minicoy Thundi and Kadmat have entered the coveted list of Blue Beaches according to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

India now has 12 Blue Flag beaches, an eco-label honoured as the cleanest beaches in the world.

The recognition is marked to be India's commitment to safeguarding and preserving the pristine coastal and marine environment through holistic management of the resources.

223. Which international organisation has released "World Energy Outlook 2022" report stated that global emissions would peak in 2025?

- (A) International Atomic Energy
(B) International Energy Agency
(C) International Renewable Energy
(D) International Energy Forum
(E) Energy Information Administration

Ans.223 (B)

The International Energy Agency released its World Energy Outlook 2022 report stated that global emissions will peak in 2025.

This year's WEO opens various questions related to the crisis, such as setbacks for clean energy transitions, government responses on energy markets, and available risks ahead on the path to net zero emissions.

224. Who has been named as chairperson of United Nation's Air Transport Committee?

- (A) Albert Roper (B) ShefaliJuneja
(C) Assad Kotaite (D) Roberto Kobeh

(E) BenardAliu

Ans.224(B)

India's representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), ShefaliJunejahas been elected as the chairperson of the United Nations' specialized aviation agency's Air Transport Committee (ATC).

Juneja, a 1992 batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax cadre), served as a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) before joining the ICAO.

India secured this position in ICAO after 28 years when Junejawas unanimously elected to the post on Monday.

She is the first woman to represent India in the ICAO. ATC is a standing committee of the ICAO created by the Chicago Convention in 1944.

225. The government of India has appointed whom as the acting chairperson of the Competition Commission of India?

- (A) AshwinBishnoi (B) SangeetaVerma
(C) Ashok Gupta (D) Bhagwant Singh
(E) RajanHiranandani

Ans.225 (B)

The government of India appointed SangeetaVerma as the acting chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

The appointment follows full-time Chairperson Ashok Kumar Gupta demitting office.

Verma is currently a member at the regulator.

Her appointment will be effective for a "period of three months or till the appointment of regular Chairperson or till any further orders, whichever is the earliest,".

Ashok Kumar Gupta had taken over as the CCI chairperson in November 2018.

226. International Federation of Film Critics has declared which movie as best Indian movie?

- (A) PatherPanchali (B) Aparajito
(C) AshaniSanket (D) Charulata
(E) The World of Apu

Ans.226 (A)

Legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray's feature "PatherPanchali" has been declared the best Indian film of all time by the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI).

The 1955 film has received the number one slot in the top ten films in the history of Indian cinema list, which was declared after a poll conducted by the India chapter of FIPRESCI.

227. Which Indian Institute of Technology has collaborated with NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory to study the interactions between microbes in the International Space Station?

- (A) IIT Bombay (B) IIT Delhi
(C) IIT Roorkee (D) IIT Madras
(E) IIT Kanpur

Ans.227 (D)

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT) and NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory researchers studied the interactions between microbes in the International Space Station (ISS).

The study aims to help devise strategies for the disinfection of space stations to minimize any potential impact of microbes on the health of astronauts.

The collaboration was under Dr Karthik Raman, Associate Professor at the Bhupat and Jyoti Mehta, School of Biosciences and a core member of the Robert Bosch Centre of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (RBCDSAI), IIT Madras.

228. The Accession Day of Jammu and Kashmir has recently celebrated on which day of October?

- (A) 24th October (B) 25th October
(C) 26th October (D) 27th October
(E) 28th October

Ans.228 (C)

The Accession Day of Jammu and Kashmir on 26th October with the Union of India is being celebrated across the Union Territory.

Accession Day carries great significance as it was on this day in 1947 that the then Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir, Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession to become part of the greatest democracy of the world.

Several functions are being organized to mark the day. Accession Day is a public holiday in the Union Territory.

229. Which IIT has won National Intellectual Property Award for 2021 and 2022?

- (A) IIT Kanpur (B) IIT Dhanbad
(C) IIT Bangalore (D) IIT Madras
(E) IIT Hyderabad

Ans.229 (D)

National Intellectual Property Award: The national award for intellectual property was given to the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) for 2021 and 2022. The prize was established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

230. Pinaki Chaudhuri, who has passed away recently, was associated with which field?

- (A) Cinema (B) Politics
(C) Sports (D) Medical
(E) Journalism

Ans.230 (A)

Bengali film Director and National award recipient Pinaki Chaudhuri, has passed away at the age of 82. He died due to lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system.

He was born on 19th September 1940 and had a varied interest in the arts and music.

He made his debut in the world of films in 1983, directing "Chena Achena".

At a young age, he was a tabla player, trained by UstadKaramatullah Khan.

After some time he gave up playing the Tabla and began producing films in 1977.

231. Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Orbital Rail Corridor Project in which state?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Bihar
(C) Haryana (D) Gujarat
(E) Punjab

Ans.231 (C)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of the Orbital Rail Corridor Project in Faridabad, Haryana.

Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) project is part of the Transport Infrastructure Corridor in Haryana in the approved Master Plan for the National Capital Region.

The project received in-principle approval from the Haryana Government back in 2018 and the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave its approval for the project in September 2022.

232. Who has taken charge of Twitter after resigning Parag Agarwal as CEO?

- (A) Jack Dorsey (B) Noah Glass
(C) Evan Williams (D) Elon Musk
(E) Morgan Stanley

Ans.232 (D)

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has become new in charge of Twitter after finalizing a \$44 billion deal.

The decision came after the rising doubts about his intentions of following through with the mentioned acquisition deal.

233. Under the "Make in India" campaign Tata and Airbus will start manufacturing of transport planes for the military in which state?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Gujarat
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Haryana
(E) Chhattisgarh

Ans.233 (B)

Tata and Airbus will soon manufacture transport planes for the military in Gujarat.

The state has landed a massive deal and the cost of the project is Rs 22,000 crore or 2.66 billion dollars.

The total expense of the project is Rs 21,935 crore.

The Tata-Airbus plan is seen as a remarkable gain for the PM's "Make-In-India" campaign to decrease the country's dependence on buying from abroad military technology and equipment.

PM Modi will inaugurate the manufacturing plant at Vadodara. The new projects establish the promise of thousands of jobs.

234. Recently, which international organisations has released a report titled "Coldest Year of the Rest of Their Lives - Protecting children from the escalating impacts of heatwaves"?

- (A) UNESCO (B) FAO
(C) UNICEF (D) WFP
(E) UNSC

Ans.234 (C)

Recently, UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) released a report titled "Coldest Year of the Rest of Their Lives - Protecting children from the escalating impacts of heatwaves", showing that nearly all the children across the world will be exposed to more frequent and severe heat waves by 2050.

UNICEF is a special program of the United Nations (UN) devoted to aiding national efforts to improve the health, nutrition, education, and general welfare of children.

235. According to Official Airline Guide report, which airport of India is the 10th busiest airport in the world in terms of seat capacity?

- (A) Indira Gandhi International Airport
(B) ChhatrapatiShivajiMaharaj International Airport
(C) Kempegowda International Airport
(D) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
(E) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport

Ans.235 (A)

According to Official Airline Guide (OAG) report, the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is the 10th busiest airport in the world in terms of seat

capacity and frequency of domestic and international flights as of October 2022.

According to OAG, there were 34,13,855 seats at the Delhi airport, popularly known as the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA).

236. Which city will host 3-day "Akash for Life" Space Conference in November?

- (A) Dehradun (B) Indore
(C) Lucknow (D) Mumbai
(E) New Delhi

Ans.236 (A)

The "Akash for Life" a 3-day space conference will showcase the blending of traditional and modern knowledge through an extended integration of all schools of thought.

The event is scheduled to be held at Dehradun from 5th November to 7th November 2022.

237. Which state has been declared as a 100 percent "HarGhar Jal" state recently?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Goa
(C) Punjab (D) Kerala
(E) Nagaland

Ans.237 (A)

Gujarat has been declared as a 100 percent "HarGhar Jal" state.

In Gujarat, households in rural areas have access to safe drinking water through taps under the "HarGhar Jal" mission.

About 91,73,378 houses in the state have water connections according to the government record.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the state and people of Gujarat who has shown their enthusiasm for the Jal Shakti mission.

Gujarat has achieved this milestone on the occasion of the Gujarati New year.

238. United Nation Security Council's two-day meeting on counter-terrorism has recently conducted in which country?

- (A) China (B) Russia
(C) India (D) USA
(E) Britain

Ans.238 (C)

The United Nation Security Council's (UNSC) two-day meeting in India on counter-terrorism is focused on dealing with use of internet, new payment mechanism and drones by terrorists.

The meeting was hosted in Mumbai and Delhi on 28 and 29 October, respectively.

India took over the chairmanship of the CTC as US troops left Afghanistan in as much of a mess.

An unfinished war that has left hundreds of thousands of Afghan civilians at the mercy of a conservative, militant Taliban government; an unabated persecution of women and minorities; and continued, frequent terror strikes.

India has served as chair of the CTC twice since the Committee was established; first taking over in 2011, less than three years after the horrific Mumbai terror attacks, when the then Permanent Representative and now central minister Hardeep Puri appealed to the world community for a new 'zero tolerance' paradigm in the International fight against terrorism.

239. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has granted the aerodrome license to Jeypore airport. The airport is located in which state?

- (A) Assam (B) Kerala
(C) Bihar (D) Tripura
(E) Odisha

Ans.239 (E)

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) granted the aerodrome license to Odisha's Jeypore airport.

Jeypore became the "first" state-owned airport to get the license. The airport will now be able to handle scheduled commercial flights under the government's regional connectivity scheme UDAN. The airport is 33 km northwest of Koraput town and around 500 km southwest of Bhubaneswar would boost tourism and development of the region. Under UDAN, 68 underserved/unserved destinations which include 58 Airports, 8 heliports, and 2 water aerodromes have been connected. The license would be liable to suspension, modification, or withdrawal if the provisions of the Aircraft Act and the Aircraft Rules were violated.

240. Which regional command has won the Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship 2022-23 held at Nagpur?

- (A) Eastern Air Command
(A) Southern Air Command
(C) Western Air Command
(D) Northern Air Command
(E) Indian Coast Guard

Ans.240 (C)

The Indian Air Force (IAF) Western Air Command won the Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship 2022-23, which was held at Head Quarter MC, Vayu Sena Nagar, Nagpur. The final team Championship match was played between Western Air Command and

Training Command, and Western Air Command won. Corporal Pradeep of Training Command and Sergeant Manolin of Western Air Command competed in the open singles final, and Corporal Pradeep won. Air Marshal Vibhas Pande, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, HQ MC, officially launched the Championship. The Championship included eight teams comprised of 48 players from the Indian Air Force's seven commands.

241. With which country India has participated in a bilateral exercise "Garuda VII" at Air Force Station Jodhpur?

- (A) France (B) Indonesia
(C) Sri Lanka (D) Russia
(E) Japan

Ans.241 (A)

Indian Air Force and French Air and Space Force have participated in a bilateral exercise, named "Garuda VII", from Oct 26 to Nov 12, 2022 at Air Force Station Jodhpur. In this exercise, FASF will participate with four Rafale fighter aircraft, one A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft and a contingent of 220 personnel. The IAF is participating with Su-30 MKI, Rafale, LCA Tejas and Jaguar fighter aircraft, as well as the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) and Mi-17 helicopters. This is the seventh edition of the bilateral exercise. The first, third and fifth editions were conducted in India in 2003, 2006 and 2014 at Air Force Stations Gwalior, Kalaikunda and Jodhpur, respectively.

The second, fourth and sixth editions were conducted in France in 2005, 2010 and 2019.

242. Which institute has been designated as best educational institution in India, according to "QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2023"?

- (A) IIT Kanpur (B) IIT Bombay
(C) IIT Dhanbad (D) IIT Madras
(E) IIT New Delhi

Ans.242 (B)

According to the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability, IIT-Bombay is the best educational institutions in India.

A total of 15 Indian universities ranked in the list with the IIT Bombay featuring in the 281-300 rank range, followed by IIT-Delhi (321-340 rank) and Jawaharlal Nehru University at the third rank (361-380).

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) is on the fifth spot (451-500).

Jadavpur University became the only state-run varsity from India to feature in the QS Sustainability World Ranking 2023.

QS World University Rankings: Sustainability ranking is a new framework to evaluate how universities are taking action to tackle the world's most pressing environmental and social issues.

243. Which edition of high-level dialogue on migration and mobility between India and European Union has recently conducted?

- (A) Fifth (B) Seventh
(C) Sixth (D) Ninth
(E) Tenth

Ans.243 (C)

India and the European Union co-chaired the 6th High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility (HLDMM) in Brussels on October 27 on issues related to the promotion of safe, orderly and regular migration.

The 5th edition of the Dialogue was held in New Delhi in July 2019.

Besides the two delegations led by the co-Chairs, the 6th HLDMM was attended by representatives of the Diplomatic Missions of EU Member States in Brussels who were invited as Observers.

As India and EU celebrate 60 years of diplomatic ties, the Dialogue is an important dimension of the strategic partnership between India and EU, the MEA said.

244. Recently launched book "Delhi University – Celebrating 100 Glorious Years" authored by whom?

- (A) Nitin Gadkari (B) Rameswar Teli
(C) Ratan Tata (D) Vijay Kumar
(E) Hardeep Singh Puri

Ans.244 (E)

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India Hardeep Singh Puri has authored a new book titled "DELHI UNIVERSITY: Celebrating 100 Glorious Years".

Amitabh Bachchan, Indian Actor, has written the foreword of the book.

This Book Highlights the viewpoints of Universities most distinguished alumni and faculty of 15 contributors.

Celebrating 100 Glorious Years is an eclectic collection of personal narratives and reflections of some of the University's most distinguished alumni and faculty—Amitabh Bachchan, Kiren Rijju, Dinesh Singh, Meenakshi Gopinath, Shashi Tharoor, Bibek Debroy, Imtiaz Ali, Raian Karanjawala, Sanjeev

Sanyal, Arnab Goswami, Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, Lakshmi Puri, NamitaGokhale and Vijay Shekhar Sharma.

245. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of union government's engagement group Civil 20 (C20)?

- (A) Gail Amritaswarup
- (B) Swami Swarupananda
- (C) Anandamayi Ma
- (D) P VenkatRangan
- (E) Mata Amritanandamayi

Ans.245 (E)

Spiritual leader Mata, Amritanandamayi Devi (Amma) has been appointed the Chair of the country's Civil 20 (C20) by the union government. It is an official engagement group of the Group of 20 (G20).

246. Which state government has launched a "Women-Friendly Tourism" project?

- (A) Assam
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Tripura
- (D) Kerala
- (E) Goa

Ans.246 (D)

The Kerala state tourism department has launched a "Women-Friendly Tourism" project to ensure safe and hygienic destinations for women.

The all-women tour packages, which include food, accommodation, transportation and community guides, will be controlled and operated by women.

Launching the state Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission's initiative, Tourism Minister Mohamed Riyas said Kerala already enjoys the reputation as the safest destination for women tourists.

UN Women will sign anMoU with RT Mission regarding gender-inclusive tourism.

Through the project, RT Mission aims to create a network of women's units and tourism centres manned by women.

247. A new IIFT campus has recently inaugurated by Nirmala Sitharaman in which state?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh
- (B) Uttar Pradesh
- (C) Andhra Pradesh
- (D) Tamil Nadu
- (E) Maharashtra

Ans.247 (C)

New IIFT campus inaugurated: Nirmala Sitharaman, the nation's finance minister has opened the third campus of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)

at the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) -K campus in Kakinada.

248. What is the height of Shiva statue called "ViswasSwaroopam", which has been built in Nathdwara, Rajasthan?

- (A) 369 – foot
- (B) 254 - foot
- (C) 412 – foot
- (D) 278 - foot
- (E) 301 - foot

Ans.248 (A)

A 369-foot-tall Shiva statue called "ViswasSwaroopam" that has been built in Nathdwara, Rajasthan's Rajsamand district, will be dedicated.

The ViswasSwaroopam statue was built by Tat PadamSansthan and is located 45 kilometres from Udaipur.

The ViswasSwaroopam monument, which is positioned on a mountaintop over a region of 51 bighas and is designed in a meditative pose, is believed to be visible from 20 kilometres away.

Its construction, which took ten years to complete, involved the usage of three thousand tonnes of steel, iron, concrete, and sand, as well as 2.5 lakh cubic tonnes of concrete.

The area surrounding the statue will provide visitors the chance to partake in sports including bungee jumping, zip lining, and go-karting as well as a food court, an adventure park, and a jungle cafe.

249. Which country has launched the first 'Inhalable Vaccine' against Covid?

- (A) India
- (B) China
- (C) Japan
- (D) USA
- (E) Russia

Ans (B)

China has started dispensing an inhalable COVID-19 vaccine to its people.

The free booster dose of the vaccine is being made available to those who have already had vaccinations.

It comprises of a mist that is breathed in via the lips.

The "needle-free" vaccines are expected to increase vaccination rates in countries with weak health systems.

250. India recently marked 30th anniversary of relations with which regional bloc in 2022?

- (A) SAARC
- (B) ASEAN
- (C) G-20
- (D) G-8
- (E) ISA

Ans.250 (B)

The 7th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry was held recently under the co-chairmanship of Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.

The meeting also welcomed the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations.

The progress in activities under the Medium-Term Action Plan of ASEAN-India Cooperation (Year 2021-2025) was reviewed.

Agriculture Ministers of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam also participated in the meeting.



September 2022 Current Affairs

1. What is the name of last Soviet president who ended Cold War, has passed away recently?

- (A) Boris Yeltsin (B) Raisa Gorbacheva
(C) Irina Mikhailovna (D) Mikhail Gorbachev
(E) Leonid Brezhnev

Ans: (D)

Mikhail Gorbachev, the last president of the erstwhile Soviet Union, passed away at the age of 91.

Mr Gorbachev played a crucial role in ending the Cold War without any bloodshed.

Gorbachev served as the President of the Soviet Union from 15th March 1990 to 25th December 1991 until the dissolution of the USSR - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

2. Recently, residents of the four villages have received Community Forest Resource Rights (CFRR). These villages are situated in which district of Chhattisgarh state?

- (A) Mungeli (B) Kawardha
(C) Bilaspur (D) Raipur
(E) Rajnandgaon

Ans: (A)

Residents of the four villages in Chhattisgarh's Mungeli district have received Community Forest Resource Rights (CFRR).

Achanakmar became the second tiger reserve in Chhattisgarh to get CFRR, following Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Dhamtari district.

3. Recently, the 10th edition of National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 has carried out by which armed force?

- (A) Indian Navy
(B) Indian Coast Guard
(C) National Security Guard
(D) Indian Armed Forces
(E) Special Protection Group

Ans: (B)

The 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 was carried out by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in Chennai.

Along with other organisations and foreign participants, the chief of the Indian Coast Guard, VS Pathania, assessed the exercise "SAREX-2022."

In an emergency, ICG Dornier aircraft demonstrated to viewers how to rescue passengers from ships and aeroplanes.

SAREX-2022: Key Points -

ICG Dornier aircraft showed viewers how to rescue people from ships and aeroplanes in an emergency.

Ajay Kumar, the Defence Secretary of the Government of India, officially launched the 10th iteration of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-22).

The Indian Coast Guard, the key maritime SAR coordinating agency for the Indian Search & Rescue Region (ISRR), is hosting the two-day SAREX-2022 exercise that is carried out under the auspices of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB).

4. Who has been elected as the International Treasurer of the Parliamentary Association Conference at the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference?

- (A) Anurag Sharma (B) Ruchi Savarn
(C) Vin Rana (D) Daljeet Soundh
(E) Kaushal Kapoor

Ans: (A)

Member of Parliament from the Jhansi-Lalitpur parliamentary constituency, Anurag Sharma has been elected as the International Treasurer of the Parliamentary Association Conference (CPA) at the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Halifax, Canada.

He will now be on the main Executive Council.

The election of Sharma made him the second Indian office-bearer in the world's largest and oldest International Parliamentary Association.

His election also meant one more seat was added to India in the CPA, taking the total Indian tally to four executive representatives now.

5. Which Indian airline company has joined the World Economic Forum's "Clear Skies for Tomorrow"?

- (A) SpiceJet (B) Air India
(C) Akasha Air (D) IndiGo
(E) Air India Express

Ans: (D)

IndiGo, the largest airline in the nation, announced that it has joined a sustainable effort led by the World Economic Forum (WEF).

IndiGo airline has joined the Clear Skies for Tomorrow, India Coalition initiative as a signatory.

IndiGo's dedication to deploying sustainable initiatives would help to achieve a substantial scale for SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) to attain a critical mass and bring in cost-efficiency for wide adoption in India.

IndiGo joins WEF's "Clear Skies for Tomorrow":

Key Points -

On February 18 of this year, IndiGo flew its brand-new A320 neo aircraft with a 10% SAF blend from Toulouse, France, to New Delhi.

6. Recently, state government of Rajasthan has inaugurated a month-long Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games in which city of state?

- (A) Udaipur
- (B) Jodhpur
- (C) Jaipur
- (D) Jaisalmer
- (E) Bikaner

Ans: (B)

Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot has inaugurated a month-long Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games in Jodhpur.

The village Olympics is expected to see the participation of 44,000 villages across Rajasthan, with nearly 30 lakh people across various age groups already registering themselves for the games. Out of the 30 lakh participants, 9 lakh are women.

7. International Whale Shark Day 2022 has recently observed on which day of August?

- (A) August 30
- (B) August 29
- (C) August 31
- (D) August 28
- (E) August 26

Ans: (A)

International Whale Shark Day 2022: International Whale Shark Day is observed on August 30, and to commemorate this occasion in (International Whale Shark Day 2022), try to understand the purpose.

The International Whale Shark Day 2022 is to raise awareness of the value of whale sharks and the need for their conservation.

People can learn about the magnificent species on this day and take action to protect them on International Whale Shark Day 2022.

8. The 50th edition of Shumang Leela Festival in 2021-2022 has begins in which state?

- (A) Nagaland
- (B) Tripura
- (C) Manipur
- (D) Mizoram
- (E) Sikkim

Ans: (C)

The 50th All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022 kicked off at Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen at Palace Compound in Imphal.

Manipur Governor La Ganesan and Chief Minister N Biren Singh attended the inaugural function.

Shumang Leela is a traditional form of theatre in Manipur and the roles of female artists are all played by male actors and male characters are played by female artists in case of female theatre groups.

Shumang Leela Groups of the early stage attempted to preserve and promote humanism, tolerance, confidence, devotion, truth and justice through their performances.

9. Who has won the best actress award at 67th Filmfare Awards ceremony, presented by The Times Group?

- (A) Kriti Kharbanda
- (B) Kiara Advani
- (C) Kriti Sanon
- (D) Disha Patani
- (E) Deepika Padukone

Ans: (C)

The 67th Filmfare Awards ceremony, presented by The Times Group, honoured the best Indian Hindi-language films of 2021.

Held at Jio World Centre, the 67th Filmfare Awards honour the films released in 2021.

At a press conference helmed by the editor of Filmfare magazine, Jitesh Pillai revealed Wolf777news as the title sponsor.

10. The book "The Hero of Tiger Hill: Autobiography of a Param Vir" is an autobiography of whom?

- (A) Sanjay Kumar
- (B) Bana Singh
- (C) Manoj Kumar Pandey
- (D) Vikram Batra
- (E) Yogendra Singh Yadav

Ans: (E)

The autobiography "The Hero of Tiger Hill: Autobiography of a Param Vir", is about the inspiring story of Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav (Retd), the Youngest Param Vir Chakra (PVC) awardee, at the age of 19 for his actions in the 1999 Kargil conflict.

11. Reliance Industries will build India's first and world's largest Carbon Fibre Plant in which state?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Gujarat
(C) Rajasthan (D) Bihar
(E) Telangana

Ans: (B)

Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani in 45th AGM announced the company's plan to build India's 1st and World's Largest Carbon Fibre Plant at Hazira, Gujarat.

The plant will be developed as part of the company's Oil to Chemical segment (O2C) in which RIL has committed an investment of Rs 75,000 crore in the next five years.

The development of India's First Carbon Plant from the Industry Giant comes as part of their vision for new materials.

Carbon Fibre is a new-age material which has found multiple uses in industry and automotive sector.

12. Which ministry will celebrate the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 from 1st to 30th Sept 2022 as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan?

- (A) Ministry of Minority Affairs
(B) Ministry of Finance
(C) Ministry of Culture
(D) Ministry of Ayush
(E) Ministry of Women and Child Development

Ans: (E)

The Ministry of Women and Child Development will celebrate the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 from 1st to 30th Sept 2022 as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan.

The Central Theme of Poshan Maah 2022 is "Mahila aur Swasthya" and "Bacha aur Shiksha".

Poshan Maah is being celebrated as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan, the Central Government's flagship programme which aims to improve nutritional outcomes for children under 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

13. What amount has sanctioned for Tejas Mark-2 Project by PM Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Security?

- (A) Rs 5500 crore (B) Rs 6500 crore
(C) Rs 7000 crore (D) Rs 8500 crore
(E) Rs 8000 crore

Ans: (B)

Recently, Central Government approved the development of an indigenous fighter jet in the form of Tejas 2.0.

PM Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved Tejas Mark-2 Project.

The Committee sanctioned Rs 6500 crore for design and development of the Tejas Mark-2 fighter jet with prototypes, flight testing and certification.

The allocation comes in addition to the existing Rs 2500 crore sanctioned to HAL.

14. Recently, which non-profit organization has launched "Save the Whale Shark Campaign" along Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep in Mangaluru?

- (A) World Land Trust
(B) Wildlife Alliance
(C) Wildlife Trust of India
(D) WWF-India
(E) Save the Elephants

Ans: (C)

Recently, Delhi-based non-profit, Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) launched 'Save the Whale Shark Campaign' along Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep in Mangaluru.

August 30, 2022 is International Whale Shark Day, this

year's theme is "The Future of Sharks: Guardians of Our Seas."

15. Which international organisation has released a report titled "India Covid-19 procurement: challenges, innovations, and lessons"?

- (A) World Health Organisation
(B) International Monetary Fund
(C) World Trade Organization
(D) Asian Development Bank
(E) World Bank

Ans: (E)

Recently, the World Bank has released a report titled "India Covid-19 procurement: challenges, innovations, and lessons", saying India managed to get many things right in its management of the pandemic.

The report takes a close look at the initiatives taken by the government of India (GoI) to ensure sustained supply of essential medical commodities during the critical initial phase of the Covid pandemic.

16. What is the name of Cyber Security Exercise, which has recently been conducted by Computer Emergency Response Team - India for 13 Countries as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative?

- (A) Synergy (B) Harmony
(C) Unity (D) Oneness

(E) Coaction

Ans: (A)

Recently, Computer Emergency Response Team - India (CERT-In) successfully designed & conducted the Cyber Security Exercise "Synergy" for 13 Countries as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative.

The exercise was conducted as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative-Resilience Working Group which is being led by India under the leadership of National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS).

17. Which state government has introduced "Mahila Nidhi" to help women entrepreneurs?

- (A) Punjab
- (B) Rajasthan
- (C) Bihar
- (D) Telangana
- (E) Nagaland

Ans: (B)

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has launched 'Mahila Nidhi', a loan scheme for the social and economic development of women through loans. Under the scheme, apart from everyday necessities, easy credit will be available to women for business expansion and starting new businesses.

18. Tata Steel has inked a MoU with which state government to establish steel facility in the state?

- (A) Bihar
- (B) Assam
- (C) Kerala
- (D) Punjab
- (E) Sikkim

Ans: (D)

The Tata steel company and the Punjabi government have agreed to establish a 0.75 million tonne per year (MnTPA) long products steel facility with an electric arc furnace (EAF) powered by scrap. Tata Steel's decision to build the greenfield facility at Kadiana Khurd in Ludhiana's Hitech Valley is a part of the company's commitment to investing in a circular economy and switching to low-carbon steel making through steel recycling.

19. Which state government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the "Parley for the Oceans", a plastic-waste management company?

- (A) Telangana
- (B) Andhra Pradesh
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Tamil Nadu
- (E) Maharashtra

Ans: (B)

Andhra Pradesh government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the "Parley for the Oceans", a U.S.-based company that works for plastic-waste management.

The MoU was signed under the presence of Chief Minister of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and an event was held at the AU Convention Centre in Vishakhapatnam.

20. Who has been named as India's ambassador to Thailand?

- (A) Nagesh Singh
- (B) Shashi Kumar
- (C) Ajai Saxena
- (D) Rushul Kemp
- (E) Tarun Coomar

Ans: (A)

An Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1995 batch, Nagesh Singh has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Thailand.

He will replace the incumbent ambassador Suchitra Durai.

Bilateral relations between India and Thailand continued to strengthen during 2021, marked by cooperation at regional and sub-regional levels within the framework of ASEAN, Mekong Ganga Cooperation and BIMSTEC as well as at other multilateral fora.

21. Who have been named among a host of Star Indian Wrestlers named for World Senior Championships 2022?

- (A) Ravi Kumar Dahiya and Sakshi Malik
- (B) Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat
- (C) Deepak Punia and Ravi Kumar Dahiya
- (D) Yogeshwar Dutt and Vinesh Phogat
- (E) Yogeshwar Dutt and Bajrang Punia

Ans: (B)

Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat has been named as host of star Indian wrestlers for the World Senior Championships.

World Senior Championships to be held in Belgrade, Serbia from September 10-18.

The Indian team was picked after selection trials at SAI Training Centres in Lucknow and Sonapat.

Tokyo Olympian Vinesh, who completed a hat-trick of gold medals at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

She will lead the women's team while the men's freestyle squad will have Olympic medallists Bajrang and Ravi Dahiya, and 2019 World Championships silver winner Deepak Punia.

Bajrang (65kg), Ravi Dahiya (57kg) and Deepak Punia (86kg), who won gold medals at the Birmingham CWG, were granted exemptions from the trials.

22. Which pharmaceutical company will launch India's first cervical cancer vaccine?

- (A) Dr Reddy's Laboratories
- (B) Zydus Lifesciences
- (C) Serum Institute of India
- (D) Glenmark Pharma Ltd
- (E) Vertex Pharmaceuticals

Ans: (C)

The country's first "Made in India" quadrivalent Human Papilloma Virus (qHPV) vaccine for the prevention of cervical cancer has launched recently.

This was launched by Drugs Controller General of India and had granted market authorisation to Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) to manufacture "Cervavac".

The vaccine trials has started in September 2018 in 12 sites across India.

Union Minister of Science and Technology Jitendra Singh has launched the vaccine at IIC Delhi.

23. Which state has launched the 'Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme' for the welfare of the farmers?

- (A) Nagaland
- (B) Uttar Pradesh
- (C) Maharashtra
- (D) Meghalaya
- (E) Sikkim

Ans: (D)

Meghalaya state government has launched "Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme" for welfare of farmers under National Livestock Mission at Byrnihat in Ri-Bhoi district.

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has stated the state's "Progress" scheme aims to ensure that the farmers earn a sustainable livelihood through different livestock farming activities.

24. Who has received the prestigious 2022 Stockholm Junior Water Prize?

- (A) Camily Pereira
- (B) Nedel Drebes
- (C) Mishal Faraz
- (D) Joan B Rose
- (E) Annabelle M Rayson

Ans: (E)

Recently, Annabelle M. Rayson, a student from Canada received the prestigious 2022 Stockholm Junior Water Prize for her research on how to treat and prevent harmful algae blooms.

Harmful Algal Blooms, or HABs, occur when colonies of algae grow out of control and produce toxic or harmful effects on people, fish, shellfish, marine mammals and birds.

25. The multilateral strategic and command Exercise Vostok - 2022 has started in which country in which India has joined recently?

- (A) China
- (B) Russia
- (C) France
- (D) Germany
- (E) United States

Ans: (B)

Recently, India joined a multilateral strategic and command Exercise Vostok - 2022 in Russia along with China among other countries.

26. Rajesh Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the interim new Chairman and Managing Director of which Maharatna company?

- (A) ONGC
- (B) NTPC
- (C) SAIL
- (D) IOCL
- (E) HPCL

Ans: (A)

Rajesh Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the interim new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the state-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) by the Central Government. Rajesh Kumar Srivastava is the third interim Chief who has been appointed, as the government has not made any full-time appointment yet in 17 months.

He has been entrusted with an additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director for 4 months with effect from 1 September 2022 to 31 December 2022 or till the appointment of a regular incumbent to the post or until further orders of the Government.

27. Recently launched book "Science Behind Surya Namaskar" has been compiled by which research institute?

- (A) All Indian Institute of Medical Science
- (B) National Botanical Research Institute
- (C) All India Institute of Ayurveda
- (D) National Yoga Research Institute
- (E) Ministry of Ayush

Ans: (C)

Minister of State for AYUSH, Dr Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai has released a book titled "Science Behind Surya Namaskar" a collection of evidence-based research on one of the most well-known Yoga asanas at the AIIA.

The book was compiled by the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) department of Swasthavritta and Yoga, at AIIA.

The book was released during the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programme 2022 organised by the departments of Swasthavritta, Panchakarma, and Darvyaguna in association with Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth (RAV), New Delhi.

28. Nuakhai festival is a festival of which state, which has celebrated recently?

- (A) Chhattisgarh (B) Assam
(C) Telangana (D) Odisha
(E) Tamil Nadu

Ans: (D)

Nuakhai is an annual harvest festival in Odisha. Nuakhai is celebrated to welcome the approaching new season and welcome the season's new rice.

Nuakhai is celebrated a day after Ganesh Chaturthi, and it is one of the most awaited festivals in Odisha.

The festival is celebrated with Nabanna offering to Goddess Samaleswari during a particular time.

Nuakhai is made of two words, Nua which means new, and Khai which means food.

The festival altogether means celebrating the season's new rice harvested by hardworking farmers.

The people in the western part of Odisha celebrate Nuakhai with zeal and excitement.

29. Who has appointed as the director general of the news services division of All India Radio?

- (A) Vasudha Gupta (B) Amrita Sharan
(C) Rajiv Bansal (D) Vinod Hejmadi
(E) Rajwinder Singh

Ans: (A)

Indian Information Service officer, Vasudha Gupta was appointed as the director general of the news services division of All India Radio.

Gupta, who was director general in the Press Information Bureau, assumed charge of her new post immediately.

All India Radio Director General N Venudhar Reddy superannuated.

Gupta played a key role in implementing the communication strategies of the government during the COVID-19 pandemic and also helmed the fact-checking unit to curb misinformation about the viral outbreak.

30. World Coconut Day is celebrated every year on which day of September every year?

- (A) 1st September (B) 2nd September
(C) 3rd September (D) 4th September
(E) 5th September

Ans: (B)

World Coconut Day is celebrated on 2nd September every year.

The day is observed to emphasise and spread knowledge of the value and advantages of coconuts.

The coconut palm is often called the "tree of life" owing to its versatile use in food, fuel, medicine, cosmetics, building materials, and various other uses.

In India, this day is celebrated with the support of the Coconut Development Board (CDB), across the states such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, etc.

31. Name the Chairman and Managing Director of State-run GAIL (India) Limited, who has been given additional charge?

- (A) Deepak Gupta
(B) Ayush Gupta
(C) Navneet Mohan
(D) Akhilesh Jain
(E) Mahesh Vishwanathan Iyer

Ans: (E)

Shri MV Iyer has been given additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of State-run GAIL (India) Limited.

He has been appointed to the post for three months with effect from September 1, 2022.

His appointment comes after former CMD Shri Manoj Jain superannuated from the services of GAIL.

32. The world's biggest coffee chain, Starbucks has appointed whom as the next chief executive officer?

- (A) Rakesh Kapoor (B) Laxman Narasimhan
(C) Ajay Banga (D) Vasant Narasimhan
(E) Ramon Laguarta

Ans: (B)

The world's biggest coffee chain, Starbucks has appointed Mr. Laxman Narasimhan as the next chief executive officer (CEO) and a member of the Starbucks Board of Directors.

He will replace its long-time head, Mr Howard Schultz.

Mr Narasimhan will be joining the company on October 1, 2022, & will completely take over the helm in April 2023.

Mr Howard Schultz will continue as interim CEO until April 1, 2023.

33. Recently, The International Monetary Fund has approved the USD 2.9 billion bailout package to which country?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Bangladesh
(C) Pakistan (D) Bhutan
(E) Afghanistan

Ans: (A)

Recently, The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a preliminary agreement with Sri Lanka on a four-year, USD 2.9 billion bailout package which is aimed at restoring economic stability and debt sustainability for the crisis-ridden south Asian nation.

34. Recently, which tech company has partnered with the "Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship" and "Capacity Building Commission" to empower India's civil servants with future-ready skills?

- (A) Microsoft (B) Google
(C) IBM (D) Amazon
(E) Wipro

Ans: (A)

Recently, Microsoft has partnered with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), and Capacity Building Commission (CBC) to empower India's civil servants with future-ready skills.

The partnership under the project "Capacity Building by MSDE in Microsoft Digital Productivity Skills" aims to enhance the functional computer literacy of nearly 2.5 million civil servants of Government of India (GoI).

This project is in line with the "Mission Karmayogi".

35. Who has been elected as the president of the All India Football Federation?

- (A) Mantra Vijayan
(B) Harjinder Singh
(C) Kalyan Chaubey
(D) Arun Malhotra
(E) Pinky Bompal

Ans: (C)

Kalyan Chaubey, who was a goalkeeper with the storied Mohun Bagan and East Bengal football clubs in Kolkata, was elected president of the All India Football Federation.

Choubey got 33 votes in the 34-member electorate comprising representatives of various state associations.

His opponent and former East Bengal teammate Bhaichung Bhutia, also 45, had to be content with a solitary vote.

36. Who has become the first Indian woman to make the Junior World finals by finishing eighth overall?

- (A) Shivani Kataria (B) Shikha Tandon
(C) Bula Choudhury (D) Apeksha Fernandes
(E) Anita Sood

Ans: (D)

Apeksha Fernandes became the first Indian woman to make the Junior World finals by finishing eighth overall.

Apeksha Fernandes sets a new national record with a time record of 2:18.18.

She finished eighth in the women's 200m butterfly finals by clocking 2:19.14 at the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2022.

37. Which state government has distributed Rs 869 crores to 41.85 state farmers under the "Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation" scheme?

- (A) Chhattisgarh (B) Odisha
(C) Jharkhand (D) West Bengal
(E) Rajasthan

Ans: (B)

Odisha government distributed Rs 869 crore to 41.85 state farmers under the Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme and assured them of additional aid for crop losses due to floods in the state.

Rs 2000 each was directly transferred to the bank accounts of 41 lakh farmers and 85,000 landless farmers under the KALIA Scheme.

38. The Quad group meeting 2022 will be hosted by which country?

- (A) India (B) Japan
(C) Russia (D) China
(E) Iran

Ans: (A)

The Quad group meeting will be hosted by India in New Delhi with Japan, US, and Australia in the coming week.

The Quad meeting is the first such "Senior Officers Meeting" (SOM) to be held after tensions rose between China and Taiwan.

The Quad SOM meeting is one of several meetings to be held between India and Indo-Pacific Partners.

The Quad SOM meeting is going to be held anytime between 5th-6th September.

The SCO summit in Uzbekistan in mid-September is ahead of the Quad SOM meeting.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with the important leaders of Russia, Iran, China, Pakistan, and Central Asia will attend the SCO Summit.

39. The Markham City is located in which country, where a street has recently named after music composer AR Rahman?

- (A) Australia (B) Canada
(C) Germany (D) Alaska
(E) Mexico

Ans: (B)

Oscar-winning music icon, AR Rahman recently had the honour of getting Canada's Markham city's street named after him.

He is one of the most loved musicians worldwide. Known as the "Mozart of Madras", Rahman has delivered several hit songs and compositions which will be remembered eternally.

He had started his career with Mani Ratnam's Roja and has only excelled since then.

40. According to Bloomberg report, India has become world's fifth largest economy by surpassing which country?

- (A) Italy (B) France
(C) Germany (D) Britain
(E) Japan

Ans: (D)

India has surpassed Britain and become the world's fifth largest economy, as per Bloomberg report.

The change in ranking has pushed the United Kingdom to the sixth spot.

The Indian economy is forecast to grow more than 7 per cent this year.

On an adjusted basis and using the dollar exchange rate in the relevant quarter, the size of Indian economy in "normal" cash terms was USD 845.7 billion.

41. Which state has introduced the "VentuRISE Global Startup Challenge"?

- (A) Kerala
(B) Karnataka
(C) Maharashtra
(D) Tamil Nadu
(E) Telangana

Ans: (B)

The Karnataka government announced the worldwide startup competition VentuRISE Global Startup Challenge.

It aims to aid entrepreneurs in the manufacturing and sustainability-related industries.

The global startups will give business owners from all over the world a stage to present their cutting-edge goods or solutions and make connections with potential investors.

42. Who has presented the Smart Solutions Challenge & Inclusive Cities Awards 2022?

- (A) Hardeep Singh Puri
(B) Lakshmi Prasad
(C) Kiren Rijju
(D) Jyotiraditya Scindia
(E) Rameswar Teli

Ans: (A)

The Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri presented Smart Solutions Challenge & Inclusive Cities Awards 2022.

These awards are an initiative of the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and the United Nations (UN) in India to address city-level accessibility and inclusion challenges faced by persons with disabilities (PwD), women and girls, and the elderly.

43. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of National Hydro Electric Power Corporation for three months?

- (A) Rajendra Goyal (B) Rashmi Sharma
(C) Yamuna Chaubey (D) Amit Kansal
(E) Biswajit Basu

Ans: (C)

Yamuna Kumar Chaubey takes over as Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC for three months beginning September 1.

He succeeded Abhay Kumar Singh.

Chaubey is currently Director (Technical) in NHPC & has been given additional charge of the post of CMD for a period of 3 months till a regular incumbent joins the post.

Abhay Kumar Singh ceased to be the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the company with effect from August 31, 2022, upon attaining the age of superannuation.

44. Which edition of Ramon Magsaysay Award 2022 has recently announced?

- (A) 56th

- (B) 65th
- (C) 45th
- (D) 54th
- (E) 71st

Ans: (A)

The Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation (RMAF), which is widely regarded as the "Nobel Peace Prize of Asia", recently announced this year's awardees in a global announcement ceremony.

The 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees are Sotheara Chhim (Cambodia), Bernadette Madrid (Philippines), Tadashi Hattori (Japan) and Gary Benchehib (Indonesia).

45. Cyrus Mistry, who has recently passed away, was the chairperson of which company?

- (A) Titan Company
- (B) Adani Group
- (C) Croma
- (D) Tata Group
- (E) Larsen & Toubro

Ans: (D)

Former Tata Group chairman Cyrus Mistry has passed away recently.

46. Who has won the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament?

- (A) Karthikeyan Murali
- (B) Bhakti Kulkarni
- (C) Harika Dronavalli
- (D) Tania Sachdev
- (E) Aravindh Chithambaram

Ans: (E)

Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram has been emerged as champion in the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament, with 7.5 points as seven Indians finished in the top 10 with R Praggnanandhaa sharing second spot with five others.

The 22-year-old Chithambaram and Praggnanandhaa settled for a draw in the ninth and final round which enabled the former finish with seven points, half a point ahead of the rest of the field.

The former Indian national champion, seeded 13th, remained unbeaten through the nine rounds, winning six games and drawing three.

47. What is the theme of National Teachers' Day 2022?

- (A) Leading in crisis, reimagining the future
- (B) Teachers at the heart of education recovery
- (C) The right to a qualified teacher
- (D) Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers
- (E) Valuing teachers, improving their status

Ans: (A)

Teachers' Day or Shikshak Divas marks the birthday of the country's first Vice President (1952–1962) who went on to become the second President of India (1962-1967), a scholar, philosopher, Bharat Ratna awardee, Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. He was born on September 5 in the year 1888.

But teachers' day was first observed in the year 1962 on his 77th birthday.

He was a teacher who turned out to be a philosopher, scholar and politician.

He dedicated his entire life to working towards the importance of education in people's lives.

Theme -

The theme for this year's teachers' day is "Leading in crisis, reimagining the future."

48. What is the name of Secretary General Lok Sabha, who has get additional charges of Chief Executive Officer of Sansad TV?

- (A) Braj Kishore Singh
- (B) Sumantra Singh
- (C) Ravi Capoor
- (D) Utpal Kumar Singh
- (E) Abhishek Agrawal

Ans: (D)

Rajya Sabha Chairman and Lok Sabha Speaker jointly decided that Utpal Kumar Singh, currently holding the post of Secretary General Lok Sabha, will additionally charge the functions of CEO Sansad TV. Ravi Capoor has been relieved of his duties as the Chief executive officer (CEO) of Sansad TV.

Sansad TV was launched in September 2021 after merging the Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV channels.

49. Who has been nominated as the next executive chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority?

- (A) Uday Lalit
- (B) DY Chandrachud
- (C) N V Ramana
- (D) Ranjan Gogoi
- (E) Sharad Arvind Bobde

Ans: (B)

Supreme Court judge Justice DY Chandrachud has been nominated as the next executive chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

The post was previously held by the Chief Justice of India U U Lalit.

After CJI Lalit's retirement, Justice Chandrachud will take over as the 50th CJI from November 2022.

50. Which state will to develop "State Capital Region" on lines of Delhi-NCR (National Capital Region)?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Uttarakhand
(C) Bihar (D) Rajasthan
(E) West Bengal

Ans: (A)

In Uttar Pradesh, the 'State Capital Region' along the lines of the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) will be developed in Lucknow.

It will be developed keeping in mind the future requirements related to urban planning.

Lucknow and its surrounding districts like Unnao, Sitapur, Rae Bareilly, Barabanki & Kanpur could be included in the SCR.

51. The people of which country have been awarded the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2022 by the European Parliament?

- (A) Ukraine (B) France
(C) India (D) Russia
(E) Germany

Ans: (D) The people of Ukraine have been awarded the annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought by the European Parliament on October 19, 2022. The award is given to honor his fight against the invasion of Russia. The prize consists of a prize money of 50,000 euros (\$49,100), which is distributed among representatives of Ukrainian civil society.

52. Which state/union territory will get India's first "Dark Sky Reserve" also known as Night Sky Sanctuary?

- (A) Ladakh (B) Puducherry
(C) Chandigarh (D) Bihar
(E) Rajasthan

Ans: (A)

The Union Territory of Ladakh will get India's first "Dark Sky Reserve" which will be set up in the cold desert regions of the Union Territory.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent charge) for Science and Technology made the announcement formally on Saturday - 3rd Sept 2022. As per the announcement, the "Dark Sky Reserve" will be set up and ready by December 2022 and will be used primarily to promote and boost Astro-Tourism in the UT.

53. What will be the new name of historic Rajpath and Central Vista lawns as Central Government has recently decided to rename it?

- (A) Karniya Path (B) Dayitva Path
(C) Kartavya Path (D) Dharam Path
(E) Mahapath

Ans: (C)

Central Government has decided to rename the historic Rajpath and Central Vista lawns as Kartavya Path ahead of its opening after redevelopment as part of Central Vista Avenue.

After being under redevelopment for nearly 20 months, Central Vista Avenue is all set to be opened on 8th Sept 2022.

The avenue is part of the larger Central Vista Project, which includes a new Parliament Building which has been redesigned in a unique triangular shape as well as the Central Secretariat and several other Government offices.

The Ceremonial boulevard which runs from Rashtrapati Bhavan on Raisina Hill through Vijay Chowk and India Gate was named the Kingsway named after King George V, during the British Era.

54. Which state/UT will host first-ever Mountain Bicycle World Cup?

- (A) Bihar (B) Puducherry
(C) Rajasthan (D) Ladakh
(E) Jammu & Kashmir

Ans: (D)

Leh is all set to host the first-ever Mountain Bicycle, MTB, World Cup- the "UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup in India".

The "UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup" will be organized in collaboration with the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh and the Cycling Association of India.

The Ladakh leg of the Eliminator World Cup is part of ten professional race series held in various cities across the world.

55. Who has been appointed as the new chairman and managing director of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd?

- (A) Pramod Kumar Panda
(B) Gulabbhai Rohit
(C) Binesh Kumar Tyagi
(D) Arunima Dwivedi
(E) Shreekanth Pattar

Ans: (C)

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has signed off on the proposal to appoint Captain Binesh Kumar Tyagi as the new chairman and managing director of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd (SCI).

The appointment is for five years from the date of assumption of charge of the post, or till the date of his superannuation, or until further orders, whichever is

the earliest, according to an office order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training.

56. Who has won the Emmy Award for his narration in the Netflix documentary "Our Great National Parks"?

- (A) Boris Johnson (B) Donald Trump
(C) Bill Clinton (D) Mitt Romney
(E) Barack Obama

Ans: (E)

The former President of the United States Barack Obama won Emmy Award for his narration in the Netflix documentary "Our Great National Parks".

Obama already has two Grammys and is now halfway to an EGOT- the achievement of having won all four of the major American entertainment awards i.e. an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony.

57. The book titled as "Divorce and Democracy: A History of Personal Law in Post-Independence India" has been authored by whom?

- (A) Ratanlal Singh (B) Rakesh Sinha
(C) Paras Diwan (D) Saumya Saxena
(E) Batuk Lal

Ans: (D)

A new book on divorce laws and various religions in the post-colonial era was released at the India International Centre.

The book "Divorce and Democracy: A History of Personal Law in Post-Independence India" talks about family law, religion, and gender politics in India.

The book has written by Saumya Saxena, a British Academy Fellow at the faculty of History, University of Cambridge, the book talks about the Indian state's difficult dialogue with divorce.

President Bidya Devi Bhandari in Kathmandu?

- (A) Manoj Kumar (B) Manoj Pande
(C) Bipin Rawat (D) Yogesh Kumar
(E) Upendra Dwivedi

Ans: (B)

Indian Army chief General Manoj Pande was conferred the title of Honorary General of the Nepali Army by Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari in Kathmandu.

General Pande was honoured at a special ceremony at the President's official residence "Shital Niwas" in the capital city of Nepal.

59. Which government agency has topped in Grievance Redressal Index 2022?

- (A) SBI (B) UIDAI
(C) RBI (D) SIDBI
(E) NCB

Ans: (B)

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has topped among all Ministries/Departments for resolving Public Grievances in the ranking.

The report was published by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).

60. Who has been recently appointed as managing director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank Ltd?

- (A) M Kasisamy Nadar (B) KA Kaliyappa
(C) TV Balagurusamy (D) M Ratnasamy
(E) KS Subramaniam

Ans: (E)

Krishnan Sankarasubramaniam has taken over as the managing director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.

Sankarasubramaniam will succeed K V Rama Moorthy and his term would be for a period of three years, which has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India.

Prior to taking up the new role, Sankarasubramaniam was serving Punjab and Sind Bank as its Managing Director and CEO.

61. How many cities from India have been inducted into the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities 2022 List?

- (A) Two (B) Six
(C) Three (D) Five
(E) Eight

Ans: (C)

Three Indian Cities namely - Telangana's Warangal, Kerala's Thrissur & Nilambur have been inducted into the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities 2022 List.

The Three Indian Cities were part of the 77 cities from 44 countries, which were recently inducted into the UNESCO GNLC List.

In total, the list consists of 294 cities from across the world, which have been bestowed with this distinct honour.

62. Which state government has setup India's first Bio-Village in the state?

- (A) Mizoram (B) Tripura
(C) Manipur (D) Assam
(E) Meghalaya

Ans: (B)

Tripura Government has setup India's 1st Bio-Village at Daspara village of the state.

The concept of Bio Village 2.0 developed by the state government has been recognized as one of the best practices to attain sustainable development goals. The bio-villages have been setup in Tripura by the Directorate of Bio-Technology under the Science and Technology department.

63. Who has been appointed as the new UK home secretary after the resignation of Priti Patel?

- (A) Kemi Badenoch (B) Penny Mordaunt
(C) Rishi Sunak (D) Suella Braverman
(E) Steve Baker

Ans: (D)

Suella Braverman has been appointed the new UK home secretary after the resignation of Priti Patel.

The 42-year-old member of Parliament for Fareham in south-east England served as the attorney-general in the Boris Johnson-led government until she was appointed home secretary by new Prime Minister Liz Truss.

Uma served as a councillor for 16 years and Christie was a campaigner for locals.

64. Who has presented with the annual Sahitya Puraskar of the Loknaya Foundation (18th Loknaya Foundation Award)?

- (A) Tanikella Bharani
(B) Kota Srinivasa Rao
(C) Brahmanandam
(D) Babu Mohan
(E) Posani Krishna Murali

Ans: (A)

Telugu writer and actor, Tanikella Bharani was presented with the annual Sahitya Puraskar of the Loknaya Foundation (18th Loknaya Foundation Award) at an award ceremony held at Kalabharathi Auditorium, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

65. Which Central jail has earned a five-star rating from the Food Safety Standards Authority of India for the quality of food?

- (A) Dibrugarh Central Jail
(B) Fatehgarh Central Jail
(C) Jagdalpur Central Jail
(D) Vadodara Central Jail
(E) Nagpur Central Jail

Ans: (B)

The Fatehgarh Central jail in Uttar Pradesh's Farrukhabad district has earned a five-star rating from the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for the quality of food it serves to inmates.

A third-party audit, empanelled by the FSSAI, provided the five-star 'Eat Right Certificate' to the jail.

It is a recognition of food quality and hygiene, which means the inmates are getting quality food items prepared in jail.

66. Mahanagar Gas Limited has appointed whom as the company's new chairman?

- (A) Mahesh Iyer (B) Atul Prabhu
(C) Baldev Singh (D) Malvika Sinha
(E) Manoj Jain

Ans: (A)

State-run city gas utility, Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL), has appointed Mahesh Vishwanathan Iyer as the company's new chairman.

Iyer was director (Business Development) with GAIL (India) Limited till last month.

Gail is the promoter of MGL.

67. Recently, Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated conference "Manthan" in which city?

- (A) Chennai (B) Bengaluru
(C) Mysuru (D) Hyderabad
(E) Mumbai

Ans: (B)

Union Minister for Road, Transport, and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate "Manthan" in Bengaluru.

He will be accompanied by General Dr VK Singh, Union Minister of State for RT&H and Civil Aviation, and Shri Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister, Karnataka.

68. Which country has won the singles finals of the 2022 Japan Open Badminton Tournament?

- (A) China
(B) Singapore
(C) Japan
(D) Taiwan
(E) France

Ans: (C)

Japan wins the singles finals of the 2022 Japan Open Badminton Tournament in Osaka.

Japan is the host country of the 2022 Japan Open Badminton Tournament.

Nishimoto Kenta, 28 years old, won his first career title in the men's.

Yamaguchi Akane, World Champion won for the second successive week in women.

After three years, Japan Open was held for the first time due to the pandemic and only Yamaguchi managed to defend her title.

69. Recently, Bharti Airtel has launched a pilot project in partnership with which state to offer bill payment solutions?

- (A) Tripura
- (B) Assam
- (C) Bihar
- (D) Odisha
- (E) Sikkim

Ans: (D)

Bharti Airtel has launched a pilot project in partnership with the TP Northern Odisha Distribution to offer bill payment solutions to more than 2 million customers.

The pilot project will be mobilized to 4000 Airtel Payment Banks (APBs) in northern Odisha to facilitate the bill payments.

70. Which private sector lender has introduced a new SMS banking facility for its customers?

- (A) HDFC Bank
- (B) ICICI Bank
- (C) State Bank of India
- (D) Axis Bank
- (E) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Ans: (A)

The private sector lender HDFC Bank introduced a new SMS banking facility for its customers.

The bank claims that now customers can access a wide range of banking services round-the-clock, 24/7 x 365 no matter where they are.

71. Who has launched the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan virtually on 9th September 2022?

- (A) Yashwant Sinha
- (B) Draupadi Murmu
- (C) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- (D) Narendra Modi
- (E) Jagat Prakash Nadda

Ans: (B)

President Draupadi Murmu will launch the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan virtually on 9th September 2022.

The Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan aims to eliminate tuberculosis from India by 2025.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a distinctive call to end TB in India giving years ahead of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of 2030.

Along with this Presentation, Murmu will also launch the Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative which forms a vital component of the Campaign.

72. Recently inaugurated National Legal Services Authority Centre for Citizen Services is located in which city?

- (A) Rajkot

- (B) Junagadh
- (C) Bhavnagar
- (D) Jamnagar
- (E) Ahmedabad

Ans: (D)

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) Centre for Citizen Services, was inaugurated by Chief Justice of India Uday Umesh Lalit.

The space at Jaisalmer House which was provided to NALSA would be utilised for the establishment of Legal Assistance Centre for Citizens, Legal Assistance Centre for NRIs, Training Centre, and Digital Command Centre for providing futuristic legal services across the country.

The NALSA office which was earlier placed at Jamnagar House was shifted to the Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court of India on November 9, 2021.

73. Which state government has launched the Higher Education Assurance scheme titled "Pudhumai Penn"?

- (A) Kerala
- (B) Karnataka
- (C) Maharashtra
- (D) Tamil Nadu
- (E) Telangana

Ans: (D)

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has launched the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance scheme titled "Pudhumai Penn" at a function in Chennai, in the presence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Mr Kejriwal also unveiled 26 schools of excellence and 15 model schools set up by the Tamil Nadu government emulating the model by his AAP government in Delhi.

74. Who has been appointed as next high commissioner of India to Canada?

- (A) Sanjay Verma
- (B) Manpreet Vohra
- (C) Rajesh Ranjan
- (D) Ajay Bisaria
- (E) Rakesh Malhotra

Ans: (A)

Senior diplomat Sanjay Kumar Verma has been appointed as India's next high commissioner to Canada.

He succeeds Acting High Commissioner Ans:human Gaur.

Verma is a 1988 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service and is currently the ambassador of India to Japan.

75. Birju Sah, who has passed away recently, was associated with which sport?

- (A) Karate (B) Tennis
(C) Boxing (D) Cricket
(E) Footballs

Ans: (C)

Indian boxer, Birju Sah has passed away recently, the first Indian boxer to win medals at both the Asian and Commonwealth Games.

He was 48.

He won bronze medals at both the Commonwealth & Asian Games in 1994. Sah's first significant international success came at 19 in the 1993 Asian Junior Championships in Bangkok, Thailand.

6. Which state has been accredited the International Travel Award 2023?

- (A) West Bengal (B) Maharashtra
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Telangana
(E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans: (A)

West Bengal has been accredited the International Travel Award 2023 for Best Destination for Culture by the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA), an affiliate member of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

77. What is the theme of "International Literacy Day 2022"?

- (A) Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces
(B) Literacy and Multilingualism
(C) Literacy and Skills Development
(D) Literacy in a digital world
(E) Reading the past, Writing the future

Ans: (A)

International Literacy Day (ILD) is celebrated on 8 September every year all across the globe to make people aware of the meaning and importance of literacy for individuals and societies.

The day spread awareness about the importance of literacy for individuals, communities, and societies and the need for intensified efforts towards more literate societies.

78. Which edition of Bengaluru Space Expo 2022 held in Bengaluru?

- (A) 6th (B) 7th
(C) 8th (D) 9th
(E) 5th

Ans: (B)

The 7th Edition of BSX 2022, is organized in association with the Indian Science and Research Organization (ISRO), Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE), and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).

The 7th Edition of BSX 2022 is scheduled from 5th September to 7th September 2022 at BIEC in Bengaluru.

Over 100 companies and organizations from around 15 countries participate in the exhibition to showcase advanced technologies and products for the space sector.

79. Indian airline company IndiGo has appointed whom as the new Chief Executive Officer?

- (A) Marjan Rintel (B) Pieter Elbers
(C) Benjamin Smith (D) Rono Dutta
(E) Marjolein Elbers

Ans: (B)

Peiter Elbers assumed the charge of Indigo's chief executive officer, over three months after he was announced as the replacement for outgoing CEO Ronojoy Dutta. Elbers, the former chief executive of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, was named as the next CEO by IndiGo on May 18, 2022.

He has been at the helm of KLM since 2014.

80. The Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife has given its approval to the Indian Air Force to setup a new airbase in which state/UT?

- (A) Chandigarh (B) Ladakh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Bihar
(E) Sikkim

Ans: (B)

The Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife has given its approval to the Indian Air Force to setup a new airbase in Ladakh.

The new IAF airbase is expected to come up in the Changthang sanctuary area, right off the Line of Actual Control.

New IAF Base of 500 hectares in Changthang Sanctuary -

The new airbase that is being setup in the Ladakh region will be spread across 500 hectares of land within the reserve.

81. What is the rank of India in UNDP Human Development Index 2021?

- (A) 132
(B) 73
(C) 129
(D) 81
(E) 143

Ans: (A)

India continued its decline in the UNDP Human Development Index 2021, ranking 132 out of 191 Countries.

In the 2022 report, India reported Human Development Index (HDI) value of 0.633 places, which placed it in the medium human development category.

This is lower as compared to its HDI value of 0.645 in the 2020 report, which had placed it in 131st Rank in a list of 189 countries.

82. Who has become the first Indian to win the Gold Medal at Diamond League Finals in Zurich?

- (A) Shivpal Singh
- (B) Neeraj Chopra
- (C) Kashinath Naik
- (D) Vipin Kasana
- (E) Devendra Jhajharia

Ans: (B)

India's Olympic Champion continued his golden run by adding another feather to his cap.

Neeraj won the prestigious Diamond League Finals in Zurich by securing Gold Medal with a throw of 88.44 metres.

With his latest achievement, he also became the 1st Indian ever to win the championship.

The last 13 months have been a Golden Run for Neeraj Chopra, in which he has given his best performance, bagging multiple championships and medals.

83. PM Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have jointly unveiled the Maitree Super Thermal Power Project in which city?

- (A) Dhaka (Bangladesh)
- (B) Rajshahi (Bangladesh)
- (C) Khulna (Bangladesh)
- (D) Champhai (India)
- (E) Aizawl (India)

Ans: (C)

PM Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have jointly unveiled the Maitree Super Thermal Power Project.

The Maitree Super Thermal Power Project is a 1320MW supercritical coal-fired thermal power plant which has been set up at Rampal, Khulna.

The project has been developed under the concessional financing scheme which has been offered by India to its neighbour.

84. Which state of India will host the Hockey World Cup 2023?

- (A) Odisha

(B) Maharashtra

(C) Gujarat

(D) Delhi

(E) Rajasthan

Ans: (A)

India will host the 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup from 13th to 29th of January 2023.

India will now host this tournament for the fourth time in history.

The world cup is conducted once every four years.

85. "Pintola" a fastmoving consumer goods company has appointed whom as its brand ambassador?

- (A) Neeraj Chopra
- (B) Virat Kohli
- (C) Sunil Chhetri
- (D) Mary Kom
- (E) Mithali Raj

Ans: (C)

Indian superfood brand Pintola, Fastmoving consumer goods (FMCG) company announced a renowned Indian Football Captain, Sunil Chhetri as Brand Ambassador.

He was appointed as Pintola Brand Ambassador for his similar values of consistency and perfection with the company to promote the idea of a healthier India to this generation.

86. Which Hindi writer has recently been awarded by 31st Vyas Samman?

- (A) Asghar Wajahat
- (B) Indira Dangi
- (C) Kashinath Singh
- (D) Mohan Rakesh
- (E) Raghuvir Sahay

Ans: (A)

The 31st Vyas Samman was conferred on to well-known Hindi writer Dr Asghar Wajahat at a function in New Delhi.

He has been chosen for the prestigious award for his play Mahabali.

In his play Mahabali, Dr Wajahat focuses on Mughal emperor Akbar and poet Tulsidas.

Through the play, he attempts to answer who is the real Mahabali, the poet or the emperor.

87. The public enterprise's selection board has selected Ajit Kumar Saxena for the post of Chairman & Managing Director of which company?

- (A) ONGC Limited
- (B) Coal India

- (C) MOIL Limited
(D) GAIL India
(E) NTPC Limited

Ans: (C)

The public enterprise's selection board (PESB) has selected Ajit Kumar Saxena for the post of Chairman & Managing Director of "A" Miniratna Category-I Company, MOIL Limited.

He is currently working as Director (Operations) of RINL-Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.

He had taken charge as the Director (Operations) on October 17, 2019.

88. World EV Day 2022 is observed every year on which day of September?

- (A) 6 September
(B) 7 September
(C) 8 September
(D) 9 September
(E) 10 September

Ans: (D)

World EV Day 2022 is observed on the 9th of September. World EV Day is observed to emphasize the importance of e-mobility. World EV day helps to spread awareness about sustainable transport facilities to the people. Air pollution is mainly caused by transportation, and EVs are one of the major alternatives to decrease air pollution.

89. Which state government has launched a scheme to provide 100 days of employment on the lines of MGNREGA?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) Uttarakhand
(C) Nagaland
(D) Karnataka
(E) Rajasthan

Ans: (E)

Rajasthan government launched an ambitious scheme to provide 100 days of employment to needy families in urban areas on the lines of the rural employment guarantee scheme MGNREGA.

More than 2.25 lakh families have already registered for the Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Scheme which was proposed by chief minister Ashok Gehlot in the state budget this year.

90. Queen Elizabeth II, who has passed away recently, was mourning to the throne in which year?

- (A) 1952
(B) 1961
(C) 1971
(D) 1943

(E) 1933

Ans: (A)

Queen Elizabeth II passes away: Queen Elizabeth II, who reigned the UK for 70 years, passed away at Balmoral at the age of 96.

Key Points -

Queen Elizabeth II was born as Elizabeth Alexandra Mary on 21 April 1926 as the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York (later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth).

91. The National Mission for Clean Ganga has organized "Himalayan Diwas" on which day of September in association with Naula Foundation?

- (A) 06 September
(B) 07 September
(C) 08 September
(D) 09 September
(E) 10 September

Ans: (D)

The National Mission for Clean Ganga organized Himalayan Diwas on September 09, in association with Naula Foundation.

The day is celebrated with an aim to preserve the Himalayan ecosystem and region.

This day is celebrated to mark the importance of the Himalayas.

The Himalayan hill cities face many challenges due to poor building planning and design, poor infrastructures like roads, water supply, sewage etc. and unprecedented felling of trees.

92. According to Fortune India's list of "India's Richest" for 2022, who has become the second richest person in India?

- (A) Shapoor Mistry
(B) Mukesh Ambani
(C) Azim Premji
(D) Cyrus Poonawalla
(E) Shiv Nadar

Ans: (B)

According to Fortune India's list of 'India's Richest' for 2022, the wealth of 142 billionaires based in India is collectively worth USD 832 billion (Rs 66.36 trillion). The maiden list, made in collaboration with the wealth management firm, Waterfield Advisors, is primarily based on the wealth of entrepreneurs of listed firms.

93. Cricketer Aaron Finch, who has announced his retirement from all formats of cricket, is from which cricket team?

- (A) New Zealand

- (B) England
- (C) Australia
- (D) West Indies
- (E) South Africa

Ans: (C)

Aaron Finch, Australia's captain announced his retirement from one-day international cricket after Australia's third and final ODI against New Zealand. Finch will continue to be the captain of the Australian cricket team for T20 and will lead it in defense of its world title in the T20 World Cup which is going to be held in October and November in Australia.

Finch is known as one of the best opening batters in the world, Finch has scored 5,401 runs in the ODI format with an average of close to 40, and 17 centuries.

94. The United Nations General Assembly has approved whom to be the global body's Human Rights Chief?

- (A) Earle Rattray
- (B) Amina Bachelet
- (C) Volker Turk
- (D) Najat Maalla
- (E) Achim Steiner

Ans: (C)

The United Nations (UN) General Assembly approved Volker Türk of Austria to be the global body's Human Rights Chief by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Volker Turk replaces Verónica Michelle Bachelet Jeria, a Chilean politician who served at the office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) from 2018 to 2022.

95. What is the name of India's first national electric freight platform launched by NITI Aayog?

- (A) E-Fast
- (B) E-Swift
- (C) E-Fixed
- (D) E-Sharp
- (E) E-Paved

Ans: (A)

NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute (WRI), launched India's first National Electric Freight Platform- E-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport-India).

The National Electric Freight Platform brings different stakeholders together with the support of the World

Economic Forum, CALSTART, and RMI India.

96. Recently, Singapore has awarded "Meritorious Service Medal" to which former Navy chief of India?

- (A) Sunil Lanba
- (B) Karambir Singh
- (C) Robin Dhowan
- (D) Birender Singh
- (E) Hari Kumar

Ans: (A)

Former India Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lamba has been conferred Singapore's prestigious military award, the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) or Meritorious Service Medal (Military) (MSM(M)), by President Halimah Yacob.

Admiral Lanba has been conferred the award for his outstanding contributions in enhancing the strong and long-standing bilateral defence relationship between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.

97. Recently inaugurated, India's longest rubber dam is built on which river?

- (A) Punpun River
- (B) Ajay River
- (C) Sone River
- (D) Koshi River
- (E) Falgu River

Ans: (E)

Bihar Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' on the Falgu River in Gaya.

The dam has been built at an estimated cost of Rs 324 crore.

Experts from IIT (Roorkee) were involved with the project.

There will be enough water in the dam round the year for the convenience of pilgrims.

98. Odisha government has launched which rainwater harvesting scheme?

- (A) CHHATA
- (B) CHHATRI
- (C) KHOOM
- (D) CHHATRA
- (E) PARA

Ans: (A)

Odisha government has launched a rainwater harvesting scheme named "Community Harnessing and Harvesting Rainwater Artificially from Terrace to Aquifer (CHHATA)".

The new scheme was approved by the Cabinet last month. It will be implemented for a period of five years.

99. The book titled "Forging Mettle : Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story" is penned by whom?

- (A) Kiran Desai
- (B) Devdutt Pattanaik
- (C) Amish Tripathi
- (D) Pavan C Lall
- (E) Amrita Pritam

Ans: (D)

A senior journalist Pavan C Lall has authored a new book 'Forging Mettle: Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story', which is set to be released in September 2022. The book will be published by HarperCollins Publishers India. The book is focused on how a business is built into a large organisation on the foundations of values and sustainability.

100. Which Indian shuttler has topped in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour Rankings in Men's Singles category?

- (A) Srikanth Kidambi
- (B) Lakshya Sen
- (C) Prannoy Haseena
- (D) Chirag Shetty
- (E) Sai Praneeth

Ans: (C)

Indian shuttler Prannoy Haseena Sunil Kumar (Prannoy HS) topped the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour Rankings in Men's Singles category.

HS Prannoy becomes World's no 1 by overtaking the defending world champion Viktor Axelsen.

He accumulated 58,090 points in the tour, 2,500 points ahead of Viktor Axelsen.

17-year-old Anupama Upadhyaya has topped the latest BWF World Junior Ranking in Women's Singles category.

She replaced fellow Indian Tasnim Mir from the top position.

101. The second India-Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting has recently held in which city?

- (A) Tokyo
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Kyoto
- (D) Mumbai
- (E) Rajkot

Ans: (A)

India and Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue: The second India-Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting was held in Tokyo and was attended by the Indian Minister of Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh, the Indian Minister of External Affairs, Dr S Jaishankar,

the Japanese Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Mr HAYASHI Yoshimasa, and the Japanese Minister of Defense, Mr

HAMADA Yasukazu.

102. Name the writer of the book "Crimson Spring" who has longlisted for the JCB Prize for Literature?

- (A) Mohinder Singh
- (B) Navtej Sarna
- (C) Taranjit Sandhu
- (D) Harsh Vardhan
- (E) Vinay Mohan

Ans: (B)

Navtej Sarna's latest book, Crimson Spring, longlisted for the JCB Prize for Literature, starts with the Jalianwalla Bagh massacre that took place on April 13, 1919, and goes back and forth in time to bring that era and the aftermath of the event alive.

103. With which armed force, India Air Force has conducted joint exercise "Gagan Strike"?

- (A) Indian Navy
- (B) National Security Guard
- (C) Indian Army
- (D) Indian Coast Guard
- (E) Central Industrial Security Force

Ans: (C)

Indian Army's Kharga Corps and the Indian Air Force have conducted a joint exercise "Gagan Strike" in Punjab.

The exercise, conducted over four days, comprised the deployment of attack helicopters as the aerial arm in support of ground forces carrying out drills, practising annihilation of enemy defences and deep penetration.

It also showcased the precision firepower of the attack helicopters in coordination with ground forces' mechanised columns.

104. Who has been appointed as chairman of PMLA appellate tribunal?

- (A) Arup Kumar Goswami
- (B) Ritu Raj Awasthi
- (C) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra
- (D) Munishwar Nath Bhandari
- (E) Biswanath Somadder

Ans: (D)

Chief Justice of Madras High Court, the Centre appointed Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari as the Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Justice Bhandari is due to retire on September 12.

The order was issued by the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance.

The Tribunal for Forfeiture of Property under the SAFEMA and the PMLA Appellate Tribunal were merged in 2016 through the Finance Act, 2016.

105. Which company has secured first patent for 3D-printed rocket engine?

- (A) Bellatrix Aerospace
- (B) Dhruva Space
- (C) Pixxel
- (D) DRDO
- (E) AgniKul Cosmos

Ans: (E)

Agnikul Cosmos, one of India's private space startups, has secured its first patent for the design and manufacturing of its 3D-printed rocket engine.

The patent, which has been offered to the company under the Centre's patent database, comes after the company opened doors to its first factory to 3D print rocket engines at scale.

The patent has been rewarded to the company for its Agnilet rocket engine, which will power the company's Agnibaan rocket that is scheduled to launch later this year.

106. Recently, on which day World First Aid Day 2022 fell in September 2022?

- (A) 06 September
- (B) 07 September
- (C) 08 September
- (D) 09 September
- (E) 10 September

Ans: (E)

World First Aid Day is celebrated every year on the second Saturday of September.

This year, World First Aid Day 2022 falls on 10 September 2022.

The day is recognized worldwide to promote the significance of first aid, which is an important fundamental skill, and to create awareness on a global level about how it can save precious lives.

107. To connect entrepreneurs in India with US-based investors, India has launched which programme?

- (A) SETU
- (B) BANDHAN
- (C) DHARA
- (D) BAANDH
- (E) BRIDGE

Ans: (A)

SETU programme: To connect entrepreneurs in India with US-based investors, the commerce and industry

minister Piyush Goyal has created a programme called SETU (Supporting Entrepreneurs in Transformation and Upskilling).

With SETU, mentors in the US who are eager to support entrepreneurship can connect with Indian firms that are just getting off the ground.

The initiative was introduced during a discussion centred on particular concerns with India's startup ecosystem.

108. Which country has passed laws that authorize nuclear strikes as form of defence?

- (A) South Korea
- (B) North Korea
- (C) Russia
- (D) Ukraine
- (E) China

Ans: (B)

North Korea has approved a law that gives it the authority to launch a nuclear attack in advance.

With the recently passed law, North Korea's status as a nuclear weapons state has become irreversible.

North Korea, this year tested a record number of weapons, including an intercontinental ballistic missile.

109. What is the name of Chief Justice of India with the shortest tenure, who has passed away recently?

- (A) Viveka Nand Khare
- (B) Ranganath Misra
- (C) Mohammad Hidayatullah
- (D) Kamal Narain Singh
- (E) Raghunandan Swarup

Ans: (D)

Former Chief Justice of India Kamal Narain Singh passed away, at the age of 95.

Justice Narain had a tenure of only 17 days as the CJI, making him the chief justice with the shortest tenure.

He was the 22nd Chief Justice of India, with a term from November 25, 1991, to December 12, 1991.

Born on December 13, 1926, his career as a judge started with his appointment as an Additional Judge of the Allahabad High Court in 1970.

110. Which country has won Asia Cup 2022 Finals?

- (A) Pakistan
- (B) Sri Lanka
- (C) Afghanistan
- (D) India
- (E) Honkong

Ans: (B)

Sri Lanka won by 23 runs against Pakistan. Pakistan was left all out by Sri Lanka.

Pakistan won the toss and chose to bowl first.

Sri Lanka made 170 runs in 20 overs with a loss of 6 wickets.

W Hasaranga made 36 runs in 21 balls and Dhananjaya de Silva made 28 runs in 21 balls.

Pathum Nissanka and Kusal Mendis were opening batsmen from Sri Lanka, they made 8 runs and 0 runs respectively.

Haris Rauf took 3 wickets against Sri Lanka.

111. Which tech company has collaborated with MeitY Startup Hub to support and accelerate XR technology startups in India?

- (A) Yahoo (B) Microsoft
(C) Meta (D) Google
(E) Amazon

Ans: (C)

MeitY Startup Hub and Meta collectively will launch a program to support and accelerate XR technology startups in India.

The collaboration is a part of the Government's efforts for upgrading skills in the development of future technologies.

The MeitY Start Hub is an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to collaborate with Meta for supporting XR technology startups in India.

The officials said the collaboration with Meta is a part of the government's efforts for skilling in emerging and future technologies.

112. What is the name of "Stealth Frigate" that has launched recently in India?

- (A) Vindhyagiri (B) Taragiri
(C) Udaygiri (D) Dunagiri
(E) Nilgiri

Ans: (B)

The fifth Stealth Frigate of P17A, Taragiri has been launched on 11 September 2022 by Smt Charu Singh, President NWWA in Mumbai.

Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command was the Chief Guest.

Due to the state-mourning declared by the Government of India, the event was limited to a Technical Launch.

113. Who has ascended to the throne of the United Kingdom, after the demise of Queen Elizabeth II?

- (A) Prince William (B) Prince Andrew
(C) King Edward
(D) King Charles III
(E) Andrew Parkar

Ans: (D)

King Charles III ascended to the throne of the United Kingdom, after the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

73-year-old Prince Charles ascended the throne as the King and took over the throne as the new monarch of England.

He takes over as the Monarch after his mother Queen Elizabeth II - Britain's longest reigning monarch passed away recently.

Along with England, Charles III became King of a dozen independent nations that had previously been British colonies apart from the United Kingdom.

114. Who has inaugurated the 4-Day World Dairy Summit in Greater Noida?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Amit Shah
(C) Yogi Adityanath
(D) Droupadi Murmu
(E) Rajnath Singh

Ans: (A)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 4-Day long World Dairy Summit in Greater Noida.

The International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit 2022 is being held at the India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida from 12th to 15th Sept 2022. The organizers have invited 1,500 participants from 50 countries for the summit.

115. International Conference on Green Ship Recycling & Vehicle Scrapping has been held at which city?

- (A) Gandhinagar (B) Mumbai
(C) Kochi
(D) Chennai
(E) Vadodara

Ans: (A)

With an aim to showcase the status of the ship recycling industry in Alang and explore synergies of Alang's ship recycling industry with the vehicle scrapping industry, the Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Waterways, along with Gujarat Maritime Board and FICCI, has organised an international conference in Gandhinagar.

Union Minister for Shipping, Ports & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the international conference in the presence of Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel at Mahatma Mandir on September 12.

Two sessions have been organised as a part of the day-long conference.

116. Which IIT has become first Indian institution to join IBM Quantum Network?

- (A) IIT-Kanpur (B) IIT-Roorkee
(C) IIT-Mumbai (D) IIT-Delhi

(E) IIT-Madras

Ans: (E)

IBM has recently announced that Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-Madras) has become the first Indian institution to join the IBM Quantum Network to advance quantum computing skills development and research in India.

As a member of the IBM Quantum Network, IIT Madras will get cloud-based access to IBM's most advanced quantum computing systems and IBM's quantum expertise to explore practical applications and realize the wide-ranging benefits of this technology for business and society.

117. Which IIM institute has declared India's best B-school in Financial Times (FT) Masters in Management (MiM) Ranking 2022?

- (A) IIM Lucknow
- (B) IIM Dehradun
- (C) IIM Bangalore
- (D) IIM Indore
- (E) IIM Madras

Ans: (C)

Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore has been declared India's best business school in the Financial Times Masters in Management (MiM) Ranking 2022. The institute's global position has also seen a leap this year IIMB is at number 31 globally in 2022, up from number 47 in 2021.

The IIM's two-year full-time Post Graduate Programme in Management, leading to an MBA, has topped the FT MiM Ranking in India this year.

118. Which bank has issued India's first Electronic Bank Guarantee?

- (A) HDFC Bank
- (B) ICICI Bank
- (C) Axis Bank
- (D) Canara Bank
- (E) IDBI Bank

Ans: (A)

HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, became the first bank in the country to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL).

The paper-based, time-consuming process has been eliminated with the new electronic bank guarantees that can be processed, stamped, verified and delivered instantly with enhanced security.

This is a transformational change, and the Bank will migrate to e-BG to benefit all its customers

119. What is the name of Dwarka-Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya, who has passed away recently?

- (A) Nischalananda Saraswati
- (B) Brahmananda Saraswati
- (C) Swami Karpatri
- (D) Swaroopanand Saraswati
- (E) Jayendra Saraswathi

Ans: (D)

Dwarka-Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati has passed away at Narsinghpur in Madhya Pradesh.

He was 99 years old.

He breathed his last at the Shridham Jhoteswar Ashram in Narsinghpur.

120. American Express Banking Corp India has named whom as its new Chief Executive Officer?

- (A) Ruchika Bhasin
- (B) Sanjay Khanna
- (C) Jayatu Sen
- (D) Dhruv Goel
- (E) Sankara Narayanan

Ans: (B)

American Express Banking Corp India has appointed Sanjay Khanna as its chief executive officer (CEO) and country manager.

At present, Khanna heads the country executive team and is responsible for driving growth across the organisation's consumer and commercial businesses.

121. According to UN reports, the number of people in modern slavery has been increased by how much from 2016 to 2021?

- (A) 05 million
- (B) 10 million
- (C) 15 million
- (D) 20 million
- (E) 25 million

Ans: (B)

According to UN reports, 50 million people were living in Modern Slavery in 2021.

The number of people in modern slavery has increased in the last five years, with 10 million more people in 2021 as compared to 2016 as per the reports. The report added that the number of women and children in modern slavery remains disproportionately vulnerable.

Modern slavery has increased with the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change unemployment, armed conflicts, poverty, and education.

122. Who will be the fourteenth Attorney General of India?

- (A) Mukul Rohatgi
- (B) K Venugopal
- (C) Harish Salve
- (D) AB Rohatgi

(E) Tushar Mehta

Ans: (A)

Mukul Rohatgi, the senior advocate is set to be appointed as the fourteenth Attorney General of India. This will be Rohatgi's second tenure as an Attorney General.

Mukul Rohtagi served as the Attorney General of India between June 2014 and June 2017.

After KK Venugopal vacates the post, Rohatgi is said to be appointed to the post.

KK Venugopal has expressed his unwillingness to serve the post of the top law officer citing health issues.

Last week he told a constitutional bench of the Supreme Court that his tenure ends on September 30, 2022.

123. Which country will host the G20 Leaders' Summit at the Level of Head of States and Government in 2023?

(A) China

(B) Australia

(C) India

(D) Germany

(E) Italy

Ans: (C)

India will host the G20 Leaders' Summit at the Level of Head of States and Government on September 9 and 10, 2023.

The country will assume the Presidency of the G20 for one year from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023. It is also expected to host over 200 G20 meetings across the country.

The G20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing countries.

G20 comprises 19 countries including China, Australia, India, Germany, Italy, France, South Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the USA, UK, and the European Union.

124. The Government of India has released how many medicines under the National List of Essential Medicines?

(A) 252

(B) 384

(C) 478

(D) 611

(E) 124

Ans: (B)

The Government of India has released 384 medicines under the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM). The updated version has released by the Union Health Minister.

NLEM play a significant role in ensuring the accessibility of affordable quality medicines at all levels of healthcare.

The Health Minister said these medicines will improve the quality of health care. The list has been formulated after extensive consultations with the stakeholders.

The National List of Essential Medicines contains 384 medicines as compared to 376 in NLEM 2015.

About NLEM -

As per the World Health Organisation (WHO), Essential Medicines are those that satisfy the priority health care needs of the population.

125. Recently, Indian Navy has participated in Exercise Kakadu – 2022. This exercise has been hosted by which Navy?

(A) Bangladesh Navy

(B) Royal Danish Navy

(C) Royal Australian Navy

(D) Royal Canadian Navy

(E) United States Navy

Ans: (C)

INS Satpura and a P8 I Maritime Patrol Aircraft of the Indian Navy reached Darwin in Australia for participation in the multinational Exercise Kakadu – 2022, hosted by the Royal Australian Navy.

The two week-long Exercise, both in harbour and sea, involves ships and maritime aircraft from 14 navies.

During the harbour phase of the exercise, the ship's crew will engage in operational planning interactions and sports activities with participating Navies.

126. Who has been named as the next Indian ambassador to Japan?

(A) Manoj Bharti

(B) Gaddam Dharm

(C) Prashant Pise

(D) Akhilesh Mishra

(E) Sibi George

Ans: (E)

Shri Sibi George, presently Ambassador of India to the State of Kuwait, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Japan.

Key Points -

H E Sibi George arrived in Kuwait in August 2020 from Switzerland and served a very successful tenure in Kuwait.

He was able to unite the community in their fight against covid and also further improve the excellent Kuwait-India relations.

Ambassador George was extremely popular amongst the large Indian diaspora for the many initiatives he took in addressing their issues of concern.

He was also active in both local and diplomatic circles and for engaging with the Kuwaiti leadership in further cementing the age old friendship.

127. Vedanta Limited and Taiwan's Foxconn Group has signed a pact to set up a semiconductor unit in which state?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Maharashtra
(C) Bihar
(D) Rajasthan
(E) Assam

Ans: (A)

Vedanta Ltd and Taiwan's Foxconn will invest 19.5 billion dollars under pacts signed to set up semiconductor and display production plants in Gujarat.

The investment of 1.54 trillion rupees, which is as the largest ever by any group in an Indian state, comes ahead of key local elections in the state.

With this, the Vedanta-Foxconn joint venture project will create more than 100,000 jobs in Gujarat.

Most of the world's chip output is limited to a few countries like Taiwan and late entrant India is now actively luring companies to "usher in a new era in electronics manufacturing".

128. The recently launched book "Will Power" has been authored by whom?

- (A) Sjoerd Marijne (B) Rani Rampal
(C) Savita Punia
(D) Graham Reid
(E) Janneke Schopman

Ans: (A)

Former Dutch field hockey player and former Indian Women's Hockey Coach, Sjoerd Marijne, authored a new book titled "Will Power: The Inside Story of the Incredible Turnaround in Indian Women's Hockey". The book published by HarperCollins Publishers India will be launched in September 2022.

The essence of the book -

The book highlights the experiences of Sjoerd Marijne, when he was appointed the Chief Coach of the Indian Women's Hockey Team in 2017.

It also talked about how the Indian Women's Hockey team dealt with setbacks, mental health issues, internal politics and maintained team chemistry along with high-performance culture.

The book is a memorable account of Sjoerd Marijne's innings and will inspire readers to perform for the best, be it in life, their careers or as part of teams.

129. The National Defense MSME Conclave and Exhibition has begun in which state?

- (A) Uttarakhand (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Chhattisgarh
(E) Telangana

Ans: (C)

The two-day National Defense MSME Conclave and Exhibition begins in Kota, Rajasthan.

In the exhibition, defence gear including T-90 and BMP-2 tanks, artillery cannons, numerous sniper and machine gun types, and military bridges are on display.

130. Which day of September is celebrated as Hindi Diwas 2022?

- (A) 11 September (B) 12 September
(C) 13 September (D) 14 September
(E) 15 September

Ans: (D)

Hindi Diwas is observed every year on September 14, to highlight the significance of the day and the language.

On September 14, 1949, the Indian Constituent Assembly declared Hindi to be the national language of India.

One of the two official languages of the Union Government is Hindi, which is written in Devanagiri script.

The other language is English.

It is one of the 22 official languages of the Indian Republic.

131. The Cabinet has granted the status of ST to the Hattee community. The Hattee community belongs to which state?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Karnataka
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Himachal Pradesh

Ans: (E)

The Union Cabinet approved the inclusion of some castes of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh in the list of Schedules Tribes.

Arjun Munda stated that the move will help them availing welfare benefits. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the chairperson of the cabinet.

Regions of the five states' tribes are included in the ST category -

The Cabinet in its latest decision granted the status of ST to the Hattee community of Himachal Pradesh's Sirmaur district.

132. Who has become the first Indian women wrestler to win two medals at World wrestling championship 2022?

- (A) Babita Kumari (B) Sakshi Malik
(C) Vinesh Phogat (D) Ritu Phogat
(E) Ans: hu Malik

Ans: (C)

Vinesh Phogat won a bronze medal at the ongoing World Wrestling Championships 2022 in the women's 53kg category in Belgrade, on September 14 in Siberia.

She has become the first Indian women wrestler to win two medals at the World Championship.

She defeated the European champion, Emma Malmgren, from Sweden.

Vinesh Phogat is also the first Indian women wrestler to win a gold medal at both the Commonwealth and Asian games.

133. Military camp in Kibithu has recently named after whom?

- (A) Bipin Rawat (B) Narendra Modi
(C) Vijay Kumar Singh (D) Vikram Batra
(E) Manoj Mukund Naravane

Ans: (A)

The strategically key Kibithu military garrison has named after India's first Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat.

Rawat commanded his Battalion 5/11 Gorkha Rifles at Kibithu from 1999-2000 as a young Colonel and contributed immensely to strengthening the security structure in the area.

The 22km Kibithu-Wallong Road was also renamed General Bipin Rawat Road along with the renaming of the military camp.

134. Every year 15th September is celebrated as National Engineer's Day to mark the birth anniversary of whom?

- (A) Krishna Raja Wadiya
(B) Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya
(C) Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman
(D) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
(E) A P J Abdul Kalam

Ans: (B)

Every year 15th September is celebrated as National Engineer's Day to mark the birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.

Engineer's Day is celebrated to pay tribute to Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.

History -

In 1968, the Indian government declared Sir M Visvesvaraya's birth anniversary as Engineers' Day. Since then, this day is celebrated to honor and acknowledge all engineers who have contributed and still do so to build a modern and developed India.

135. The International Day of Democracy also known as World Democracy Day is observed every year on which day of September?

- (A) 11 September
(B) 13 September
(C) 12 September
(D) 15 September
(E) 14 September

Ans: (D)

The International Day of Democracy also known as World Democracy Day is observed every year on 15 September.

It is a day that highlights the importance of the participation of all members for the proper functioning of a democracy.

According to the United Nations (UN), the International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world.

136. With which country India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the training of diplomats?

- (A) Madagascar (B) Mauritius
(C) Seychelles
(D) Mozambique
(E) Maldives

Ans: (A)

India and Madagascar signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the training of diplomats between India and Madagascar.

Key Points -

The MOU will enhance cooperation between India and Madagascar, the crucial arena of training diplomats.

It will encourage the exchange of information and content of training programs for

137. Minister Piyush Goyal has appointed whom as a member of the FCI Consultative Committee?

- (A) Kuldeep Rai
(B) Abhishek Mishra
(C) Midhun Reddy
(D) Gutta Adinarayana
(E) Gorle Srinivasa

Ans: (B)

The Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry, and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal has appointed Abhishek Mishra, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) as the Member of the Consultative Committee, Food Corporation of India (FCI), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.

At the age of 18, he became the Youngest CEO of the DPIFF

138. Who has been named as the managing director of the CSC e-Governance India SPV?

- (A) Sanjay Kumar Rakesh
- (B) Rushabh Ashwin Gandhi
- (C) Alok Pandey
- (D) Sanjay Kumar Dora
- (E) Alok Kumar

Ans: (A)

Sanjay Kumar Rakesh, a former IAS officer, has been named managing director of the CSC e-Governance India SPV, which is run by the central government. The appointment follows Dinesh Tyagi's resignation from the position, who was instrumental in increasing the number of CSCs from 60,000 in 2014 to over 5 lakh at the moment.

139. The world's largest museum of Harappan culture has established in which state?

- (A) Punjab
- (B) Uttarakhand
- (C) Haryana
- (D) Rajasthan
- (E) Ladakh

Ans: (C)

The world's largest museum of Harappan culture is coming up in Rakhigarhi in Haryana to showcase about 5,000-year-old Indus Valley artefacts.

The village of Rakhigarhi was part of the Indus Valley Civilisation from 2600-1900 BC.

Haryana is slated to host the world's largest museum dedicated to the Harappan civilization.

140. A new book "Rajini's Mantras" has been authored by whom?

- (A) David Klenerman
- (B) PC Balasubramanian
- (C) Stephen Neidle
- (D) Chris Abell
- (E) Richard Zare

Ans: (B)

The entrepreneurcumauthor, PC Balasubramanian (PC Bala) authored a new book "Rajini's Mantras: Life lessons from India's mostloved Superstar" in English.

It was published by Jaico Publishing House (India). PC Bala's 1st book was Rajini's Punctantra and Raja Krishnamoorthy, which became a national bestseller. Grand Brand Rajini and Ram N Ramakrishnan were published on December 2022.

141. According to the Forbes real-time Billionaires list, who has become the world's second richest man?

- (A) Gautam Adani
- (B) Elon Musk
- (C) Bernard Assault
- (D) Jeff Bejos
- (E) Louis Vuitton

Ans: (A)

According to the Forbes real-time Billionaires list, Adani Group's Chairperson and Indian billionaire Gautam Adani surpassed Amazon's Jeff Bezos to become the world's second richest person.

Adani's net worth is approximated to be around \$155.7 billion up by \$5.5 billion, according to Forbes real-time Billionaires list.

142. Name the Swiss tennis legend, who has announced his retirement from competitive tennis?

- (A) Novak Djokovic
- (B) Roger Federer
- (C) Rafael Nadal
- (D) Rod Laver
- (E) Emma Raducanu

Ans: (B)

Roger Federer, the Swiss tennis legend, announced his retirement from competitive tennis.

Roger said that the forthcoming Laver Cup in September would be his last Association of Tennis Professionals event as a player

The player's last appearance on a tennis court was last year at the elite grass court tournament Wimbledon.

The match was a quarter-final defeat against Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.

3. Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar will launch the pre-production run of India's first lithium cell manufacturing facility in which state?

- (A) Telangana
- (B) Tamil Nadu
- (C) Andhra Pradesh
- (D) Meghalaya
- (E) Nagaland

Ans: (C)

Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, the Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, will launch the pre-production run of India's first lithium cell manufacturing facility at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

This state-of-the-art facility has been set up with an outlay of Rs 165 crores by Chennai-based Munoth Industries Limited.

The facility is located in one of the two Electronics Manufacturing Clusters set up by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015 in the temple town.

144. India's first commercial satellite broadband service has been launched by ISRO in collaboration with which company?

- (A) Dish Network
- (B) Viasat
- (C) EarthLink
- (D) Hughes

(E) Lumen Technologies

Ans: (D)

Hughes Communications India (HCI) in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) officially launched India's first high throughput satellite (HTS) broadband internet service.

In North India, the HCI had been testing its operation for the last year.

Using ISRO's Ku-band capacity of GSAT-11 and GSAT-29 satellites, the company has promised to deliver high-speed satellite broadband services to remote locations across India, from northeast to desolate parts of Leh and Ladakh.

145. The India Discrimination Report which has been released by which organization?

(A) Oxfam India (B) Arogya Foundation

(C) ChildFund India

(D) Adhikar Foundation

(E) Omysha India

Ans: (A)

The India Discrimination Report which is released by Oxfam India highlighted that women and marginalized communities suffered discrimination in the job market.

Key Points of the Report -

Schedule caste/Schedule tribe: There has been a decline in discrimination in urban areas due to education and supportive government policies.

Self-employed non-SC/ST workers earn a third more than their counterparts from SC or ST backgrounds.

Rise in discrimination in Rural areas: The SC and ST communities in rural India are facing an increase in discrimination in casual employment.

Women: Discrimination against women is so high that there is hardly any difference across religion or caste-based sub-groups, or the rural-urban divide.

146. Recently, the Union Minister for Education has launched which Programme for school students?

(A) Wakeful

(B) Awakening

(C) Roused

(D) Cognizant

(E) Vigilant

Ans: (B)

Recently, the Union Minister for Education launched Ramakrishna Mission's 'Awakening' Programme for school students.

It is an initiative towards ensuring overall personality development of a child in line with the philosophy of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.

147. Recently, the Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs has chaired which edition of Financial Stability and Development Council meeting?

(A) 22nd

(B) 23rd

(C) 26th

(D) 27th

(E) 28th

Ans: (C)

Recently, the Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs chaired the 26th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC).

148. India's first Forest University will be established in which state?

(A) Telangana (B) Karnataka

(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Meghalaya

(E) Madhya Pradesh

Ans: (A)

India is going to have its first Forest University. The Forestry Universities (UoF) Act 2022 was approved by the Telangana Assembly.

The University of Forestry (UoF), will be the first of its kind in India.

Globally, it will be the third University of Forestry after Russia and China.

The Telangana government has decided to expand the Forestry College and Research Institute (FCRI) in Hyderabad.

The FCRI will be turned into a full-fledged University.

149. Which state has become the third state to have "Food Security Atlas"?

(A) Bihar

(B) Odisha

(C) Manipur

(D) Jharkhand

(E) Tripura

Ans: (D)

Jharkhand has become the third state after Bihar and Odisha in eastern India to have Food Security Atlas for its rural areas. Odisha and Bihar had their Atlas launched in 2018.

Food Security Atlas of Rural Jharkhand 2022' launched in Ranchi.

Finance Minister of Jharkhand, Dr Rameshwar Oraon assured that the government would make efforts towards giving quota and green cards to the food insecure districts of Jharkhand.

150. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)?

- (A) VG Aravindanayagi
- (B) Rahul Kumar Shrawat
- (C) Shashank Priya
- (D) BVR Subrahmanyam
- (E) Alka Nangia Arora

Ans: (D)

BVR Subrahmanyam (IAS) has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO). He will be replacing LC Goyal.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Subrahmanyam on September 15.

A 1987 batch Indian Administrative Services officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, he is currently working as the Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

151. Recently, which country has hosted the 7th Eastern Economic Forum?

- (A) Russia
- (B) India
- (C) China
- (D) Germany
- (E) France

Ans: (A)

Recently, Russia hosted the 7th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) at Vladivostok.

The forum is a platform for entrepreneurs to expand their businesses into Russia's Far East (RFE).

152. The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit 2022 has recently held recently in which country?

- (A) Tajikistan
- (B) Uzbekistan
- (C) Kazakhstan
- (D) Kyrgyzstan
- (E) Afghanistan

Ans: (B)

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit 2022 was held recently in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

Samarkand declaration was signed by the member states.

India takes over Presidency of the SCO for 2023.

153. Recently, which international organisation and UK-based charity Reef-World Foundation have launched the Green Fins Hub?

- (A) UNDP
- (B) UNICEF
- (C) UNEP

- (D) UNHSP
- (E) UNCTAD

Ans: (C)

Recently, the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), along with the UK-based charity Reef-World Foundation, launched the Green Fins Hub.

Green Fins Hub is a global digital platform for diving and snorkelling operators worldwide.

About Green Fins Hub -

The Green Fins Hub is the first-ever global marine tourism industry platform.

It would give sustainable marine tourism a 'major boost'.

It is expected to scale up to reach a potential 30,000 operators worldwide from about 700 operators across 14 countries.

154. Joao Lourenco has recently been elected as the President of which country?

- (A) Luanda
- (B) Namibia
- (C) Zambia
- (D) Angola
- (E) Mozambique

Ans: (D)

The National Electoral Commission announced Joao Lourenco as the President.

President Joao Lourenco is a member of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), and he was re-elected as the President of Angola.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated H.E. Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco on being re-elected as the President of Angola and emphasized on working together to strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Angola.

155. What is the name of 25-year-old climate activist, who has appointed as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador?

- (A) Greta Thunberg
- (B) Isabelle Axelsson
- (C) Luisa Neubauer
- (D) Leonie Bremer
- (E) Vanessa Nakate

Ans: (E)

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) appointed Vanessa Nakate, a 25-year-old climate activist from Uganda as the Goodwill Ambassador of the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Her collaboration with the organisation and recognising her outstanding global advocacy for climate justice for current and future generations.

Nakate began her activism in January 2019 with a protest with her siblings and cousins on the streets of Kampala, inspired by Greta Thunberg.

156. Which Indian bank has ranked 63rd in Best Workplaces in Asia 2022 by "by Great Place to Work"?

- (A) Federal Bank
- (B) State Bank of India
- (C) HDFC Bank
- (D) South Indian Bank
- (E) Axis Bank

Ans: (A)

Federal Bank was ranked 63rd on the Best Workplaces in Asia 2022 and becomes the only bank in India to be listed by Great Place to Work, the global authority on workplace culture.

The list is based on over one million survey responses across Asia and West Asia, representing the experience of over 4.7 million employees in the region.

According to Great Place to Work India, 88 per cent of employees at the best workplaces in Asia on average reported having a positive employee experience.

For the average global workforce, only 55 per cent of workers report a similarly positive experience.

About the Federal Bank Limited -

157. Eight African cheetahs from Namibia have been released in India's which national park?

- (A) Madhav National Park
- (B) Kuno National Park
- (C) Nauradehi National Park
- (D) Panna National Park
- (E) Van Vihar National Park

Ans: (B)

Eight African cheetahs are all set to move from Namibia into their new habitat at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.

The PM is expected to release the five female and three male cheetahs into the Park's quarantine enclosures as part of his efforts to revitalise and diversify the country's wildlife and habitat.

According to the government, idea is to establish metapopulations — a group of spatially separated populations — which will also help conserve India's vanishing grass ecosystems.

The cheetahs — five female and three male — are all wild adults ranging from two to five-and-a-half years, and have lived alongside leopards.

158. What is the name of 15-year-old Indian, who has become India's 76th Chess Grandmaster?

- (A) Vishy Anand
- (B) Dibyendu Barua
- (C) Pranav Anand
- (D) Pravin Thipsay
- (E) Abhijit Kunte

Ans: (C)

15-year-old, Pranav Anand from Bengaluru, Karnataka became India's 76th Chess GrandMaster (GM) after winning against International Master (IM) Emin Ohanyan of Armenia.

He received the title after he crossed the 2,500 Elo points in the ongoing World Youth Chess Championship in Mamaia, Romania.

A month before Pranav Anand became India's 76th GM, Pranav Venkatesh became India's 75th Grandmaster.

159. What is the position of India in Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022?

- (A) First
- (B) Second
- (C) Third
- (D) Fourth
- (E) Fifth

Ans: (D)

Blockchain analysis platform Chainalysis published its global crypto adoption index for 2022 of nations with the highest cryptocurrency adoption rate with India ranking fourth in the list, two spots down from last year.

Chainalysis report noted that the emerging markets dominate the Global Crypto Adoption Index this year. On the index, India ranks above the US, UK and Russia suggesting that the country's crypto community is not far behind in pushing for further use of the technology.

160. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park is located in which state, which has recently recognised as best zoo?

- (A) Bihar
- (B) Uttar Pradesh
- (C) Uttarakhand
- (D) West Bengal
- (E) Rajasthan

Ans: (D)

The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZZP) in West Bengal's Darjeeling has been adjudged the best zoo in the country.

Kolkata's Alipore Zoological Garden has secured the fourth position.

There are around 150 zoos across the country.

As per the list, the Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Chennai has secured the second position.

The Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens in Mysore, Karnataka is secured third position.

The zoological park is internationally recognised for its breeding and conservation programmes of endangered animal species of the eastern Himalayas, including the Snow Leopard and the Red Panda.

161. Which city has been nominated as the first cultural and tourism capital at the 22nd meeting of the SCO council in Samarkand?

- (A) Varanasi
- (B) Haridwar
- (C) Ayodhya
- (D) Prayagraj
- (E) Gaya

Ans: (A)

At the 22nd meeting of the SCO council in Samarkand, Varanasi city has been nominated as the first cultural and tourism capital during 2022-2023.

The nomination of Varanasi as SCO tourism and cultural capital was announced at the meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State in Samarkand.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation 2022, was the first in-person meeting of the regional group after the Covid-19 pandemic which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The rotating presidency of the grouping has been handed over to India for the year 2022-23 by Uzbekistan.

162. Recently, who has launched the National Logistics Policy?

- (A) Droupadi Murmu
- (B) Narendra Modi
- (C) Amit Shah
- (D) S Jaishankar
- (E) Nirmala Sitharaman

Ans: (B)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the National Logistics Policy(NLP).

The project aims to promote seamless movement of goods across the country and improve the competitiveness of Indian goods in domestic and global markets.

The prime minister said it is an important step towards the "making of a developed India" while adding that

the policy has come with a "new energy for every sector".

National Logistics Policy: Scope -

Prevention of wastage of agro-products

Enabling quick last-mile delivery.

Diminish transport-related challenges.

Save time and money for the manufacturers.

Increase a country's exports and boost domestic manufacturing.

Make India a more efficient destination for global investors.

163. Who has become the first Indian to win four medals at World Wrestling Championships?

- (A) Ravi Dahiya
- (B) Deepak Punia
- (C) Bajrang Punia
- (D) Sushil Kumar
- (E) Yogeshwar Dutt

Ans: (C)

Ace grappler Bajrang Punia became the only Indian to claim four medals at the World Wrestling Championships by winning bronze.

The wrestler captured bronze in the men's 65 kg category.

Bajrang Punia defeated Puerto Rico's Sebastian C Rivera by 11-9.

The Wrestler began his journey in 2013 and has also captured a bronze in 2019.

This is India's second medal at the World Wrestling Championship 2022.

Earlier Vinesh Phogat won a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category at Belgrade on September 14, 2022.

164. Recently, with which country India has co-chaired the 19th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers' meeting?

- (A) Vietnam
- (B) Laos
- (C) Singapore
- (D) Cambodia
- (E) Phnom Penh

Ans: (D)

Recently, India and Cambodia co-chaired the 19th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers' meeting in Cambodia.

The Economic Ministers or their representatives from all the 10 ASEAN countries attended the meeting.

Key Points -

The Ministers noted that trade and economic relations between ASEAN and India are starting to recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Ministers also took note of the recommendations made by ASEAN India Business Council (AIBC) to enhance the ASEAN India economic partnership and the activities undertaken by AIBC in 2022.

165. The Government of India will launch which scheme to reduce the use of chemical fertilisers?

- (A) PM BIONAM (B) PM KHADYA
(C) PM PRANAM
(D) PM AKHAD
(E) PM CHEMY

Ans: (C)

To reduce the use of chemical fertilisers the Government is Planning to Launch the PMPRANAM (Promotion of Alternate Nutrients for Agriculture Management Yojana) Scheme.

Objectives -

To encourage the balanced use of fertilisers in conjunction with biofertilisers and organic fertilisers.

166. The new Telangana secretariat complex will be named after whom?

- (A) BR Ambedkar
(B) Mahatma Gandhi
(C) Rajendra Prasad
(D) Jawaharlal Nehru
(E) Vallabhbhai Patel

Ans: (A)

Chief Minister K Chandrashekharao decided to name Telangana's new secretariat after Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar.

The move came after the Telangana legislative assembly unanimously passed a resolution urging the central government to name the new Parliament building in New Delhi after the chief architect of the Constitution.

Construction of the new integrated Secretariat complex has been progressing at a fast pace with the target of getting it ready by the upcoming festival of Dasara.

The seven-story Secretariat building with a built-up area of seven lakh square feet is being built at a cost of Rs 650 crore.

167. Indian Navy has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which university for Academic Cooperation?

- (A) Sharda University
(B) Amity University
(C) Galgotias University
(D) Delhi University

(E) Thapar Institute

Ans: (B)

Amity University Uttar Pradesh signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to form a long-term relationship for Academic cooperation.

The MoU between Amity University and Indian Navy will enhance the educational qualifications improving the prospect for 'in-service' appropriate nautical assignment and better placements in superannuation from the Indian Navy.

Key Points related -

The MoU between Amity University and Indian Navy will conduct customized courses for the Indian Navy in niche domains.

168. Which football club has won the maiden Durand Cup title?

- (A) Goa FC (B) Kerala Blasters FC
(C) ATK Mohun Bagan FC
(D) Bengaluru FC
(E) Mumbai City FC

Ans: (D)

Sunil Chhetri-led Bengaluru FC beat Mumbai City FC 2-1 in the final of the 131st edition of Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata.

Goals from Siva Sakthi in the 10th minute and Alan Costa's 61st-minute strike were enough to help Bengaluru lift the crown.

169. Which Ship building and repairing company has been awarded with the 'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' by the Ministry of Home Affairs?

- (A) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
(B) Cochin Shipyard
(C) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
(D) Bharat Dynamics
(E) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Ans: (A)

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineering Limited (GRSE), Kolkata, has been awarded with the "Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar" by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. GRSE was awarded by the Government of India for the best implementation of official language under public sector undertakings in region 'C' for the year 2021-22.

Key Points related to GRSE -

The 'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' was presented to Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home.

170. Who has been elected as new President of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers?

- (A) Kenichi Ayukawa (B) Rajan Wadhera
(C) Abhay Firodia
(D) Vinod Aggarwal
(E) Pawan Goenka

Ans: (D)

Auto industry body, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has elected Vinod Aggarwal as its new president for 2022-23.

Aggarwal, the MD and CEO of Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles, succeeds Kenichi Ayukawa, the executive vice-chairman of Maruti Suzuki India. The SIAM also elected Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles managing director Shailesh Chandra as the vice-president, Satyakam Arya; and CEO & MD of Daimler India Commercial Vehicles was elected as the treasurer.

171. Name the warship which has recently decommissioned after 32 years of glorious service?

- (A) INS Ajay (B) INS Kirch
(C) INS Khanjar (D) INS Akshay
(E) INS Khukri

Ans: (A)

INS Ajay was decommissioned after 32 years of glorious service on September 19, 2022.

The ceremony was conducted in a traditional manner at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

The national flag, naval ensign, and the decommissioning pennant of the ship were lowered for the last time at sunset.

The procedures signified the end of the ship's commissioned service and informed the government through an official release.

The Chief Guest addressed the people at the ceremony and highlighted the invaluable service rendered by the ship.

172. What is the name of world's largest battlefield, where the Indian Army has installed satellite-based internet?

- (A) Aksai Chin (B) Siachen
(C) Karakoram (D) Broad Peak
(E) Gangotri Glacier

Ans: (B)

The Indian Army activated satellite broadband-based internet service on the Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield.

The feat was installed by the Indian Army's XIV Corps or Fire and Fury Corps' Siachen Signallers.

The fire and fury cops looked over the military deployment along with Kargil-Leh and protects the frontiers with China and Pakistan, and guards the Siachen Glacier.

173. Recently India along with which two countries has held their first trilateral meeting in New York beside the UN General Assembly session?

- (A) Italy and Ukraine
(B) UK and Iran
(C) Germany and China
(D) France and UAE
(E) China and Russia

Ans: (D)

India, France, and the UAE have held their first trilateral meeting in New York beside the UN General Assembly session.

They shared ideas on a new and better contemporary way of doing diplomacy with a focus on the "active exchange" of ideas between UNSC members and strategic partners.

174. Which edition of Japan-India maritime exercise "JIMEX 2022" has concluded recently?

- (A) Sixth
(B) Fifth
(C) Fourth
(D) Third
(E) Second

Ans: (A)

JIMEX 22 hosted by the Indian Navy, the sixth edition of the Japan India Maritime Exercise 2022 was concluded in the Bay of Bengal.

The sixth edition of JIMEX 22, began on September 11 and was hosted by the Indian Navy.

The previous edition of JIMEX was conducted in the Arabian Sea in October 2021.

The exercise consolidated the mutual understanding and interoperability between the two navies and marked the tenth anniversary of JIMEX since its inception in 2012.

175. Recently, Government of India has signed a USD 96.3-million loan agreement with which International bank to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in the state of Himachal Pradesh?

- (A) World Bank
(B) Asian Development Bank
(C) International Monetary Fund
(D) New Development Bank
(E) International Finance Corporation

Ans: (B)

Recently, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a USD 96.3-million loan agreement to provide safe drinking water and

improve water supply and sanitation services in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

176. Recently India has become the largest bilateral lender for which country?

- (A) Nepal
- (B) Bhutan
- (C) Sri Lanka
- (D) Myanmar
- (E) Bangladesh

Ans: (C)

India becomes the largest bilateral lender for Sri Lanka and overtakes China. In four months of 2022, India has provided a total of 968 million US Dollars in loans to Sri Lanka.

China has been the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka for the past five years from 2017-2021.

177. What will be the new name of Maharashtra's Daulatabad Fort?

- (A) Raivatak Fort
- (B) Minar Fort
- (C) Kingiri Fort
- (D) Devgiri Fort
- (E) Mala Fort

Ans: (D)

Maharashtra Tourism Ministry has decided to rename the Daulatabad fort to Devgiri which is located near Aurangabad.

This decision comes after Shiv Sena Chief Uddhav Thackeray.

It is a national heritage monument, which is maintained by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI).

Previously Maharashtra's former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray was renamed Aurangabad Sambhajinagar.

The decision of renaming Daulatabad fort to Devgiri came after Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray renamed Aurangabad to Sambhajinagar after a long demand from Sena Foot Soldiers.

178. Which state/UT has become India's first to achieve 100 percent coverage of precautionary dose?

- (A) Jammu & Kashmir
- (B) Puducherry
- (C) Lakshadweep
- (D) Chandigarh
- (E) Andaman & Nicobar

Ans: (E)

Andaman and Nicobar Islands became the first Indian state/UT to achieve 100 percent coverage of precautionary dose.

More than 2,87,216 beneficiaries aged 18 have been vaccinated with a precautionary dose.

179. Who has inaugurated Kargil International Marathon in Ladakh?

- (A) Manoj Naravane
- (B) Manoj Pandey
- (C) Rana Pratap Kalita
- (D) Ajit Doval
- (E) Vivek Chaudhari

Ans: (B)

Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pandey has inaugurated Kargil International Marathon in Ladakh. The events are organized by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, and Ladakh police in collaboration with Sarhad Pune.

The events include runs of full length, Half, 10 km, and 5 km.

In the International Marathon, over 2000 runners participated.

180. What is the name of National Human Rights Commission of India who has been elected as a member of the Governance Committee of the Asia Pacific Forum?

- (A) Mahesh Mittal
- (B) Dnyaneshwar Mulay
- (C) Arun Kumar Mishra
- (D) Rajiv Jain
- (E) Jamshed Verma

Ans: (C)

National Human Rights Commission of India chairperson justice (ret'd) Arun Kumar Mishra has been elected as a member of the Governance Committee of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF).

He has also been elected as a member of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) Bureau at the 27th Annual General Meeting of the APF.

The APF's Governance Committee is elected by APF councilors, representing 'A status' National Human Rights Institutions in the Asia Pacific region.

The role of the five-member APF Governance Committee is to consider and make recommendations to the APF General Assembly on a range of issues for the promotion and protection of human rights.

181. Recently, which state government has decided to set up a specialised social and performance audit authority to conduct social audit of schemes?

- (A) Rajasthan
- (B) Haryana
- (C) Punjab
- (D) Bihar

(E) Ladakh

Ans: (B)

Recently, the Rajasthan government has decided to set up a specialised social and performance audit authority to conduct social audit of schemes, a first-of-its-kind in the country.

182. Which state government will introduce "no-bag day" in schools?

(A) Bihar

(B) Kerala

(C) Assam

(D) Punjab

(E) Nagaland

Ans: (A)

The Bihar government is set to introduce a "no-bag day" rule in schools and a mandatory games period at least once a week to reduce the burden on students.

The weekly "no-bag day" will have task-based practical classes.

At least once a week, students will come to school only with their lunch boxes.

They do not need to carry books.

183. Which state will establish an institution similar to NITI Aayog?

(A) Maharashtra

(B) Karnataka

(C) Gujarat

(D) West Bengal

(E) Rajasthan

Ans: (A)

Maharashtra: The state's deputy chief minister, Devendra Fadnavis, revealed in a meeting that the Maharashtra government intends to create an organisation along the lines of Niti Aayog.

The organisation would be in charge of doing thorough data analysis and coming to informed choices about various state sectors.

184. Which actress has received the Prestigious "Priyadarshni Academy's Smita Patil Memorial Award"?

(A) Sonam Kapoor

(B) Shefali Shah

(C) Alia Bhatt

(D) Katrina Kaif

(E) Deepika Padukone

Ans: (C)

The 29-year-old actress, Alia Bhatt has been awarded the Best Actor at the prestigious Priyadarshni Academy Smita Patil Memorial Award.

This award is given for her commendable contribution to Indian cinema at the 38th-anniversary

celebrations of the premier non-profit, socio-cultural and educational organisation, Priyadarshini Academy.

This honour is bestowed upon outstanding national and international recipients annually and awards global recognition for their unparalleled excellence and immense contribution to their respective fields.

185. Who has won a silver medal in World Para Athletics Grand Prix?

(A) Sundar Singh Gurjar

(B) Avani Lekhara

(C) Sumit Antil

(D) Devendra Jhajharia

(E) Mariyappan Thangavelu

Ans: (D)

Indian javelin thrower, Devendra Jhajharia has clinched a silver medal in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in Morocco. Paralympics gold medalist Devendra threw the javelin to a distance of 60.97 meters to capture the silver.

Devendra is a three-time Paralympics medalist.

186. Which Indian legendary comedian has recently passed away at the age of 58?

(A) Sunil Pal

(B) Ahsaan Qureshi

(C) Shekhar Suman

(D) Raju Srivastava

(E) Navin Prabhakar

Ans: (D)

Comedian Raju Srivastava has passed away in Delhi at the age of 58.

Raju Srivastava: Early Career

He was the chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Film Development Council.

Srivastava, who has been in the entertainment industry since the 1980s, shot to fame after participating in the first season of the reality stand-up comedy show The Great Indian Laughter Challenge in 2005.

187. World Alzheimer's Day 2022 is observed every year on which day of September?

(A) 21st September (B) 22nd September

(C) 20th September (D) 19th September

(E) 18th September

Ans: (A)

World Alzheimer's Day is observed annually on September 21 to raise awareness about neurological disorders.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia and affects the person's memory, mental ability, and ability to carry out simple tasks.

On World Alzheimer's Day, healthcare organisations support Alzheimer's walks while seminars and public activities are held in communities around the globe to raise awareness on Alzheimer's.

188. Elvis Ali Hazarika, a veteran swimmer has become the first from the North East to cross the North Channel, is from which state?

- (A) Nagaland
- (B) Telangana
- (C) Meghalaya
- (D) Assam
- (E) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans: (D)

Elvis Ali Hazarika a Veteran Assamese swimmer has become the first from the North East to cross the North Channel.

The strait between north-eastern Northern Ireland and south-western Scotland is the North Channel.

Elvis Ali Hazarika also became the oldest Indian swimmer to swim across the North Channel.

To attain this feat, Elvis and his team clocked a timing of 14 hours 38 minutes.

189. Which film has been announced as India's official entry to Oscars 2023?

- (A) The Kashmir Files
- (B) Shyam Singha Roy
- (C) Chhello Show
- (D) Pather Panchali
- (E) RRR

Ans: (D)

"Chhello Show" the Gujarati movie has been announced as India's official entry for Oscars 2023.

The film has been chosen in the Best International Feature Film category.

Chhello Show is a coming-of-age drama and it revolves around a 9-year-old boy and his love affair with cinema, who lives in a remote village in India.

190. Which country will host Women Asia Cup 2022?

- (A) India
- (B) Sri Lanka
- (C) UAE
- (D) Bangladesh
- (E) Bhutan

Ans: (D)

Women Asia Cup 2022 is scheduled to start on October 1, 2022, and will see the seven teams playing for the coveted cup.

Bangladesh is set to host the Women Asia Cup 2022 and the match will be played at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium.

India will begin their campaign in the tournament against Sri Lanka and will play its opening match on October 1, 2022.

191. Which Ministry has recently launched a Convergence Portal between the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana?

- (A) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- (B) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- (C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- (D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (E) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Ans: (A)

Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries jointly launched a Convergence Portal between the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme, and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY).

The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a medium to long-term debt financing facility for the creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and the building of community farming assets.

192. Which country has won the "2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award"?

- (A) Japan
- (B) India
- (C) China
- (D) Russia
- (E) Ukraine

Ans: (B)

India has won a United Nations (UN) award for its "India Hypertension Control Initiative.

The initiative is a large-scale hypertension intervention under National Health Mission.

At the UN General Assembly side event, the IHCI got the "2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award". The IHCI has been recognized for its unique and extraordinary work within India's existing primary healthcare system.

193. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has pared its 2022-23 growth projection for India's

economy to what percent from 7.5% estimated in April?

- (A) 7% (B) 6.5%
(C) 5% (D) 5.5%
(E) 6%

Ans: (A)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has pared its 2022-23 growth projection for India's economy to 7% from 7.5% estimated in April, terming it a "modest downward revision" driven by higher-than-anticipated inflation and monetary tightening.

The Bank also raised its inflation forecast for India to 6.7% for this year, while widening its current account deficit (CAD) estimate to 3.8% of GDP.

194. Sanskrit scholar Padmashree Acharya Ramayatra Shukla, has passed away recently. In which year he was conferred by Padma Shri?

- (A) 2021 (B) 2020
(C) 2019 (D) 2018
(E) 2017

Ans: (A)

Padma Shri awardee, Prof Acharya Ram Yatna Shukla, a Sanskrit scholar and former President of Kashi Vidwat Parishad, passed away at the age of 90 years.

He is popularly called as "Abhinav Panini" due to his contribution towards inventing new methods of Sanskrit Grammar and Vedanta teaching and modernisation.

195. Linda Fruhvirtova, who has won Chennai Open 2022 title, is from which country?

- (A) Prague (B) Czechia
(C) Slovakia (D) Poland
(E) Hungary

Ans: (B)

Czech Republic's 17-year-old, Linda Fruhvirtova scripted a brilliant comeback to win the Chennai Open 2022 WTA 250 tennis singles.

The teenager beat Magda Linette of Poland, the third seed, in the final.

At 17 years and 141 days old, she is the youngest titlist of the season on the WTA Tour so far.

She is the youngest singles champion on tour since Coco Gauff won Parma last year at 17 years, 70 days old.

About the Chennai Open WTA tournament -

The Chennai Open was the first WTA tournament held in India in 14 years.

Tennis legend Serena Williams won the Bangalore Open in 2008 beating former world No 7 Patty Schnyder of Switzerland in the final while Athens

2004 Olympic gold medallist Sun Tiantian and Peng Shuai of China won the doubles title.

196. Which Indian industrialist has been nominated as trustee of the PM CARES Fund?

- (A) Gautam Adani (B) Ratan Tata
(C) Mukesh Ambani
(D) Shiv Nadar
(E) Azim Premji

Ans: (B)

According to the prime minister's office, Veteran industrialist Ratan Tata, former Supreme Court judge KT Thomas, and former deputy Lok Sabha speaker Kariya Munda have been nominated as trustees of the PM CARES Fund.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the PM CARES Fund, which was attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

197. World Rose Day (Welfare of Cancer Patients) 2022 has recently observed on which day of September?

- (A) 21st of September (B) 20th of September
(C) 22nd of September (D) 19th of September
(E) 23rd of September

Ans: (C)

World Rose Day for the welfare of cancer patients worldwide is celebrated annually on the 22nd of September.

This day aims to encourage and support those people who are fighting their battle against cancer.

The day aims to bring happiness and hope into the lives of such patients and reminds them that they can emerge victorious in their battle against cancer through determination and positivity.

198. India will host its maiden MotoGP World Championship race in which city in 2023?

- (A) Gurugram (B) New Delhi
(C) Lucknow (D) Noida
(E) Indore

Ans: (D)

India is set to host its maiden MotoGP World Championships race at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida in 2023.

MotoGP commercial rights owner Dorna and Noida-based race promoters Fairstreet Sports signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to host the premier two-wheel racing event in India for the next seven years.

Riders from as many as 19 countries will participate in the event, which will give a push to trade and

tourism in the country, besides generating employment.

199. What is the theme of this year's International Day of Peace?

- (A) Climate Action for Peace
- (B) Recovering better
- (C) Shaping Peace Together
- (D) Equitable world
- (E) End racism. Build peace.

Ans: (E)

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21st September.

Theme for 2022: End racism. Build peace.

Key highlights -

The United Nations (UN) General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

200. Recently, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has removed which bank from its Prompt Corrective Action Framework?

- (A) HDFC Bank
- (B) Central Bank of India
- (C) State Bank of India
- (D) Union Bank of India
- (E) Bank of Baroda

Ans: (B)

Recently, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has removed the Central Bank of India (CBI) from its Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) after CBI showed improvement in various financial ratios, including minimum regulatory capital and Net Non-Performing Assets (NNPAs).

The RBI had imposed the PCA norms on CBI in June 2017 due to its high net NPA and Negative Return of Assets (RoA).

201. What is the strike range of recently tested next-generation Agni-prime ballistic missile?

- (A) 1,000 to 2,000 km
- (B) 1,500 to 2,000 km
- (C) 1,000 to 1,500 km
- (D) 2,000 to 3,000 km
- (E) 2,500 to 3,500 km

Ans: (A)

India successfully test-fired the next-generation Agni-Prime ballistic missile.

The missile was test fired from a mobile launcher from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

The strike range of the solid-fuelled canisterised missile is between 1,000 to 2,000 km.

It has passed all mission parameters during the test.

202. Who has become the first Indian-origin Prime Minister of the UK from Britain's Conservative Party?

- (A) Liz Truss
- (B) Sajid Javid
- (C) Rishi Sunak
- (D) Priti Patel
- (E) Suella Braverman

Ans: (C)

Rishi Sunak becomes the first Indian-origin Prime Minister of UK from Britain's Conservative Party.

Sunak succeeded the throne after Liz Truss resigned within 45 days of her appointment, becoming the shortest ruling PM.

Rishi has been the former UK Chancellor of the Exchequer and became the PM.

Sunak will be the fifth Prime Minister of the UK in the last 5 years.

203. Who has become the first Indian wrestler to won Gold medal in U-23 World Wrestling Championships?

- (A) Ravi Kumar
- (B) Yogeshwar Dutt
- (C) Rinku Singh
- (D) Aman Sehrawat
- (E) Maruti Mane

Ans: (D)

Aman Sehrawat creates history by winning a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in wrestling.

He became the first Indian wrestler to win the gold medal in Pontevedra, Spain.

Aman Sehrawat beat a 16-year-old junior European silver-medallist Ahmet Duman of Turkey 12-4 in the finals to bag the award.

204. Which neighbouring country of India has recently added to "Black List" by FATF?

- (A) Afghanistan
- (B) Myanmar
- (C) Bangladesh
- (D) Pakistan
- (E) Sri Lanka

Ans: (B)

Financial Action Task Force has included Myanmar on the list of high-risk countries called as "Black List" with strategic deficiencies in regimes to counter money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing.

Myanmar is the third to be listed along with North Korea and Iran.

The city was added to the FATF list of high-risk nations for its failure to mark strategic deficiencies as committed by it in February 2020.

205. Recently launched ISROs' heaviest rocket LVM3 M2 has placed how many satellites in orbit?

- (A) 35 (B) 36
(C) 31 (D) 32
(E) 30

Ans: (B)

Indian Space Research Organization launched its first commercial mission of Launch Vehicle Mark 3(LVM3) M2 satellite successfully from the Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

206. Which state has won the first position in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U) Awards 2021?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Gujarat

Ans: (D)

In the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) awards 2021, Uttar Pradesh bagged the first position followed by Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu at second and third place, respectively.

Gujarat also saw five special category awards while MP got three special category awards.

Odisha has been felicitated with the prestigious PMAY-U Awards 2021 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for the best policy initiative under a special category.

207. Recently, which state government has launched Lok Adalat in jails for the speedy disposal of cases for the prisoners of the state?

- (A) Chhattisgarh (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Haryana

Ans: (A)

Recently, the Chhattisgarh government has launched Lok

Adalat in jails for the speedy disposal of cases for the prisoners of the state.

Lok Adalats -

The term 'Lok Adalat' means 'People's Court' and is based on Gandhian principles.

It is one of the components of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) system and delivers informal, cheap and expeditious justice to the common people.

208. Recently, the World has celebrated the which anniversary of the United Nations(UN) on 24th October 2022?

- (A) 77th (B) 70th

(C) 82nd

(D) 79th

(E) 81st

Ans: (A)

Recently, the World has celebrated the 77th anniversary of the United Nations(UN) on 24th October 2022.

About United Nations -

The United Nations (UN) is an international organization founded on 24 October 1945. It is currently made up of 193 Member States.

209. The revival of Sukapaika River has recently started by Odisha government. It is the tributary of which river?

- (A) Baitarani (B) Bhargavi
(C) Chitroptala (D) Krishna
(E) Mahanadi

Ans: (E)

The Sukapaika River which stopped flowing 70 years ago, will be revived by Odisha government.

The government has started working on its revival plan following a recent direction from the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

210. Which ministry will organize "Kashi Tamil Sangamam" programme in November 2022?

- (A) Ministry of Culture
(B) Ministry of Defence
(C) Ministry of Education
(D) Ministry of Railways
(E) Ministry of Communications

Ans: (C)

"Kashi Tamil Sangamam" will be organized by the Ministry of Education next month.

The "Kashi Tamil Sangamam" is a month-long program that will be held from the 16th of the next month.

The "Kashi Tamil Sangamam" aims to rediscover the centuries-old bond of knowledge and ancient civilizational linkage between Varanasi and Tamil Nadu.

211. Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Orbital Rail Corridor Project in which state?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Bihar
(C) Haryana (D) Gujarat
(E) Punjab

Ans: (C)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of the Orbital Rail Corridor Project in Faridabad, Haryana.

Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) project is part of the Transport Infrastructure Corridor in Haryana in the approved Master Plan for the National Capital Region.

The project received in-principle approval from the Haryana Government back in 2018 and the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave its approval for the project in September 2022

112. Who has taken charge of Twitter after resigning Parag Agarwal as CEO?

- (A) Jack Dorsey (B) Noah Glass
(C) Evan Williams (D) Elon Musk
(E) Morgan Stanley

Ans: (D)

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has become new in charge of Twitter after finalizing a \$44 billion deal.

The decision came after the rising doubts about his intentions of following through with the mentioned acquisition deal.

Reportedly, Twitter Indian-Origin CEO Parag Agrawal, who was appointed to the position in 2021, and finance chief Ned Segal have left the company's headquarters in San Francisco.

113. Under the "Make in India" campaign Tata and Airbus will start manufacturing of transport planes for the military in which state?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Gujarat
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Haryana
(E) Chhattisgarh

Ans: (B)

Tata and Airbus will soon manufacture transport planes for the military in Gujarat.

The state has landed a massive deal and the cost of the project is Rs 22,000 crore or 2.66 billion dollars.

114. Recently, which international organisations has released a report titled "Coldest Year of the Rest of Their Lives - Protecting children from the escalating impacts of heatwaves"?

- (A) UNESCO (B) FAO
(C) UNICEF (D) WFP
(E) UNSC

Ans: (C)

Recently, UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) released a report titled "Coldest Year of the Rest of Their Lives - Protecting children from the escalating impacts of heatwaves", showing that nearly all the children across the world will be exposed to more frequent and severe heat waves by 2050.

115. According to Official Airline Guide report, which airport of India is the 10th busiest airport in the world in terms of seat capacity?

- (A) Indira Gandhi International Airport
(B) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
(C) Kempegowda International Airport
(D) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
(E) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport

Ans: (A)

According to Official Airline Guide (OAG) report, the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is the 10th busiest airport in the world in terms of seat capacity and frequency of domestic and international flights as of October 2022.

According to OAG, there were 34,13,855 seats at the Delhi airport, popularly known as the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA).

116. Which city will host 3-day "Akash for Life" Space Conference in November?

- (A) Dehradun (B) Indore
(C) Lucknow (D) Mumbai
(E) New Delhi

Ans: (A)

The "Akash for Life" a 3-day space conference will showcase the blending of traditional and modern knowledge through an extended integration of all schools of thought.

The event is scheduled to be held at Dehradun from 5th November to 7th November 2022.

117. Which state has been declared as a 100 percent "Har Ghar Jal" state recently?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Goa
(C) Punjab (D) Kerala
(E) Nagaland

Ans: (A)

Gujarat has been declared as a 100 percent "Har Ghar Jal" state.

In Gujarat, households in rural areas have access to safe drinking water through taps under the "Har Ghar Jal" mission.

About 91,73,378 houses in the state have water connections according to the government record.

118. United Nation Security Council's two-day meeting on counter-terrorism has recently conducted in which country?

- (A) China (B) Russia
(C) India
(D) USA
(E) Britain

Ans: (C)

The United Nation Security Council's (UNSC) two-day meeting in India on counter-terrorism is focused

on dealing with use of internet, new payment mechanism and drones by terrorists.

The meeting was hosted in Mumbai and Delhi on 28 and 29 October, respectively.

India took over the chairmanship of the CTC as US troops left Afghanistan in as much of a mess.

An unfinished war that has left hundreds of thousands of Afghan civilians at the mercy of a conservative, militant Taliban government; an unabated persecution of women and minorities; and continued, frequent terror strikes.

219. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has granted the aerodrome license to Jeypore airport. The airport is located in which state?

- (A) Assam (B) Kerala
(C) Bihar (D) Tripura
(E) Odisha

Ans: (E)

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) granted the aerodrome license to Odisha's Jeypore airport.

Jeypore became the "first" state-owned airport to get the license.

220. Which regional command has won the Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship 2022-23 held at Nagpur?

- (A) Eastern Air Command
(B) Southern Air Command
(C) Western Air Command
(D) Northern Air Command
(E) Indian Coast Guard

Ans: (C)

The Indian Air Force (IAF) Western Air Command won the Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship 2022-23, which was held at Head Quarter MC, Vayu Sena Nagar, Nagpur.

The final team Championship match was played between Western Air Command and Training Command, and Western Air Command won.

Corporal Pradeep of Training Command and Sergeant Manolin of Western Air Command competed in the open singles final, and Corporal Pradeep won.

Air Marshal Vibhas Pande, Air Officer Commanding-in

-Chief, HQ MC, officially launched the Championship.

221. Who was the representative of India in the meeting of BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs and International Relations 2022?

- (A) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
(B) Narendra Modi

(C) V Muraleedharan

(D) Meenakshi Lekhi

(E) Vinay Mohan Kwatra

Ans: (A)

External Affairs Minister, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar has participated in the meeting of BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs and International Relations.

The Ministers also extended their full support to South Africa for its BRICS Chairship in 2023 and the holding of the XV BRICS summit.

222. Recently, The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract worth 1700 crore rupees with which aerospace company to buy additional missiles for frontline warships?

- (A) Boeing Company
(B) BrahMos Aerospace
(C) General Dynamics
(D) Northrop Grumman
(E) Raytheon Company

Ans: (B)

The Defence Ministry signed a contract worth 1700 crore rupees with Brahmos Aerospace private limited, to buy additional missiles for frontline warships.

223. Which shipbuilding company has launched two diving support vessels named Nistar and Nipun?

- (A) Mazagon Shipyard
(B) Cochin Shipyard
(C) Hindustan Shipyard
(D) Goa Shipyard
(E) Garden Reach Shipyard

Ans: (C)

The Hindustan Shipyard Limited(HSL) launched two diving support vessels on September 22, 2022, in Vishakhapatnam.

The two diving support vessels are named Nistar and Nipun.

The launch of these DSVs comes just after the Navy had commissioned the first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant at Kochi.

The vessels were launched by Kala Hari Kumar, President of the Navy Welfare and Wellness Association(NWWA), who performed the traditional honour.

Key Points -

The two diving support vessels are built by Hindustan Shipyard Ltd, Visakhapatnam.

The Diving Support Vessels (DSVs) are first of the kind, ships indigenously designed at HSL for the Indian Navy.

The vessels are 118.4 metres long, 22.8 metres at the broadest point, and will have a displacement of 9,350 tons.

The ships would be deployed for deep sea diving operations.

The DSVs are designed to undertake submarine rescue operations, with Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) if needed.

224. Valery Polyakov, who has passed away recently, was famous for-

(A) He was the first person to fly in space.

(B) He was oldest when he flew on space shuttle Discovery's in October 1998.

(C) He was the second person to orbit the Earth, performing 17 loops.

(D) He set the record for the longest single stay in space.

(E) He spent under 75 hours poking around on the surface of the moon.

Ans: (D)

Valery Polyakov, the Soviet cosmonaut who set the record for the longest single stay in space, died at the age of 80.

On January 8, 1994, Polyakov's record of 437 days in space began, when he and two others blasted off on a two-day flight to the Soviet space station Mir.

He spent a record 437 consecutive days aboard the Mir space station from January 1994 to March 1995.

Before returning Polyakov orbited the Earth over 7,000 times.

Earlier, in 1988-89, Polyakov spent 288 days in space on a mission.

225. Who has launched "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas-Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks," a collection of selected speeches by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

(A) Droupadi Murmu

(B) Ram Nath Kovind

(C) Jagdeep Dhankhar

(D) Pranab Mukherjee

(E) M Venkaiah Naidu

Ans: (E)

A collection of selected speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been released at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi.

The book titled 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas-Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks' portrays the PM's vision of a new India.

The book was released by former Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu, Information and Broadcasting

Minister Anurag Thakur and Governor of Kerala Arif Mohammed Khan.

The book provides a unique opportunity for intellectuals, historians, and people to get a glimpse of the steps taken by the Government of India.

226. A 14th century ceremonial sword that was sold in Hyderabad to a British General in the early 20th century is set to return to India. The sword was exhibited by whom?

(A) Mahbub Ali Khan

(B) Afzal-ud-Daulah

(C) Mir Osman Ali

(D) Mir Farqunda Ali

(E) Moazzam Jah

Ans: (A)

A 14th century ceremonial sword that was sold in Hyderabad to a British General in the early 20th century is set to return to India.

The sword is among the seven objects being repatriated by Glasgow Life, which manages Glasgow's museums.

227. Which city has held the 10th IBSA Trilateral Ministerial Commission conference?

(A) Paris

(B) New York

(C) Rome

(D) Tokyo

(E) New Delhi

Ans: (B)

10th IBSA Trilateral Ministerial Commission conference: In New York, the 10th Trilateral Ministerial Commission conference of the India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum (IBSA) was conducted. Dr. S. Jaishankar, the minister of external affairs, presided over the meeting. Additionally present during the conference were Dr. Joe Phaahla, South Africa's Minister of Health, and Carlos Alberto Franco França, Brazil's Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Ministers went over every aspect of IBSA collaboration.

228. The September 21 is observed as which International Day?

(A) International Literacy Day

(B) International Day of Peace

(C) World Tourism Day

(D) Native American Day

(E) European Day of Languages

Ans: (B)

September 21 is observed as the International Day of Peace.

The International Day of Peace is observed to strengthen the ideals of peace through the observance of 24-hours of non-violence and ceasefire.

Its main objective is to create a world where compassion and empathy overcome suspicion and hatred.

The theme for 2022 is "End racism. Build peace." It aims to eradicate racism and put an end to race-based discrimination.

It highlights the plights faced by people who were displaced by conflicts because of racism.

It also recognized the issues faced by certain racial groups during the COVID-19 pandemic and the effect on certain races during the economic crisis.

229. Recently, Government of India has named whom as new DG of National Centre for Good Governance?

- (A) V Srinivas (B) Mahesh Mittal
(C) Bharat Lal
(D) Dnyaneshwar
(E) Rajiv Jain

Ans: (C)

Retired Gujarat cadre officer, Bharat Lal has been appointed as the Director General, National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG).

Bharat Lal, a 1988-batch Indian Forest officer of Gujarat cadre, had served as Gujarat government's resident commissioner in Delhi and has been known to be close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the then chief minister of the state. Earlier, during December 2021, Lal was appointed as the Secretary to the Lokpal.

230. Which state has notified the country's first "Dugong Conservation Reserve"?

- (A) Kerala (B) Karnataka
(C) West Bengal (D) Tamil Nadu
(E) Rajasthan

Ans: (D)

Tamil Nadu has notified the country's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' in Palk Bay covering the coastal waters of Thanjavur and Pudukottai districts with an area of 448 square kilometres.

In September 2021 Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN) initiated the idea of the "Dugong Conservation Reserve" to be established in the Palk Bay region, in order to protect the endangered Dugong species and its marine habitats in Tamil Nadu.

231. Recently, which district in Odisha has adopted a unique initiative- "Aliva" to eradicate child marriage?

- (A) Nayagarh (B) Cuttack
(C) Sambalpur (D) Dhenkanal
(E) Jagatsinghpur

Ans: (A)

Recently, Nayagarh, a district in Odisha, has adopted a unique initiative- Aliva to eradicate child marriage. As per Odisha's child marriage prevention strategy, the State aims to eradicate child marriage by 2030.

232. The first Asian Palm Oil Alliance meet has been held in which city of India?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Agra
(C) Mumbai (D) Rajkot
(E) Chennai

Ans: (B)

The apex edible oil industry associations from five major palm oil importing countries of Asia -- India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal -- have come together to form the Asian Palm Oil Alliance (APOA).

APOA held its first general body meeting on the sidelines of the Globoil Summit being held at Agra, India and the next meeting is expected to be held in Indonesia early next year 2023.

233. Recently, which company has been accorded by the status of a "Maharatna" Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)?

- (A) Rural Electrification Corporation
(B) Rajasthan Pharmaceuticals
(C) National Fertilizers Limited
(D) Airports Economic Authority
(E) Coal Controller

Ans: (A)

Recently, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has been accorded the status of a 'Maharatna' Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).

234. What is the name of recently launched e-learning platform for Oriental and South Asian studies?

- (A) Bharat iVidya (B) Bharat Tutors
(C) Bharat Gyan (D) Bharat Vidya
(E) Bharat Demy

Ans: (D)

Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman launched an e-learning platform, Bharat Vidya.

Bharat Vidya is an e-learning platform for Oriental and South Asian studies.

This e-learning platform has been designed and developed by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI).

It is the first-of-its-kind online platform to provide free and paid courses covering various aspects of

Indology related to art, architecture, philosophy, language, and science.

235. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the National Conference of Environment Ministers in which state?

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Karnataka
- (C) Bihar
- (D) Kerala
- (E) Gujarat

Ans: (E)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurate the National Conference of Environment Ministers in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.

The aim of the Conference was to create further synergy between the Central and State Governments to implement policies for the elimination of plastic pollution and climate change.

The conference has promoted cooperative federalism for resolving environment-related challenges.

The two-day Conference was organized on September 23-24.

India's per capita plastic consumption is 11 kg while the global average of plastic per capita consumption is 28 kg.

It will have six thematic sessions based on different topics-

236. What is the theme of this year's Lok Manthan program?

- (A) Lokparampara
- (B) Lokpratha
- (C) Lokchalan
- (D) Lokreeti
- (E) Loktour

Ans: (A)

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the third edition of the Lok Manthan program at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati.

The theme for this year's program is Lokparampara (Lok traditions).

This will emphasize how Lok traditions have kept our cultural consciousness intact and strengthened our feeling of National Selfhood.

237. Recently, Government has signed a MoU with which banks to expand the reach of "SPARSH" initiative?

- (A) HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank
- (B) ICICI Bank and Axis Bank
- (C) Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank
- (D) Axis Bank and HDFC Bank

(E) Bank of Baroda and Axis Bank

Ans: (C)

The Defence Accounts Department (DAD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bank of Baroda (BoB) and HDFC Bank, to onboard them as Common Service Centres (CSC) under the System for Pension Administration (Raksha) (SPARSH) initiative, across more than 14,000 branches throughout India.

The MoU will onboard more than 7900 branches of BoB and 6300 branches of HDFC Bank as Service Centres to provide last-mile connectivity to pensioners, especially those who live in remote areas of India.

238. Sedapatti Muthiah, who has passed away recently, was the former assembly speaker of which state?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh
- (B) Tamil Nadu
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Telangana
- (E) Nagaland

Ans: (B)

Former Union Minister and Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker Sedapatti R Muthiah passed away at the age of 77.

About Sedapatti R Muthiah -

Sedapatti R. Muthiah was an Indian politician of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK).

He was popularly known by the name Sedapattiar.

He was one of the leaders of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) from its creation and was second in command in AIADMK until 1998.

239. In India, "Antyodaya Diwas" observed on 25th September annually to mark the birth anniversary of whom?

- (A) Syama Prasad Mukherjee
- (B) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
- (C) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (D) Nanaji Deshmukh
- (E) Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

Ans: (B)

Antyodaya Diwas is celebrated annually on 25th September in India.

It marks the birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya and is celebrated in his honour to remember his life and legacy.

He was one of the most prominent personalities in the history of Indian politics.

This year, the Antyodaya Diwas marks the 105th birth anniversary of Upadhyaya.

He was the co-founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS) and a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) thinker.

240. Which Indian author and poet has been announced as this year's recipient of the Hermann Kesten Prize by the PEN Centre in Germany's Darmstadt?

- (A) Yashica Dutt
- (B) Suraj Yengde
- (C) Kancha Ilaiah
- (D) Kavita Krishnan
- (E) Meena Kandasamy

Ans: (E)

Indian author and poet Meena Kandasamy has been announced as this year's recipient of the Hermann Kesten Prize by the PEN Centre in Germany's Darmstadt.

The Hermann Kesten Prize honours personalities who, in the spirit of the charter of the PEN association, stand up for the rights of persecuted authors and journalists.

241. Which Indian actress has been nominated for 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke Award?

- (A) Asha Parekh
- (B) Waheeda Rehman
- (C) Nasir Hussain
- (D) Hema Malini
- (E) Jaya Bachchan

Ans: (A)

The legendary actress Asha Parekh will be honored with Dadasaheb Phalke Award. The award will be presented at the National Film Award Ceremony in New Delhi on September 30, 2022.

The National Film Award will be presided over by the President of India, Draupadi Murmu.

Asha Parekh has also been awarded Padma Shri by the Government of India in 1992.

242. Which of the following government scheme has completed one year of its launch on September 27, 2022?

- (A) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
- (B) National AIDS and STD Control Programme
- (C) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
- (D) National Pharmacovigilance Programme
- (E) Swachhta Action Plan

Ans: (C)

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission completed one year of its launch on September 27, 2022.

The motto of the scheme is to transform India's Digital Healthcare landscape.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the mission on September 27, 2021.

It aims to provide the benefits of digital health services to the citizens of the country.

243. Giorgia Meloni, has been elected as first woman Prime Minister of which country?

- (A) France
- (B) Italy
- (C) Austria
- (D) Greece
- (E) Rome

Ans: (B)

Giorgia Meloni, the leader of the Brothers of Italy party won the election on September 25, 2022, and is set to become the first female Prime Minister of Italy.

As per the reports, the alliance is claimed to get 44% votes, translating to 114 seats. Also to claim a majority in the Italian Senate, a party needs 104 seats.

244. The Central Government has decided to rename the Chandigarh airport after whom?

- (A) Chandra Shekhar Azad
- (B) Subhas Chandra Bose
- (C) Shivaram Rajgurun
- (D) Bhagat Singh
- (E) Sukhdev Thapar

Ans: (D)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the decision to rename the Chandigarh airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

The decision has been taken as a tribute to the freedom fighter.

The Prime minister also congratulated the people of Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana, and the entire country.

The Punjab government was in talks with Haryana and raised the demand to name the Chandigarh airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

245. Dilip Tirkey, former captain of Indian hockey elected as president of which sport entity?

- (A) Hockey India
- (B) International Hockey Federation
- (C) All India Football Federation
- (D) Board of Control for Cricket in India
- (E) All India Tennis Association

Ans: (A)

Dilip Tirkey, a former Indian hockey captain, was elected as the Hockey India President on September 23, 2022.

Tirkey is also a member of the gold medal-winning team at the 1998 Asian Games.

A former sportsperson and an Olympian has been elected president to head the national body for the first time in history.

Hockey India elections were scheduled in October 2022, but since there were no contestants for any posts, thus the results were announced in advance.

246. Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry launched which scheme to make toys from waste?

- (A) Swachh Gimcrack
- (B) Swachh ToyPlay
- (C) Swachh ToyFrisk
- (D) Swachh Dally
- (E) Swachh Toycathon

Ans: (E)

Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry launched Swachh Toycathon on September 26, 2022.

It is a unique competition that involves making toys from waste. The competition will be hosted on MyGov's Innovative India portal.

The knowledge partner for the initiative is the Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar.

The competition will be open to individuals and groups who desire to bring and support new ideas and creativity.

Manoj Joshi, the Housing and Urban Affairs secretary said that used toys should be collected, redeveloped, and resold.

He said this should turn into a social movement as it is a step towards environmentally friendly toys.

247. Recently, the Government of India has entrusted how much amount under Fund of Funds for Startup India Investment, launched in 2016?

- (A) Rs 9765 crores
- (B) Rs 3998 crores
- (C) Rs 4158 crores
- (D) Rs 2365 crores
- (E) Rs 7385 crores

Ans: (E)

Recently, the Government of India has committed Rs 7,385 crores under Fund of Funds for Startup India Investment, launched in 2016, for 88 Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).

These AIFs, in turn, have invested Rs 11,206 crores in 720 startups.

248. What is the theme of World Rivers Day 2022?

- (A) Waters in our communities
- (B) Waterways for our Communities
- (C) Nature for Water

(D) The importance of Rivers to Biodiversity

(E) Water and Jobs

Ans: (D)

World River Day is observed to raise awareness regarding water bodies and to promote their conservation.

It is observed every year on the fourth Sunday of September, and this year, it falls on September 25.

This day highlights the values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness and encourages the improved supervision of rivers around the world.

249. Recently, Amit Shah has Inaugurated Dairy Cooperative Conclave in which city?

- (A) Darjeeling
- (B) Shillong
- (C) Gangtok
- (D) Pelling
- (E) Shimla

Ans: (C)

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah is likely to inaugurate a daylong dairy cooperative conclave of the eastern and northeastern zones in Sikkim on October 7.

The conclave is being organised by the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI).

NCDFI Chairman Mangal Jit Rai said Shah's office has confirmed his participation at the conclave to be held in Gangtok.

250. India's first avalanche-monitoring radar has been installed in which state?

- (A) Sikkim
- (B) Meghalaya
- (C) Manipur
- (D) Mizoram
- (E) Nagaland

Ans: (A)

The Indian Army and the Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment (DGRE) have jointly installed the Avalanche Monitoring Radar, the first of its kind in India, in north Sikkim.

Besides being used for the detection of avalanches, this radar can also be employed to detect landslides.

The avalanche radar was made operational by the Defence Research and Development Organisation's wing DGRE, which is involved in forecasting and mitigating of avalanche hazards faced by the Indian Army in the Himalayan region.

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 BJKU'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) Sajeew 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)

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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)

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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 Kuldeep 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 Kuldeep 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 Kuldeep 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-feet 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-feet 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 (UNPFA), 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 Ruud?

- (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.

December 2022 Current Affairs

1. UN panel has recommended which coral reef to be listed as a World Heritage site?

- (A) Tubbataha Reef (B) Amazon Reef
(C) Apo Reef (D) Great Barrier Reef
(E) Miami Terrace

Ans (D)

UN panel has recommended that Australia's Great Barrier Reef should be listed as a World Heritage site that is in danger. The UN also informed that the world's biggest coral reef ecosystem was significantly impacted by climate change and the warming of oceans.

2. Which space agency has set a new space flight record with Artemis 1 Orion Capsule by traveling 4,01,798 kilometers from Earth?

- (A) JAXA (B) ESA
(C) NASA (D) SpaceX

Ans (C)

(E) ROSCOSMOS

NASA's Artemis 1 Orion Capsule has set a new space flight record for spacecraft designed to carry humans by traveling 4,01,798 kilometers from Earth.

The record was previously held by Apollo 13 which logged the record on 14th April 1970 by traveling 400,171 kilometers.

3. Which disease name has changed to Mpox by World Health Organization?

- (A) Monkeypox (B) Smallpox
(C) Chickenpox (D) Measles
(E) Poxviridae

Ans (A)

The World Health Organisation has changed the name of the disease Monkeypox to Mpox, as they receive complaints about the word Monkeypox conjuring up racist tropes and stigmatizing patients.

The recommendation follows outbreaks that began about six months ago in Europe and the United States.

4. Who has received Para Sports Person of Year award 2022?

- (A) Avani Lekhara (B) Sarkar Talwar
(C) Shrey Kadyan (D) Nonita Lal
(E) Rakesh Rao

Ans (A)

At the Turf 2022 and India Sports Awards of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), former Ranji cricketer Sarkar

Talwar was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement of the Year award.

Talwar, the Director-Sports, Manav Rachna Education Institutions, is also the recipient of the Dronacharya Lifetime Award, given by the President of India.

5. Which city is planning to issue the nation's first local government bond, that target individual investors, with proceeds used to fund a solar power project?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Indore
(C) Noida (D) Gurugram
(E) Mumbai

Ans (B)

Indore with a strong environmental record is planning to issue the nation's first local government bond targeting individual investors, with proceeds used to fund a solar power project.

6. Which movie has won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 53rd edition of International Film Festival of India?

- (A) Fortune (B) Nargesi
(C) Mother (D) Paloma
(E) White Dog

Ans (B)

Iranian film Nargesi by Director Payam Eskandari has won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 53rd edition of International Film Festival of India, given for a film that best reflects Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of peace, tolerance and non-violence.

7. Ministry of Power has started procurement of aggregate power of 4500 MW for five years under which scheme?

- (A) SWATVA (B) KUVVAT
(C) SHAKTI (D) POWER
(E) KUNDALI

Ans (C)

Ministry of Power has launched a scheme for procurement of aggregate power of 4500 MW for five years under SHAKTI Policy. The Ministry said that the scheme will help states that are facing power shortage and help generation plants to increase their capacities.

8. Who will be the head of recently formed 20-member committee by SEBI to Review the Corporate Takeover Rules?

- (A) Pritinker Diwaker (B) Sunita Agarwal
(C) Manoj Misra (D) Shiavax Jal Vazifdar

(E) Manoj Kumar Gupta

Ans (D)

Capital markets regulator Sebi has set up a high-level panel to review the takeover norms in a move to simplify and strengthen the current rules by adopting appropriate global practices.

The 20-member committee will be chaired by former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Shiavax Jal Vazifdar.

Apart from Vazifdar, other members of the panel include Sundareswaran S Managing Director (MD) at Morgan Stanley Financial Advisors; Rajendra Kanoongo, Joint MD of Mark Corporate Advisors; K Srinivas MD of Saffron Capital Advisors, Ankur Verma, Senior Vice President at Tata Sons and Dolphy Dsouza Partner at E&Y.

9. Which district of Bihar has become the first to be declared paperless (e-office)?

- (A) Patna (B) Mahishi
(C) Saharsa (D) Ara
(E) Gaya

Ans (C)

Saharsa became the first district in Bihar to be declared paperless (e-office) with an aim to end the Great Indian Red Tape.

Red Tape is a derisive term for excessive regulation or rigid conformity to formal rules that is considered redundant or bureaucratic and hinders or prevents action or decision-making.

10. Recently, which government agency has released a study report, titled "Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage (CCUS) Policy Framework and its Deployment Mechanism in India"?

- (A) NITI Aayog (B) NABARD
(C) RBI (D) Ministry of Environment
(E) Central Pollution Control Board

Ans (A)

Recently, NITI Aayog has released a study report, titled 'Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage (CCUS) Policy Framework and its Deployment Mechanism in India'.

The report explores the importance of Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage as an emission reduction strategy to achieve deep decarbonization from the hard-to-abate sectors.

11. What is the name of paperless airport entry facility launched recently by Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia?

- (A) e – Yatra (B) Digi Yatra
(C) e – Gate (D) Digi Safar
(E) Deshatan

Ans (B)

The Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has launched the Digi Yatra facility.

It is a paperless airport entry facility that is now functional at three airports in India, including Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport where it was launched.

12. In 2022, among those recognized as Superstars of STEM include three Indian-Origin women, which of the following is not from them?

- (A) Dasika Durga Rao
(B) Neelima Kadiyala
(C) Dr Ana Baburamani
(D) DrIndrani Mukherjee
(E) Both (A) and (C)

Ans (A)

Three Indian-Origin women are among 60 scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians who have been selected as Australia's Superstars of STEM.

It is an initiative that aims to smash society's gender assumptions about scientists as well as increase the public visibility of females and non-binary people.

In 2022, among those recognized as Superstars of STEM include three Indian-Origin women- Neelima Kadiyala, Dr Ana Baburamani, and Dr Indrani Mukherjee.

Apart from the Indians, female scientists of Sri Lankan origin have also been selected for recognition.

13. Recently, Reserve Bank of India has identified how many banks for trial of retail digital rupee?

- (A) 8 (B) 6
(C) 9 (D) 7
(E) 3

Ans (A)

The Reserve Bank of India has announced the launch of the retail digital rupee on a pilot basis.

The Central Bank of the country has also identified 8 banks for phase-wise participation in this trial.

Notably, Digital Currency, or the Rupee is an electronic form of money that can be used in contactless transactions.

14. Which country has assumed the presidency of G20?

- (A) China (B) India
(C) Russia (D) USA
(E) Japan

Ans (B)

India will host as many as 200 meetings across the country over the next one year, with the first one being held in Udaipur.

The G20 Summit will be organized in New Delhi in September 2023.

India will work to promote a universal sense of oneness and its priorities will be shaped not only in consultation with G20 Partners but also with the Global South.

India's G20 Presidency will work to promote this universal sense of one-ness.

15. India extends USD 100 million credits to which country to overcome financial crisis?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Mauritius
(C) Bali (D) Maldives
(E) Bangladesh

Ans (D)

India handed over USD 100 million to the Maldives to ease the financial challenges faced by the archipelagic state in the Indian Ocean.

16. Which heritage property has won the Award of Excellence in the 2022 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation?

- (A) Jehangir Art Gallery
(B) Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum
(C) Gateway of India Mumbai
(D) Elephanta Caves
(E) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya

Ans (E)

The restoration of the 100-year-old Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya in Mumbai has won the Award of Excellence in the 2022 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

The awards were announced on November 26, 2022. The museum is part of the Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai's World Heritage property.

It was established as the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India in 1922.

On the other hand, the Byculla Railway Station of the Central Railway has received an award of merit for

conservation, giving a double pride moment to the people of Mumbai city.

17. Which company has won Mumbai's Dharavi Redevelopment Project with Rs 5,069 crore bid?

- (A) Reliance Group (B) Aditya Birla Group
(C) Adani Group (D) Larsen & Toubro
(E) JSW Group

Ans (C)

The Adani Group has emerged as the highest bidder for the 259-hectare Dharavi Redevelopment Project. Adani group has put in a Rs 5,069 crore bid for the redevelopment of one of the largest slum sprawls in the world, outbidding DLF which had quoted Rs 2,035 crores.

As per the Chief Executive Officer of the project, SVR Srinivas, the details will now be sent to the Government which will consider and will give its final approval.

Notably, the bid is for the entire Rs 20,000 crore redevelopment project.

18. Who has received 'The Emissary of Peace' Award in the US?

- (A) Dalai Lama (B) Sadhguru
(C) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar (D) Ramdev
(E) Sathya Sai Baba

Ans (C)

Indian spiritual leader and global humanitarian advocate Sri Sri Ravi Shankar has been honored with the prestigious "The Emissary of Peace" award by the National Civil Rights Museum in the US city of Memphis.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is the founder of the NGO "Art of Living".

The organization offers several stress-relief and self-development programs based on breathing techniques, meditation and yoga training.

19. What is the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MTR) in India during 2018-20, as per the latest data?

- (A) 97 per lakh live births
(B) 130 per lakh live births
(C) 120 per lakh live births
(D) 98 per lakh live births
(E) 46 per lakh live births

Ans (A)

Maternal Mortality Ratio in India has declined from 130 per lakh live birth in 2014-16 to 97 per lakh live births in 2018-20, as per the Special Bulletin released by the office of the Registrar General of India.

According to the latest released data, Assam has the highest Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of 195 while Kerala has the lowest of 19 per lakh live births. Kerala, which has the lowest Maternal Mortality Ratio, is followed by Maharashtra at 33 and Telangana at 43.

20. Recently, which organisation has released its first annual State of Global Water Resources Report 2021?

- (A) World Tourism Organization
- (B) World Meteorological Organization
- (C) World Intellectual Property Organization
- (D) World Health Organization
- (E) United Nations Environment Programme

Ans (B)

Recently, WMO (World Meteorological Organization) has released its first annual State of Global Water Resources Report 2021.

The aim of this annual report is to support monitoring and management of global freshwater resources in an era of growing demand and limited supplies.

The report focuses on three major areas:

Streamflow, the volume of water flowing through a river channel at any given time.

Terrestrial water storage (TWS) — all water on the land surface and in the sub-surface.

The cryosphere (frozen water).

Between 2001 and 2018, UN-Water reported that a staggering 74% of all natural disasters were water-related.

21. An Indian Coast Guard Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III squadron has been commissioned in Chennai. The ALH Mk-III helicopters are developed by -

- (A) HAL
- (B) BHEL
- (C) ISRO
- (D) DRDO
- (E) BEML Limited

Ans (A)

An Indian Coast Guard Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III squadron has been commissioned in Chennai. It will provide a major fillip to the abilities of CG in security-sensitive waters off Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh region.

As per the Ministry of Defence, the commissioning of 840 sqn (CG) is indicative of the leap towards self-reliance in the field of helicopter manufacturing, in line with the Government's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The ALH Mk-III helicopters are indigenously developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

22. Recently, Government of India has approved a 2017 signed MoU on agriculture cooperation with which country?

- (A) Israel
- (B) Palestine
- (C) Jordan
- (D) Iran
- (E) Sudan

Ans (B)

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and the Ministry of Agriculture of Palestine on agriculture cooperation.

The MoU was signed in May 2017 during the visit of the Palestinian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mahmoud Abbas to India.

23. As per the World Bank, which country is the world's top recipient of remittances of USD 100 billion in 2022 by its migrant workers?

- (A) China
- (B) United States
- (C) India
- (D) Indonesia
- (E) Nigeria

Ans (C)

Retaining its spot as the world's top recipient of remittances, migrant workers from India are set to send home a record USD 100 billion in 2022.

The growth is despite global headwinds like rising prices.

World Bank, in its latest Migration and Development Brief, has said that remittances flow to India will rise 12 percent, putting its inflows ahead of China, Mexico, and the Philippines.

Notably, not just in India, remittances to South Asia grew an estimated 3.5 percent to USD 163 billion in 2022.

24. Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of Punjab National Bank?

- (A) Vijay Dube
- (B) Kalyan Kumar
- (C) Binod Kumar
- (D) M Paramasivam
- (E) Pankaj Sharma

Ans (D)

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of M Paramasivam as the Executive Director of the Government-owned Punjab National Bank for a period of three years.

The experience and contribution of the new Executive Director of Punjab National Bank are spread across various domains which will further help him bringing growth to his newly assigned position.

Paramasivam is an agriculture graduate who started his career as an Agricultural Extension Officer.

25. Which country has assumed the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council for the December 2022?

- (A) China (B) France
(C) Russia (D) Japan
(E) India

Ans (E)

India assumed the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for December 2022.

It is the second time in its two-year tenure as an elected member of the UN Security Council in 2021-22 that India has assumed the Presidency of the Council.

India had earlier assumed the Presidency in August 2021.

Under the presidency of India December 14 is scheduled for Reformed Multilateralism and December 15 is for Counter-Terrorism. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will chair the events.

There will also be at least two meetings in Ukraine. During its 8th term as an elected member of the UNSC, India has endeavored to voice the key concerns of the Global South.

26. Recently, who has been bestowed by the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award 2022?

- (A) Achanta Sharath Kamal
(B) Manika Batra
(C) Sreeja Akula
(D) Harmeet Desai
(E) Sathiyam Gnanasekaran

Ans (A)

Recently, the Table tennis legend Achanta Sharath Kamal was bestowed with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award for his outstanding performance in the Commonwealth Games, 2022 by the President as part of the National Sports and Adventure Awards 2022.

Other awards given out include the Dronacharya Award, Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games, the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar, the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad trophy as well as the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award.

27. Which foundation has launched first of its kind Tribal Development Report 2022?

- (A) Transform Rural India Foundation

- (B) Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation
(C) BTR Development Fellowship
(D) NLR Foundation
(E) Enablers Foundation Trust

Ans (B)

Recently, the Tribal Development Report 2022 was launched by the Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF), which claims to be the first of its kind since 1947.

The BRLF was set up by the Union Cabinet in 2013 as an independent society under the Union Ministry of Rural Development to scale up civil society action in partnership with central and state governments.

Tribal Population -

India's tribal communities form 8.6% of the country's population according to the 2011 Census. But they are at the bottom of the country's development pyramid even after 75 years of independence.

Central India is home to 80% of the tribal communities in the country.

Of the 257 Scheduled Tribe districts, 230 (90%) are either forested or hilly or dry. But they account for 80 % of India's tribal population.

Government Initiatives Related to Tribes -

Eklavya Model Residential Schools

TRIFED

Digital Transformation of Tribal Schools

Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups

Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana

28. Recently, which state has celebrated its 60th Statehood Day on December 1st 2022?

- (A) Manipur (B) Mizoram
(C) Nagaland (D) Meghalaya
(E) Tripura

Ans (C)

Recently, Nagaland has celebrated its 60th Statehood Day on December 1st 2022.

Nagaland statehood day also marks the beginning of Hornbill festival in Nagaland.

Key Points -

Nagaland was formally recognised as a separate state on 1st December, 1963, with Kohima being declared as its capital.

The State of Nagaland Act, 1962, was enacted by the Parliament to give Nagaland statehood.

It is bounded by the Indian states of Arunachal Pradesh to the northeast, Manipur to the south, and Assam to the west and northwest and the country of

Myanmar (Burma) to the east. The state capital is Kohima, located in the southern part of Nagaland.

The Konyaks are the largest tribe, followed by the Aos, Tangkhuls, Semas, and Angamis.

Other tribes include the Lothas, Sangtams, Phoms, Changs, Khiem Hungama, Yimchunger, Zeliangs, Chakhesangs (Chokri), and Rengmas.

Protected Areas in Nagaland:

Intanki National Park

Singphan Wildlife Sanctuary

Pulie Badze Wildlife Sanctuary

Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary

Major Festival:

The Hornbill Festival is a celebration held every year from 1st to 10th December, in Nagaland.

29. Recently, 12th edition of Agni Warrior exercise between Indian and which country has concluded?

- (A) Australia (B) Malaysia
(C) Taiwan (D) Singapore
(E) Japan

Ans (D)

The 12th Edition of Exercise Agni Warrior, a bilateral exercise between the Singapore & Indian Army, which had commenced on 13 November 2022 concluded at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra).

Exercise Agni Warrior, involved showcasing joint firepower planning, execution and use of New Generation Equipment by the Artillery arm of both armies.

India was among the first countries to set up diplomatic relations after the independence of Singapore on 24 August 1965.

The close relationship shared by India and Singapore is based on convergence of economic and political interests.

30. Who has been elected as the president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI)?

- (A) Vivek Srivastava (B) V Hardasani
(C) Kunal Lalani (D) Rohan Mehta
(E) Prasanth Kumar

Ans (E)

Prasanth Kumar, CEO, South Asia of GroupM Media (India) Pvt Ltd, has been elected as the president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI).

He has an experience of over 25 years in the Industry. Before joining GroupM, he held positions at Pepsi, The Hindu, The Media Edge, and McCann Erickson.

He has served as AAAI's vice president from 2020 to 2022.

Rana Barua, group CEO of Havas Group India, was elected vice-president of the association.

Anupriya Acharya, outgoing president, will be the ex-officio member of the AAAI board for 2022-23.

Other elected members of the board -

Vishandas Hardasani (Matrix Publicities and Media India Pvt Ltd)

Kunal Lalani (Crayons Advertising Pvt Ltd)

Rohan Mehta (Kinnect Pvt Ltd)

Chandramouli Muthu Maitri (Advertising Works Pvt Ltd, Cochin)

Sridhar Ramasubramanian (Beehive Communications Pvt Ltd)

Shashidhar Sinha (Initiative Media India Pvt Ltd)

K Srinivas (Sloka Advertising Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad)

Vivek Srivastava (Innocean Worldwide Communications Pvt Ltd)

About the AAAI -

Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) is the official, national organisation of advertising agencies, formed in 1945, to promote their interests.

The Association promotes professionalism, through its founding principles, which uphold sound business practices between Advertisers and Advertising Agencies and the various media.

31. Recently, the second edition of the State of Finance for Nature report has launched by which international organization?

- (A) UNEP (B) UNDP
(C) UNICEF (D) UNESCO
(E) UNCTAD

Ans (A)

Recently, the second edition of the State of Finance for Nature report was released.

The report was released jointly by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) along with the Economics of Land Degradation initiative of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the European Commission.

Current public and private financial flows to NbS are estimated to be USD 154 billion per year.

Public funds make up 83% of the total and the private sector contributes approximately 17%.

United Nations Environment Programme -

About: The UNEP is a leading global environmental authority established on 5th June 1972.

Functions: It sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for global environment protection.

Major Reports: Emission Gap Report, Adaptation Gap Report, Global Environment Outlook, Frontiers, Invest into Healthy Planet.

Major Campaigns: Beat Pollution, UN75, World Environment Day, Wild for Life.

Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya.

32. Recently, Merriam-Webster, America's oldest dictionary publisher, has chosen which word as its Word of the Year 2022?

- (A) Twilight (B) Gaslighting
(C) Metaverse (D) Homer
(E) Permacrisis

Ans (B)

Recently, Merriam-Webster, America's oldest dictionary publisher, has chosen "Gaslighting" as its Word of the Year.

Searches on its website for the word have spiked by 1,740% in 2022, according to the company.

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines gaslighting as "psychological manipulation of a person usually over an extended period of time.

The term "Gaslighting" comes from the title of a 1938 play "Gas Light" by Patrick Hamilton.

'Permacrisis', a term that describes 'an extended period of instability and insecurity', has been named Collins Word of the Year 2022.

This year, a highly searched word on the Cambridge Dictionary website in 2022 – Homer – was awarded the title of 'Word of the Year'.

The options for 2022 are 'metaverse', '#IStandWith' and the phrase 'goblin mode'. They were chosen by a team of lexicographers from Oxford University Press, the publisher of the Oxford English Dictionary.

33. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar named as chairperson of which commission?

- (A) Atomic Energy Commission
(B) National Commission on Cattle
(C) National Statistical Commission
(D) National Agricultural Commission
(E) National Commission for Backward Classes

Ans (C)

Government of India had appointed Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar, Professor Emeritus at Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI), as the part-time

chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC) of India for a period of three years.

He will take up this role as an additional responsibility while continuing as Professor Emeritus at CMI.

Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar -

Mr. Karandikar is widely known for his three decades of work on probability theory as well as applications of mathematics and statistics to real world questions. He has designed, supervised and analysed nationwide opinion polls for the Indian parliamentary elections as well State assemblies since 1998.

He is known for developing a new model and methodology for seat prediction, which has been quite successful for over the last 20 years.

Mr Karandikar was a member of the committee constituted by the Election Commission (EC) of India to advice the EC on the sampling scheme for EVM-VVPAT verification.

NSC is an autonomous body formed in June 2005 under the recommendation of the Dr C Rangarajan commission.

The chairperson of the Commission enjoys the status of a Minister of State, Government of India.

34. 3rd T20 World Cup cricket tournament for Blind will be held in which country?

- (A) Australia (B) Bangladesh
(C) Nepal (D) India
(E) Sri Lanka

Ans (D)

The third T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind will be held from December 5 to 17, 2022 in India.

The participating countries of the World Cup 2022 are Australia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and India.

The tournament is being organised to mark the World Disability Day celebrations universally.

The inauguration of the World Cup on December 5 at Tau Devi Lal Indoor Stadium, Gurugram.

Former India batter Yuvraj Singh is the brand ambassador of the tournament.

About the World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind:

The World Cup, an initiative of the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) in association with Samarthanam Trust for the disabled, has been organising this championship since 2012.

Since its inception, Samarthanam Trust has organized over 30,000 visually impaired matches.

35. Who has been appointed as secretary of Department of School Education, Ministry of Education?

- (A) Sanjay Kumar (B) Annpurna Devi
(C) Subhas Sarkar (D) Ujjwal Kumar
(E) Dhananjay Singh

Ans (A)

IAS Sanjay Kumar took charge as Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education in Shashtri Bhawan in New Delhi.

Sanjay Kumar, a 1990-batch Bihar cadre IAS officer, was a former Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

He replaced Anita Karwal IAS upon her superannuation.

An interaction programme "Pariksha Pe Pariksha" will be launched by Ministry of Education.

Who's Who in Ministry of Education -

Education Minister - Dharmendra Pradhan

Secretary of Ministry - Laxminarayan Mishra

Minister of State for Education - Annpurna Devi

36. Reserve Bank of India will implement how many tiered regulatory norms for Urban Cooperative Bank?

- (A) 05 (B) 09
(C) 11 (D) 18
(E) 04

Ans (E)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a four-tiered regulatory framework for categorisation of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs).

The Reserve Bank of India had constituted the Expert Committee on Urban Co-operative Banks, under the Chairmanship of Shri NS Vishwanathan, former Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank to examine the issues in urban cooperative banking sector.

Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee, RBI had released the Revised Regulatory Framework for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) on July 19, 2022.

The four-tiered regulatory framework, based on size of deposits of the UCBs, will come into force with immediate effect.

RBI has now categorized Urban Co-Operative Banks in India into four tier depending upon the deposit with the bank:

Tier 1: UCB are those banks having deposits up to Rs 100 crore operating in a single district or having branches in contiguous districts.

Tier 2: UCBs with deposits more than Rs.100 crore and up to Rs.1000 crore.

Tier 3 – UCBs with deposits more than Rs.1000 crore and up to Rs.10, 000 crore.

Tier 4 – UCBs with deposits more than Rs.10, 000 crore.

37. A book "The Chipko Movement: A People's History" is authored by whom, which bagged "Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Prize 2022"?

- (A) Manglesh Dabral (B) Shekhar Pathak
(C) Viren Dangwal (D) Sumitranandan
(E) Leeladhar Jagudi

Ans (B)

A book on the popular forest conservation campaign Chipko Movement, written by historian-activist Shekhar Pathak, was named the winner of the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2022.

Translated from Hindi by Manisha Chaudhry, "The Chipko Movement: A People's History" was selected from a diverse shortlist of five books covering a wide expanse of modern Indian history and encompassing distinct topics and perspectives.

The winner was selected by a six-member jury panel chaired by political scientist Niraja Gopal Jayal.

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize -

It carries a cash award of Rs 15 lakh, a trophy and a citation.

Established in 2018, the Kamaladevi NIF Book Prize builds on the New India Foundation's mission of sponsoring high-quality research and writing on all aspects of Independent India.

The prize is named after Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay. Previous winners of the prize are Milan Vaishnav (2018), Ornit Shani (2019), Amit Ahuja and Jairam Ramesh (jointly, 2020), and Dinyar Patel (2021).

38. Saurashtra has won the final of Vijay Hazare Trophy by beating Maharashtra at the which stadium?

- (A) Rajiv Gandhi Stadium
(B) Greenfield Stadium
(C) Narendra Modi Stadium
(D) Ekana Stadium
(E) Green Park Stadium

Ans (C)

Saurashtra beat Maharashtra by 5 wickets in the final to win the Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Man of the moment is Sheldon Jackson

It was Saurashtra's second title triumph in history.

Award Winners -

Player of the match in the final: Sheldon Jackson (133 runs in 135 Balls)

Player of the tournament: Rituraj Gaikwad (Games: 5; Runs: 660; Avg: 220)

Most Runs: N Jagadeesan (Tamil Nadu): 830runs, 8 innings Highest Score: N Jagadeesan – 277 off 141 balls vs Arunachal Pradesh

Most Fours: N Jagadeesan – 73 in 8 innings

Most Sixes: Rituraj Gaikwad – 34 in 5 innings

Most Wickets: Vasuki Koushik (Karnataka) – 18 wickets in 9 matches

Domestic competitions in India include the Ranji Trophy, the Duleep Trophy, the Vijay Hazare Trophy, the Deodhar Trophy, the Irani Trophy and the NKP Salve Challenger Trophy.

39. Which day of December is celebrated as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, worldwide?

- (A) December 1 (B) December 2
(C) December 3 (D) December 4
(E) December 5

Ans (C)

December 3rd is celebrated as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, worldwide.

The day is observed to highlight issues that affect people with disabilities and to champion their well-being, their dignity and fundamental rights.

The goals fall under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Theme -

The theme of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, this year, is "Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world".

History -

In 1976, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP).

On February 6, 1981, US President Ronald Reagan did the same.

Then the UNGA declared 1983-1992 as the decade of Disabled Persons.

The adoption of December 3 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities happened during the UNGA's 37th plenary meeting, on October 4, 1992.

40. India signed "Economic Development Cooperation Fund loan" agreement for Intelligent Transport System, with which country?

- (A) Australia (B) France

(C) Sweden

(D) South Korea

(E) China

Ans (D)

India and South Korea signed the arrangement regarding Economic Development Cooperation Fund loan of over 245 billion Korean won.

The agreement is for the establishment of Intelligent Transport System on Nagpur-Mumbai Super Communication Expressway Project in Delhi. South Korea was designated as India's Official Development Assistance partner for development cooperation in, 2016.

41. Recently, which ministry has inaugurated a three day "Swar Dharohar Festival" under Kalanjali in collaboration with "Swar Dharohar Foundation"?

- (A) Ministry of Culture
(B) Ministry of Home Affairs
(C) Ministry of Health
(D) Ministry of Education
(E) Ministry of Information

Ans (C)

Recently, the Ministry of Culture, Government of India in collaboration with "Swar Dharohar Foundation," inaugurated a three day "Swar Dharohar Festival" under Kalanjali.

Under Kalanjali, cultural programmes are being organised at Central Vista every week.

Swar Dharohar Festival -

It is a Music, Art & Literature Festival to showcase the iconic art and culture of India and the rich literary Art & Heritage of Indian States.

In this program, the upcoming local Artists will perform with Legend Artist on the same platform to showcase their talents. The National as well as Local Poets will exhibit their artistry through Kavi Sammelan.

42. The President of India paid tributes to which former president of India on his birth anniversary on December 3, 2022?

- (A) Rajendra Prasad (B) Varahagiri V Giri
(C) Gyani Zail Singh (D) A P J Abdul Kalam
(E) Neelam Sanjiva Reddy

Ans (A)

The President of India paid floral tributes to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the First President of India, on his birth anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 3rd December 2022.

About Dr Rajendra Prasad -

Son of Mahadev Sahai, he was born in Zeradei, Siwan, Bihar on 3rd December 1884. In March 1930,

Gandhiji launched the Salt Satyagraha. Under the guidance of Dr. Prasad, a salt Satyagraha was launched in Nakhas Pond, Bihar. He officially joined the Indian National Congress in 1911, during its annual session held in Calcutta.

In 1946, he joined the Interim Government of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as the Minister of Food & Agriculture and gave the slogan of "Grow More Food".

In July 1946, when the Constituent Assembly was established to frame the Constitution of India, he was elected its President. Committees of Constituent Assembly under the chairmanship of Dr. Prasad includes -

Ad hoc Committee on the National flag
Committee on the Rules of Procedure
Finance and Staff Committee
Steering Committee Awards -

In 1962, after 12 years as President, Dr. Prasad retired, and was subsequently awarded the Bharat Ratna.

Books - Satyagraha at Champaran, India Divided, His autobiography "Atmakatha", Mahatma Gandhi and Bihar, Some Reminiscences, Babu ke Kadmon Mein
He died on 28th February 1963 at the Sadaqat Ashram in Patna.

43. What is the rank of India in the Global Aviation Safety Ranking 2022?

- (A) 64th (B) 48th
(C) 75th (D) 35th
(E) 19th

Ans (B)

According to DGCA, India has jumped to the 48th position in the global aviation safety ranking by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Four years ago, the country was ranked at the 102nd position. In the ranking, Singapore is at the top, followed by the UAE and South Korea at the second and third positions, respectively. China is at the 49th place. Under its Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach, an ICAO Coordinated Validation Mission (ICVM) was undertaken from November 9 to 16.

The country's score in terms of effective implementation of key safety elements has improved to 85.49 per cent, the officials said.

44. Which bank has won the Banker's Bank of the Year Award 2022?

- (A) HDFC Bank (B) Canara Bank

- (C) Bank of India (D) Bank of Baroda
(E) ICICI Bank

Ans (B)

Canara Bank won the "Banker's Bank of the Year Award 2022" for India segment at the Global Banking Summit held in London.

Bank Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer LV Prabhakar received the award from the organisers. These are prestigious awards to the banking industry and Canara Bank has been adjudged as the Best Bank in India for 2022.

Bankers' Bank of the year awards -

The Bankers' Bank of the year awards are considered to be like Oscar awards for the banking sector.

The Banker's magazine is a premier global banking and finance resource for more than 180 countries across the world.

The publication is from the house of Financial Times (FT) group, which is the British-based global financial daily newspaper founded in 1888.

45. Indian tech brand "Noise" has appointed whom as new brand ambassador?

- (A) M S Dhoni (B) Rohit Sharma
(C) Virat Kohli (D) KL Rahul
(E) Rishabh Pant

Ans (C)

Indian tech brand "Noise" has appointed Virat Kohli as its new brand ambassador for its smartwatches.

The new partnership will bring together the two domains together which is said to exemplify the brand.

Noise has claimed to have emerged as one of the strongest Indian brands in the smartwatch segment, reiterating its leadership for nine quarters.

Some Important Brand Ambassadors 2022 -

Brand ambassador of Ed-tech platform BYJU's - Argentine footballer Lionel Messi

Brand ambassador of Consumer products company Marico Limited's brand Saffola Fittify - Janhvi Kapoor

Brand ambassador of Nikshay Mitra - Deepa Malik

Brand ambassador of Men's grooming brand UrbanGabru - Cricketer Suryakumar Yadav

'Friendship Ambassador' by Switzerland Tourism - Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra

Brand ambassador of Navi Technologies Ltd - Mahendra Singh Dhoni

46. Who has been assumed charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)?

- (A) Virendra Kumar Khatik
(B) Vishvendra Singh
(C) Hansraj Gangaram
(D) Ramesh Babu
(E) Kaushlendra Singh

Ans (C)

Former Union Minister Hansraj Gangaram Ahir has assumed charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).

He is an Agriculturist by profession.

He had been elected four times Member of Parliament from Parliamentary Constituency Chandrapur, Maharashtra and also he was Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council.

He had been Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India the 16th Lok Sabha.

National Commission for Backward Classes - National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) was initially constituted by the Central Govt by the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993.

The National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 (27 of 1993) has been repealed through the National Commission for Backward Classes (Repeal) Act, 2018 dated 14.08.2018.

The present Commission has been accorded Constitutional Status and constituted through "The Constitution (One Hundred and Second Amendment) Act, 2018" Act dated 11.8.2018, whereby Article 338B has been inserted, forming a Commission for the socially and educationally backward classes to be known as National Commission for Backward Classes.

47. Which Indian shooter has clinched the International Shooting Sport Federation President's Cup in Egypt?

- (A) Saurabh Chaudhary
(B) Sanjeev Rajput
(C) Anjum Moudgil
(D) Rudranksh Patil
(E) Ronak Pandit

Ans (D)

Indian shooter Rudranksh Patil has clinched the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President's Cup held in Cairo, Egypt.

He defeated Italy's Danilo Sollazzo in the 10-metre rifle play-off by 16-8.

Athletes from 42 nations representing 43 ISSF Member Federations from all continents are taking part in this competition, which is being held since November 28.

At the ISSF President's Cup in 2021, India won five medals – two golds, two silvers and one bronze. Olympians Manu Bhaker, Rahi Sarnobat, Saurabh Chaudhary and Abhishek Verma were among the medal winners.

48. Which company has launched India's first passive tax saver fund?

- (A) Axis Mutual Fund
(B) Baroda Fund
(C) Robeco Mutual Fund
(D) IIFL Mutual Fund
(E) Edelweiss Mutual Fund

Ans (D)

IIFL Mutual Fund has launched India's first passive tax saver fund, almost six months after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) introduced the passive alternative in the Equity Linked Savings Scheme (ELSS) space.

Being an index fund, the scheme will try to mirror the Nifty 50 and generate returns in line with the movement in the index. As it will be passively managed, investors will be charged lower expenses compared to active ELSS funds.

Till now, tax saving MF investment was only possible through the active route even as Sebi allowed fund houses to launch passive ELSS funds through a circular in May 2022.

49. Who has won Best Director at New York Film Critics Circle awards 2022?

- (A) SS Rajamouli (B) Ridley Scott
(C) David Fincher (D) Anurag Kashyap
(E) Gopala Subramaniam

Ans (A)

Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle 2022.

The group is one of the first critics' groups to weigh in on the awards season.

Rajamouli's win surprised many as his competitors included Steven Spielberg, Darron Aronofsky, Sarah Polley, and Gina Prince-Blythewood.

A pre-Independence fictional story, "RRR" stars Ram Charan and Jr NTR as real-life Indian revolutionaries in the 1920s Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem, respectively. New York Film Critics Circle -

Todd Field's Tar has won the Best Picture of the year, also nabbing Best Actress for Cate Blanchett's leading performance.

Colin Farrell won Best Actor for two of his performances this year — Kogonada's future-set sci-fi drama After Yang and Martin McDonagh's The Banshees of Inisherin.

Ke Huy Quan has won the Best Supporting Actor for his performance in Everything Everywhere All At Once,

Keke Palmer won the Best Supporting Actress for Nope.

50. What is theme of this year's World Soil Day?

(A) Soils: Where Food Begins

(B) Stop soil erosion

(C) Keep soil where it belongs!

(D) Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future

(E) Be the Solution to Soil Pollution

Ans (A)

December 5 is celebrated annually as World Soil Day to highlight the importance of healthy soil and promote sustainable management of soil resources.

The event aims to raise awareness of the importance of soil quality for human well-being, food security and ecosystems, and events are held at the UN FAO offices and through community based events.

The day was first considered by the International Union of Soil Sciences in 2002, but was not officially endorsed by FAO until 2013.

Theme - The theme for 2022 World Soil Day is 'Soils: Where Food Begins'.

History - World Soil Day (WSD) is held annually on 5 December as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources. An international day to celebrate soil was recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002.

The date was chosen as it coincides with the official birthday of the King of Thailand.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

He had officially sanctioned the event.

World Soil Day was first officially marked in memory of the monarch in 2016, the year he passed away after serving as the head of state for seven decades.

51. The first G20 Sherpa meeting under India's presidency begins in which state?

(A) Rajasthan (B) Uttar Pradesh

(C) Haryana (D) Maharashtra

(E) Gujarat

Ans (A)

The first G20 Sherpa meeting under India's presidency begins on December 4, 2022, in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant is leading the four-day meeting.

India has taken over the Presidency of G20 despite of geo-political crisis, and a rise in global debt, and when 200 million have been driven into poverty while 100 million people lost their jobs worldwide due to the pandemic and inflation.

G20 Presidency will eventually help the country to narrate the remarkable achievements in the health care sector, the incredible success in manufacturing the Covid-19 vaccine, digital public infrastructure, and to address the world that India is the "Mother of Democracy".

Representatives from 19 countries including the European Union and nine special invitee countries will participate in the discussion.

The Group of Twenty (G20) is an international site made up of 19 nations plus the European Union (EU). It deals with significant global economic difficulties such as international financial stability, climate change mitigation, and sustainability.

The G20 is comprised of the majority of the world's finest economies, including both developing and developed countries.

52. 7th edition of US-India Naval Exercise Sangam begins in which coastal state?

(A) Goa

(B) Odisha

(C) Gujarat

(D) Kerala

(E) Maharashtra

Ans (A)

The 7th edition of Exercise Sangam, a joint Naval Special Forces exercise between Indian Navy MARCOs and US Navy SEALs commenced in Goa.

The present edition which will see personnel from SEAL Team Five based at San Diego, US and Indian Navy MARCOs from INS Abhimanyu together aims at exchange of ideas and experiences on various aspects of maritime special operations.

53. Which company has become World's Largest Wind-Solar Hybrid Power Developer?

(A) Tata Power (B) Adani Green

(C) Websol Energy (D) NTPC

(E) Reliance Green

Ans (B)

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL), the renewables arm of Adani Group, has commissioned its third wind-solar hybrid power plant at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan.

Earlier, in May 2022, AGEL had operationalised India's first hybrid power plant of 390 MW.

This was followed by the commissioning, in September 2022, of the world's largest co-located hybrid power plant of 600 MW.

Both these hybrid energy generation assets are located in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

With the successful commissioning of this 450 MW plant, AGEL now has a total operational generation capacity of 7.17 GW.

This also makes AGEL the world's largest wind-solar hybrid power farm developer.

54. Airtel has collaborated with which tech company to accelerate India's digital ecosystem?

- (A) Google (B) Meta
(C) Oculus (D) Apple
(E) Sony

Ans (B)

The telecom major Airtel has announced that it has collaborated with Meta Platforms to support the growth of India's digital ecosystem.

The announcement comes on the back of telecom operators' demand to share revenue with service providers to build networks.

Airtel is currently conducting trials for 4G and 5G Open RAN solutions on select sites in the state of Haryana and will commercially deploy the solution across several locations in India over the next few quarters.

Airtel and Meta will jointly invest in global connectivity infrastructure and CPaaS based new-age digital solutions to support the emerging requirements of customers and enterprises in India.

As members of the Telecom Infra Project (TIP) Open RAN project group, Airtel and Meta have been pioneers of Open RAN technologies with the shared goal of increasing ecosystem diversity, driving innovation, and cost-efficiency in connectivity networks.

55. Opencube Technologies has launched its first Gold ATM in which city, described it India's first Gold ATM?

- (A) Bengaluru (B) Pune
(C) Hyderabad (D) Chennai
(E) Indore

Ans (C)

Goldsikka with technology support from Hyderabad-based startup, Opencube Technologies has launched its first Gold ATM at Begumpet and described it India's first Gold ATM and world's first Real Time Gold ATM.

This ATM can dispense gold coins in different denominations ranging from 0.5 gm to 100 grams.

The company plans to launch three machines in the Hyderabad at the airport, old city and propose to launch them in Karimnagar and Warangal also.

Taruj said plans were being drawn to launch 3,000 machines all over India in coming two years.

Anybody can withdraw gold anywhere – 24*7 – with the machine is said to be the goal.

Apart from debit and credit cards, buyers can also use prepaid and postpaid smart cards to withdraw the yellow metal.

Each ATM has a capacity of holding up to 5 kg of gold, worth around Rs 2-3 crores.

The ATM machine dispenses coins ranging from 0.5 grams to 100 grams.

There are eight available options, including 0.5 grams, 1 gram, 2 grams, 5 grams, 10 grams, 20 grams, 50 grams and 100 grams.

56. 65th foundation day of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has recently observed on which day?

- (A) 2 December (B) 3 December
(C) 4 December (D) 5 December
(E) 6 December

Ans (C)

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates the two-day long 65th Foundation Day celebrations of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in New Delhi.

About Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) - DRI is the principal intelligence and enforcement agency on anti-smuggling matters under the aegis of the Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) of the Government of India.

It was established on 4 December 1957.

It is headquartered in New Delhi and has 12 zonal units, 35 regional units and 15 sub-regional units, employing approximately 800 officers.

It is tasked with curbing the smuggling of goods including drugs, gold, diamonds, electronics, foreign currency, and counterfeit Indian currency.

It serves to prevent smuggling of goods including drugs, gold, diamonds, electronics, foreign currency, and counterfeit Indian currency.

It also works to combat commercial frauds and evasion of customs duties related to international trade

57. Which state government has launched "One District One Sport" scheme?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Uttarakhand
(C) Bihar (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Maharashtra

Ans (D)

The Uttar Pradesh government's ambitious One District One Product (ODOP) scheme has received praise at the national level for helping in the revival of traditional crafts in the state.

Now, on similar lines, the government has launched the One District One Sport (ODOS) programme for promoting local sporting talent.

The Yogi Adityanath government hopes the ODOS programme will become a platform to create sportspersons who can represent the state at the national and international level.

According to officials, one sport will be identified in each of the 75 districts of UP.

Steps will be taken to find district-wise sport-specific talent and groom them.

ODOS programmes -

Wrestling - Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Chandauli, Baghpat, Aajgarh, Deoria, Maharajganj

Athletics - Mainpuri, Firozabad, Jaunpur, Bhadohi, Sambhal, Sitapur, Kasganj, Unnao, Ayodhya, Kaushambi, Etah, Amethi, Rampur, Siddharth Nagar, Sant Kabir Nagar, Chitrakoot, Basti, Hamirpur, Hapur, Meerut, Ghazipur, Shamli, Ballia, Muzaffarnagar

Hockey - Pratapgarh, Mau, Bareilly, Lucknow, Rae Bareilly, Hardoi, Farrukhabad, Moradabad, Balrampur, Etawah, Ghaziabad

Table Tennis - Agra, Kanpur

Badminton - Aligarh, Gautam Budh Nagar

Weightlifting - Mirzapur, Bijnor

Boxing - Bulandshahr, Kushinagar

Archery - Sonbhadra, Lalitpur

Football - Hathras

Swimming - Pilibhit

Shooting - Banda

Kabaddi - Kannauj

Lawn Tennis - Prayagraj

58. Parakram Diwas has recently celebrated on the occasion of 51st anniversary of which battle on 05 December?

- (A) Battle of Basantar (B) Battle of Kargil
(C) Battle of Chamb (D) Battle of Longewala
(E) Operation Trident

Ans (D)

To mark the 51st anniversary of India's victory in the Longewala battle during the 1971 war, Parakram Diwas celebrated at Jaisalmer Military Station and Longewala War Memorial in Rajasthan on December 5.

Several programs has been organized on this occasion at the Sagat Singh Stadium.

This includes a band display, daredevils motorcycle stunts, mixed martial arts, mallakhamb, show jumping, musical performance, Parachute free fall, and much more.

Longewala battle -

The Longewala battle between India and Pakistan in 1971 was one of the biggest and most decisive battles, which is registered in the Golden words in History.

The Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 began on 3 December, with the main thrust of the Indian Army focused on East Pakistan (erstwhile Bangladesh).

On the night of 04/05 Dec 1971, Pakistan forces comprising 4000 soldiers, T-59 & Sherman tanks, and a medium artillery battery attacked Longewala border post held by 23 PUNJAB.

The Battle was fought between 120 Indian soldiers and 4 Hawker Aircraft and around 2000 to 3000 Pakistani military forces and 30-40 tanks.

This battle is famous as the Battle of Thermopylae in India, which describes the victory of a small army against a much larger military force.

59. Recently, India has signed a comprehensive migration and mobility partnership with which country in December 2022?

- (A) France (B) Germany
(C) Russia (D) Italy
(E) Japan

Ans (B)

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Germany's foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock signed a comprehensive migration and mobility partnership, which will facilitate easier access for people to study, research and work in both countries. The deal which aims at facilitating two-way movement of students, professionals and researchers, is also set to address the challenges of illegal migration.

This thereby enhances efforts on Germany and India's part to expand the internationalisation higher

education systems, to interlink further the innovation and research landscapes of both countries, and to strengthen dual structures for Vocational Education and Training.

60. International Cheetah Day and Wildlife Conservation Day has recently observed on which day of December?

- (A) 4th December (B) 5th December
(C) 6th December (D) 7th December
(E) 8th December

Ans (A)

The National Zoological Park, Delhi Zoo has celebrated International Cheetah Day and Wildlife Conservation Day in New Delhi on 4th December.

The purpose of the celebration is to spread awareness among the present generation about Wildlife Conservation.

The day is dedicated to encouraging people worldwide to help this animal win the race against extinction.

In India the International Cheetah Day was celebrated by the National Zoological Park, New Delhi (Delhi Zoo) in collaboration with the Central Zoo Authority. The cheetah (a big and slender cat with long legs) is popularly known as the fastest animal on earth, it can reach a top speed of 70 mph in just three seconds.

The animal weighs anywhere from 46 to 158 pounds and, unlike most other big cats, cheetahs hunt in the daytime.

At present the majority of the animal is found in Namibia and South Africa.

It was declared as an extinct animal in 1954 by the government.

The Government of India has started a project to repopulate India with Cheetah brought from Namibia and settled in Kuno National park in Madhya Pradesh.

61. In the president's standard and colour's, The Red Horizontal and Vertical Lines on the White Ensign have been replaced with which colour?

- (A) Blue (B) Red
(C) Black (D) Green
(E) Yellow

Ans (A)

A new design for the President's Standard and Colour and Indian Navy Crest has been unveiled at Visakhapatnam by the President of India.

Key Points -

The Red Horizontal and Vertical Lines on the White Ensign have been replaced with a Blue Octagon.

The Octagon is with Twin Golden Borders encompassing the National Emblem atop a clear anchor and National Emblem "Satyamev Jayate" inscribed on the stock of the Anchor. Meanwhile, the National Flag has been retained on the upper left canton.

The design of the President's Standard and Colour for the Indian Navy was designed first on 6 September 2017 that comprises one horizontal and vertical red band intersecting at the center.

The National Emblem has been inserted at their intersection.

The National Flag has been placed at the upper left canton adjacent to the staff and a Golden Elephant was at the lower right canton on the fly side.

The design was inspired by the erstwhile Naval Ensign.

Power, Courage, Confidence, and Pride are represented by the Golden State Emblem. The Navy Blue - Golden Octagon design is based on Shivaji Maharaj Rajmudra, or the Seal of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, and depicts the eight directions (four cardinal and four intercardinal), signifying the Indian Navy's marine spread. The President's Standard and Color honour India's great maritime history while also signifying a strong, brave, confident, and proud Indian Navy.

62. Recently, which ministry has formed an Advisory Group for streamlining the development of the Bamboo sector under the restructured National Bamboo Mission (NBM)?

- (A) Ministry of Agriculture
(B) Ministry of Health
(C) Ministry of Home Affairs
(D) Ministry of Defence
(E) Ministry of Rural Development

Ans (A)

Recently, the Ministry of Agriculture has formed an Advisory Group for streamlining the development of the Bamboo sector under the restructured National Bamboo Mission (NBM).

NBM mainly focuses on the development of the complete value chain of Bamboo sector.

Nodal Ministry -

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

Objective -

To increase the area under bamboo plantation in non-forest Government and private lands to supplement farm income and contribute towards resilience to climate change.

Significance -

The bamboo industry is witnessing a phase change by the opening of multiple avenues of resource utilization.

63. Recently, the Prime Minister paid homage to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar on Mahaparinirvan Diwas on which day?

(A) 2 December (B) 3 December

(C) 4 December (D) 5 December

(E) 6 December

Ans (E)

Recently, the Prime Minister paid homage to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on Mahaparinirvan Diwas and recalled his exemplary service to our nation.

Parinirvana, regarded as one of the major principles as well as goals of Buddhism, is a Sanskrit term which means release or freedom after death.

As per the Buddhist text Mahaparinibbana Sutta, the death of Lord Buddha at the age of 80 is considered as the original Mahaparinirvan.

6th December is observed to commemorate the unfathomable contribution to society given by Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and his achievements. Owing to Ambedkar's status as a Buddhist leader, his death anniversary is referred to as Mahaparinirvan Diwas.

64. The Food and Agriculture Organization has marked which day World Soil Day 2022?

(A) 5 December (B) 6 December

(C) 7 December (D) 8 December

(E) 9 December

Ans (A)

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) marked World Soil Day 2022 (5th December) with the launch of its first Global Status on Black Soils, which are at greater risk than ever due to the climate crisis, biodiversity loss and land use change.

Black Soil -

Black soils are characterised by a thick, dark-coloured soil horizon rich in organic matter.

They are found in Russia (327 million hectares), Kazakhstan (108 M ha), China (50 M ha), Argentina, Mongolia, Ukraine etc.

Black soils are extremely fertile and can produce high agricultural yields due to their elevated moisture storage capacity.

Black soils are rich in iron, lime, calcium, potassium, aluminum and magnesium but deficient in nitrogen, phosphorous.

65. Recently, which national telemedicine service of India has achieved 8 crore teleconsultation?

(A) eJeevan

(B) eDayini

(C) eSanjeevani (D) eShwash

(E) eVaidya

Ans (C)

Recently, National telemedicine service of India, eSanjeevani achieved 8 crore teleconsultations.

It surpassed records by registering 1 crore consultations in approximately 5 weeks.

It is a national doctor to doctor telemedicine service that strives to provide an alternative to the conventional physical consultations via digital platform.

eSanjeevani is a cohesive part of Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission (ABDHM), and more than 45,000 ABHA IDs have been generated via eSanjeevani application.

Leading ten states for usage of this platform are: Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana and Gujarat.

eSanjeevaniOPD -

It caters to citizens in both rural and urban areas.

It leverages technology via smartphones, tablets, laptops enabling doctor consultations to be accessible from the patient's residence regardless of location.

eSanjeevaniOPD has trained and onboarded 2,22,026 specialists, doctors and health workers.

This platform has an impressive record of having served over 4.34 lakhs patients in one day.

66. Which organization its report on development in India titled as "Navigating the Storm"?

(A) NITI Aayog

(B) NABARD

(C) World Bank

(D) WTO

(E) SIDBI

Ans (C)

The World Bank (WB) in its India Development Report titled 'Navigating the Storm', upgraded its growth forecast for India's economy in 2022-23 to 6.9%.

In October 2022, the WB had cut India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast to 6.5 % from 7.5 % earlier.

World Bank -

It was created in 1944, as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) along with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The IBRD later became the World Bank.

The World Bank Group is a unique global partnership of five institutions working for sustainable solutions that reduce poverty and build shared prosperity in developing countries.

The World Bank is one of the United Nations' specialized agencies.

Members:

It has 189 member countries.

India is also a member country.

Major Reports:

Ease of Doing Business (Stopped publishing).

Human Capital Index.

World Development Report.

Its Five Development Institutions:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)

International Development Association (IDA)

International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Multilateral Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

India is not a member of this.

67. How many Indian women are included in the list of 100 Most Influential Women's List released by BBC?

(A) 8 (B) 7

(C) 6 (D) 5

(E) 4

Ans (E)

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) has published the list of 100 most influential women in the world and has included women from several areas such as politics, science, sports, entertainment, and literature.

The BBC's 100 most influential women's list also includes four Indians: Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas, author Geetanjali Shree, engineer and astronaut Sirisha Bandla, and social worker Sneha Jawale.

Key Peoples -

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen,

Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottle,

Ukraine's First Lady Olena Zelenska,

BBC Releases 100 Most Influential Women's List:

The BBC most influential women's list is celebrating its 10th season, as well as the 90th anniversary of the BBC World Service and the centenary of the BBC.

The theme for 100 Women' in 2022 is progress and the related set of programmes for the season will take the opportunity to look back at what's changed over

the past decade, as well as highlighting the inspiring women who have made a difference.

68. Yoginder Alagh, who has passed away recently, was a renowned in which field?

(A) Physics (B) Chemistry

(C) Journalism (D) Economy

(E) Film Industry

Ans (D)

Prof Yoginder K Alagh, renowned economist, academic and a former Union minister, has passed away.

He was emeritus professor at Ahmedabad-based Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR).

He was born in Chakwal, in present-day Pakistan, in 1939.

Prof Yoginder K Alagh:

During the 1980s, he headed the Agricultural Prices Commission (APC) as well the Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices (BICP).

As chairman of APC (now called the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Price), he set up its econometrics cell, which recommends minimum support prices for different crops and also published its reports with a view to encourage debate.

Before that, he chaired a Planning Commission Task Force in 1979, which for the first time constructed separate poverty lines for rural and urban areas based on nutritional requirements — consuming less than 2,400 calories and 2,100 calories, respectively.

Alagh was executive vice-chairman of the Gujarat government's Narmada Planning Group for the Sardar Sarovar multipurpose dam project in 1980-82.

69. Which Indian Institute of Technology has developed Sindhuja-I' Ocean Wave Energy Converter?

(A) IIT Bengaluru (B) IIT Madras

(C) IIT New Delhi (D) IIT Mumbai

(E) IIT Hyderabad

Ans (B)

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers have developed an "Ocean Wave Energy Converter" that can generate electricity from sea waves.

The trials of this device were successfully completed during the second week of November 2022.

The product has been named 'Sindhuja-I,' which means 'generated from the ocean.'

The system has a floating buoy, a spar, and an electrical module.

The buoy moves up and down as the wave moves up and down.

In the present design, a balloon-like system called a 'buoy' has a central hole that allows a long rod called a spar to pass through it.

70. Which tech company has launched Anti-Misinformation Campaign in India?

- (A) Amazon (B) Google
(C) Facebook (D) Twitter
(E) Microsoft

Ans (B)

Google's Jigsaw subsidiary is launching a new anti-misinformation project in India, aimed at preventing misleading information that has been blamed for inciting violence.

The initiative will use "prebunking" videos – designed to counter false claims before they become widespread – circulated on the company's YouTube platform and other social media sites.

Indian government officials have called on tech companies such as Google, Meta, and Twitter to take stronger action against the spread of fake news.

71. The Reserve Bank of India has increased the repo rate by how much basis points?

- (A) 25 Points (B) 30 Points
(C) 40 Points (D) 35 Points
(E) 45 Points

Ans (D)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased the repo rate by 35 basis points to 6.25% for the fifth consecutive time.

The key interest rate increased by a total of 190 basis points.

Since June 2022, it has hiked by 50 basis points thrice and once by 40 basis points during an off-cycle meet in May 2022.

The central bank increased the rate after inflation continues to remain above its tolerance band.

At the Monetary Policy Committee announcement, Governor Shaktikanta Das said that the FY23 real GDP forecast has decreased to 6.8%, which is 0.1% lower than the revised estimates issued by the World Bank on December 6, 2022.

The repo rate is the interest rate at which a country's central bank loans money to commercial banks.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's central bank, employs repo rates to control liquidity in the economy.

The Repo rate is connected to the repurchase option' or repurchase agreement' in banking.

72. Who has been named Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?

- (A) Bhushan Sinha (B) K V Shaji
(C) Urvish Shah (D) Revathy Iyer
(E) Ravindra Dholakia

Ans (B)

K V Shaji has been named Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

He formerly served as NABARD's Deputy Managing Director (DMD) till May 21, 2020.

He is an agricultural graduate with a PGDM in Public Policy from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Ahmedabad.

He spent 26 years in various roles at Canara Bank. In Canara Bank's corporate office, he was in charge of strategy, planning, and business development.

He also played a role in the merger of Syndicate Bank and Canara Bank.

NABARD -

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is an apex regulatory body for overall regulation of regional rural banks and apex cooperative banks in India.

It is under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

The bank has been entrusted with "matters concerning policy, planning, and operations in the field of credit for agriculture and other economic activities in rural areas in India". NABARD is active in developing and implementing financial inclusion.

73. Which state government has launched "Asia's first Drone delivery hub for easy access to healthcare"?

- (A) Tripura (B) Nagaland
(C) Meghalaya (D) Mizoram
(E) Sikkim

Ans (C)

The Meghalaya government in partnership with startup TechEagle has unveiled Asia's first drone delivery hub and network which is aimed at providing universal access to healthcare for the people in the state.

The project is aimed at delivering vital supplies like drugs, diagnostic samples, vaccines, blood and blood

components quickly and safely to different regions of the state using a dedicated drone delivery network. TechEagle's Vertiplane X3 Drone delivered different healthcare products in its first flight which was five times faster in comparison to ground transportation. Meghalaya Drone Delivery Network (MDDN) and hub in Phase 1 is a combination of one central hub and 25 spokes (supply chain nodes) in a radius of 50 kilometres where the drone hub at Jengal hospital will act as the centre point, according to TechEagle.

74. Dina Boluarte has recently elected as first female president of which country?

- (A) Chile (B) Bolivia
(C) Peru (D) Brazil
(E) Colombia

Ans (C)

Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president by preceding Pedro Castillo.

The latest political crisis in Peru is a continuation of a series of events that have led to four Presidents since 2020.

Castillo, a left-wing former school teacher, was elected in June 2021 and since then, he's mired in charges of corruption.

He has survived two impeachment proceedings in the last 18 months and a third one was due when he decided to make a dramatic move.

75. Who has become India's 77th Chess Grandmaster?

- (A) Aditya Mittal (B) Vanisha Singh
(C) Lakshmi Nair (D) Aryan Chopra
(E) Sahaj Grover

Ans (A)

Sixteen-year-old Aditya Mittal has become India's 77th chess Grandmaster during an ongoing tournament in Spain. The Mumbai player, who had secured three GM norms, crossed 2,500 ELO points mark during the sixth round of the ongoing Ellobregat Open tournament in Spain. He drew the game against Spain's No 1 Francisco Vallejo Pons to achieve the feat.

Mittal earned his maiden GM norm at Serbia Masters 2021. Subsequently, he obtained his second GM norm at Ellobregat Open 2021.

The teenager secured his third GM norm at Serbia Masters 2022.

He is among the five players sharing the lead with five points at the ongoing Ellobregat Open.

76. Which state will establish separate Divyang Department?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Maharashtra
(C) Gujarat (D) Rajasthan
(E) Haryana

Ans (B)

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has announced that the state will establish a separate Divyang department for the welfare of differently-abled persons with a fund allocation of 1,143 crore rupees.

It will formulate policies for the welfare of the disabled by taking into consideration the views of the stakeholders. He said that the decision in this direction was taken within only 24 days.

Welfare activities of Divyang people like education, training, and rehabilitation were so far taken care of by the state social justice department.

The sections looking into issues of Divyang (differently-abled) people under the Social Justice and Special Assistance department will be clubbed to form the new Divyang Welfare Department.

77. Time magazine named whom as its 2022 person of the year?

- (A) Volodymyr Zelensky
(B) Vladimir Putin
(C) Olena Zelenska
(D) Joe Biden
(E) Narendra Modi

Ans (A)

Time magazine named President Volodymyr Zelensky as well as "the spirit of Ukraine" as its 2022 person of the year, for the resistance the country has shown in the face of Russia's invasion.

Zelensky shares the 2022 title with "the spirit of Ukraine," which Felsenthal said was embodied by the "countless individuals inside and outside the country" who fought behind the scenes, including everyday people such as chefs and surgeons.

Time Heroes of the Year: Women in Iran were named the Time Heroes of the Year. Iranian women who are protesting for over three months against the custodial death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini. She was arrested for not wearing hijab publicly and she died while in the custody of the Iranian morality police. Her death has triggered a mass protest from the Iranian women against public wearing of Hijab and the morality police.

Time's Entertainer of the year: The South Korean K-pop band Blackpink were recognised as.

Athlete of the Year: American baseball player Aaron Judge.

Icon of the Year: Malaysian actress Michelle Yeoh . Mahatma Gandhi is the only Indian to be named TIME Person of the Year, having been given the honour in 1930. The magazine described him as 'Saint Gandhi' and later named him as one of the 25 Political Icons of all time.

The tradition of naming Time person of the year started in 1927. Initially it was named the Time Man of the Year. Other past winners have included the former dictator of Germany, Adolf Hitler in 1938, and Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was 2007's Person of the Year.

Time first presented its Person of the Year award in 1927. Last year's honoree was Tesla and SpaceX chief Elon Musk, who has since made major headlines with his high-profile purchase of Twitter.

78. Who has won silver at the 2022 World Weightlifting Championships in Colombia?

- (A) Mirabai Chanu
- (B) Lovlina Borgohain
- (C) Jeremy Lalrinnunga
- (D) Karnam Malleswari
- (E) Nikhat Zareen

Ans (A)

Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu won silver at the 2022 World Weightlifting Championships in Colombia.

She beat the Tokyo 2020 champion Hou Zhihua of China. China's Jiang Huihua took home the gold medal with a combined weight of 206 kg.

Mirabai lifted a combined weight of 200 kg compared to Zhihua's total of 198 kg.

This was Mirabai's second medal at the World Championships, having previously won gold in 2017 with a lift of 194 kg.

In clean and jerk, Mirabai Chanu, competing in her first international meet since winning the Commonwealth Games 2022 in August, once again struggled with her left wrist.

The Indian weightlifter failed in her first attempt, lifted 111kg on the second try, and matched eventual gold medallist Jiang Huihua's 113kg in her third attempt to enter the top three.

79. CN Manjunath, Krishnappa G and S Shadakshari have been selected for Nadoja Award. The award is given by which University?

- (A) Gulbarga University
- (B) Bangalore University
- (C) Kannada University
- (D) Manipal University
- (E) Alliance University

Ans (C)

Cardiologist and director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research CN Manjunath, writer Krishnappa G and social activist and businessman S Shadakshari have been selected for the Nadoja Award given by Kannada University in Hampi.

The dignitaries will be honoured with the award by Governor Thawarchand Gehlot, who is the Chancellor of the university.

Dr Manjunath, who hails from Cholenahalli in Channarayapatna taluk of Hassan district, is a well-known cardiologist and helms the State-run Jayadeva Cardiology Institute, one of the premier cardiology institutes in the country.

Nadoja Award 2022 - The Nadoja Award is a prestigious award presented annually by Kannada University, Hampi, India to eminent personalities for their contribution in various fields. The word "Nadoja" belongs to Adikavi Pampa which means teacher to the Land's and Instituted in 1995. Award is given to eminent personalities for their contribution in various fields. First recipient of award: Kuvempu (Literature), S. Nijalingappa (Politics) and Gangubai Hangal (Hindustani Music).

80. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day is observed every year on which day of December?

- (A) 7 December
- (B) 6 December
- (C) 9 December
- (D) 8 December
- (E) 5 December

Ans (D)

The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day is observed every year on 8th December. On this day in 1985, SAARC Charter was adopted in Dhaka, during the first summit of the group.

This year marks the 38th Anniversary of the regional group. The charter was signed by the Leaders of SAARC Countries Heads of State or Government of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the First SAARC Summit held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

On 8 December 1985, the SAARC Charter was adopted, in Dhaka, during the first summit of the group.

The Charter was signed by the leaders of eight South Asian nations- Bangladesh, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Maldives, Nepal, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

As mentioned in its charter, the prime focus of SAARC is to work collectively to promote the welfare of people in the region and to improve their standard of living through social progress and economic development.

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation - Eight Member States: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Secretariat: Kathmandu (Nepal).

Objective: To promote the welfare of the people of South Asia and to improve their quality of life, and to accelerate economic growth, among other things.

These are usually held biennially and hosted by member states in alphabetical order.

81. Who has been chosen for the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Constructive Works?

- (A) Nilesh Desai (B) Mansu Prajapati
(C) Sophia Saik (D) Ogirat Younan
(E) Walid Slyabi

Ans (A)

The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation has announced the winners of the Jamnalal Bajaj award 2022.

The Foundation gives 4 awards in different categories.

Three are given to Indians and one award, for promoting Gandhian values outside is given to a foreigner.

Categories -

Constructive Works Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development

Development and Welfare of Women and Children

International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India

Winners -

Nilesh Desai of Madhya Pradesh has been chosen for the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Constructive Works. He is the founder of the Sampark Samaj Sevi Sansthan which works for the upliftment of the Bhil Community.

Mansukhbhai Prajapati of Gujarat was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development.

Sophia Saik of Odisha was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Development and Welfare of Women and Children.

Dr Ogirat Younan and Dr Walid Slyabi of Lebanon was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India.

Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation -

The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation established in 1977, instituted four Awards, to globally propagate the ideals of Jamnalal Bajaj.

Jamnalal Bajaj Awards are categorized into three National and one International Award. Each award carries a Citation, a Trophy and a Cash Prize of Rs 10,00,000.

82. Who has been appointed as the chair of B20 India, which represents the entire G20 business community?

- (A) Venu Srinivasan
(B) N Chandrasekaran
(C) Ajay Piramal
(D) Bhaskar Bhat
(E) Harish Manwani

Ans (B)

Chairman of Tata Sons, N Chandrasekaran has been appointed as the chair of B20 India which represents the entire G20 business community.

He will lead the business agenda during India's G20 Presidency.

The Government of India has appointed CII, who assumed charge as the B20 India Secretariat on December 1 and will lead the B20 India process.

About the B20 India -

B20 India work will be conducted through Task Forces and Action Councils, which will develop consensus-based policy recommendations to the G20. It will commence work on various taskforces and action councils after the inception meeting, scheduled on 22-24 January 2023, culminating into the B20 India Summit in August 2023.

B20 India has identified priorities for deliberations under the theme "R.A.I.S.E – Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, and Equitable Businesses.

About 100 business policy initiatives will be organised by CII under the B20 calendar across the country during the presidency year.

83. Which organisation will develop "Spatial Data Infrastructure geoportal "Geo-Ladakh" for Ladakh?

- (A) DRDO (B) HAL
(C) ISRO (D) BHEL
(E) NTPS

Ans (C)

Ladakh has approached the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), a unit of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for developing "Spatial Data Infrastructure geoportal "Geo-Ladakh" for UT-Ladakh.

An MoU was also signed between IIRS (ISRO) and UT-Ladakh administration on January 1, 2022, towards carrying out the above work.

Presently, ISRO is also setting up an optical telescope at Hanle for tracking spacecraft and space objects.

Smart cities are taking a geographic approach, by using maps and sensors to understand the needs of their communities, allocate essential resources, and streamline operations. GIS has greatly assisted in improving communication through the creation of rich maps and hi-tech communication systems.

84. Karthigai Deepam Chariot festival has recently held in which state?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Kerala
(C) Rajasthan (D) Gujarat
(E) Andhra Pradesh

Ans (A)

The Karthigai Deepam Chariot festival was held at Thiruparankundram in Madurai, Tamil Nadu after a gap of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is one of the most important festivals in Madurai which many devotees attend.

It is a very old festival and is also celebrated in the neighboring states like Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

This festival is very important among the Tamils.

This festival is mentioned in the literature of Tamils known as Ahananuru, a collection of poems.

85. Which organisation has been awarded the Local Adaptation Champions Awards?

- (A) Swayam Shikshan Prayog
(B) eVidyaloka
(C) Vidya and Child
(D) Udaan India Foundation
(E) Pi Jam Foundation

Ans (A)

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP), Maharashtra-based organisation has been awarded the Local Adaptation Champions Awards, organised by the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) at the ongoing COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

It won the award in the "Capacity and Knowledge" category for the work in supporting women farmers to adopt more resilient.

Swayam Shikshan Prayog -

SSP is one of the four organisations recognised for their work in leading climate change adaptation for vulnerable local communities.

Over the past 10 years, SSP developed the Women-led Climate Resilient Farming (WCRF) model.

Till now, the NGO has trained 3,00,000 rural women from across India to adapt to climate change with this model which is being implemented in eight districts in Maharashtra (Osmanabad, Solapur, Latur, Landed, Washim, Aurangabad, Ahmednagar and Jalna).

86. Who has been elected as president of the Table Tennis Federation of India?

- (A) Kuldeep Vats
(B) Haresh Sangtani
(C) Mantu Ghosh
(D) Meghna Ahlawat
(E) Dushyant Chautala

Ans (D)

Meghna Ahlawat was elected president of the Table Tennis Federation of India.

Meghna Ahlawat has been elected its first female President, eight-time national champion Kamlesh Mehta takes over as the new secretary general of the TTFI and Patel Nagender Reddy has been elected as the Treasurer.

Ahlawat, who is the wife of Haryana deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala, contested against Gujarat home minister Harsh Singhvi.

The Delhi High Court had suspended TTFI in February and appointed a Committee of Administrators (CoA) to take over its functioning.

The judgement came after woman's India No 1 Manika Batra petitioned the court alleging match-fixing against the national coach during Tokyo Olympics qualifiers.

The court appointed a three-member committee to look into the allegations.

Dushyant Chautala was the previous TTFI president. The Delhi High Court had barred members of the suspended executive board from taking part in the elections.

87. The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, also called as Conference of Parties (COP-15) commenced in which country in December 2022?

- (A) France (B) Canada

(C) Germany (D) Italy
(E) England

Ans (B)

The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, also called as Conference of Parties (COP-15) commenced in Montreal, Canada on 7 December 2022.

The two-weeklong conference (7-19 December 2022) was originally scheduled to be held in Kunming, China in October but was shifted to Montreal, Canada due to covid situation in China.

This is the second part of the COP15.

The first part was hosted by China on 18 August 2021 virtually and the second part was to be held in a face to face conference but it has been shifted from China to Canada.

However the host of the COP15 in Montreal is still China.

During COP15, negotiators are expected to finalize and sign a document called the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Parties to the CBD normally meet every two years at events known as the Conference of the Parties, or COP, to check in on progress and update the terms of the contract. That's what's starting now in Montreal (COP15 was supposed to begin in 2020, but it got delayed several times due to Covid; the first part of the event took place last year in Kunming, China).

The first COP -1 was held in Nassau, Bahamas 1994. The 14th meeting was held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt (17-19 November 2018).

88. Who has won Prime Minister's prize in Australia?

(A) Veena Nair (B) Swathy Bhymi
(C) Manju Pillai (D) Veena George
(E) Anu Joseph

Ans (A)

Indian-origin teacher in Australia has received the 2022 Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in secondary schools. Melbourne-based Veena Nair, who is ViewBank College's Head of Technology and STEAM project leader, has been awarded for demonstrating practical application of STEAM to students, and how they can use their skills to make a real impact in the world.

Veena Nair -

Nair began her teaching career in Mumbai, where she provided computers to low socio-economic schools and taught students how to code.

Nair's students participate in the Swinburne Youth Space Innovation Challenge — a 10-week program

that sees secondary students competing to create the best experiment to launch into space.

As a leading educator in STEAM, Nair has more than 20 years of experience in teaching science-based subjects across India, the United Arab Emirates, and now Australia.

89. The Third Global Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance has recently concluded in which country?

(A) Kuwait (B) Oman
(C) Bahrain (D) Yemen
(E) Jordan

Ans (B)

The Third Global Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance concluded in Oman, with the issue of The Muscat Manifesto, which aims to accelerate One Health actions on antimicrobial resistance to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Bharati Pravin Pawar had participated in the "Third Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance".

Theme Of The Event -

The conference under the theme "The AMR Pandemic: From Policy to One Health Action" will enhance international cooperation to tackle AMR and build on the success of the two previous high-level ministerial conferences held in the Netherlands in 2014 and 2019.

90. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is organizing a two-day convention in which city on December 10 and 11, 2022?

(A) Lucknow (B) Meerut
(C) Varanasi (D) Noida
(E) Gorakhpur

Ans (C)

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is organizing a two-day convention on "Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC) 2022" on December 10 and 11, 2022, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

The two-day event will be inaugurated by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Mrs Anandiben Patel, in the presence of Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Dr Bharti Praveen Pawar, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare.

The program will be organized at International Co-operation and Convention Center Rudraksh Hall.

Health ministers of different states will participate in the programme.

During the event at Varanasi, the 1st Regional Community Health Officers (CHO) Conference for Northern India will be held. Concerned government officials from the medical field from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand will take part in the regional conference.

International Universal Health Coverage Day 2022 - In the year 2017, the United Nations officially declared 12 December as "International Universal Health Coverage Day".

This year theme of UHC Day "Build the World We Want: A Healthy Future for All" (Creating the World We Want: A Healthy Future for All), underlining the importance and role of health cover in building a healthy future for all.

91. Which Indian Batsman has smashed the fastest ODI double century in 126 balls?

- (A) Ishan Kishan (B) Virat Kohli
(C) Rohit Sharma (D) Suryakumar
(E) KL Rahul

Ans (A)

India batter Ishan Kishan has smashed the fastest ODI double century in 126 balls against Bangladesh at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram.

The wicketkeeper-batsman scored a 150 off boundaries alone, with 24 fours and 10 sixes all around the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium. The 24-year old Kishan also became the fourth ODI double-century Indian after Rohit Sharma, Virender Sehwag and Sachin Tendulkar and the seventh batsman overall to achieve the feat, along with Gayle, Martin Guptill and Fakhar Zaman.

Players - Runs - Balls - Against

Rohit Sharma (India) - 264 - 173 - Sri Lanka

Martin Guptill (Newzealand) - 237 - 163 - West Indies

Virendra Sehwag (India) - 219 - 149 - West Indies

Chris Gayle (West Indies) - 215 - 147 - Zimbabwe

Fakhar Zaman (Pakistan) - 210 - 156 - Zimbabwe

92. Government of India has appointed whom as the Managing Director of National Dairy Development Board?

- (A) Varsha Joshi (B) Meenesh Shah
(C) Nihal Sharma (D) Manish Bandlish
(E) Saugata Mitra

Ans (B)

National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has appointed Meenesh C Shah as its Managing Director with effect from November 15.

Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala informed that the Gujarat-based NDDB does not have regular chairman since December 2020.

National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) -

National Dairy Development Board was set up in 1966 as a society under the Societies Act 1860. The first chairman of NDDB was Verghese Kurien. Kurien is also called as the father of White Revolution in India.

NDDB was merged with Indian Dairy Corporation by the NDDB Act 1987 with effect from 12 October 1987. NDDB has been given Institution of national importance status. It comes under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

It launched operation flood in India which has made India, largest producer of milk in the world. The massive increase in the production of milk and dairy products in India is called as White revolution.

93. Federal Reserve Bank of New York has appointed whom as its First Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer?

- (A) Rakesh Khurana (B) Neeli Bendapudi
(C) Sushmita Shukla (D) Vijay K Dhir
(E) Anjali Jain

Ans (C)

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has appointed Indian-origin Sushmita Shukla as its First Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer (COO), making the insurance industry veteran its highest-ranked official after President and CEO, John C Williams.

The appointment was approved by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

She has served in leadership roles in the insurance industry. In a career spanning more than twenty years, she has primarily led operations, technology, and enterprise-wide transformation efforts.

Her previous employers include GiantBear Inc (April 2000-December 2000), Merrill Lynch (January 2001-May 2003), Liberty Mutual (June 2003-May 2006), The Hartford (July 2006-October 2016), and Healthfirst (November 2016-November 2017).

94. Who has bagged the sixth position in 24 Hrs Ultra Marathon organized by the Chinese Taipai Association?

- (A) Hardit Singh Malik
(B) Indra Lal Roy
(C) S Chunder Sen
(D) Amar Singh Devandar
(E) Both (B) & (C)

Ans (D)

Air Warrior Cpl Amar Singh Devandar bagged the sixth position in 24 Hrs Ultra Marathon organized by the Chinese Taipai Association by covering a distance of 204.47 Km.

He covered 510 Laps (400 m each) in the stadium in 24 Hrs.

24 Hrs Ultra Marathon was organised by Chinese Taipai Association of Ultra runners for 2022 at Soochow University, Taiwan.

Cpl Amar Singh Devanda represented India in the event.

A total of 31 runners comprising 21 males and 10 females from 5 countries participated in the event.

During Asia-Oceania 24 Hrs Championship 2022 held at Bengaluru, Cpl Amar covered 257.618 Kms on 3 July 2022 and created a new national record.

The Indian team led by him stood first in the championship.

95. Ashok Leyland has appointed whom as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer?

- (A) Shenu Agarwal
(B) Dheeraj Gopichand
(C) Sanjay V Jorapur
(D) Gopal Mahadevan
(E) Krishnan Balaji

Ans (A)

Leading truck and bus maker Ashok Leyland has announced the appointment of Shenu Agarwal as its MD & CEO with immediate effect.

Agarwal joined the 21,288-crore Chennai-headquartered Hinduja flagship from Escorts Kubota Ltd, where he was President-Agri Machinery and Construction Equipment.

Before that, he was the Chief Executive for the Agri machinery business of Escorts for more than seven years and was associated closely with the transformation of the company's farm equipment business driving transformative marketing initiatives launching disruptive business models and products and setting new benchmarks in cost efficiency.

96. A Gender Toolkit based on "Enabling gender-responsive urban mobility and public spaces" is developed by which organisation?

- (A) IMF
(B) World Bank
(C) WTO
(D) WHO
(E) UNICEF

Ans (B)

A Gender Toolkit based on "Enabling gender-responsive urban mobility and public spaces" was launched in a session conducted by the World Bank and the Chennai Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority.

The World Bank developed a two toolkit that outlines a four-pillar implementation structure for urban entities to construct a gender-responsive urban transportation and public spaces programme.

Assessing the ground situation: The first pillar involves evaluating the current reality on the ground, which includes comprehending gender variations in mobility patterns, safety issues, and infrastructure and policy inadequacies.

The toolkit from the World Bank attempts to highlight the gender-related problems with urban planning and mobility.

Men, women, and gender minorities all have diverse perspectives on cities.

97. Central Government has announced to extend the Rooftop Solar Programme till which year?

- (A) 2025
(B) 2026
(C) 2027
(D) 2028
(E) 2024

Ans (B)

Central Government announced that it has extended the Rooftop Solar Programme till 31 March, 2026.

The subsidy under the programme will be available until the target under the Programme is achieved now.

The subsidy under National Portal has been fixed at Rs 14,588 per kW (for capacity upto 3 kW) for the entire country and residential consumers have to install rooftop solar plant from any one of the vendors registered by the respective distribution company of their locality.

The Ministry is implementing Rooftop Solar Programme Phase-II wherein CFA/subsidy is being provided to residential consumers for installation of rooftop solar.

To ease out the implementation of the Programme, a National Portal was developed which was launched by Prime Minister Modi on 30 July 2022.

98. What is the rank of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Forbes' annual list of "The World's 100 Most Powerful Women"?

- (A) 53rd (B) 56th
(C) 36th (D) 33rd
(E) 29th

Ans (C)

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Nykaa founder Falguni Nayar are among six Indians who have made it to the Forbes' annual list of "The World's 100 Most Powerful Women".

Ranked at number 36, Nirmala Sitharaman has made it to the list for the fourth time in a row.

In 2021, the 63-year-old minister was ranked at number 37 in the list, while she was in the 41st spot in 2020 and 34th in 2019.

Other Indians -

HCL Tech Chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra (rank: 53),

Securities And Exchange Board Of India (SEBI) Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch (rank: 54),

Steel Authority Of India Chairperson Soma Mondal (rank: 67),

The list includes 39 CEOs; 10 heads of state; and 11 billionaires worth a combined \$115 billion.

World Overview -

European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen sits atop the 19th annual Forbes list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women.

European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde is placed at 2nd position, US Vice President Kamala Harris ranked 3rd in the list.

At rank 100, Iran's Jina "Mahsa" Amini has posthumously made it to the influential list.

99. What is the rank of India in Passport Index 2022 published by Arton Capital?

- (A) 63rd (B) 52nd
(C) 48th (D) 87th
(E) 91st

Ans (D)

Passport Index 2022 published by Arton Capital ranked the world's strongest and weakest passports.

India was ranked at 87th position in the world's strongest passport list.

The Passport Index is based on the 139 members of the United Nations and six territories were considered for the list.

Key Findings -

The UAE has the strongest passport in the world.

Holders of this passport can travel visa-free or "visa on arrival" to 180 countries.

With a UAE passport travelers can enter to 180 countries hassle-free, seven more than European countries such as Germany and Sweden, and nine more than Japan, the index showed.

Countries with the weakest passports are Afghanistan (38) Syria (39), Iraq (40), Pakistan (44).

Nine out of top 10 most powerful passports are issued by the European countries.

Germany, Sweden, Finland, Luxembourg, Spain, and France are among the top 10 performers.

100. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has decided to open how many Khelo India centres by the 15th of August 2023 across the country?

- (A) 1000 (B) 1200
(C) 1800 (D) 2200
(E) 2700

Ans (A)

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has decided to open one thousand Khelo India centres by the 15th of August next year across the country.

These one thousand centres, 733 centres have been already sanctioned.

As compared to 2014, the budget of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports was Rs 1,219 crore, now it had increased to 3,062 crore for the year 2022-23.

Initiatives taken by the Centre, such as 'Meet the Champions' initiative to make children aware about sports and nutrition with the help of the country's best sportspersons.

So far, four editions of Youth Games and two editions of University Games have taken place.

101. Recently, the World Malaria Report 2022 has released by which organization?

- (A) WHO (B) UNICEF
(C) ICRC (D) Oxfam
(E) Charity Navigator

Ans (A)

Recently, the World Malaria Report 2022 was released by the World Health Organization (WHO).

High-burden malaria countries maintained a strong front against the disease in 2021 despite the Covid-19 pandemic, with cases and deaths stabilising.

Among the 11 high-burden countries, five — the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, India, Niger and the United Republic of Tanzania — recorded a decline in deaths.

But these countries continued to contribute heavily to the global disease burden.

Malaria -

Malaria is a life-threatening mosquito borne blood disease caused by plasmodium parasites.

It is predominantly found in the tropical and subtropical areas of Africa, South America as well as Asia.

The parasites spread through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes. After entering the human body, parasites initially multiply within the liver cells and then attack the Red Blood Cells (RBCs) resulting in their rupture. Malaria Vaccine was developed by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) company and approved by the European Medicines Agency in 2015.

In India, malaria elimination efforts were initiated in 2015 and were intensified after the launch of the National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME) in 2016 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

NFME is in line with WHO's 2016-2030 Malaria Strategy, which guides the WHO Global Malaria Programme (GMP).

102. Which state has become first to launch its own Climate Change Mission?

- (A) Kerala (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Karnataka
(E) Maharashtra

Ans (B)

Tamil Nadu has become first state to launch its own Climate Change Mission.

It had launched the Green Tamil Nadu Mission last September and the Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission this August. A Special Purpose Vehicle—the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC)—will implement the State Climate Action Plan.

TN Govt Approach - Stalin's government has also set up the Tamil Nadu Governing Council on Climate Change, the first such to be headed by a Chief Minister.

The council will provide policy guidance to the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission, provide advice on adaptation to climate change and mitigation of climate change impacts, formulate the Tamil Nadu State Climate Change Action Plan and provide appropriate guidelines for its implementation.

103. Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh in 2022?

- (A) Mukesh Agnihotri (B) Jai Ram Thakur
(C) Sukhwinder Singh (D) Vikramaditya Singh
(E) Virbhadra Singh

Ans (C)

Congress leader Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has taken oath as the New Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh at historic ridge ground in Shimla.

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri also took oath with him.

Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the oath to both.

Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu -

Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu was the general secretary of the Himachal Pradesh unit of the Congress-affiliated National Students' Union of India (NSUI). Later, he became the president of NSUI.

For the first time he won the assembly elections in 2003 from Nadaun in Hamirpur district.

He then retained the seat in 2007 but lost it again in 2012 and won it again in 2017 and 2022.

Himachal Pradesh -

Himachal was made the eighteenth state of India on 25 January 1971 under the Himachal Pradesh State Act, 1971.

Legislative Assembly seats- 68

Rajya Sabha seats- 3

Lok Sabha seats – 4

Major rivers and dams– Sutlej (Bhakra Dam, Gobind Sagar Reservoir, Koldam Dam), Vyas (Pandoh Dam, Maharana Pratap Sagar Reservoir), Ravi (Chamera Dam), Parvati Major Lakes– Renuka, Revalsar, Khajjiar, Dal, Beas Kund, Dasaur, Brighu, Parashar, Mani Mahesh, Chander Tal, Suraj Tal, Kareri, Sarolsar, Govind Sagar, Nako Lake National Parks– Great Himalayan National Park, Pin Valley National Park, Khirganga, Inderkilla and Simbalbara National Parks

104. India's first carbon neutral farm has recently opened in which state?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Karnataka
(C) Telangana (D) Kerala
(E) Maharashtra

Ans (D)

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared a seed farm, located in Aluva, as the first carbon neutral farm in the country.

A significant reduction in carbon emission has helped the seed farm, achieve the carbon neutral status.

The total amount of carbon emission from the farm, located at Thuruthu in Aluva, in the last one year was 43 tons but its overall procurement was 213 ton.

Carbon neutral farms will be set up in all 140 Assembly constituencies. Efforts have already been launched to make 13 farms in Kerala carbon neutral.

Carbon Neutrality: -

According to the definition of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), carbon neutrality, or net zero CO₂ emissions, refers only to carbon dioxide emissions and is a state of balance between the CO₂ emitted into the atmosphere and the CO₂ removed from the atmosphere.

105. What is the rank of India in 2022 Hurun Global 500 list with having 20 of the most valuable companies in the world?

- (A) First (B) Second
(C) Third (D) Fourth
(E) Fifth

Ans (E)

India, with 20 of the most valuable companies in the world, has moved into the fifth position among countries that are home to the world's top 500 firms. Last year, it ranked ninth with eight companies.

The US continued to top the charts, according to the 2022 Hurun Global 500 list.

The list, released by the Hurun Research Institute, is a compilation of the 500 most valuable non-state-controlled companies in the world.

Companies were ranked according to their market capitalisation (for listed companies) and valuations for non-listed companies.

With a \$202-billion valuation, Reliance Industries (RIL) topped the charts of Indian companies, while it ranked 34th in the world. It was followed by Tata Consultancy Services (\$139 billion) and HDFC Bank (\$97 billion).

Globally, Apple retained the title of the most valuable company in the world with a market cap of \$2.4 trillion and Microsoft came second (\$1.8 trillion), while Alphabet, the parent company of Google, displaced Amazon to take the third place.

China came in second with 35 companies, followed by Japan (28) and the UK (21). India and Canada moved up to the fifth place with 20 companies each, adding eight and three companies, respectively, overtaking France and Germany.

106. Padma Shri awardee Sulochana Chavan who has passed away recently, was associated with which Indian folk dance?

- (A) Lavani (B) Raslila
(C) Kumayuni (D) Phulpati
(E) Maanch

Ans (A)

Renowned Marathi Lavani singer Sulochana Chavan has passed away at the age of 92.

Earlier this year, Chavan was awarded the Padma Shri and also conferred the title of "Lavani Samradnyi" (Queen of Lavani) for her contribution to the traditional Maharashtrian musical genre of Lavani, associated with the folk theatre of Tamasha.

Aunda Lagin Karachain, Kasan Kay Patil Baran Hi Ka', 'Kalidar Kapuri Paan', 'Khelatan Rang Bai Holicha', 'Padarawarti Zartarichi Mor Nachra Hawa' and many more of Chavan's songs are popular even today.

Awards and Honours -

She was honoured with the Lata Mangeshkar Award, instituted by the Government of Maharashtra, in 2010.

She was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2012.

Chavan was awarded the Lokshahir Pathe Bapurao Puraskar instituted by the Pune Municipal Corporation in 2007 and two years later, was bestowed with the Ram Kadam Puraskar.

107. Which Indian Naval Ship will participate in 39th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT)?

- (A) INS Kulish (B) INS Karmuk
(C) INS Kirch (D) INS Kora
(E) INS Khanjar

Ans (B)

The 39th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy is being conducted from 08 – 19 December 2022.

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette participated in the pre-deployment briefing at Belawan, Indonesia.

The 39th edition of IND-INDO CORPAT seeks to bolster the maritime cooperation between the two navies and forge strong bonds of friendship between India and Indonesia.

As part of Government of India's vision SAGAR (Security And Growth for All in the Region), Indian Navy has been proactively engaging with countries in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) to enhance maritime security in the region.

108. Recently, India's largest business jet terminal has commissioned at which international airport?

- (A) Chennai International Airport
- (B) Jaipur International Airport
- (C) Cochin International Airport
- (D) Goa International Airport
- (E) Mumbai International Airport

Ans (C)

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the country's first chartered gateway, and a business jet terminal at the Cochin International Airport.

With this, Cochin airport has become the fourth airport in the country to operate a private jet terminal. With two majestic domestic and international travel terminals, Cochin International Airport Limited(CIAL) is now home to the country's biggest Business Jet Terminal.

Kerala achieved 114 per cent growth in the hospitality sector and 75 per cent growth in the aviation sector.

109. Which state/UT has awarded by first prize in the category for Ayushman Bharat health account ID generation?

- (A) Jammu and Kashmir
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Goa
- (E) Uttarakhand

Ans (A)

Jammu and Kashmir has been awarded 1st prize in the category for Ayushman Bharat health account ID generation and 2nd prize in the category for Teleconsultation conducted during the celebration of Universal Health Coverage Day 2022.

Universal Health Coverage Day -

Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated every year on 12 december to commemorate the significance of Universal health coverage which aims to ensure quality healthcare closer to the people without any financial hardships.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission -

Ayushman Bharat is a flagship scheme of India which was launched as recommended by the National Health Policy 2017, to achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

The pilot project of the Mission had been announced by the Prime Minister from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15th August 2020.

Implementing Agency - National Health Authority (NHA) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

110. What is the theme of this year's International Mountain Day 2022?

- (A) Mountains Matters
- (B) Mountain Cultures
- (C) Mountain Farming
- (D) Women Move Mountains
- (E) Mountain biodiversity

Ans (D)

International Mountain Day is celebrated annually on December 11 to increase public awareness of the value of mountains to both life and climate.

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) established International Mountain Day to recognise the importance of mountains.

International Mountains Day has played an important role in addressing the issue of mountain ecology.

It also has an impact on mountain tourism.

Mountain tourism has grown in popularity over the years.

People express a desire to visit the mountains rather than the lowlands.

Theme -

The theme of this year's International Mountain Day (IMD) is "Women Move Mountains".

Women play a key role in mountains' environmental protection and social and economic development.

History -

The day came into existence in 2003.

The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development accepted Chapter 13 of Agenda 21: Managing Fragile Ecosystems: Sustainable Mountain Development in 1992.

With such widespread support, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2002 to be the "United Nations International Year of Mountains."

The group determined that beginning in 2003, December 11 would be designated as World Mountain Day annually.

111. Recently, the 17th Asia Pacific Regional Meeting of the International Labour Organization (ILO) was held in which country?

- (A) Singapore
- (B) Hong Kong
- (C) Malaysia
- (D) Australia
- (E) Taiwan

Ans (A)

Recently, the 17th Asia Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) of the International Labour Organization (ILO) was held in Singapore.

The four key thematic areas of the 17th APRM included:

Integrated policy agenda for a human-centred recovery that is inclusive, sustainable and resilient
Institutional framework to support transitions towards formality and decent work

Strong foundations for social and employment protection and resilience

Revitalizing productivity growth and skills for more and better jobs

International Labour Organization -

Established in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles as an affiliated agency of the League of Nations.

ILO is the only tripartite UN agency with government, employer, and worker representatives.

It brings together governments, employers and workers of 187 member States, to set labour standards, develop policies and devise programmes promoting decent work for all women and men.

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.

Reports: Global Wage Report, World Employment and Social Outlook,

World Social Protection Report, Social Dialogue Report

112. Who has been recently elected as the first woman president of Indian Olympic Association?

- (A) PV Sindhu (B) PT Usha
(C) Hima Das (D) Mary Kom
(E) Koneru Humpy

Ans (B)

Legendary athlete Pilavullakandi Thekkeraparambil Usha or PT Usha was elected as the first woman president of Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

The 58-year-old Ms Usha, a multiple Asian Games gold medallist and fourth-place finisher in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics 400m hurdles final, was declared elected unopposed for the top post in the polls.

The elections were held under the supervision of Supreme Court-appointed retired SC judge L Nageswara Rao.

Usha emerged as the lone candidate for the top post, as nobody was willing to fight against Usha, who was nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in July.

Other important appointments -

Apart from Usha, Ajay Patel of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has been elected unopposed as senior vice-president.

Olympic medalist shooter Gagan Narang and Rowing Federation of India president Rajlaxmi Singh Deo have been elected unopposed as vice presidents.

Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF) president Sahdev Yadav has been elected the treasurer.

All India Football Federation (AIFF) president and former goalkeeper Kalyan Chaubey has been elected unopposed as the joint secretary (male).

Alaknanda Ashok of Badminton Association of India (BAI) was elected as joint secretary (female) after emerging winner in a three-way battle.

Shalini Thakur Chawla and Suman Kaushik were also in the fray.

113. Who has clinched November 2022 ICC Player of the Month Award?

- (A) Mark Wood (B) Alex Hales
(C) Jos Buttler (D) Ben Stokes
(E) Jonny Bairstow

Ans (C)

England's T20 World Cup-winning captain Jos Buttler has named ICC men's Player of the Month for the first time following his stupendous show in November.

Pakistan's Sidra Ameen became the second successive winner of the women's Player of the Month award from the country.

ICC Men's Player of the Previous Month -

January 2022: Keegan Petersen (South Africa)

February 2022: Shreyas Iyer (India)

March 2022: Babar Azam (Pakistan)

April 2022: Keshav Maharaj (South Africa)

May 2022: Angelo Mathews (Sri Lanka)

June 2022: Jonny Bairstow (England)

July 2022: Prabath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka)

August 2022: Sikandar Raza (Zimbabwe)

September 2022: Mohammad Rizwan (Pakistan)

October 2022: Virat Kohli (India)

ICC Women's Player of the Previous Month -

January 2022: Heather Knight (England)

February 2022: Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)

March 2022: Rachael Haynes (Australia)

April 2022: Alyssa Healy (Australia)

May 2022: Tuba Hassan (Pakistan)

June 2022: Marizanne Kapp (South Africa)

July 2022: Emma Lamb (England)

August 2022: Tahlia McGrath (Australia)

September 2022: Harmanpreet Kaur (India)

October 2022: Nida Dar (Pakistan)

114. Which country has launched World's first commercial moon lander?

- (A) Russia (B) China
(C) USA (D) Japan
(E) India

Ans (D)

Japan's space startup ispace has successfully launched a spacecraft to the moon recently, marking a significant step towards what would be a historic first, both for the nation and a private company.

Additionally, what makes it unique is the fact that it is the first successful venture to the moon by a private company.

About HAKUTO -

HAKUTO is a term used for a white rabbit that resides on the moon, as per Japanese folklore.

The ispace craft to deploy a tiny NASA satellite into the orbit of the moon to look for water deposits prior to its touch in the Atlas Crater.

Additionally, the M1 lander will station two robotic rovers, a baseball-sized device from the JAXA space agency, and the four-wheeled Rashid explorer.

The Rashid explorer is crafted by the United Arab Emirates.

115. The first G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies meeting is scheduled to be held in December 2022 in which city?

- (A) Bengaluru (B) Chennai
(C) Hyderabad (D) Mumbai
(E) New Delhi

Ans (A)

The first G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting is scheduled to be held during 13-15 December 2022 in Bengaluru.

This meeting will mark the start of discussions on the Finance Track agenda under the Indian G20 Presidency.

The upcoming meeting of G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies will be co-chaired by Mr Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and Dr Michael D Patra, Deputy Governor of RBI.

The G20 Finance Track discusses key issues of relevance for the global economy, encompassing the global economic outlook.

116. Mopa International Airport Goa has recently has named after whom?

- (A) Juliao Menezes
(B) Manohar Parrikar

- (C) Mohan Ranade
(D) Krishna Menon
(E) Nandan Nilekani

Ans (B)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Mopa International Airport in Goa, which has been named after former Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar.

The new airport, which is about 35 km from capital city Panaji, can handle 44 lakh passengers annually.

Its capacity can be raised to over 3 crore passengers per year after expansion plans in the future.

In November 2016, the PM laid Mopa airport's foundation stone. It will be the second airport in the state, the first airport in Goa is at Dabolim.

About Manohar Parrikar -

Manohar Parrikar was a towering leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Goa.

He was the Chief Minister of Goa 2000 to 2005, 2012 to 2014 and from 14 March 2017 until his death in March 2019.

Manohar Parrikar was also the Union Defence Minister from October 2014-March 2017.

He was awarded Padma Bhushan posthumously in January 2020.

117. PM Modi has flagged off 6th Vande Bharat train from Bilaspur to which city?

- (A) Ahmedabad (B) Mumbai
(C) Nagpur (D) Kanpur
(E) New Delhi

Ans (C)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off India's sixth Vande Bharat Express between Bilaspur (Chattisgarh)-Nagpur (Maharashtra) route.

This is the second Vande Bharat express in the state after the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat express.

He inaugurated the "Nagpur Metro Phase I", and laid the foundation stone of "Nagpur Metro phase- II" at Khapri Metro Station.

The Phase I has been developed at a cost of Rs 8650 crore while the Phase II will be developed at a cost of more than Rs 6700 crore.

He inaugurated the Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg connecting Nagpur and Shirdi.

Vande Bharat -

Vande Bharat is an indigenous semi-high speed train developed by Indian Railways.

Government proposes to run 75 Vande Bharat express trains in the country by 15 August 2023.

The Vande Bharat Express can run up to a maximum speed of 160 kmph.

118. Which division of Indian Army has conducted Exercise Sanchaar Bodh in Punjab?

- (A) Armoured Division
- (B) Infantry Division
- (C) Mountain Division
- (D) Airawat Division
- (E) Airborne Division

Ans (D)

Indian Army's Airawat Division conducted Ex Sanchaar Bodh in extensive obstacle ridden terrain of Punjab.

The exercise validated tactical communication capabilities.

The formation reaffirmed its determination to win at any cost under adverse conditions.

Airawat Division -

The Indian 1 Armoured Division, under II Corps is headquartered at Patiala.

The 1 Armoured Division, nicknamed the "Black Elephant" or "Airawat" Division is considered to be the pride of the Indian Army.

Elephants have been regarded as precious and majestic since the "puranic" era.

The supremacy of Elephant is also well illustrated in the Hindu Mythology.

The 1 Armoured Division played a major role in the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965.

At that time the Division consisted of 2 Royal Lancers, 4 Hodson's Horse, 7 Light Cavalry, 16 "Black Elephant" Cavalry, 17 Cavalry (Poona Horse), 18 Cavalry and 62 Cavalry.

119. Who has been taken oath as a judge of the Supreme Court?

- (A) Dipankar Dutta
- (B) Sanjay Karol
- (C) Sanjay Kishan
- (D) Ajay Rastogi
- (E) Dinesh Maheshwari

Ans (A)

Justice Dipankar Dutta has taken oath as a judge of the Supreme Court.

Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud administered the oath to Justice Dutta in the swearing-in ceremony in the Supreme Court in the presence of all judges.

With the appointment of Justice Dutta, the Supreme Court will have 28 judges out of the strength of 34 judges.

Justice Dutta will have a term till February 8, 2030.

57-year-old Justice Datta will have a nearly eight-year tenure in the Supreme court until his retirement in February 2030 at the age of 65.

His name was recommended by a Supreme Court Collegium led by Justice UU Lalit on September 26.

The pendency of his file with the government for well over two months had been a source of consternation for both the Supreme Court and the apex court lawyers' community. Justice Datta was elevated to the bench of the Calcutta High Court as a permanent judge on June 22, 2006.

120. Who has been sworn-in as Gujarat Chief Minister for second consecutive term?

- (A) Harsh Sanghavi
- (B) Bhupendra Patel
- (C) Vijay Rupani
- (D) Acharya Devvrat
- (E) Nitinbhai Patel

Ans (B)

Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term in Gandhinagar.

He was administered oath as the 18th Chief Minister of Gujarat by Governor Acharya Devvrat.

Patel was sworn in as the 17th Chief Minister of Gujarat on September 13, 2021. Bharatiya Janata Party had seventh consecutive victory in the recently concluded elections of the Gujarat Assembly, by winning 156 of the total 182 seats.

About Gujarat - Rivers - Luni, Sabarmati, Mahi, Narmada, Tapti, Banas, Saraswati, Damanganga Festivals - Navratri, Kite festival, Kutch Utsav, Modhera dance festival Mountain ranges - Garda hills, Barda hills, Gir range, Rajpipla hills, Chhota Udaipur hills, Black hills, Mandav hills. Dance, Drama & Music forms - Dandiya Raas, Garba dance, Tippani, Padhar Dance, Bhavi Folk drama, Hallisaka, Dangi Nritya.

121. Recently, which himalayan medicinal plant has been assessed as "critically endangered" in IUCN Red List?

- (A) Meizotropis pellita
- (B) Cadaba fruticosa
- (C) Barleria cuspidata
- (D) Pinwheelflower
- (E) Senna occidentalis

Ans (A)

Three medicinal plant species found in the Himalayas have made it to International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species following a recent assessment.

Meizotropis pellita has been assessed as "critically endangered", Fritillaria cirrhosa as "vulnerable", and Dactylorhiza hatagirea as "endangered".

About the three species -

Meizotropis pellita, commonly known as Patwa, is a perennial shrub with restricted distribution that is endemic to Uttarakhand.

The species is threatened by deforestation, habitat fragmentation and forest fires.

The oil extracted from its leaves contains strong antioxidants and can be a natural alternative to synthetic antioxidants in the pharmaceutical industries.

Fritillaria cirrhosa (Himalayan fritillary) is a perennial bulbous herb.

In China this species is used to treat bronchial disorders and pneumonia.

Dactylorhiza hatagirea (Salampanja), is threatened by habitat loss, livestock grazing, deforestation, and climate change.

About ICUN -

Created in 1948, it is the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it.

It is headquartered in Switzerland.

122. National Energy Conservation Day is celebrated every year on which day of December?

- (A) 10 December (B) 12 December
(C) 14 December (D) 15 December
(E) 16 December

Ans (C)

The National Energy Conservation Day is celebrated every year on 14th December 2022.

The purpose is to showcase the achievements of the nation in energy efficiency and conservation.

This occasion has been celebrated since 1991 when it is led by the Ministry of power.

History -

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the power ministry of India, launched the National Energy Conservation Awards in 1991.

2022 Event -

Smt Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India will be the Chief Guest of the event.

Shri R. K. Singh is current Union Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy in December 2022.

A Mobile application titled "EV Yatra" has been designed and developed to facilitate in-vehicle navigation to the nearest public EV charger.

123. Recently in December 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Rs 75000 crores projects in which state?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Maharashtra
(E) Telangana

Ans (D)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to lay the foundation stone and inaugurate projects worth Rs 75,000 crores in Maharashtra.

Key Points -

PM Modi has inaugurated Phase-I of Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg.

It will cover a distance of 520 Kms and connecting Nagpur and Shirdi.

The 701 Km expressway – being built at a cost of about Rs 55,000 crore – is one of India's longest expressways, passing through Maharashtra's 10 districts and prominent urban regions of Amravati, Aurangabad and Nashik.

Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of the project for pollution abatement of river Nag at Nagpur.

The inaugurated Samruddhi Mahamarg will connect to the Delhi Mumbai Expressway, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and tourist locations like Ajanta Ellora Caves, Shirdi, Verul, Lonar, etc.

About Maharashtra -

The main folk dances of Maharashtra are Lavani, Dhangarigaja, Lezim, Koli, Gondhal and Tamasha.

Bhajan, Bharud, Gondhal, Kirtan, Lalita, Abhangas and Tumbadi singing are the other forms of community entertainments based on folksongs found in Maharashtra.

124. Recently, in which month retail inflation of India has eased below 6% for the first time in 2022?

- (A) August (B) September
(C) October (D) November
(E) December

Ans (D)

Retail inflation of India has been eased to 5.88% in November 2022 from 6.77% in October.

It is the first time in this Financial Year when the inflation rate came within the tolerance band of RBI i.e. 2 to 6%.

Food prices, which account for nearly 40% of the CPI basket, eased to 4.67% in November, compared with 7.01% in October.

Retail Inflation -

Consumer Price Index (CPI) tracks Retail Inflation
Retail inflation has been above the upper end of the Reserve Bank of India's 2%-6% tolerance band since January.

In India, inflation is primarily measured by two main indices — WPI (Wholesale Price Index) and CPI (Consumer Price Index) which measure wholesale and retail-level price changes, respectively.

Base Year for Consumer Price Index is 2012.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) uses CPI data to control inflation.

125. Who has been conferred with the 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award?

- (A) Pranab Mukharjee (B) Venkaiah Naidu
(C) Jagdeep Dhankhar (D) Ram Nath Kovind
(E) Narendra Modi

Ans (B)

Former vice president Venkaiah Naidu has been conferred with the 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES).

The award was presented during the event held at Shanmukhananda auditorium, King's Circle in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Other Awardees -

Public Leadership: Arif Mohammed Khan Governor of Kerala

Community Leadership: Ratan Tata, an eminent industrialist

Science and Technology: Dr Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valianathan, renowned cardiologist and Padma Vibhushan awardee

Science and Technology: Prof Ajay Kumar Sood, Scientific Advisor to the Government of India

Spiritual Leadership: Vishakha Hari Harikatha artiste About Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award -

The Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award was instituted by SIES in 1998 in memory of late seer of Kanchi, Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi. This award is given annually in the field of Public eminence, Community leadership, Science and Technology, Social thinkers and the International category.

SIES was set up in 1932 by M. V. Venkateshwaran in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

126. Who has inaugurated digitisation hubs in 10 districts of Odisha?

- (A) Narendra Modi
(B) Draupadi Murmu

(C) S Muralidhar

(D) D Y Chandrachud

(E) Ganeshi Lal

Ans (D)

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud virtually inaugurated 10 district court digitisation hubs (DCDH) in Odisha.

With this a total of 15 DCDHs have now functional in the state.

The hubs are at Angul, Bhadrak, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh and Sonepur.

Related Initiatives -

e-Courts Project - This was conceptualized under the "National Policy and Action Plan for Implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the Indian Judiciary-2005".

National Judicial Data Grid -National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) is a database of orders, judgments and case details of 18,735 computerised District & Subordinate Courts created as an online platform under the e -Courts Project.

SUPACE - It is short form of Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency.

SUVAS - It is short form of Supreme Court Vidhik Anuvaad Software. It is used to translate SC judgments into regional languages.

127. World Health Organization has named whom as its new chief scientist?

- (A) Jeremy Farrar (B) Mark Walport
(C) Henry Wellcome (D) Cheryll Tickle
(E) Christiane Dolecek

Ans (A)

World Health Organization (WHO) announced that Dr Jeremy Farrar will become its new Chief Scientist. Currently, Director of the Wellcome Trust, Dr Farrar will join WHO in the second quarter of 2023.

Dr Farrar is a clinician scientist who, before joining Wellcome in 2013, spent 17 years as Director of the Clinical Research Unit at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in Vietnam.

Other appointment -

Dr Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu will become WHO's Chief Nursing Officer.

World Health Organization -

Its headquarters are situated in Geneva, Switzerland.

There are 194 Member States, 150 country offices, six regional offices.

It began functioning on April 7, 1948 – a date now being celebrated every year as World Health Day.

128. Which government agency has topped the Grievance Redressal Index for the fourth consecutive month in November 2022?

- (A) IRCTC (B) Airtel
(C) UIDAI (D) FCI
(E) NITI Aayog

Ans (C)

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) topped the grievance redressal index among all group A ministries, departments and autonomous bodies for resolution of public grievances for the fourth month in a row in November.

The report was published by the Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances Department (DARPG).

About UIDAI -

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a statutory authority established on 12 July 2016 by the Government of India under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, following the provisions of the Aadhaar Act 2016.

The UIDAI is mandated to assign a 12-digit unique identification (UID) number (Aadhaar) to all the residents of India.

The UIDAI was initially set up by the Government of India in January 2009, as an attached office under the aegis of the Planning Commission.

129. ISRO has successfully conducted a joint hypersonic vehicle trial along with which government entity?

- (A) Integrated Defence Staff
(B) Indian Air Force
(C) Central Reserve Police Force
(D) National Security Guard
(E) Defence Research and Development Organisation

Ans (A)

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted a joint hypersonic vehicle trial along with the Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS).

This missile will be capable of firing conventional weapons as well as nuclear weapons.

Hypersonic Missile -

Hypersonic missiles move towards the target at a speed of Mach 5 i.e. 5 times or more than the speed of sound (343 m/s). It can travel about 6,200 kilometers in an hour.

Capable of carrying nuclear warheads, hypersonic missiles can fly at very low altitudes and at higher speeds than common ballistic and cruise missiles.

They can also change direction during their journey, that is, like a normal missile, the target does not follow a fixed path.

130. Who has won gold in women's 10m air pistol at the 65th National Shooting Championship Competitions?

- (A) Divya TS
(B) Apurvi Chandela
(C) Sheila Kanungo
(D) Manisha Keer
(E) Elizabeth Koshy

Ans (A)

Karnataka shooter Divya TS has secured her first women's 10m air pistol national title at the 65th National Shooting Championship Competitions held in Bhopal.

She defeated Sanskriti Bana from Uttar Pradesh by 16-14 in the gold medal match and Rhythm Sangwan from Haryana settled for bronze.

The 27-year-old Divya as she topped the second stage with 254.2, ahead of a string of top shooters like Rhythm Sangwan, Esha Singh and Manu Bhaker.

Olympian, Manu Bhaker has won the junior women's air pistol, after defeating Esha Singh (Telangana). Rhythm Sangwan has won the gold medal in the Youth category.

Other winner - 25m centre fire pistol: Men

Vijay Kumar
Anish Bhanwala
Gurpreet Singh

131. Which state government has been awarded for Best Practice in Tuberculosis ACSM for its "Jan Andolan" movement?

- (A) Tripura (B) Nagaland
(C) Mizoram (D) Meghalaya
(E) Bihar

Ans (D)

The Meghalaya government, which has adopted a "Jan Andolan" (people's movement) against Tuberculosis received an award for best practices in controlling the disease.

The award for Best Practice in Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilisation (ACSM) in Tuberculosis control was presented to representatives of the health department at a national workshop, aimed at ending TB infections, in the national capital.

The state registered 4,189 TB cases in 2021 while in the first quarter of 2022, around 1,075 patients have been enrolled for treatment.

Tuberculosis -

TB is caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

In humans, TB most commonly affects the lungs.

TB is spread from person to person through the air.

BCG was developed by two Frenchmen, Albert Calmette and Camille Guerin, by modifying a strain of Mycobacterium bovis (that causes TB in cattle). It was first used in humans in 1921.

In India, BCG was first introduced in a limited scale in 1948 and became a part of the National TB Control Programme in 1962.

132. Which team has crowned as champions of 4th Tennis Premier League (TPL) 2022?

- (A) Hyderabad (B) Mumbai
(C) Delhi (D) Bengaluru
(E) Chennai

Ans (A)

Hyderabad Strikers has crowned as champions of 4th Tennis Premier League (TPL) 2022.

The final of the 4th TPL was held in Pune, Maharashtra.

Hyderabad Strikers beat Mumbai Leon Army (41-32). It was crowned champions of the event for the 2nd year in a row.

Hyderabad's pair S Balaji and Nikki Poonacha defeated Mumbai's R Ramanathan and J Nedunchezhiyan 14-6 to win the title.

133. As per Asian Development Bank what will be the India's GDP Growth for fiscal 2023-24?

- (A) 4.8% (B) 9.1%
(C) 7.2% (D) 8.1%
(E) 5.5%

Ans (C)

The Manila-based Asian Development Bank kept its economic growth outlook for India unchanged at seven percent for the fiscal 2022-23.

For the next fiscal year, FY 23-24, the GDP growth has been kept unchanged at 7.2 percent, "sustained by positive effects from structural reform and from public investment catalysing private investment".

The Manila-based bank's report sees Asia expanding 4.2 percent this year and accelerating to 4.6 percent in 2023. The previously estimated expansion stood at 4.3 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively.

Understanding GDP Growth Rate -

The GDP of a certain period, when set against another, can show a comparison that can be measured using the given formula: Economic Growth = $(\text{GDP 2} - \text{GDP 1}) / (\text{GDP 1})$ The result is expressed in a percentage.

If the result is positive, it means the economy is growing by the said percent.

Asian Development Bank -

The Asian Development Bank is a regional development bank (ADB) established on 19th December 1966. It is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.

It was formed as a result of a resolution passed at the first Ministerial Conference on Asian Economic Cooperation held by the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ESCAFE) in 1963.

134. Which country has emerged as top oil supplier to India in November 2022?

- (A) Iraq (B) Russia
(C) Iran (D) Syria
(E) Turkey

Ans (B)

Russia has for the first time emerged as top oil supplier to India replacing Iraq.

India's oil imports from Russia rose for the fifth straight month, totaling 908,000 barrels per day (bpd) in November, up 4% from October, the data showed.

The Group of Seven nations(G-7), Australia, and the 27 European Union countries have imposed a price cap of \$60 a barrel on Russian seaborne oil from December 5.

Because the West is trying to limit Moscow's ability to finance its war in Ukraine.

About OPEC -

Generally, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) used to work as a cartel and fix prices in a favourable band.

OPEC is led by Saudi Arabia, which is the largest exporter of crude oil in the world (single-handedly exporting 10% of the global demand).

OPEC has a total of 13 Member Countries viz - Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Libya, Nigeria, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Republic of Congo, Angola, and Venezuela.

135. Which airline company has been awarded the "Safety Performer of the Year" by GMR Delhi Airport Awards?

- (A) IndiGo (B) Air India

(C) SpiceJet (D) Go First
(E) Akasha Air

Ans (C)

SpiceJet has been awarded the "Safety Performer of the Year" award by GMR Delhi Airport Awards for being the top performer among the self-handling airlines and as it has been able to reduce ground safety violations significantly.

SpiceJet ground handling team at Delhi Airport achieved this performance through constant focus on quality improvements, innovation and hard work.

Key Points -

Recently, the airline was audited by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and its operations, safety processes, and systems were found to be strong and at par with the global best practices and safety standards.

The airline was the only scheduled Indian airline part of the audit conducted by ICAO, the United Nations aviation arm. The audit of SpiceJet safety systems "helped India achieve" its highest-ever safety ranking in

ICAO audit.

About DGCA -

It is an attached office of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

It is the regulatory body in the field of Civil Aviation primarily dealing with safety issues.

It is responsible for regulation of air transport services to/from/within India and for enforcement of civil air regulations, air safety and airworthiness standards.

It also co-ordinates all regulatory functions with the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

136. Which country will host an International conference "Standing with the Ukrainian People"?

(A) France (B) Germany
(C) Italy (D) Spain
(E) Russia

Ans (A)

According to the French embassy, France will host an International conference "Standing with the Ukrainian People" in Paris with an aim to coordinate international support for civilian resilience in Ukraine and address the Ukrainian people's urgent humanitarian needs.

The conference is organised at the initiative of French President Emmanuel Macron and is co-organised with Ukraine.

During the conference, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy will address virtually.

Russia-Ukraine Conflict -

Contestation about post-Cold War central European territoriality and resurrecting a burnished Russian past is at the core of the Ukraine crisis.

As part of the Soviet Union, Ukraine was the second-most powerful Soviet republic after Russia, and was crucial strategically, economically and culturally.

137. 8th India International Science Festival 2022 will be held in which city?

(A) Chennai (B) Bhopal
(C) Mumbai (D) Kolkata
(E) Bengaluru

Ans (B)

India International Science Festival (IISF)-2022 will be held in Bhopal in January 2023 and incidentally, it is one of the major events to be held after India took over G-20 Presidency.

IISF is the initiative of the Ministry of Science & Technology and Ministry of Earth Science of Government of India in association with Vijnana Bharati which is a science movement with swadeshi spirit led by eminent scientists of the country.

The IISF 2022 is the eighth edition since its inception in 2015.

Key points -

This year's IISF will also witness "Vigyanika", the Science Literature Festival.

SIF22 would provide an avenue for showcasing innovative products, projects, and ideas developed by Students, we see the best technology being incubated here.

The International Science Film Festival of India (ISFFI) will be another highlight of the festival and will promote in recognizing the efforts of filmmakers and motivate them to develop scientific and innovative content.

The first and second IISF were held in New Delhi, the third in Chennai, the fourth one in Lucknow, fifth in Kolkata, sixth through virtual mode and the last one IISF was held in Goa which witnessed a footfall from over 5 lakh people worldwide.

138. 20 new nuclear power plants will be commissioned in India by which year?

(A) 2035 (B) 2030
(C) 2038 (D) 2031
(E) 2045

Ans (D)

India plans to commission 20 nuclear power plants by 2031, adding nearly 15,000 MW in power generating capacity, the government told the Lok Sabha.

The first of these 20 nuclear power plants, a 700 MW unit, will be commissioned in 2023 at Kakrapar in Gujarat, which already has three atomic power generating units operational.

Key Points -

The 500 MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam is likely to be operational in 2024.

Two 700 MW units at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan are likely to be completed by 2026.

Another two 1,000 MW units are likely to be completed at Kudankulam by 2027.

Two 700 MW units are expected to be completed at Gorakhpur in Haryana by 2029.

Nuclear Power Plants in India -

There are 22 reactors in the nation running above 80% plant load factor as of 2021, with a combined installed capacity of 6780 MWe.

The Mumbai-based Apsara Research Reactor is Asia's first nuclear power plant.

There are four light water reactors and eighteen pressurised heavy water reactors (PHWRs) in total (LWRs).

139. The statue of "Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar" has recently inaugurated in which state?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Telangana
(C) Maharashtra (D) Madhya Pradesh
(E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (A)

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K.Stalin inaugurated the statue of Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar at the renovated house of Bharathiyar at Varanasi via video conference on 11th December.

Stalin also released a souvenir on his centenary.

Bharathiyar's 141st birth anniversary celebrates on the behalf of State Government in various places in the State.

Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar -

Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar was a Tamil writer, poet, journalist, Indian independence activist, social reformer and polyglot.

He was bestowed the title "Bharathi" for his excellence in poetry.

Bharathi joined as Assistant Editor of the Swadesamitran a Tamil daily in 1904.

In 1907, he started editing the Tamil weekly India and the English newspaper Bala Bharatham with MPT Acharya.

Three of his greatest works namely, Kuyil Pattu, Panchali Sapatham and Kannan Pattu were composed during 1912

140. Which bank has launched its sixth annual grants program for social startups in partnership with "Startup India"?

- (A) HDFC Bank (B) ICICI Bank
(C) Yes Bank (D) Union Bank
(E) State Bank of India

Ans (A)

HDFC Bank announced the launch of its sixth annual grants program for social startups in partnership with the Government of India's flagship initiative "Startup India".

Known as Parivartan SmartUp Grants, the program aims to identify startups working in the social impact space and support them through monetary grants to their incubators.

About Startup India -

Startup-India works under Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

It aims at fostering entrepreneurship and promoting innovation by creating an ecosystem that is conducive for growth of Start-ups.

Startup India Action Plan comprises of 19 action items spanning across areas such as Simplification and handholding.

Startup India Hub is a one of its kind online platforms for all stakeholders of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in India.

Startup India Seed Fund Scheme aims to provide financial assistance to startups.

141. 6th Edition of "KAZIND-22" has recently conducted in Meghalaya between India and which country?

- (A) Kyrgyzstan (B) Uzbekistan
(C) Tajikistan (D) Kazakhstan
(E) Tanzania

Ans (D)

The 6th Edition of Indo – Kazakhstan joint training exercise "KAZIND-22" is conducted at Umroi (Meghalaya) from 15 to 28 December 2022.

The scope of this exercise involves a Command Post Exercise (CPX) at the Battalion level and Company level Field Training Exercise (FTX) on sub-conventional operations.

During the exercise, participants will engage in variety of missions ranging from joint planning, joint tactical drills, basics of special arms skills, HADR and raiding a hostile target.

"Exercise KAZIND" will enhance the level of defence cooperation between Indian Army and

Kazakhstan Army which will further foster the bilateral relations between the two nations.

The 5th edition of Indo- Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise, "KAZIND-21" was held from August 30 to September 11, 2021, at Training Node, Aisha Bibi, Kazakhstan.

142. Which country has passed world's first tobacco law to ban smoking?

- (A) Australia (B) Philippines
(C) New Zealand (D) Singapore
(E) France

Ans (C)

The New Zealand government has passed a law to completely end tobacco smoking by banning youth from buying cigarettes for life.

The Smoke Free Environments and Regulated Products (Smoking Tobacco) Amendment Bill has been passed in New Zealand which aims to make New Zealand smoke free by 2025. The bill aims to ban the sale of tobacco to anyone born after January 1, 2009, and reduce the number of cigarette retailers in the country.

Tobacco cultivation in India -

Tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum*) is believed to have originated from South America.

India stands second in tobacco production and exports in the world. China ranks first. Tobacco is grown under a wide range of climates but requires a frost-free period of 90 to 120 days from transplanting to last harvest of leaves. The optimum pH ranges from 5 to 6.5. Quality of the leaves is affected by soil salinity. The water requirements for maximum yield vary with climate and length of growing period from 400 to 600mm.

143. Which country has announced a nuclear fusion breakthrough towards the "near-limitless" clean energy?

- (A) Ukraine (B) United States
(C) Russia (D) China
(E) United Kingdom

Ans (B)

United States has announced a nuclear fusion breakthrough, a historic step towards the promise of "near-limitless" clean energy and may help the fight to curb climate change.

US Department of Energy said, researchers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in California for the first time produced more energy in

a fusion reaction than was used to ignite it, something called net energy gain.

Fusion Technology -

It is a powerful way of harnessing the immense energy trapped in the nucleus of an atom.

Attempts to master the fusion process have been going on at least since the 1950s, but it is incredibly difficult and is still at an experimental stage.

Fission Process: The nuclear energy currently in use across the world comes from the fission process in which the nucleus of a heavier element is split into those of lighter elements in a controlled manner.

Fusion Process: Here, the nuclei of two lighter elements are made to fuse together to form the nucleus of a heavier atom.

144. Which country has become the first to auction spectrum for satellite communication?

- (A) India (B) China
(C) Japan (D) Russia
(E) USA

Ans (A)

India has become the first country to auction spectrum for satellite communication, and it should be designed to attract investments in the sector.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) will soon make recommendations to make permissions required for satellite communication from various ministries — Information and Broadcasting, Space and Telecom — seamless to enhance ease of doing business in the sector.

Satellite communication -

Satellite communication refers to any communication link that involves the use of an artificial satellite in its propagation path.

Satellite communications play a vital role in modern life.

There are over 2000 artificial satellites in use.

They can be found in geostationary, Molniya, elliptical, and low Earth orbits and are used for traditional point-to-point communications, mobile applications, and the distribution of TV and radio programs.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India -

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) was established on 20th February, 1997 by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.

The head office of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is located at New Delhi.

Amendment in the TRAI Act, 1997: The TRAI Act was amended in 2000 which established a

Telecommunications Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) to take over the adjudicatory and disputes functions from TRAI.

145. Exercise "SURYA KIRAN" conducted between India and which country, which 16th edition has commenced recently?

- (A) Nepal (B) Bhutan
(C) Myanmar (D) Bangladesh
(E) Sri Lanka

Ans (A)

The 16th Edition of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise "SURYA KIRAN-XVI" between India and Nepal will be conducted at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi (Nepal), from 16 – 29 December 2022.

Exercise "SURYA KIRAN" is conducted annually between India and Nepal with the aim to enhance interoperability in jungle warfare & counter terrorism operations in mountainous terrain and HADR under UN mandate.

About Surya Kiran -

Surya Kiran is a bilateral joint military exercise between India and Nepal.

Indian Army and Nepal Army participate in the Surya Kiran exercise.

The biannual exercise, which takes place alternately in both countries, aims to establish military relations in inaccessible mountainous areas by the soldiers of both countries.

The 15th edition of Indo-Nepal joint military training exercise Surya Kiran was held on September 20, 2021, at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand.

The 14th edition of the exercise took place in Saljhandi, Nepal, in 2019.

146. Recently, United Nations has ranked which project among world's top 10 Initiatives?

- (A) Namami Gange (B) Gaganyaan
(C) Sagar Mala (D) Setu Bharatam
(E) Hyperloop project

Ans (A)

The United Nations has recognised the Namami Gange initiative to rejuvenate India's sacred River Ganga as one of the top 10 World Restoration Flagships to revive the natural world.

The award was received by G Ashok Kumar, Director General, Namami Gange, at the 15th Conference of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada.

Other inaugural World Restoration Projects -

Trinational Atlantic Forest Pact aims to protect and restore the forest in Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina, and the Abu Dhabi Marine Restoration project that targets safeguarding the world's second-largest dugong population in Abu Dhabi.

Namami Gange -

It was approved as a 'Flagship Programme' by the Central Government in June 2014.

It was launched to serve the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and conservation and rejuvenation of the national river Ganga.

It is being operated under the Ministry of Water Resources, Department of River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and Ministry of Jal Shakti.

The program is being implemented by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and its State Program Management Groups (SPMGs).

147. Who has inaugurated the 7th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS 2022) in December 2022?

- (A) Kiren Rijiju
(B) Narendra Modi
(C) Naunand Kanwar
(D) Satish Poonia
(E) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Ans (E)

Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has inaugurated the 7th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS 2022) in December, 2022.

The summit is being organized from 15th to 17th December, 2022 at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga).

Theme - "Mapping and Convergence of 5Ps" – People, Policy, Plan, Programme and Project.

In the 5th edition of the India Water Impact Summit, understanding the concept and nuances of Arth Ganga was the key focus.

148. Which institution has signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of Medical Sciences, Cuba?

- (A) National Institute Of Ayurveda
(B) Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda
(C) Rajasthan Ayurved University
(D) North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homeopathy
(E) All India Institute of Ayurveda

Ans (E)

In a bid to promote Ayurveda across continents, the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has signed a

memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the University of Medical Sciences, Cuba.

It has also extended the agreement with Rosenberg European Academy of Ayurveda (REAA), Germany, for five more years to take forward collaborative programmes.

The agreements were signed on the sidelines of the 9th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo.

With these collaborations, Delhi-based AIIA, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of AYUSH, has 15 international partners and 35 national partners under its collaborative activities.

The AIIA and REAA had entered into a MoU in September, 2017 with a validity of five years, which has been extended to 2027.

149. Airbnb has signed a MoU with which state government to promote the tourism in that state?

- (A) Bihar (B) Goa
(C) Tripura (D) Assam
(E) Kerala

Ans (B)

Airbnb signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, to jointly promote Goa as best tourism destinations in India and around the world.

On the sidelines of the official launch of 'Rediscover Goa', a week-long celebration of Goa's vast cultural diversity has been started.

Airbnb will support the Department of Tourism's vision by conducting workshops and seminars to train homestay hosts and B&B owners.

Major Schemes for Tourism Sector -

For tourism infrastructure creation in the country, Ministry of Tourism has launched several schemes.

Key schemes are: Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD), Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits around Specific Themes - (SWADESH DARSHAN), Adopt A Heritage Project, Development of Iconic Tourist Sites, etc.

150. Recently, which Indian swimmer has set a new national record in 100m Breaststroke at FINA World Swimming Championships 2022?

- (A) Anita Sood (B) Dolly Nazir
(C) Chahat Arora (D) Nisha Millet
(E) Shikha Tandon

Ans (C)

In Swimming, Indian swimmer Chahat Arora set a national record in the women's 100-metre

breaststroke at the FINA World Swimming Championships 2022 in Melbourne, Australia.

FINA is the International Swimming Federation.

Chahat Arora completed the 100-metre breaststroke race in 1 minute, 13.13 seconds.

Key Points -

Lithuania's Ruta Meilutyte, topped the overall heats in 1 minute, 3.81 seconds, which was 9.32 seconds quicker than Chahat Arora.

The 19-year-old Lara Van Niekerk of South Africa came second in 1 minute 3.93 seconds.

Lilly King of the USA came third in 1 minute 3.94 seconds.

Chahat will participate in the women's 50m breaststroke event.

Siva Sridhar will compete in the 100-metre individual medley.

Federation Internationale de Natation -

The Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) is the world governing body for aquatic sports such as swimming, diving, waterpolo, synchronised and open water swimming.

The FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2022, the 16th edition of the competition, will conclude on 18 December.

151. Which country has expelled from the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women?

- (A) Iran (B) Tajikistan
(C) China (D) Thailand
(E) Qatar

Ans (A)

Iran has been expelled from the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in a vote on which India abstained.

The US proposal at the UN Economic and Social Council to remove Iran from the panel received 29 votes, while there were eight votes against and 16 abstentions in the 54-member elected body.

US Permanent Representative Linda Thomas-Greenfield told the Council that CSW, which is "the premier UN body for promoting gender equality and empowering women" cannot function if it is "undermined from within" by Iran.

UN Women -

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) created UN Women in 2010.

UN Women is the wing of the United Nations that engages in the field of women empowerment and gender equality.

The Executive Director of UN Women 2022 is Sima Sami Bahous.

UN Women is headquartered in New York.

152. What is the strike range of Agni V ballistic missile which night trials has recently successfully conducted?

- (A) 5500 km (B) 5000 km
(C) 4500 km (D) 4000 km
(E) 6000 km

Ans (B)

India has successfully conducted night trials of nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni V, capable of striking targets at ranges more than 5,000 kilometers with very high degree of accuracy.

The missile test firing was conducted from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.

This was the latest test in the Agni missile series.

According to defence sources, the test was carried out to validate new technologies and equipment on the missile that are now lighter than before.

Agni-5 missile -

It uses a three-stage solid-fuelled engine, has been developed by India's Defence Research and Development organisation (DRDO).

The development of Agni missiles started in early 1980 under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme spearheaded by scientist and former President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam.

In June 2021, DRDO successfully tested Agni P, a canisterised missile with a range capability between 1,000 and 2,000 km.

153. Which company has signed a MoU with Hockey India to become an official partner of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023?

- (A) Vedanta Limited
(B) Tata Steel Limited
(C) Larsen & Toubro
(D) JSW Steel
(E) Steel Authority of India

Ans (B)

Tata Steel Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hockey India to become an Official Partner of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela. The FIH Men's World Cup is the pinnacle of men's hockey tournaments.

The 15th edition of the esteemed event will take place in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13 to January 29, 2023. FIH Men's World Cup -

The FIH Men's World Cup is the 15th edition of the prestigious event, the top tournament for men along with the Olympics, and will take place in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13 to January 29, 2023.

The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup will be the fourth time that India will be hosting the prestigious tournament after organising it in 1982 in Bombay, 2010 in New Delhi and 2018 in Bhubaneswar.

A total of 16 nations will take part in the upcoming tournament.

154. The 5th edition of Youth Co:Lab has jointly launched by Atal Innovation Mission and NITI Aayog with which international organisation?

- (A) UNICEF (B) UNDP
(C) UNESCO (D) UNEP
(E) UNPF

Ans (B)

The 5th edition of Youth Co:Lab, Asia Pacific's largest youth innovation movement was jointly launched by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and UNDP India December 15th 2022.

The applications for this edition were launched by Dr Chintan Vaishnav, Mission Director AIM, NITI Aayog and Mr Dennis Curry, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP India.

The fifth edition of Youth Co:Lab India will focus on identifying and supporting youth-led early-stage social enterprises or innovations working in the domains of:

- 1) Digital and Financial Literacy for Youth
- 2) Gender Equality and Women Economic Empowerment
- 3) Developing FinTech Solutions focused on Biodiversity Conservation
- 4) Promoting Biodiversity-friendly Lifestyles through Technological Solutions in Finance
- 5) Accelerating Circular Economy through Upcycling Innovations and 6) Behavioral Nudges for LiFE (Lifestyle For Environment)

155. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram has now been named as which scheme?

- (A) Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan
(B) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Pension Yojana
(C) Pradhan Mantri Stand Up India Scheme
(D) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana
(E) Pradhan Mantri From Jan Dhan to Jan Suraksha

Ans (A)

The Minister of Minority Affairs, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani in a reply to a question in the Lok Sabha informed that the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) has now been named as Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme.

The integrated scheme converges five erstwhile schemes of the Ministry viz- Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni and Nai Manzil.

The scheme has been approved by the Cabinet for the period of 15th Finance Commission.

PM VIKAS aims to improve livelihoods of the minorities, particularly the artisan communities, using the components of skill development, education, women leadership & entrepreneurship.

Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Minority Affairs

Type: Central Sector Scheme

Components of the scheme: There are four components under the scheme: 1) Skilling and Training, 2) Leadership and Entrepreneurship, 3) Education and 4) Infrastructure Development.

156. In which month India has received Rafale's 36th and last aircraft from France?

- (A) December (B) November
(C) October (D) September
(E) August

Ans (A)

Recently in December 2022, India has received its 36th and last Rafale aircraft from France.

After taking off from France, the aircraft received a brief mid-flight refuelling from a UAE Air Force tanker aircraft.

India and France struck an intergovernmental agreement wherein Paris committed to pay India 60,000 crore rupees for 36 Rafale fighter jets in 2016.

About Rafale Jet -

35 of the 36 Rafale aircraft that India purchased from France have already arrived in India.

They are stationed in Hasimara, West Bengal, and Ambala, Haryana.

France gave the 36th aircraft to the Indian side, replacing all of its spare parts and other components because it was being used for research and development.

On July 29, 2020, the first shipment of Rafale aircraft arrived in India.

157. Who has been named as Chief Executive Officer of 2032 Olympic organising committee?

- (A) Martin Fourcade (B) Marie Bochet
(C) Cindy Hook (D) Perle Bouge
(E) Julien Benneteau

Ans (C)

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games organising committee has named American executive Cindy Hook as its first CEO.

Key Points -

Hook previously worked for the international professional services network in the US and in Australia.

Hook was based in Singapore as CEO of Deloitte Asia Pacific until June.

Hook was the first female CEO of one of Australia's Big Four professional services companies.

Olympic organising committee -

The organisation of the Olympic Games is entrusted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of the country of the host city as well as to the host city itself.

158. Which is the most expensive city as per the Economist Intelligence Unit's Worldwide Cost of Living Index for year 2022?

- (A) Moscow (B) Hong Kong
(C) New York (D) Paris
(E) Seoul

Ans (C)

New York and Singapore are the most expensive cities in the world, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Worldwide Cost of Living Index for this year.

the top 10 most expensive cities to live in, in 2022 are

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1. New York and Singapore (tie)
3. Tel Aviv, Israel
4. Hong Kong and Los Angeles (tie)
6. Zurich, Switzerland
7. Geneva, Switzerland
8. San Francisco, California
9. Paris, France
10. Copenhagen, Denmark

159. Recently, which international organization has released a report titled "Striving for Clean Air: Air Pollution and Public Health in South Asia"?

- (A) World Bank
(B) International Monetary Fund
(C) World Trade Organization
(D) UN Development Programme
(E) UN Population Fund

Ans (A)

Recently, the World Bank released a report titled "Striving for Clean Air: Air Pollution and Public Health in South Asia".

The report details how persisting with policies currently being implemented (largely since 2018) will yield results but not to the desired level.

Six large airsheds exist in South Asia, where the air quality in one can affect the air quality in another. They are -

West/Central Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP) that included Punjab (Pakistan), Punjab (India), Haryana, part of Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh.

Central/Eastern IGP: Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bangladesh

Middle India: Odisha/Chhattisgarh

Middle India: Eastern Gujarat/Western Maharashtra

Northern/Central Indus River Plain: Pakistan, part of Afghanistan; and

Southern Indus Plain and further west: South Pakistan, Western Afghanistan extending into Eastern Iran.

About Airsheds -

The World Bank defines an airshed as a common geographic area where pollutants get trapped, creating similar air quality for everyone.

160. Gamosa of Assam, which has recently granted Geographical Indication (GI) status, is referred to -

- (A) Cloth (B) Crop
(C) Fruit (D) Sweet
(E) Dance

Ans (A)

Five agricultural products of Kerala- Attappady Attukombu Avara, Attappady Thuvvara, Onattukara Ellu, Kanthalloor-Vattavada Veluthulli, and Kodungalloor Pottuvellari have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) status.

The Gamosa (traditional cloth) of Assam, Alibag White Onion from Maharashtra, Ladakh Raktsey Karpo Apricot and Tandur Redgram of Telangana also got GI tag recently.

About GI Tag -

A Geographical Indication (GI) is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

Geographical indications (GIs) are a type of intellectual property (IP). The World Trade Organisation (WTO) recognises intellectual property rights under TRIPS (TradeRelated Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) Agreement.

Under Article 22(1) of the TRIPS Agreement, the GIs are defined as "indications which identify a good as originating in the territory of a Member, or a region or locality in that territory, where a given quality, reputation or other characteristic of the good is essentially attributable to its geographic origin".

Darjeeling tea was the first product in India to get a GI tag.

Banaras Brocades and Sarees and Tirupathi Laddu have got GI tag.

161. The monetary threshold has been increased from 5 crore to how much at 48th Goods and Service Tax meeting for launching legal proceedings against GST offences?

- (A) 20 crore (B) 10 crore
(C) 15 crore (D) 25 crore
(E) 30 crore

Ans (A)

The 48th Goods and Service Tax (GST) Council meeting at the national capital Delhi on 17 December has concluded without any decisions on the highly anticipated GST Appellate Tribunals, tax rate applicable on gutkha and pan masala.

Key Points -

Threshold limit of for launching of GST offences increased to Two Crores except in case of fake invoices.

5% GST Ethyl Alcohol applicable to Blended Petrol
Decriminalized certain offences of Obstruction of services by officers, failure to supply information etc.
E-Com Portals can supply goods of Unregistered Suppliers

No Claim Bonus offered by Insurance Companies does not attract GST

No Decision on GST Appellate Tribunal Both GoM Reports on Pan Masala, Gutka and GSTAT to be discussed in Next Meeting.

162. At the 11th Global Food Security Index, what is the rank of India?

- (A) 74th (B) 68th
(C) 55th (D) 84th
(E) 48th

Ans (B)

The 2022 Global Food Security Index (GFSI) report was released by the British weekly The Economist.

The 11th Global Food Security Index shows a deterioration in the global food environment for the third year, threatening food security.

In this report, South Africa overtook Tunisia to become the most food-secure country in Africa.

Factors -

Affordability

Availability

Quality and Safety

Natural Resources and Resilience

India is ranked at 68th position along with Algeria with the overall score of 58.9. China's position is at 25th with the score of 74.2.

India was ranked at 71st position in the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021 of 113 countries with an overall score of 57.2 points on the GFS Index 2021.

163. Recently launched book "The Light We Carry: Overcoming In Uncertain Times" has been authored by whom?

(A) Barack Obama (B) Craig Robinson

(C) Michelle Obama (D) Melania Trump

(E) Hillary Clinton

Ans (C)

The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times is a nonfiction book written by Michelle Obama and published, by Crown Publishing. The Light We Carry will inspire readers to examine their own lives, identify their sources of gladness, and connect meaningfully in a turbulent world.

The author shares the contents of her "personal toolbox" – the habits and practices, attitudes and beliefs, and even physical objects that she uses to overcome her feelings of fear, helplessness and self doubt.

Important books & authors -

Authors Name - Book Name

Gautam Borah - 'Nalanada – Until we meet again'

Simon Sebag Montefiore - "The World: A Family History"

Nirmala James - "E K Janaki Ammal: Life and Scientific Contributions"

Shane Watson - "Winning the Inner Battle Bringing the best version of you to cricket"

164. Who has won golden ball at FIFA World Cup 2022?

(A) Kylian Mbappe (B) Lionel Messi

(C) Diego Maradona (D) Cristiano Ronaldo

(E) Lautaro Martínez

Ans (B)

Each FIFA World Cup ends with a number of awards being handed to players who stand out during the FIFA World Cup tournament.

The Golden Ball is presented to the player who has performed the best overall, while the Golden Gloves and Golden Boot are among the most prestigious of these honours.

The Golden Boot is given to the player who scored the most goals during the competition.

Lionel Messi of Argentina wins the Golden Ball 2022 FIFA World Cup for his outstanding performance.

FIFA World 2022 is the last World Cup match of Messi.

The FIFA World Cup Golden Ball award was initially presented in 1982 along with the Golden Boot, and ever since then, it has been given out in every football tournament.

A short list of players is created by a FIFA technical committee, and a group of media representatives then votes on them.

Even if they weren't on the team that won the title, every player is still eligible for the honour.

165. Who has been awarded by Golden Boot Award 2022 at 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup?

(A) Kylian Mbappe (B) Lionel Messi

(C) Enzo Fernandez (D) Olivier Giroud

(E) Luka Modric

Ans (A)

Messi's Argentina clinched their 3rd World Cup trophy from six final appearances in history, seeing off France 4–2 on penalties (3–3 after extra time) to win the biggest prize in men's football at the at Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar.

It had won two in 1978 and 1986 under Diego Maradona.

The 22nd edition of the World Cup just ended and for another 4 years for the next World Cup.

Also, The 2026 World Cup will be held across three different countries, the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Awards -

Top 4 team Rankings: Argentina (Winner), France (2nd), Croatia (3rd) and Morocco (4th)

Golden Boot Award: Kylian Mbappe (France); (8 Goals)

Golden Ball Award: Lionel Messi (Argentina); (7 goals and registering 3 assists)

Golden Glove Award: Emiliano Martinez (Argentina)

FIFA Young Player Award: Enzo Fernandez

FIFA Fair Play Award: England

Silver Boot Award: Lionel Messi

Bronze Boot Award: Olivier Giroud (France)

Silver Ball Award: Kylian Mbappe

Bronze Ball Award: Luka Modric (Croatia)
FIFA World Cup Winners -
1994: BRAZIL
1998: FRANCE
2002: BRAZIL
2006: ITALY
2010: SPAIN
2014: GERMANY
2018: FRANCE

166. According to the World Athletics, which Athlete of India was the most written about track and field athlete in 2022?

- (A) Sunil Chhetri
- (B) Sachin Tendulkar
- (C) Arshad Nadeem
- (D) Neeraj Chopra
- (E) Abhinav Bindra

Ans (D)

According to the World Athletics, Tokyo Olympics gold medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra of India was the most written about track and field athlete in 2022, displacing the Jamaican legend Usain Bolt from the top lists.

The data collated by media analysis company Unicepta was cited by World Athletics, the global governing body for athletics.

Neeraj Chopra, the Tokyo Olympics men's javelin champion, led the way with 812 articles ahead of the Jamaican women's sprint trio of Olympic champion Elaine Thompson-Herah (751 articles), 100m world champion Shelley-Ann Fraser-Pryce (698 articles) and 200m world champion Shericka Jackson (679 articles).

Usain Bolt, the world record holder in 100m and 200m men's sprint, comes in fourth in the list with 574 mentions.

The Jamaican, who is now retired, had previously topped the annual list for most written-about athlete for years.

Neeraj Chopra 2022 season -

Neeraj Chopra had a very successful 2022. He won the silver medal at the World Athletic Championships 2022 in Eugene, Oregon, becoming only the second Indian to win a world's medal after Anju Bobby George's bronze in the women's long jump in 2003. Neeraj Chopra also became the first athlete from India to win the Diamond League final this year.

The javelin star's personal best of 89.94m, the current national record, also came this year at the Stockholm Diamond League.

167. "Goa Liberation Day" is observed every year on which day of December?

- (A) December 18
- (B) December 19
- (C) December 20
- (D) December 17
- (E) December 16

Ans (B)

"Goa Liberation Day" is celebrated on December 19 to commemorate the state's liberation from Portuguese rule in 1961.

As part of Operation Vijay, the Indian armed forces used the armed forces tripartite with the help of local resistance movements to eradicate European rule from the country.

History -

Goa had been under Portuguese rule for roughly 450 years on August 15, 1947, when India attained freedom.

It was at this time that the Portuguese began colonizing some areas of India and demonstrated their steadfast control over Goa and other Indian territories, even after India gained independence from the British.

The Day honors the day the state finally freed itself from Portuguese hegemony. The capital of the state of Goa, which is bordered by the states of Maharashtra and Karnataka, is Panaji. After being liberated from Portuguese rule, it joined India and received statehood from the government in 1987.

'Operation Vijay' -

The Indian government finally declared that Goa should join India "either with full peace or with full use of force". December 18 and 19, 1961 saw a full-fledged military operation termed 'Operation Vijay', which was carried out with little resistance and an instrument of surrender was signed, leading to Goa's annexation by India.

168. Who has won Mrs World 2022 title after 21 years?

- (A) Aditi Govitrikar
- (B) Milind Soman
- (C) Sargam Koushal
- (D) Preeti Jhangiani
- (E) Arzoo Govitrikar

Ans (C)

Sargam Koushal created history as she finally won the Mrs World 2022 title after 21 years while competing for India in the pageant.

The 32-year-old won the competition in Las Vegas after defeating competitors from 63 other nations.

Sargam Koushal beat Mrs. Polynesia to win the title.

The Jammu and Kashmir-born beauty queen previously worked as a teacher in Vizag.

Her husband works for the Indian Navy.

In 2001, an Indian became Mrs. World for the last time.

About -

The first Mrs World, married women's beauty pageant, launched in 1984.

Aditi Govitrikar won the coveted title of Mrs. World in 2001, giving India the coveted title.

Dr. Aditi Govitrikar served as a judge for Mrs India Inc. 2022-2023.

Sargam Koushal defeated Mrs Polynesia to win the crown.

Mrs Polynesia was named the first runner-up, and Mrs. Canada was named the second runner-up.

169. Who has become the first African American to hold the post of president at the prestigious Harvard University?

(A) Jennifer Hochschild

(B) Claudine Gay

(C) Jack Chattopadhyay

(D) Michael Jones

(E) Roland Fryer

Ans (B)

Harvard University named Claudine Gay, a dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, as its new president, the first African American to hold the post at the prestigious university. Gay, 52, is just the second woman to be elected to head the school in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Gay, the daughter of Haitian immigrants, will take over as the university's 30th president on July 1, 2023.

170. Which country has won Women's FIH Nations Cup 2022?

(A) Chile

(B) Japan

(C) Syria

(D) Peru

(E) India

Ans (E)

The Indian women Hockey team led by Captain Savita Punia beat Spain 1-0 in the final to win the inaugural FIH Nations Cup played at Valencia, Spain. The winning goal was scored by Gurjit Kaur of India. The inaugural FIH Nations cup was held in Valencia, Spain from 11-17 December 2022.

India and Spain had played in the FIH women's Hockey Pro League 2021-22 season as replacement

teams after pull-outs by Australia and New Zealand due to COVID-19 related issues.

The result states that Janneke Schopman-coached side has been promoted to the FIH Pro League 2023-24.

India ended the tournament with a perfect record of five wins in five matches.

Indian team beat Chile (3-1), Japan (2-1), and South Africa (2-0) in the group stage before a thrilling 2-1 win over Ireland in the penalty shootout in the semifinal.

171. Who has been named as "Person of the Year 2022" by PETA India?

(A) Huma Qureshi

(B) Poonam Sinha

(C) Sonakshi Sinha

(D) Ananya Panday

(E) Tara Sutaria

Ans (C)

Bollywood actress, Sonakshi Sinha has been awarded PETA India's 2022 Person of the Year title.

Sonakshi's actions helped save the lives of many animals killed for fashion, but her strong advocacy for dog and cat rights earned her the title.

She is actively involved in animal welfare activities and regularly voices out the need for stronger animal protection laws.

The international animal rights non-profit group endorsed the title and celebrated the actions of the "Dabang" actress for saving animal lives in India.

About PETA -

PETA stands for People for Ethical Treatment of Animals.

PETA was founded in 1980 and is dedicated to establishing and defending the rights of all animals.

PETA operates under the simple principle that animals are not ours to experiment on, eat, wear, use for entertainment, or abuse in any other way.

PETA is the largest animal rights organization in the world, and PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally.

172. Who has been named the Men's International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Champion 2022 for the 5th time?

(A) Roger Federer

(B) Rafael Nadal

(C) Novak Djokovic

(D) Maria Francisca

(E) Carlos Alcaraz

Ans (B)

Spanish Tennis Player, Rafael Nadal has been named the Men's International Tennis Federation (ITF)

World Champion 2022 for the 5th time after an outstanding 2022 season.

Previously, He has been named the men's ITF World Champion in 2008, 2010, 2017 and 2019.

Polish tennis player, Iga Świątek, has been named Women's ITF World Champion 2022 for her performance in 2022 winning 2 Grand Slam titles and 8 titles.

Barbora Krejčíková and Katerina Siniakova have been named ITF Women's Doubles World Champions for the 2nd straight year and the 3rd time overall, having won the title in 2018 and 2021.

Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury have been named ITF Men's Doubles World Champions for the 1st time.

Japan's Shingo Kunieda and Netherlands' Diede de Groot were honoured in the men's and women's wheelchair categories.

173. Which UNESCO heritage city will host the Urban 20 cycles as part of G-20 meetings between February to July 2022?

- (A) Ahmedabad (B) Gujarat
(C) Kolkata (D) Hyderabad
(E) Varanasi

Ans (A)

In Gujarat, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has unveiled the logo, website and social media handles of the Urban-20 conference in Gandhinagar.

The UNESCO heritage city Ahmedabad will host the Urban 20 cycles as part of G-20 meetings between February to July.

The logo unveiling event in Gandhinagar was attended by senior officials of the Gujarat government and the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC).

India officially assumed the Presidency of G20 in December 2022 from Indonesia.

The summit meeting of the Head of the States and the leaders of the G20 is scheduled to be held in September 2023 in New Delhi.

To prepare for the summit meeting a series of meetings is to be held by India.

The first meeting was the G-20 Sherpa meeting held in Udaipur in the first week of December 2022.

G-20 -

The G-20 was founded back in 1999 after the Asian financial crisis.

The Group of Twenty (G-20) comprises 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa,

Turkiye, the United Kingdom, and the United States) and the European Union.

The G-20 members represent around 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.

174. What is the tagline of Delhi International Arts Festival 2022 organized by Ministry of Culture in collaboration with Prasiddha Foundation?

- (A) Where Bharat Meets India
(B) World waits for India
(C) Go Farther with India
(D) Ujjawal Bharat Shiny India
(E) Sign of Success, India

Ans (A)

Ministry of Culture in collaboration with Prasiddha Foundation inaugurated Delhi International Arts Festival at Kartavya Path with the tag-line – "Where Bharat Meets India".

The festival aims to celebrate the great Epics, the Warriors Who Fought for Our Freedom, and the many policy decisions and schemes instituted by our Government towards "Women Empowerment", towards "Cleaning Our Holy Rivers", towards keeping our Country "Clean and Free from Dirt and Disease".

About Ministry of Culture -

Shri G. Kishan Reddy - Minister

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal - Minister of State

Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi - Minister of State

Shri Govind Mohan - Secretary

175. Recently, India has completed 70 Years of relationship of Economic, Defence & Trade Development with which country in December 2022?

- (A) Russia (B) Britain
(C) Japan (D) China
(E) Bhutan

Ans (C)

On the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Japan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the ties between the two countries have deepened in every sphere, be it strategic, economic or people-to-people contacts.

Its Background -

Formal relations between Japan and India began in 1952.

After the Second World War, instead of signing the multilateral San Francisco Peace Treaty, India opted for concluding a bilateral peace treaty with Japan, considering that honour and equality should be

ensured for Japan to rejoin the international community.

This is the cornerstone of our long-standing friendship.

But even before the establishment of diplomatic relations, the goodwill between the people of the two countries was deeply rooted through business, academic and cultural exchanges.

In 1951, when India hosted the first Asian Games in New Delhi, it invited Japanese athletes.

This was one of the first occasions where the Japanese flag was hoisted after WWII.

This experience soothed the minds of Japanese people who were struggling to rebuild their country.

After 70 years of multi-layered exchanges, the relationship between our two countries grew into a "Special Strategic and Global Partnership".

176. Which company has won the coveted IEI (Institution of Engineers, India) Industry Excellence Award 2022?

- (A) NTPC Limited
- (B) MECON
- (C) Coal India
- (D) Steel Authority of India
- (E) National Mineral Development Corporation

Ans (E)

National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) won the coveted IEI (Institution of Engineers, India) Industry Excellence Award 2022 in Chennai.

The largest producer of the iron ore in the country was felicitated at the 37th Indian Engineering Congress for its outstanding performance and high level of business excellence.

NMDC -

NDMC was incorporated in 1958 as a Government of India public enterprise.

It is India's largest producer of iron ore. Since inception, under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel, it has been exploring minerals including copper, rock phosphate, limestone, magnesite, diamond, tungsten and beach sand, among others.

Headquarters: Hyderabad

177. Which Indian Navy's sailboat will participate in the 50th edition of Cape to Rio Race 2023?

- (A) INSV Sagar
- (B) INSV Mhadei
- (C) INS Sudarshini
- (D) INSV Tarini
- (E) INS Tir (A86)

Ans (D)

Indian Navy's sailboat INSV Tarini has set sail for an expedition to Cape Town, South Africa for participating in the 50th edition of Cape to Rio Race 2023.

This ocean sailing race will be flagged off from Cape Town on 2 January 2023 and will culminate at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The race is one of the most prestigious Trans-Atlantic ocean races.

The expedition is being undertaken by an Indian Navy crew of five officers including two women officers.

The expedition aims to train the crew onboard, in essential seamanship skills including Navigation, Communication, Technical, Planning, etc.

About The Race -

The Cape Town – Rio de Janeiro is one of the most prestigious Trans-Atlantic ocean races.

INSV Tarini -

INSV Tarini is known for circumnavigating the globe with an all-women officer crew in the historic expedition titled "Navika Sagar Parikrama" in 2017.

The Indian Navy has been regularly participating in sailing expeditions like Sagar Parikrama.

INSV Tarini is being skippered by Capt Atool Sinha with Lt Cdr Ashutosh Sharma, Lt Cdr Dilna K, Lt Cdr Roopa A and SLt Aviral Keshav as the crew, according to the Ministry of Defence.

178. Which state government has launched "Friends of Library" programme?

- (A) Tamil Nadu
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Bihar
- (D) Telangana
- (E) Andhra Pradesh

Ans (A)

The "Friends of Library" programme, under which books would be directly given to those who are unable to access state-run libraries, was introduced by the Tamil Nadu government.

The project will be helpful to people with disabilities, seniors, kids, and hospital in-patients, among others, who are unable to visit a library.

Volunteers will hand over the books to such people from the libraries. About the "Friends of Library" programme -

Such individuals will receive the books from the libraries from volunteers, he continued.

The recipients must register with the relevant library. The programme will involve 2,500 libraries in its initial phase, including 31 district libraries.

The aim of such an initiative was to promote a knowledge-based society.

State Food Minister R Sakkarapani, district collector Dr S Visakan and others participated.

179. Karim Benzema is associated with which sport, who has announced his retirement?

- (A) Cricket (B) Football
(C) Hockey (D) Baseball
(E) Polo

Ans (B)

France footballer Karim Benzema has announced his retirement from International football.

Benzema ends his time with France with 37 goals in 97 appearances, but his time with the squad hasn't exactly been easy since his debut 15 years ago.

When Benzema made his debut for France against Austria in March 2007, he scored while playing as a substitute. He was chosen for France's Euro 2008 team,

however after the team was eliminated early, he faced criticism for his efforts.

Benzema was left out of France's squad for the 2010 World Cup despite participating in the qualification campaign on a regular basis.

He was included in the France team again for Euro 2020, and he ended up being the third-highest scorer with four goals.

180. Who has opened the ICMR-NARFBR (National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research) in Genome Valley in Hyderabad?

- (A) Mansukh Mandaviya
(B) Bharati Pawar
(C) Ashwini Vaishnav
(D) Harsh Vardhan
(E) Parshottam Rupala

Ans (A)

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, opened the ICMR-NARFBR (National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research) in Genome Valley in Hyderabad.

NARFBR is a premier centre dedicated to the ethical care, use, and welfare of laboratory animals in research.

The Centre will develop pre-clinical testing procedures for novel medications, vaccines, and diagnostics, as well as quality assurance checks.

NARFBR-National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research -

The National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research is an Indian Biomedical

research facility and vivarium under the Indian Council of Medical Research.

The new 33rd flagship institute of ICMR was founded in 2015, at Genome Valley in Hyderabad, India.

181. Which team has won 9th Pro Kabaddi League title?

- (A) Dabang Delhi K.C.
(B) Puneri Paltan
(C) Jaipur Pink Panthers
(D) Bengaluru Bulls
(E) Bengal Warriors

Ans (C)

Jaipur Pink Panthers won the Pro Kabaddi League Season 9 Final against Puneri Paltan by a score of 33-29.

They have won their second PKL championship.

After Patna, Jaipur Pink Panthers, the league's first-ever winners, are currently only the second team to win multiple titles.

The tournament was played across Bengaluru, Pune, and Hyderabad while the playoffs were played in Mumbai.

Jaipur Pink Panthers team is currently led by Sunil Kumar Malik and coached by Sanjeev Baliyan.

The team is owned by Abhishek Bachchan.

Previous winners of Pro Kabaddi League -

Season 1 (2014) - Jaipur Pink Panthers

Season 2 (2015) - U Mumba

Season 3 (2016) - Patna Pirates

Season 4 (2016) - Patna Pirates

Season 5 (2017) - Patna Pirates

182. Which Ministry has won the Platinum Icon in the Digital India Awards 2022 for their initiative "DataSmart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data"?

- (A) Ministry of Information Technology
(B) Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Ministry of Environment
(D) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
(E) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Ans (D)

Under Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has won the Platinum Icon in the Digital India Awards 2022 for their initiative "DataSmart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data".

The award was announced under the "Data Sharing and Use for Socio-Economic Development" category.

The DataSmart Cities Initiative is a key step in creating a robust data ecosystem that enables evidence-based decision-making in cities.

The DataSmart Cities Initiative is a key step in creating a robust data ecosystem that enables evidence-based decision-making in cities. It aims to harness the power of data for better governance in India's 100 Smart Cities.

The Digital India awards instituted in 2009 are one of a kind in India for honouring the efforts of different Government entities in the digital realm.

These are conducted by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY).

The seventh edition of Digital India Awards (DIA) is being held in 2022.

183. World Trade Organization ministerial conference 2024 will be held in which country?

- (A) UAE (B) Saudi Arabia
(C) Qatar (D) Bahrain
(E) Yemen

Ans (A)

The next World Trade Organization ministerial conference will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in February 2024, the global trade watchdog confirmed in a statement.

The UAE and Cameroon were both vying to host the event and came to an informal agreement for Abu Dhabi to host the first one and Cameroon to do the next.

World Trade Organization -

India has been a member of the World Trade Organization since the beginning of 1995.

India was also a member of GATT since 1948.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations.

Its main functions are to maintain smooth trade globally and resolve issues or disputes that can affect world trade.

With WTO, member countries get a provision of a legal framework to process negotiations and disputes amongst them.

Other advantages are -

Better stability in trade

Predictability

The WTO is also an administrative organization that allows trade under certain conditions for global ease.

184. What is the name of Fifth Scorpene Submarine which has recently Delivered to Indian Navy in December 2022?

- (A) INS Vagir (B) INS Khanderi
(C) INS Vela (D) INS Karanj
(E) INS Vagsheer

Ans (A)

The fifth Scorpene submarine, Vagir of Project – 75 Kalvari Class submarines has been delivered to the Indian Navy by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai.

The submarine would shortly be commissioned into the Navy and enhance its capability.

Project-75 includes the indigenous construction of six submarines of Scorpene design.

These submarines are being constructed at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with Naval Group, France.

About INS Vagir -

Launched on the 12th of November 2020, Vagir commenced the sea trials on the 1st of February 2022 and it has completed all major trials including the weapon and sensor trials in the shortest time in comparison to the earlier submarines.

Construction of these submarines in an Indian yard is another step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat and a notable achievement is that this is the third submarine delivered to the Navy in a span of 24 months.

In all, six submarines of the Kalvari class, based on the Scorpene design of the Naval Group of France, are being constructed at the MDL in collaboration with the Naval Group of France.

About Project 75 -

This project envisages indigenous construction of submarines equipped with the state-of-the-art Air Independent Propulsion system at an estimated cost of Rs 43,000 crore.

Project 75 (I), approved in 2007, is part of the Indian Navy's 30 year Plan for indigenous submarine construction.

It will be the first under the strategic partnership model which was promulgated in 2017 to boost indigenous defence manufacturing.

185. Who has authored the recently launched book titled as "Fit At Any Age"?

- (A) RGK Kapoor (B) PV Iyer
(C) KSK Suresh (D) B Chandra
(E) S Balakrishnan

Ans (B)

Air Marshal PV Iyer (retd.) has launched his book "Fit At Any Age" at India International Centre, New Delhi.

He penned his journey to fitness in the book and shared anecdotes from his life to explain how he became motivated to work out daily.

He also writes about why it's important to work out and why one's journey towards fitness should start early.

The book, published by Bloomsbury India.

This book explains how adhering to a culture of fitness can keep illnesses at bay.

Exercising strengthens the heart and cleans the blood vessels.

Informative, and humorous, Fit at Any Age combines personal anecdotes, sciencebased logic and simple tips.

186. What is the strike range of "Pralay" Ballistic Missile, recently acquired by Indian Air Force?

- (A) 150-500 Km (B) 100-400 Km
(C) 175-300 Km (D) 300-700 Km
(E) 250-500 Km

Ans (A)

As the conflicts in the border region with China increase, the Indian armed forces are now set to procure the "Pralay" ballistic missile that can hit the target from 150 to 500 km.

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile "Pralay", from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha in December 2021.

Types of Important Indian Missiles -

Surface-To-Air Missiles – SAM

Air-to-air missiles AAM

Surface-to-surface missiles

Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD)/Interceptor Missiles

Cruise Missiles Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles

Anti-Tank Missiles

187. Who has launched country's first Green Steel Brand "KALYANI FeRRESTA"?

- (A) Narendra Modi
(B) Jyotiraditya Scindia
(C) Digvijaya Singh
(D) Amit Shah
(E) Droupadi Murmu

Ans (B)

Union Steel Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia has launched India's first Green Steel Brand "KALYANI FeRRESTA" in New Delhi.

This first-of-its-kind steel has been manufactured by a Pune-based Steel company, Kalyani group by using renewable energy resources, leaving zero carbon footprints in the environment.

The Kalyani Group initiative will help transform the steel sector's long-standing identity as a carbon-emitting "hard to abate sector" to a reduced carbon emitting-green steel-producing industry.

Green steel is the manufacturing of steel without the use of fossil fuels.

This new phenomenon is about producing steel by using low-carbon energy sources such as hydrogen, coal gasification, or electricity instead of the traditional carbon-intensive manufacturing route of coal-fired plants.

Sweden has become the first country in the world to manufacture fossil-free steel which is also known as green steel. Green steel has been developed by HYBRIT Technology and the first delivery was done to Volvo AB as a trial run.

188. Who has taken over as the General Officer Commanding of the Counter Insurgency Force Kilo?

- (A) Mohit Seth (B) Pradeep Naik
(C) Vasant Raha (D) Anup Sant
(E) Anil Kumar

Ans (A)

Major General Mohit Seth has taken over as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Counter Insurgency Force Kilo.

He took over from Major General Sanjiv Singh Slaria who has been moved to Northern Command headquarters in Udhampur.

In his distinguished military career spanning over three decades, the General Officer has held various prestigious staff and command appointments in Jammu and Kashmir, the northeast and at the Army headquarters.

About the Mohit Seth -

Major General Mohit Seth has also served as Indian Army Liaison Officer, High Commission of India, United Kingdom.

Maj Gen Seth, who took over as GOC of Kilo Force was commissioned into 3 MADRAS Regiment in December 1991.

He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Maj Gen Seth attended the prestigious NDC at New Delhi.

His distinguished military career spanning over three decades, Maj Gen Seth held various prestigious staff and command appointments in J&K, North East and at the Army Headquarters.

189. Which district of Jammu & Kashmir Bandipora will host the first-ever Tribal Winter Festival?

- (A) Budgam (B) Srinagar
(C) Bandipora (D) Gurez Valley
(E) Kulgam

Ans (C)

A first-of-its-kind Tribal Winter Festival was held in the Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The festival is organised by the district administration in collaboration with various departments at Ketson, the festival witnessed huge public participation.

The festival witnessed music, dance, and cultural events that left the people enthralled.

Tribal Winter Festival -

People from the Kashmiri community, Gujjars and Bakerwals danced together to the beats of dhol (drum) in a unique portrayal of cultural unity in diversity.

The "gatika" was another attraction performed by two tribal communities portraying the fighting spirit of the Gujjars amid all geographic, social and political odds.

190. Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has nominated whom to the panel of vice-chairperson in the upper house of the Parliament?

- (A) PT Usha
(B) Swapan Dasgupta
(C) KTS Tulsi
(D) Sachin Tendulkar
(E) Subramanian Swamy

Ans (A)

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has nominated legendary former athlete PT Usha to the panel of vice-chairperson in the upper house of the Parliament.

YSRCP member Vijai Sai Reddy has also been nominated along with her.

PT Usha was also elected as the president of the Indian Olympic Association recently.

The 58-year-old Usha is a multiple Asian Games gold medallist and fourth-place finisher in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics 400m hurdles final.

She was declared elected unopposed for the top post in the polls being held under the supervision of Supreme Court-appointed retired SC judge L Nageswara Rao.

PT Usha (Pilavullakandi Thekkeparambil Usha) to use her full name, is one of India's greatest athletes, often called the country's "queen of track and field". PT Usha has won 4 Asian gold medals and 7 Silver medals. She is often called the "Queen of Indian track and field".

191. Which country has won the blind T20 World Cup 2022?

- (A) Bangladesh (B) India
(C) Australia (D) England
(E) Sri Lanka

Ans (B)

The Indian national blind cricket team won the T20 World Cup for the Blind for the third time in a row.

They defeated Bangladesh at Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium by a commanding score of 120 runs.

Man of the Match in Final - Sunil Ramesh (IND)

Man of the Tournament in B3 category - Sunil Ramesh (IND)

Man of the Tournament in B2 Category - Ajay Kumar Reddy (IND)

Man of the Tournament in B1 Category - Mohammed Mahmud Rashid (BAN)

192. The Indian Navy has launched which indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft in December 2022?

- (A) INS Arnala (B) INS Bathurst
(C) INS Kora (D) INS Veer
(E) INS Abhay

Ans (A)

The Indian Navy launched "Arnala", the first of the eight indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW-SWC), at the shipbuilding facility of L&T in Chennai's Kattupall.

Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), 'Arnala' made its first contact with the water of the Bay of Bengal.

The ship has been named 'Arnala' to signify the strategic maritime importance accorded to the island of Arnala, located about 13 kilometres north of Vasai, Maharashtra, by Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

It is anti-submarine warfare vessel in 700 ton displacement range and will replace Abhay-class corvette (a corvette is a small warship) currently serving in Indian Navy.

It is designed for deep 750 tons displacement, 25 knots speed and 57 complement and capable of full-scale

sub surface surveillance of coastal waters, Search Attack Unit (SAU) and Coordinated ASW (Anti-submarine warfare) operations with Aircraft.

193. Which university has got A grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)?

- (A) University of Hyderabad
- (B) Indira Gandhi University
- (C) Visva-Bharati University
- (D) Guru Nanak Dev University
- (E) University of Delhi

Ans (D)

The Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar has got A grade by scoring 3.85 points in National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) grading, thereby becoming the only University in India to get this score.

GNDU is the only State/Central/Private University in India to get this score.

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) is the only other educational institution with a higher grade of 3.89 in the country.

National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) -

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was established in 1994 as an autonomous institution of the University Grants Commission (UGC) with its Headquarter in Bengaluru.

The NAAC conducts assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions such as colleges, universities or other recognised institutions to derive an understanding of the "Quality Status" of the institution.

Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU) -

Guru Nanak Dev University was established at Amritsar on November 24, 1969 to mark the 500th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

It was set up by an act passed by the Punjab state legislature.

The University has also been conferred with the status of "University with Potential for Excellence" by UGC.

GNDU has been awarded the prestigious Maulana Abul Kalam Azad trophy for overall excellence in sports for a record 23 times.

Vice Chancellor of the University: Dr Jaspal Singh Sandhu.

194. Which state government has launched Orunodoi 2.0 scheme?

- (A) Tripura
- (B) Mizoram
- (C) Assam
- (D) Meghalaya

(E) Nagaland

Ans (C)

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the second version of "Orunodoi", the flagship scheme of the state government aimed at providing financial security to financially disadvantaged families.

Around 17 lakh women have been receiving an amount of Rs 1,250 each on the 10th of every month through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) method under the first phase of this social sector scheme.

With the addition of another 10.5 lakh new beneficiaries from now onwards, it would add up to a total of 27 lakh-plus beneficiaries.

Orunodoi Scheme -

Orunodoi' or Arunodoi Scheme is a new scheme of the Government of Assam is launched on 2nd October 2020.

Under "Orunodoi", monetary benefits has been envisaged for more than 24 lac poor household in the state.

The existing beneficiaries of the Deen Dayal Divyangan Pension Yojana and Indira Miri Widow Pension Scheme would be subsumed under Orunodoi 2.0.

195. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board?

- (A) Dinesh Kumar Shukla
- (B) Naga Rama Rao
- (C) Kamal Raghavan
- (D) Nageswara Rao
- (E) Devang Khakhar

Ans (A)

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Dinesh Kumar Shukla to the post of Chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).

Shukla is the Former Executive Director of AERB.

New head of AERB, Dinesh Kumar Shukla a graduate in Mechanical Engineering from Jabalpur University of Madhya Pradesh (MP).

He joined the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) in the year 1981 after completing the 25th batch of BARC Training School.

Atomic Energy Regulatory Board -

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) was constituted on November 15, 1983, by the President of India by exercising the powers conferred by the

Atomic Energy Act, 1962 to carry out certain regulatory and safety functions under the Act.

The regulatory authority of AERB is derived from the rules and notifications promulgated under the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the Environment Protection Act, 1986.

AERB's headquarters is in Mumbai.

AERB celebrated "National Safety Day" on March 4, 2021.

196. The country's first Infantry Museum has been opened for the general public in which city?

- (A) Chennai (B) Lucknow
(C) Mumbai (D) Indore
(E) Patna

Ans (D)

The country's first Infantry Museum has been opened for the general public at Mhow, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

This museum is the first in the country and second in the world.

Before this, such a museum has been built in America. The Army inaugurated to celebrate the Victory Day and the eve of the 75th year of the establishment of the Infantry School.

The world-class museum has been set up with the intention of showcasing the Infantry.

The project was conceived in July 2003 as a national-level training hall cum research centre.

World's first National Infantry Museum -

The world's first National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center is located outside the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning in Columbus Georgia. The 190,000-square-foot museum opened in June 2009.

The museum describes the history of the United States Army Infantry from the American Revolution to present operations.

It displays artifacts from all eras of American history.

197. Recently opened Indian Railways' longest escape tunnel of 12.89 km long is located in which state/UT?

- (A) Jammu & Kashmir
(B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Madhya Pradesh
(E) Andhra Pradesh

Ans (A)

India's longest escape tunnel, which is 12.89 km long constructed on the 111 km under-construction

Banihal-Katra railway line in Jammu and Kashmir was completed by the Indian Railways.

The longest tunnel is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line (USBRL) project.

This is the fourth tunnel on the Banihal-Katra route following the 12.75 km tunnel T-49, the longest tunnel of the Indian Railways, which was completed in January this year.

The tunnel was constructed by the New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM), which is a modern technique of drill and blast processes.

Longest Tunnels in India – Rail and Road Tunnels - Atal Road Tunnel, Himachal Pradesh – Longest High-Altitude Tunnel (Length: 8800 meters, or 5.5 miles, approximately.)

Pir Panjal Railway Tunnel, Jammu and Kashmir (Length: 11,215 metres, or 11.22 km.)

Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Road Tunnel, Jammu and Kashmir (Length: 9280 metres, or 9.34 km.)

Trivandrum Port Railway Tunnel, Kerala (Length: 9020 metres, or 9.02 km.)

Banihal Qazigund Road Tunnel, Jammu and Kashmir (Length: 8500 meters, or roughly 8.5 km)

Sangaldan Railway Tunnel, Jammu and Kashmir (Length: 8000 meters, or approximately 8 km.)

198. According to the Ministry of Earth Science, the Samudrayaan Mission is expected to be realised by which year?

- (A) 2027 (B) 2026
(C) 2025 (D) 2024
(E) 2023

Ans (B)

According to the Ministry of Earth Science, the Samudrayaan Mission is expected to be realised by year 2026.

The mission is aimed at sending three personnel to 6000-metre depth in a vehicle called 'MATSYA 6000' for the exploration of deep-sea resources like minerals.

'MATSYA 6000' vehicle is being designed and developed by National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai under Ministry of Earth Sciences.

It is India's first unique manned ocean mission and is a part of the Rs 6000-crores Deep Ocean Mission

199. SAMARTH Scheme works under which ministry, where more than 13,235 artisans have been trained in the last three years?

- (A) Commerce Ministry (B) Home Ministry
(C) Textile Ministry (D) Power Ministry

(E) Finance Ministry

Ans (C)

Under the SAMARTH Scheme of Textile Ministry, more than 13,235 artisans have been trained in the last three years.

Samarth (Scheme for Capacity Building In Textile Sector) is a flagship skill development scheme approved in continuation to the Integrated Skill Development Scheme for 12th Five Year Plan (FYP), Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs.

The office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) is implementing the SAMARTH to provide skill training to handicraft artisans under the component 'Skill Development in Handicrafts Sector' of National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP).

Schemes of the Textile Sector -

200. Which government entity has released a report titled- "State of the Economy"?

- (A) RBI (B) NITI Aayog
(C) SIDBI (D) SBI
(E) Ministry of Finance

Ans (A)

Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released a report titled- "State of the Economy", which warns of a darkening global outlook.

201. Which country will host Club World Cup in February 2023?

- (A) Morocco (B) Algeria
(C) Tunisia (D) Spain
(E) France

Ans (A)

Recently, Morocco was rewarded by FIFA with hosting rights for the next Club World Cup in February, with an expanded 32-team edition set to launch in 2025.

The most recent edition of the tournament was held in the UAE in February 2022 and was won by the English football club, Chelsea.

202. Tamil Nadu writer M Rajendran has received the Sahitya Akademi Award 2022 for which of his novels?

- (A) Kala Pani (B) Gods and Ends
(C) The Illuminated (D) Shadow Lines
(E) Buddh Gyan

Ans (A)

The Sahitya akademi awards has been given by the central government for the best literature of every year.

Accordingly, the central government has announced the Sahitya Akademi Award for literature on December 22.

Writer M Rajendran from Tamil Nadu has received this award for his novel "Kala Pani".

The awardee will be presented with a cash prize of one lakh rupees and a copper Shield.

This 'Kala Pani' novel is a historical novel based on the war of Kalayarkovil or Kalayarkool.

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and an amount of Rs 1,00,000/- towards cash content each will be presented to the awardees at the award.

203. PM Modi will Inaugurate National Youth Conference in Karnataka on birth anniversary of whom in 2023?

- (A) Swami Vivekananda
(B) Ramakrishna
(C) Rabindranath Tagore
(D) Sarada Devi
(E) Dayananda Saraswati

Ans (A)

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that a National Youth festival is poised to be hosted at Hubballi-Dharwad twin cities, which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

204. Which state has granted industry status to its tourism sector in December 2022?

- (A) Meghalaya (B) Assam
(C) Manipur (D) Bihar
(E) Kerala

Ans (B)

As the growth in the tourism sector is vital for socio-economic development in a state, the Assam State Cabinet led by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma approved the proposal for grant of industrial status to the tourism sector in the state.

205. Who has been awarded by the first Rohini Nayyar prize for outstanding contribution to rural development to the marginalised farmers of Eastern Nagaland?

- (A) Renana Jhabwala
(B) Ashok Khosla
(C) Rajesh Tandon
(D) Sethrichem Sangtam
(E) Montek Singh

Ans (D)

Sethrichem Sangtam, who helped triple the incomes of 1,200 marginalised farmers in Eastern Nagaland,

was awarded the first Rohini Nayar prize for outstanding contribution to rural development. The prize awarded to an individual 40 years or under in age, was presented by the Niti Ayog Vice-Chairman Suman Bery.

206. Which state will host first ever World Table Tennis series event in India?

- (A) Bihar (B) Assam
(C) Goa (D) Kerala
(E) Punjab

Ans (C)

Goa will host India's first ever World Table Tennis (WTT) series event from February 27 to March 5, 2023.

The top tier WTT Star Contender Goa 2023 will take place at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor stadium, located at the Goa University Campus.

207. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of New Delhi International Arbitration Centre?

- (A) Vivian Bose (B) Ghulam Hasan
(C) Harilal Bhagwati (D) Hemant Gupta
(E) Syed Jaffer Imam

Ans (D)

Former Supreme Court judge, Hemant Gupta has been appointed as the chairperson of New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC).

The NDIAC was established for the purpose of creating an independent and autonomous regime for institutionalised arbitration.

208. Who has been named as India's new ambassador to Saudi Arabia in December 2023?

- (A) Naveen Srivastava
(B) Suhel Ajaz Khan
(C) Reenat Sandhu
(D) Nagesh Singh
(E) Pranay Kumar

Ans (B)

Indian Foreign Service official of 1997 batch, Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan who is presently the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

He will replace Dr Ausaf Sayeed, a 1989 batch IFS officer. Dr Khan is expected to take up the assignment

209. Headquarter Building of which government agency has won top Green Building Award 2022?

- (A) IRCTC (B) SBI
(C) UIDAI (D) SIDBI

(E) SEBI

Ans (C)

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has won the prestigious GRIHA Exemplary Performance Award 2022, a top national level Green Building Award.

UIDAI HQ has been declared a winner among the existing highest rated building category.

210. Which institution has recently released the "2022 in Nine Charts" report?

- (A) IEA (B) UNEP
(C) IMF (D) ADB
(E) World Bank

Ans (E)

The World Bank released a report titled "2022 in Nine Charts", in which it said that the world is in its steepest slowdown since 1970 and 685 million people could be living in extreme poverty by the end of 2022.

211. Every year on which day of December the National Consumer Day is observed in India?

- (A) December 22 (B) December 23
(C) December 24 (D) December 25
(E) December 26

Ans (C)

Every year on December 24, India observed the National

Consumer Day or Bharatiya Grahak Diwas.

This day is used to make all consumers aware of their powers and rights.

This day was made under the Consumer Protection Act, which came to power in 1986 to create awareness and save consumers from market exploitation like defective products or expensive pricing.

212. Which company has been awarded as the winner of the "Best Globally Competitive Power Company of India-Hydropower and Renewable Energy Sector" at 15th Enertia Awards 2022?

- (A) NTPC Limited (B) SJVN Limited
(C) NHPC Limited (D) JSW Energy
(E) ONGC

Ans (C)

NHPC Limited has been awarded as the winner of the 'Best Globally Competitive Power Company of India-Hydropower and Renewable Energy Sector' at PRAKASHmay 15th Enertia Awards 2022.

On the behalf of NHPC, Shri US Sahi, Executive Director (EMS/CC/CSR) received the award.

The event was held at the New Delhi Institute of Management, New Delhi on 22nd December 2022.

213. First bilateral air combat exercise "Veer Guardian 23" in 2023 will be conducted between India and which country?

- (A) Japan (B) France
(C) Russia (D) Taiwan
(E) Germany

Ans (A)

Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) are set to hold their maiden bilateral air exercise, "Veer Guardian 23", from January 16 to 26 at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan.

214. Who has received VinFuture special Prize in December 2022 in Hanoi?

- (A) Alphons Joseph (B) HC Verma
(C) Sudhir K Jain (D) Thalappil Pradeep
(E) Sundaram Verma

Ans (D)

Professor Thalappil Pradeep, Indian Scientist, India Institute of Technology, Madras received VinFuture special Prize on 20th December 2022 in Hanoi.

215. Who has been awarded the BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022?

- (A) Lionel Messi (B) Beth Mead
(C) Kylian Mbappe (D) Virat Kohli
(E) Lucy Bronze

Ans (B)

Beth Mead has been awarded the BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022 as she was the player of the tournament and top scorer at Euro 2022.

Beth Mead defeated Germany in the finals at Wembley to win England's first major women's football trophy.

216. International Monetary Fund decreases India's GDP growth forecast for FY23 to what percent?

- (A) 7.1% (B) 5.9%
(C) 6.8% (D) 4.3%
(E) 8.4%

Ans (C)

In light of lower-than-anticipated output in the second quarter and more sluggish external demand, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reduced India's growth prediction for FY23 from 7.4% forecasted in July to 6.8%.

217. Which bank has borrowed USD 400 million from International Finance Corporation for financing green affordable housing?

- (A) State Bank of India (B) HDFC Bank
(C) Yes Bank (D) ICICI Bank
(E) Union Bank

Ans (B)

As part of their efforts to promote climate goals, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan to mortgage giant HDFC in the amount of USD 400 million for the financing of green, affordable housing units.

218. Which country has passed a new transgender law by which anyone above 16 can change their gender?

- (A) France (B) Italy
(C) Spain (D) Greece
(E) Brazil

Ans (C)

The lower house of the Spanish Parliament approved a measure allowing individuals over the age of 16 to change their legally recorded gender without the need for medical supervision.

219. Which Indian female wrestler has been nominated for United World Wrestling Rising Star of Year award?

- (A) Antim Panghal (B) Kavita Devi
(C) Sakshi Malik (D) Divya Kakran
(E) Pooja Gehlot

Ans (A)

Indian female wrestler Antim Panghal has been nominated for the honour of United World Wrestling Rising Star of the Year.

She won gold medals at the U20 World Championships, U20 Asian Championships, and Zouhaier Sghaier Ranking Series, a senior category event.

220. Which state government has approved warehousing and logistic policy 2022?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Maharashtra
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Telangana

Ans (D)

"Warehousing Logistics Policy 2022" has been approved by the UP Government which will in turn help in the state becoming a US\$ 1 trillion economy.

221. Good Governance Day 2022 has recently celebrated on which day of December?

- (A) 24 December (B) 25 December
(C) 23 December (D) 26 December
(E) 27 December

Ans (B)

Good Governance Day: Every year, in honour of former Indian Prime Minister Atal Vihari Vajpayee's birthday, India observes "Good Governance Day".

The day is devoted to former prime minister Atal Vihari Vajpayee.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi 2014 announced that "Good Governance Day" will be observed annually on December 25 in memory of the former PM.

222. Which Indian sportsperson has featured in the top 25 of Forbes' annual list of the world's highest-paid female athletes?

- (A) Saina Nehwal (B) PV Sindhu
(C) Sania Mirza (D) Mary Kom
(E) Sakshi Malik

Ans (B)

Forbes annual list: India's badminton star, PV Sindhu is the only Indian sportsperson to feature in the top 25 of Forbes' annual list of the world's highest-paid female athletes. Sindhu, the 2016 Tokyo Olympics silver medallist, occupies the 12th spot in the list.

223. Which state/UT celebrated Losar Festival to mark its New Year on 24th December 2022?

- (A) Sikkim (B) Tripura
(C) Ladakh (D) Goa
(E) Bihar

Ans (C)

Ladakh celebrated Losar Festival to mark the Ladakhi New Year. Losar Festival is celebrated in Ladakh on 24th December 2022. The Losar Festival or the Ladakhi New year is a major socio-religious festival of Ladakh celebrated during winter. The Losar Festival is continue for nine days from the new year.

224. Who has won Malaysia's Junior International Badminton Championship title?

- (A) Geta Sora (B) Kuo Kuan-lin
(C) S Sankar (D) Hina Akechi
(E) Sora Ogaki

Ans (A)

Geta Sora from Arunachal Pradesh won the under-9 category of the Top Arena Junior International Badminton Championship in Malaysia.

Jaryl Teh, the second seed from Malaysia, Sora clinched the U-9 boys singles title in the Yonex-Singha-BTY Championships 2022.

225. Which Indian Institute of Technology has developed an artificial heart that would be of great help to people with acute cardiac problems?

- (A) IIT Delhi (B) IIT Mumbai
(C) IIT Kharagpur (D) IIT Kanpur
(E) IIT Guwahati

Ans (D)

IIT Kanpur is ready with an artificial heart that would be of great help to people with acute cardiac problems.

IIT Kanpur Director, Abhay Karandikar, said that the trial on animals would begin next year.

226. SBI Funds Management appointed whom as new MD, CEO of company?

- (A) Shekhar Bhatnagar
(B) Moiz Mohsin
(C) Shamsheer Singh
(D) Vinaya Datar
(E) Sudha Krishnan

Ans (C)

State Bank of India Funds Management has appointed Shamsheer Singh as managing director and chief executive officer of the company.

Singh, who was deputy managing director at State Bank of India (SBI), has taken over the charge from Vinay M Tonse following his repatriation to the public sector lender, the asset management company.

227. INCOVACC, which was approved as an intranasal booster dose for Covid, is manufactured by which institution?

- (A) Serum Institute of India
(B) Biocon
(C) Biological E Ltd
(D) Bharat Biotech
(E) Schott Kaisha Pvt Ltd

Ans (D)

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has approved

Bharat Biotech's intranasal Covid vaccine as a booster dose for those above 18 years of age.

228. Who has been named as the captain of the Indian squad for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023?

- (A) Birendra Lakra
(B) Amit Rohidas
(C) Harmanpreet Singh
(D) PR Sreejesh
(E) Rupinder Pal Singh

Ans (C)

Harmanpreet Singh was named the captain of the 18-member Indian squad for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup.

Hockey India announced the squad for the FIH men's World Cup scheduled from January 13 to 29, 2023 in Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, Odisha.

Amit Rohidas will be his deputy for the event.

The Men in Blue will play its opening game against Spain at the newly built Birsa Munda Stadium in Rourkela.

229. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur has inaugurated the Sports Science Centre in which state?

- (A) Kerala (B) Karnataka
(C) Maharashtra (D) Telangana
(E) Gujarat

Ans (B)

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur inaugurated the Sports Science Centre here at MG Stadium in Udupi, Karnataka.

This Sports Science Centre will bring together sports scientists and athletes. The sports science center has been set up by the government of Karnataka.

The state government has set up two sports science centers at Udupi and Bengaluru.

These centers will conduct research on medicines, nutritious food, treatment and rehabilitation measures for sportspersons, which would help them to boost their abilities.

230. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to observe Veer Bal Diwas on which day of December every year?

- (A) 22th December (B) 27th December
(C) 25th December (D) 24th December
(E) 26th December

Ans (E)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to observe Veer Bal Diwas 2022 on the occasion of the Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

Veer Bal Diwas is going to be celebrated in India every year on 26th December.

231. Which country has topped in FIFA world rankings 2022?

- (A) Argentina (B) Morocco
(C) Japan (D) Brazil
(E) France

Ans (D)

FIFA has officially announced the 2022 world rankings, and Brazil hold on to their No 1 spot and 22nd FIFA Men's World Cup 2022 Champions Argentina ranked 2nd.

Morocco has improved from 22nd to 11th in the FIFA world ranking, following their achievements at the 2022 FIFA Global Cup.

Morocco are the big winners as the Atlas Lions surged up 11 spots to 11th in the world. The job Walid Regragui did was sensational and they were the darlings of the 2022 World Cup.

232. According to Taste Atlas, what is the rank of India in global list of the best cuisines for 2022?

- (A) First (B) Second
(C) Third (D) Fourth
(E) Fifth

Ans (E)

India is ranked fifth on the global list of the best cuisines for 2022, according to Taste Atlas.

The ranking is based on audience votes for ingredients, dishes, and beverages.

Italy's food came in first place followed by Greece and Spain.

233. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Railway Board?

- (A) Vinay Tripathi (B) Anil Lahoti
(C) Sanjay Sehgal (D) Anoop Kumar
(E) Subhash Chander

Ans (B)

Anil Kumar Lahoti has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Railway Board.

The former General Manager of Central Railway was appointed as a Member (Infrastructure) of the board a week ago, and will be taking over the chairmanship from Vinay Kumar Tripathi on January 1.

Lahoti was appointed as the general manager of Central Railway in July 2021, before which he worked in several key positions in both zonal railways and the railway board in Delhi.

234. Who has been honoured with the prestigious 30th Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2022?

- (A) Vedangi Kulkarni (B) Jyoti Kumari
(C) Swasti Singh (D) Sunita Choken
(E) Alena Reji

Ans (C)

Indian cyclist Swasti Singh has been honoured with the prestigious 30th Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2022.

The award is instituted by IMFA's charitable wing, IMPaCT.

Swasti received a cash award of Rs 5 lakh along with a citation at the Ekalabya Puraskar function held in Bhubaneswar.

235. Madhya Pradesh Government will built Atal Bihari Vajpayee's grand memorial in which city?

- (A) Gwalior (B) Indore
(C) Bhopal (D) Jabalpur
(E) Nagpur

Ans (A)

According to Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, a huge statue of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee will be installed and a research centre will be built as part his grand memorial in Gwalior.

On December 26 at the "Gwalior Gaurav Diwas" function to mark the late leader's 98th birth anniversary.

The event was also attended by Union Ministers Jyotiraditya Scindia and Narendra Singh Tomar.

Vajpayee was born in Gwalior on December 25, 1924.

The Madhya Pradesh government has allotted nearly 4,050 hectares of land in Sirol area of Gwalior to build a memorial of Vajpayee, according to Gwalior Divisional Commissioner Deepak Singh.

236. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

- (A) Rajesh Bhushan
- (B) Mandeep K Bhandari
- (C) Alka Nangia
- (D) Ganji Kamala V Rao
- (E) Anupam Mishra

Ans (D)

Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS is currently serving as the Managing Director of Indian Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.

Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS is a Kerala cadre officer of the 1990 batch.

237. Which cricket team has topped ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings 2022?

- (A) New Zealand
- (B) England
- (C) Australia
- (D) India
- (E) South Africa

Ans (A)

The ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings (formerly known as the ICC ODI Championship) is an international One Day International (ODI) cricket rankings system of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

After every ODI match, the two teams involved receive points based on a mathematical formula.

Each team's points total is divided by their total number of matches played to give a rating, and all the teams are ranked in a table in order of rating.

238. Who has been appointed as chairman of National Highway Authority of India?

- (A) Santosh Kumar Yadav
- (B) Manoj Kumar
- (C) CK Sharma
- (D) Rajeev Saxena
- (E) Dharmendra Kumar

Ans (A)

Santosh Kumar Yadav, the senior bureaucrat, was appointed as the Chairman of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).

Santosh Kumar Yadav is a 1995-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre. He is currently serving as the additional secretary in the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.

239. Who has won gold medals in finals in the Elite Women's National Boxing Championships 2022?

- (A) Mary Kom
- (B) Nikhat Zareen
- (C) Chanu Saikhom
- (D) Nitu Ghanghas
- (E) Bhavina Patel

Ans (B)

Telangana Boxing star and the reigning world champion, Nikhat Zareen, and Lovlina Borgohain, the bronze medalist from the Tokyo Olympics, both won gold medals in their separate finals in the Elite Women's National Boxing Championships.

The Railway Sports Promotion Board won the team trophy with ten awards in the 6th Elite Women's National Boxing Championships in Bhopal.

The Railways team topped the medals tally with 10 medals – five golds, three silvers and two bronze.

Madhya Pradesh team came second with one gold, two silver and five bronze, and Haryana with two gold and two bronze claimed the third spot.

240. International Day of Epidemic Preparedness is celebrated on which day of December to serves the purpose of creating awareness about epidemics?

- (A) December 24
- (B) December 25
- (C) December 26
- (D) December 27
- (E) December 28

Ans (D)

International Day of Epidemic Preparedness on December 27 serves the purpose of creating awareness about epidemics. This day encourages every individual, every institution and every government to prepare its citizens in an appropriate manner.

In its 75th session and 36th plenary meeting on December 7, 2020, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution which declared December 27 as the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness.

241. Which company has signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Tecnimont Private Limited, the Indian subsidiary of Maire Tecnimont Group, Italy?

- (A) ONGC (B) NHPC
(C) NTPC (D) SAIL
(E) Coal India

Ans (C)

NTPC signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tecnimont Private Limited, the Indian subsidiary of Maire Tecnimont Group, Italy.

NTPC is India's largest power generation company. The objective of the MoU is to jointly evaluate and explore the possibility to develop a commercial-scale Green Methanol production facility at the NTPC project in India.

The Green Methanol Project involves capturing carbon from NTPC power plants and converting it into green fuel.

Green Methanol has a wide range of applications including serving as a base material for the Chemical industry, storing renewable electricity, and transportation fuel.

242. Recently, Indian Bank has launched which programme in Rajasthan?

- (A) MSME Prerana (B) MSME Badhawa
(C) MSME Sahan (D) MSME Growth
(E) MSME Broad

Ans (A)

Indian Bank, one of the leading public sector banks in the country, has launched its flagship business mentoring program for MSME entrepreneurs "MSME Prerana" in the state of Rajasthan.

Indian Bank's unique program, "MSME Prerana", is a first-of-its-kind initiative for MSME Sector in the country by any bank. It aims at empowering MSME Entrepreneurs through skill development and capacity building training in their local languages.

243. Zeliangrong United Front is associated with which state, which has recently signed a peace agreement with Central Government?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Manipur
(C) Maharashtra (D) Tamil Nadu

(E) Telangana

Ans (B)

The Centre signed a peace agreement with a Manipur insurgent group, which agreed to give up violence and join the peaceful democratic process.

The tripartite agreement was signed by the central and Manipur governments and the Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) rebel group which mostly operated in Manipur.

The agreement was signed by senior home ministry officials and the government of Manipur and the representatives of ZUF in presence of Chief Minister N Biren Singh.

Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) :

244. Which state has got approval by Union Home Ministry to change the name of "Mundera Baazar" municipal council and "Telia Afghani" village?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Uttarakhand
(C) Gujarat (D) Uttar Pradesh
(E) Maharashtra

Ans (D)

Uttar Pradesh government has got approval from Home Ministry to rename two places?

The Union Home Ministry has given its consent to change the names, a Municipal Council in Gorakhpur and a village in Deoria, both in eastern UP.

The "no-objection" certificates were issued by the Union Home ministry for changing the name of "Mundera Baazar" municipal council in Gorakhpur district to "Chauri-Chaura" and that of 'Telia Afghani' village in Deoria district to "Telia Shukla".

245. Ministry of Power has inked a pact to install early warning systems for Power Stations with which organization?

- (A) NTPC (B) ISRO
(C) NHPC (D) DRDO
(E) HAL

Ans (D)

The Ministry of Power announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Defence Research and Development Organisation to implement an early warning system for vulnerable hydro projects and power stations in hilly regions.

Along with the DRDO, the Ministry of Power has also signed other MoUs with organisations like the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's National Geophysical Research Institute, the Indian Meteorological Department the Wadia Institute of

Himalayan Geology and the Indian Space Research Organisation's National Remote Sensing Centre.

246. Who has authored the book titled "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond"?

- (A) Bimal Jalan
- (B) C Rangarajan
- (C) Suresh Tendulkar
- (D) Y Venugopal
- (E) S Venkitaramanan

Ans (B)

C Rangarajan authored a book titled "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond".

It was published by the Penguin Business (Penguin Group).

The book is the memoir of Dr C Rangarajan, an Indian economist, a former Member of Parliament, and the 19th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

It discusses India's transition from its post-independence planning era to the present times.

The book is divided into 3 parts.

247. The Ministry of Railways has developed which scheme to modernize over 1000 small stations?

- (A) Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
- (B) Clone train services
- (C) Rail Station Suvidha Kendra
- (D) Sampark, samanvay and Samvad
- (E) Project Station

Ans (A)

The Ministry of Railways has developed a new scheme to modernize over 1000 small stations over the coming year.

The stations will be equipped with facilities inspired by the mega-upgradation of marquee stations.

This scheme will be a part of the Ministry of Railways Station Redevelopment Drive and Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

248. Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of whom as the MD & CEO of Suryoday Small Finance bank for three years?

- (A) Baskar Babu
- (B) Mrutunjay Sahoo
- (C) Mandeep Maitra
- (D) Jyotin Mehta
- (E) Meena Hemchandra

Ans (A)

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of Baskar Babu Ramachandran as the MD & CEO of Suryoday Small Finance bank for three years effective from 23rd January 2023.

The bank was originally incorporated as Suryoday Micro Finance Pvt Ltd in Chennai in 2008.

The bank subsequently converted into a public limited company as Suryoday Micro Finance Ltd in 2015.

Suryoday Micro Finance was granted in-principle and final approval to establish an SFB by the RBI.

Suryoday Small Finance Bank is a scheduled commercial bank.

249. Which state has achieved the feat of having library in every village in December 2022?

- (A) Kerala
- (B) Assam
- (C) Goa
- (D) Bihar
- (E) Tripura

Ans (A)

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's constituency has achieved a new record recently.

It has become the only constituency in India to have a library in all the wards.

CM Vijayan's constituency Dharmadam has achieved the position of complete library constituency in India, the first in India.

Out of the total 138 wards in the constituency, there were no libraries in 63 wards.

250. Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" has recently sworn in as new Prime Minister of which country?

- (A) Bhutan
- (B) Sri Lanka
- (C) Indonesia
- (D) Canada
- (E) Nepal

Ans (E)

Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" was sworn in as Nepal's new Prime Minister.

India - Nepal relation -

India remains Nepal's largest trade partner, with bilateral trade crossing USD 7 billion in FY 2019-20.

Nepal being a landlocked country is surrounded by India from three sides and one side is open towards Tibet which has very limited vehicular access.

India and Nepal share multiple multilateral forums such as BBIN (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal), BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation), Non Aligned Movement, and SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) etc.

1. The "Nijaat" campaign was launched by which state's police, which has won IACP 2022 Award?

- (a) Chhattisgarh police
- (b) Tamil Nadu Police
- (c) Telangana Police
- (d) Uttar Pradesh Police
- (e) Uttarakhand Police

Ans (a)

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the US-based international organisation has selected the anti-drug & illicit liquor campaign "Nijaat" of Chhattisgarh police for "Leadership in Crime Prevention" award in the institutional category. The prestigious IACP 2022 Award has selected the de-addiction drive "Nijaat", which was executed following the directive by chief minister Bhupesh Baghel to act tough against drug peddlers, and bootleggers and check to smuggling of drugs.

A successful singular campaign, "Nijaat" witnessed the striking results to achieve a drug-free society with missionary zeal. The campaign was launched by the Chhattisgarh police under the leadership of the IPS officer Santosh Kumar Singh who pioneered the drive with intensified efforts in districts of Korea, Rajnandgaon and presently continuing in Korba.

2. The largest open-air theatre "Dhanu Yatra" has recently begin in which state?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Tripura
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Goa
- (e) Bihar

Ans (a)

The "Dhanu Yatra" festival, the largest open-air theatre festival began after a gap of two years, in Bargarh at the Odisha. The vibrant Dhanu Yatra is associated with the culture of Odisha. The Festival is being held from December 27 to Jan 6, 2023. Several artists from 130 cultural troupes from across the country are scheduled to perform during the festival. Around 3,000 artistes of 130 cultural troupes from across the country is participating in the festival. However, Kansa is the central attraction of the Dhanu Yatra.

Dhanu Yatra, the eleven day long annual extravaganza places Bargarh in the Cultural Map of India.

3. Who has named as first woman Police Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) Sanjukta Parashar
- (b) Laxmi Singh

- (c) Meera Chadha
- (d) Ruveda Salam
- (e) Kanchan Chaudhary

Ans (b)

The Uttar Pradesh government has appointed IPS officer Laxmi Singh as the new Noida Police chief, making her the first woman officer to head a Police Commissionerate in the state.

The 2000-batch officer, who replaced Alok Singh in Gautam Buddha Nagar.

Alok Singh, a 1995-batch IPS officer, has been posted as an additional director general of police (ADGP) at the DGP office in state capital Lucknow.

Laxmi has previously served as the IG/DIG of the Special Task Force (STF) in Gautam Buddha Nagar from January 1, 2018 to March 5, 2018.

Thereafter, she was made IG of the police training school in Meerut from March 2018 to May 26 in 2020 before being moved as IG Range Lucknow.

4. Tamil Nadu Government has announced the which projects to restore the state animal original habitat?

- (a) Nilgiri langur Project
- (b) Arabian tahr Project
- (c) Nilgiri Tahr Project
- (d) Hemitragu Project
- (e) Lion-tailed macaque Project

Ans (c)

Tamil Nadu Government has announced the "Nilgiri Tahr Project", India's first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at restoring the state animal's original habitat and stabilizing its population.

The "Nilgiri Tahr Project" is a five-year program with a budget of Rs 25.14 crore.

It will also have a dedicated team chaired by the project director to deal with species conservation.

The team will explore the possibility of undertaking captive breeding of the animals for re-introduction in forest patches where it has become locally extinct.

5. Union Minister of Roads Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the country's second longest cable-stayed eight-lane Zuari Bridge in which state?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Goa
- (d) Haryana
- (e) Uttarakhand

Ans (c)

Union Minister of Roads Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the country's second longest cable-stayed eight-lane Zuari Bridge in Goa.

Right-hand side (4-lane corridor) across the Zuari River and approaches from Bambolim to Verna were thrown open for vehicular traffic.

Gadkari also launched the PWD Goa App for integrated operations management.

Through the insurance scheme of the Government of Goa, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has given Rs 2 lakh each to the families of the workers who died during the construction of the bridge.

6. "Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee – National Institute of Water and Sanitation (DSPM – NIWAS)" has been inaugurated in which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Telangana
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Mizoram

Ans (c)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid foundation stone and projects worth more than Rs 7800 crore in West Bengal.

He also virtually inaugurated Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee – National Institute of Water and Sanitation (DSPM – NIWAS).

It will serve as an apex body in the country on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in the country, serving as a hub of information and knowledge for Central, State and local governments.

He has also inaugurated Joka-Taratata stretch of Purple Line of Kolkata Metro.

These projects will add 190 MLD new STP capacity in West Bengal.

These projects will benefit areas of North Barrackpore, Hooghly-Chinsura, Kolkata KMC area-Garden Reach & Adi Ganga (Tolly Nala) and Mahestala town.

7. Which Indigenously developed payment application has celebrated its sixth anniversary on 30th December 2022?

- (a) Google pay
- (b) BHIM
- (c) Phonepe
- (d) YONO SBI
- (e) Bharatpe

Ans (b)

Indigenously developed payment application BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) celebrated its sixth anniversary.

BHIM App was launched on 30th December 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

BHIM stands for Bharat Interface for Money.

It is a biometric payment systems app using the Aadhar platform and is based on a Unified Payment Interface (UPI) to facilitate e-payment directly through the bank.

It was named after the great Dalit leader Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar.

8. "Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India: 2021-22"- Web publication has released by which government entity?

- (a) SBI
- (b) NHB
- (c) SIDBI
- (d) RBI
- (e) SEBI

Ans (d)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published a web publication on the activities of the Indian banking sector called "Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India: 2021-22".

The publication includes details of priority sector advances for scheduled commercial banks, except regional rural banks, together with entity-specific information on the main categories of liabilities and assets, along with their maturity profile, income, and expenses.

The consolidated balance statement of rural cooperative banks is also shown, broken down by state.

The publication may be viewed using the link "Time Series Publications" under the Database on Indian Economy.

9. Recently, the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution issued a notification to provide free food grains to all eligible households under which act for one year?

- (a) Grain Food Products Act, 1973
- (b) National Food Adulteration Act, 1954
- (c) National Food Grain Act, 1955
- (d) National Food Security Act, 2013
- (e) Pure Food & Drug Act, 1967

Ans (d)

Recently, the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution issued a notification to provide free foodgrains (rice, wheat and coarse grains) to all eligible households under the National Food Security Act, 2013, for one year from January 1, 2023.

The government, however, discontinued the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana.

10. Election Commission of India has developed a prototype of a remote electronic voting machine (RVM) for which category of people?

- (a) Non Resident Indians
- (b) Domestic Migrant Workers
- (c) Citizens above 80 years
- (d) Persons with Disabilities
- (e) All of the Above

Ans (b)

The Election Commission of India has developed a prototype of a remote electronic voting machine (RVM) for domestic migrant voters.

It has invited political parties for a demonstration.

If implemented, migrant voters do not need to travel to their home district to exercise their franchise and this will be a major move to increase voter participation.

11. Which state has won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers?

- (a) Haryana (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Odisha (d) Jharkhand
- (e) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (a)

Hockey Haryana's women's team won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers after defeating Madhya Pradesh (2-0) in the final at Bhubaneswar.

In the final match, Pooja and Gurmail Kaur scored a goal each for Haryana to end the contest in their favour.

Odisha stepped up to claim third place after beating Hockey Jharkhand 2-1 in the 3rd and 4th place encounter.

Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Jharkhand have qualified for the Khelo India Youth Games (Women) to be held in Madhya Pradesh next year.

12. Which international organization has accepted the proposal for International Year of Millets 2023, sponsored by Government of India?

- (a) UNICEF (b) UNGA
- (c) UNHRC (d) UNDP
- (e) WTO

Ans (b)

The Government of India sponsored the proposal for International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023 which was accepted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

The declaration has been instrumental for the Government of India to be at the forefront in celebrating the IYM.

PM Narendra Modi has also shared his vision to make IYM 2023 a "People's Movement" alongside positioning India as the "Global Hub for Millets".

In April 2018, Millets were rebranded as "Nutri Cereals", followed by the year 2018 being declared as the National Year of Millets, aiming at larger promotion and demand generation.

On 6th December 2022, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, organized an opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets – 2023 at Rome, Italy.

With respect to states, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Rajasthan have been allocated the month of January for carrying out specific activities for sensitization and promotion of IYM.

13. Who has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Indian Overseas Bank?

- (a) Partha Pratim Sengupta
- (b) Annie George Mathew
- (c) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- (d) B Chandra Reddy
- (e) Sanjay Vinayak Mudaliyar

Ans (c)

Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been elevated as Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank with effect from January 1, 2023 from his current posting as executive director.

He started his banking career as a probationary officer in 1991 with Allahabad Bank where he worked in various capacities in different parts of the country.

14. Inacio Lula da Silva has recently sworn in as President of which country for third time?

- (a) Mexico (b) Canada
- (c) Portugal (d) Brazil
- (e) Spain

Ans (d)

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva took office for a third term as Brazil's president.

Vowing to fight for the poor and the environment and "rebuild the country" after leader Jair Bolsonaro's administration.

The 77-year-old veteran leftist, who previously led Brazil from 2003 to 2010, took the oath of office before Congress.

It is the first time since the end of Brazil's 1965-1985 military dictatorship that an incoming leader has not received the yellow-and-green presidential sash from his predecessor.

Foreign dignitaries including 19 heads of state were in attendance as Lula.

15. ISRO and Andhra University will set up an equipment along beaches to predict which natural event?

- (a) Rip Currents (b) Earthquake
(c) Tsunami (d) Typhoon
(e) Febrile Reflux

Ans (a)

Indian Space and Research Organization, National Centre for Earth Sciences and the Andhra University have researched and concluded that constant rip current zones at blue flag-certified Rushikonda beach and RK Beach have become a danger to the beach visitors.

Between 2012 to 2022 over 200 people drowned in the sea at various beaches in and around Visakhapatnam and 60 percent of deaths occurred in RK Beach.

16. The recently launched Fifth volume of the Reserve Bank of India has been prepared by a team of writers led by whom?

- (a) Giorgio Riello (b) Latika Chaudhary
(c) Jared Rubin (d) Dr Tirthankar Roy
(e) Anand V Swamy

Ans (d)

The fifth volume of the Reserve Bank of India's history is released.

This volume encompasses the 11-year period from 1997 to 2008.

With this volume, the history of the Reserve Bank of India is now updated up to 2008.

The Reserve Bank had initiated the process of preparation of this volume in 2015 under the guidance of an Advisory Committee chaired by Dr Narendra Jadhav, former Member of Parliament and former Principal Adviser & Chief Economist of the Reserve Bank.

17. Who has won silver at the World Chess Blitz Championship 2022?

- (a) Koneru Humpy
(b) Harika Dronavalli
(c) Tania Sachdev

(d) Vidit Gujrathi

(e) Vaishali Rameshbabu

Ans (a)

Former World rapid champion Koneru Humpy produced a superlative performance to claim India's first-ever silver medal from the World blitz chess championship that concluded in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Humpy defeated China's Zhongyi Tan to win Silver in the 17th and final round.

Fourth-seeded Humpy scored an impressive 12.5 points, just half a point behind the gold medal winner Bibisara Balabayeva of Kazakhstan.

Humpy is the second Indian to win a medal at World Blitz, after Viswanathan Anand.

18. Prajjwala Challenge has been launched by which ministry to invite ideas, solutions, and actions that can transform rural development?

- (a) Ministry of Road Transport
(b) Ministry of Rural Development
(c) Ministry of Child Development
(d) Ministry of Home Affairs
(e) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Ans (b)

The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) has launched the Prajjwala Challenge.

The Prajjwala Challenge has been launched to invite ideas, solutions, and actions that can transform rural development.

19. India's first underwater metro will become operational by December 2023, in which city this underwater metro is being built?

- (a) Kochi
(b) Kolkata
(c) Mumbai
(d) Chennai
(e) Daman

Ans (b)

India's first underwater metro service, The Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC) said that the East-West Metro Corridor project, will be completed by December 2023.

With this, another feather is being added to the crown of Kolkata Metro, the first metro railway in the country.

Kolkata Metro, which started its journey in 1984, is being expanded to cover the whole city and its outskirts.

The underwater metro, which will be running through the Hoogly river will connect the twin cities of Howrah and Kolkata.

20. On 1st January 2023, which country has become the fully integrated European Union Member?

- (a) Slovenia
- (b) Serbia
- (c) Croatia
- (d) Zagreb
- (e) Bosnia

Ans (c)

On 1st January 2023, Croatia adopted the Euro and removed dozens of border checkpoints to become the 27th nation to join Europe's passport-free travel area (world's largest).

Adopting the euro will make travelling and doing business easier, removing the hassle of currency exchange for Croats going abroad.

Croatia joined the European Union in 2013, but to adopt the Euro it had to fulfil strict economic conditions (having a stable exchange rate, controlling inflation and sound public spending).

21. Recently RBI which government bank has kept as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) Bank of India
- (d) Central Bank of India
- (e) Punjab National Bank

Ans (a)

The list of Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for 2021 was released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The RBI continues to classify SBI, ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs), in accordance with the 2020 list of D-SIBs.

22. What is the rank of India in terms of coffee exports in Asia, as the Coffee shipments from India rose 1.66 percent to 4 lakh tonne in 2022?

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth
- (e) Fifth

Ans (c)

Coffee shipments from India, Asia's third-largest producer and exporter, rose 1.66 per cent to 4 lakh tonne in 2022 on rise in instant coffee exports and re-exports.

In 2021, the coffee exports was stood at 3.93 lakh tonne.

In value terms, coffee export was higher at Rs 8,762.47 crore in 2022 as against Rs 6,984.67 crore in the previous year. India ships both Robusta and Arabica varieties, besides instant coffee.

According to the Board's latest data, shipment of Robusta coffee declined marginally to 2,20,974 tonne in 2022 from 2,20,997 tonne in the previous year.

23. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute in which city?

- (a) Coimbatore
- (b) Devanahalli
- (c) Karimnagar
- (d) Kurnool
- (e) Guntur

Ans (b)

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli in Karnataka and inaugurated the residential and administrative complexes of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

The residential complexes of ITBP inaugurated by Shri Amit Shah include Residential Quarters, Joint Building, Barracks for 120 Jawans, Staff Officers' Mess and Officers' Mess.

CDTI would help in fulfilling all these objectives for the CAPFs as well as the police of neighboring States, which has been running since 1956.

Shri Amit Shah said the centers built in Kolkata, Hyderabad, Ghaziabad and Rajasthan have made huge contributions and now the Government of India will work towards bringing equality among all these centers through coordination and support of BPR&D.

24. The NCISM and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences have launched "SMART" program. What does "S" stands for in the abbreviation of "SMART"?

- (a) Scope
- (b) Scopula
- (c) Scoping
- (d) Scopine
- (e) Scopace

Ans (a)

The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences have launched "SMART" (Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals).

The program aimed to boost scientific research in priority healthcare research areas through Ayurveda colleges and hospitals.

These two prominent institutions under the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India regulating medical education and conducting scientific research respectively.

The proposed initiative is conceptualised with an objective to identify, support and promote innovative research ideas in healthcare research areas.

It includes Osteoarthritis, Iron Deficiency Anaemia, Chronic Bronchitis, Dyslipidemia, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Obesity, Diabetes Mellitus, Psoriasis, Generalised Anxiety Disorder and Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD).

25. A function "Jashn – e – Chillai Kalan" has been organised by which armed force in Kashmir Valley on the occasion of Chillai Kalan?

- (a) CISF (b) BSF
(c) SSB (d) CRPF
(e) CAPF

Ans (d)

On the occasion of Chillai Kalan in the Kashmir Valley, 44 Bn CRPF organized a function "Jashn – e – Chillai Kalan" at HMT Complex, Zainakote, Srinagar.

During this competition, 54 participants (including 12 Female participants) from Schools/colleges & other educational institutions were present along with their guardians & teachers.

All the participants were awarded with appreciation certificates, prizes and the winners and runner ups of each event were awarded with the trophies.

Further winners and runner ups from each event will be nominated for grand competition that is to be organized subsequently.

Rishi Raj Sahay, Commandant 44 Bn, CRPF inaugurated the event.

Some popular festivals held in the Jammu region are Bahu Mela (celebrated from March to April and from September to October), Jhiri Mela (celebrated from October to November), and Purmandal Mela (a three-day fair).

26. Recently, Defence Research and Development Organisation has celebrated its 65th foundation day on which day of January?

- (a) 1 January (b) 2 January
(c) 3 January (d) 4 January
(e) 5 January

Ans (a)

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Headquarters in New Delhi has marked the 65th Foundation Day of the Organisation, which is celebrated on 1st January every year.

DRDO Chairman Dr S V Kamat addressed the DRDO fraternity on the occasion.

He reaffirmed DRDO's commitment towards R&D excellence and briefed about the development of cutting edge technologies for self-reliance in defence.

On the occasion of the day, a DRDO monograph 'Infrared Signatures, Sensors and Technologies' authored by Dr Kamal Nain Chopra, a former DRDO Scientist, was also released by the Chairman DRDO.

DRDO was established in 1958 after combining Technical Development Establishment (TDEs) of the Indian Army and the Directorate of Technical Development & Production (DTDP) with the Defence Science Organisation (DSO).

Starting with 10 laboratories, DRDO has now grown to a network of 52 laboratories which are deeply engaged in developing defence technologies covering various disciplines.

27. Recently launched book "Breaking Barriers" has been authored by whom?

- (a) TV Mohandas Pai
(b) Kaki Madhava Rao
(c) K Pradeep Chandra
(d) S Mahpara Ali
(e) Rajesh K Srivastava

Ans (b)

Former IAS officer Kaki Madhava Rao has authored a new book titled "Breaking Barriers: the Story of a Dalit Chief Secretary" which addresses the details about the dynamics of civil services at the ground level and also fills the gap in the knowledge about micro policies and governance.

The book is published by Emesco Books Private Limited.

K Madhava Rao is a 1962 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, who retired as Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh (AP).

He was born in Pedamaddali village of Krishna district, AP in 1939.

He also served in the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) as a Director and as a member of a sub-committee, the Board for Financial Supervision.

28. Rabindra Sangeet exponent, Sumitra Sen has passed away recently. In which year she was

honoured with the Sangeet Mahasamman award by West Bengal government?

- (a) 1998 (b) 2020
(c) 1981 (d) 2012
(e) 1999

Ans (d)

Noted Rabindra Sangeet exponent, Sumitra Sen has passed away at the age of 89.

She will be remembered for her rendition of songs like Jokhon Porbe Na Mor, Sokhi Vabona Kahare Bole and Mone Ki Dwidha.

She was honoured with the Sangeet Mahasamman award by West Bengal government in 2012.

29. To take voter turnout over 90%, "Mission-929" by Election commission, has been launched in which state in January 2023?

- (a) Assam (b) Kerala
(c) Tripura (d) Odisha
(e) Rajasthan

Ans (c)

The Election Commission (EC) is focusing on 929 polling booths across Tripura, setting a target of 92 per cent voter turnout in the assembly elections due early this year.

These booths recorded a voter turnout of less than 89 per cent, which was the average across 3,328 booths in the 2018 assembly polls.

The EC is also working on 'Mission Zero Poll Violence' to make the assembly elections peaceful.

According to the ECI, these booths recorded a voter turnout of less than 89 percent in the 2018 assembly polls.

Except for these booths almost all the booths in the state recorded a voter turnout of 91% or more.

The voter turnout was 89.5% in the 2018 Tripura assembly election.

30. Global Family Day is celebrated on which day of January every year?

- (a) 01 January (b) 02 January
(c) 03 January (d) 04 January
(e) 05 January

Ans (d)

Global Family Day is celebrated on January 1, each year.

The day creates a sense of unity, community and brotherhood across nations and cultures through the idea of families.

This day is celebrated to discourage unwarranted negative attitudes towards other cultures, nations, which may breed hatred, encourage social aloofness and lead to violence.

The day highlights the need for all nations to exist in harmony, regardless of cultural or religious differences.

The day highlights the importance of family and urges the extension of the idea to a universal scale.

31. Who has become the first women officer to be operationally deployed in Siachen?

- (a) Shiva Chauhan
(b) Punita Arora
(c) Mitali Madhumita
(d) Pankaj Jhingan
(e) Divya Ajith Kumar

Ans (a)

Captain Shiva Chauhan from the Corps of Engineers has been posted at a frontline post in Siachen Glacier, in first such operational deployment of an woman Army officer at the world's highest battlefield.

The officer was posted at the Kumar post, located at an altitude of around 15,600 feet in Siachen.

Capt Shiva Chouhan hails from Rajasthan, is a Bengal Sapper Officer. Chouhan lost her father at the age of 11 and her mother, a housewife, took care of her studies.

She did her schooling from Udaipur and graduated from NJR Institute of Technology, Udaipur, in civil engineering.

Covering a distance of 508 kms, Capt Chouhan successfully led the Sura Soi Cycling Expedition from Siachen War Memorial to Kargil War Memorial conducted on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas in July 2022.

32. The Defence Ministry has started the process for the procurement of 100 more K9-Vajra tracked self-propelled howitzers which are built in India by which company?

- (a) Larsen & Toubro (b) DRDO
(c) HAL (d) BARC
(e) BHEL

Ans (a)

The Defence Ministry has started the process for the procurement of 100 more K9-Vajra tracked self-propelled howitzers which are built in India by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) using technology transferred from South Korean defence major Hanwha Defence.

At the height of tensions in eastern Ladakh in 2020, the Army deployed one regiment of K-9 Vajra tracked

self-propelled howitzers there to augment its long-range fire power in the backdrop of a massive build-up of forces by China across the Line of Actual Control.

Buoyed by their performance, the Army is looking at eventually procuring 200 additional guns.

The induction of Dhanush, K-9 Vajra and M777 Ultra Light Howitzers has enhanced the reach of artillery firepower on the northern borders.

33. Which state government has announced to set up of Rs 101 crore CM's Sukhashraya Sahayata Kosh for the destitute in the state?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Uttarakhand
(c) Haryana (d) Uttar Pradesh
(e) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans (a)

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced to set up of Rs 101 crore CM's Sukhashraya Sahayata Kosh for the destitute in the state.

Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh has informed that 40 Congress MLAs agreed to contribute Rs one lakh each from their first salary for the fund and also requested the MLAs from BJP and other parties to contribute.

34. India's first green hydrogen blending operation in the piped natural gas (PNG) network has started in Gujarat. The project is a joint effort of Gujarat Gas and which company?

- (a) ONGC (b) NTPC
(c) NHPC (d) IOC
(e) Coal India

Ans (b)

India's first green hydrogen blending operation in the piped natural gas (PNG) network at NTPC Kawas, Gujarat.

The project is a joint effort of NTPC and Gujarat Gas (GCL).

The power generation company stated that the first molecular of green hydrogen from the project was set in motion by P Ram Prasad, Head of Project, Kawas in presence of other senior executives of NTPC Kawas and GCL.

35. Which edition of Indian Science Congress has been inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in January 2023?

- (a) 101 (b) 108
(c) 105 (d) 106

(e) 104

Ans (b)

Through video conferencing, Indian Science Congress's 108th edition was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University is hosting the five-day 108th session of ISC as it commemorates its centennial.

He emphasised the nation's expanding energy requirements and urged the scientific community to develop any advances in the area that would help the nation.

36. Defence minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the Siyom bridge in which state?

- (a) Nagaland (b) Meghalaya
(c) Tripura (d) Sikkim
(e) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans (e)

Defence minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the Siyom bridge in Arunachal Pradesh, along with 27 other infrastructure projects completed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). Built at a cost of 724 crore rupees, these projects will hugely augment India's border infrastructure, mostly along the Chinese border, from Ladakh to Arunachal. 21 other bridges, three roads and three additional infrastructure projects in Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Punjab and Rajasthan, were virtually inaugurated by Rajnath Singh from the Siyom bridge site. Singh also virtually inaugurated the 27 other projects of the BRO.

Out of these, eight have been constructed in Ladakh, four in Jammu and Kashmir, five in Arunachal Pradesh, three each in Sikkim, Punjab and Uttarakhand and two in Rajasthan.

37. Which company has topped profit making public sector enterprises in 2021-22?

- (a) NTPC (b) NMDC
(c) ONGC (d) Power Grid
(e) Indian Oil Corporation

Ans (c)

The net profit of operating public sector enterprises jumped 50.87 per cent to 2.49 lakh crore during 2021-22, with ONGC, Indian Oil Corp, Power Grid, NTPC and SAIL emerging as the top five performers.

The net profit of operating central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) stood at 1.65 lakh crore in the previous fiscal. The Public Enterprises Survey 2021-22 also revealed that the net loss of loss-making

CPSEs narrowed to 0.15 lakh crore in FY 2021-22 from 0.23 lakh crore in FY 2020-21, showing a decrease of 37.82 per cent. Major loss-making CPSEs include Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL), Mahanagar Telecom Nigam Ltd (MTNL), Air India Assets Holding Ltd, Eastern Coalfields Ltd and Alliance Air Aviation Ltd.

The top five CPSEs contributing to the central exchequer were Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd, Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd and Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

38. Who has inaugurated Samvidhan Udyan in Jaipur in January 2023?

- (a) Narendra Modi (b) Droupadi Murmu
(c) Amit Shah (d) Jagdeep Dhankhar
(e) Rajnath Singh

Ans (b) The President of India Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Samvidhan Udyan, Mayur Stambh, National Flag Post, Statue of Mahatma Gandhi, and Maharana Pratap at Raj Bhavan, Jaipur on 3rd January 2023.

The President of India virtually inaugurated the Transmission System for Solar Energy Zones in Rajasthan and laid the foundation stone for the 1000 MV Bikaner Solar Power Project of SJVN Limited.

39. Which country has taken over Presidency of Council of European Union for first six months of 2023?

- (a) Switzerland (b) Germany
(c) Sweden (d) Stockholm
(e) Denmark

Ans (c)

Sweden assumed the Presidency of the European Union Council for the first six months of the year on January 1, 2023, succeeding the Czech Republic, which led the Council in the second half of 2022.

Sweden is taking up the Presidency of the Council for the third time. The EU Council Presidency is rotated every six months among EU Member States.

In recent years, India's relations with Europe have qualitatively strengthened, with volatile international dynamics, including simultaneous tensions with China and the need for greater cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, adding a renewed strategic element to the partnership.

40. Recently, Ministry of Home Affairs has established established a High Powered Committee

(HPC) to address issues related to the protection of Ladakh's culture, language, land, and employment opportunities. The committee will be chaired by whom?

- (a) Sanjay Jaiswal (b) Ajay Mishra
(c) Giriraj Singh (d) Nityanand Rai
(e) Nisith Pramanik

Ans (d)

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in India has established a High Powered Committee (HPC) to address issues related to the protection of Ladakh's culture, language, land, and employment opportunities.

The committee has been formed with the goal of promoting inclusive development and employment generation in the region, as well as empowering the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (LAHDCs) of Leh and Kargil. The committee will be chaired by Shri Nityanand Rai, Minister of State for Home Affairs. The establishment of the HPC reflects the Indian government's commitment to addressing the concerns of the people of Ladakh and ensuring that the region's unique culture and way of life are preserved.

With its strategic location and importance, Ladakh plays a vital role in the security and stability of the region, and the HPC will work to ensure that the needs of the people of Ladakh are met and that the region is able to contribute to the overall development of the country.

41. The Union Cabinet approved an initial outlay of how much for the National Green Hydrogen Mission in January 2022?

- (a) Rs 19744 crore (b) Rs 18154 crore
(c) Rs 17485 crore (d) Rs 12953 crore
(e) Rs 11874 crore

Ans (a)

The Union Cabinet approved an initial outlay of Rs 19744 crore for the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

Addressing the nation on its 75th Independence Day in 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a national mission for green fuels in line with the Centre's stated target of making India energy-independent before completing 100 years of Independence.

The mission will have four components that aim at enhancing domestic production of green hydrogen and promote the manufacturing of electrolyzers.

42. Who has been awarded by 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2023 in Science & Technology/ Education category?

- (a) Sanjeev Mehta (b) Dilip Loundo
(c) Vaikuntam Iyer (d) Ramjee Prasad
(e) Jagadish Chennupati

Ans (e)

17th Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award: 27 Indians living overseas have been chosen by the Indian government for the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (PBSA), for outstanding achievements both in India and abroad.

The award is the highest honour conferred upon Indians living abroad, including Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) or organisations/institutions established and run by them.

Theme of 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award - As per the Ministry of External Affairs, the theme for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 will be "Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal".

43. Who has been appointed the state icon for Bihar by the Election Commission?

- (a) Maithili Thakur (b) Sharda Sinha
(c) Manpreet Akhtar (d) Allah Jilai Bai
(e) Malini Awasthi

Ans (a)

Folk singer Maithili Thakur was appointed the state icon for Bihar by the Election Commission.

The singer will create awareness among the voters for their participation in the electoral process.

This recognition will give her (Maithili) more impetus to spread Bihar's folk music across continents and generate awareness about the importance of participating in the electoral process.

44. Which state has won World Habitat Award 2023 for its JAGA Mission?

- (a) Goa (b) Kerala
(c) Tripura (d) Odisha
(e) Karnataka

Ans (d)

Odisha won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative of the state.

The awards recognise and highlight innovative, outstanding and revolutionary housing ideas, projects and programmes from across the world.

The Jaga mission is the land titling and slum upgrading program that aims at empowering the lives of slum dwellers.

45. Which state has celebrated Imoinu Eratpa Festival?

- (a) Nagaland (b) Tripura
(c) Manipur (d) Assam
(e) Kerala

Ans (c)

Imoinu Day is celebrated in Manipur as a part of the Meitei Cultural ritual.

The traditional festival of Imoinu Day is celebrated on the 12th day of the Meitei Lunar Month of Wakching. Every year on this day, people of the valley serve dishes in odd numbers as part of the Imoinu Eratpa ritual.

They regard Imoinu Eratpa as a goddess of health, prosperity, abundance, and order of domesticity in Manipur.

46. Recently, Defence Research and Development Organisation has tied-up for Advanced Defence Technologies with which Indian Institute of Technology?

- (a) IIT Madras (b) IIT Chennai
(c) IIT Roorkee (d) IIT Delhi
(e) IIT Dhanbad

Ans (a)

IIT Madras Centre of Excellence working with DRDO on Advanced Defence Technologies including Combat Vehicle Technologies.

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) is operating a Research Centre dedicated to defence technologies jointly with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to develop advanced technologies for the national defence and security needs of the nation.

It was established by DRDO but IIT Madras has now taken over and converted it into a centre of excellence.

This Centre will undertake multidisciplinary directed basic and applied research in the following research

47. Who has been selected for Odakkuzhal Award 2022 for his collection of short stories titled Pranavayu?

- (a) Ambikasuthan Mangad (b) Ranjith Dileesh Nair
(c) Sreevalsan Menon (d) Manoj Dhanraj Pillai
(e) Vimmy Mariam George

Ans (a)

Writer Ambikasuthan Mangad has been selected for Odakkuzhal Award 2022 for his collection of short stories titled Pranavayu. The award consists of Rs 30,000, citation, and plaque. Instituted by the Guruvayurappan Trust, the award is being given for

the best collection of short stories in Malayalam. The award will be presented on the occasion of the 45th death anniversary of Mahakavi G Sankara Kurup, who established the Guruvayurappan Trust, on February 2 at the Ernakulam Samastha Kerala Sahithya Parishad building here. Literary critic Dr M Leelavathi will present the award to Ambikasuthan Mangad.

48. Who has been inaugurated the 18th National Jamboree of the Bharat Scouts and Guides at Pali, Rajasthan in January 2023?

- (a) Narendra Modi (b) Droupadi Murmu
(c) Amit Shah (d) Ashok Gehlot
(e) Nitin Gadkari

Ans (b)

The President of India Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 18th National Jamboree of the Bharat Scouts and Guides at Pali, Rajasthan on 4th January 2023. The President of India noted that the Bharat Scouts and Guides is the largest voluntary, non-political, uniformed youth organization and educational movement in the country. The Bharat Scouts and Guides work for the character-building of boys and girls without any distinction of creed, race, or gender. The organization is working with a spirit of dedication and service which promotes the welfare of humanity.

49. Which country has taken over the leadership of the Asia Pacific Postal Union (APPU) in January 2023?

- (a) Afghanistan (b) Australia
(c) India (d) Bangladesh
(e) Cambodia

Ans (c)

India has taken over the leadership of the Asia Pacific Postal Union (APPU) in January 2023. Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh will take over the charge of Secretary General of the Union for a tenure of 4 years. This is the result of the elections during the 13th APPU Congress held in August-September 2022. Asian Pacific Postal Union - There are 32 members in this international organisation from the Asia-Pacific. It is a specific department inside the UN. The sole Restricted Union of the Universal Postal in the area is this one. The Asia Pacific Postal Union's headquarters are in Bangkok, Thailand.

50. Which railway station of Uttar Pradesh has awarded by 5-star rating "Eat Right Station" certification?

- (a) Varanasi Cantt Railway Station
(b) Lucknow Railway Station
(c) Ayodhya Cantt Railway Station
(d) Kanpur Central Railway Station
(e) Mathura Railway Station

Ans (a)

Indian Railways' Varanasi Cantt Railway Station has been awarded a 5- star "Eat Right Station" certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.

This certification is granted by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to railway stations adhering to standard food storage and hygiene practices.

The "Eat Right Station" certification is awarded by FSSAI to railway stations that set benchmarks in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers.

The station is awarded a certificate upon a conclusion of an FSSAI-empanelled third-party audit agency with ratings from 1 to 5. The 5-star rating indicates full compliance by the station to ensure safe and hygienic food is available to passengers.

51. The first G-20 meeting will be held in which city on 31st January?

- (a) Mahabalipuram (b) Puducherry
(c) Lakshadweep (d) Chennai
(e) Mumbai

Ans (b)

The first G-20 meeting will be held in Puducherry on 31st January. The G20 logo for the meeting was released by Lieutenant Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan at a function held at Beach Road Gandhi Tidal.

Dr Tamisai thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving all the states the opportunity to host the G-20 meetings. He released stickers, posters and badges and also inaugurated a selfie booth in the presence of Chief Minister Rengasamy.

These programs will be organised in different parts of the country in different segments.

Kolkata will host the first meeting on the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion.

Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai will host a meeting on education, while Guwahati will host the first sustainable financial meeting and Chandigarh will host the first financial architecture meeting.

52. Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium has been inaugurated in which state?

- (a) Odisha (b) Jharkhand
(c) Bihar (d) Uttar Pradesh
(e) Mizoram

Ans (a)

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated one of the largest hockey stadiums in India Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela ahead of the Men's Hockey World Cup 2023. Built at an estimated cost of Rs 261 crore, the stadium, located in Sundargarh district, has been christened as Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium Complex. It has been built in 50 acres in a record 15 months-time with a seating capacity of 20,000.

The stadium also has practice centres adjacent to it with certified turfs and lighting.

The State has also built a World Cup village, which has 225 rooms to house the players and officials, within nine months.

53. Name the women cricketer whose bronze sculpture has been built at Sydney Cricket Ground?

- (a) Lisa Sthalekar (b) Ellyse Perry
(c) Belinda Clark (d) Amelia Kerr
(e) Anjum Chopra

Ans (c)

Australia's Belinda Clark has become the first female cricketer to have a statue cast in her honour, a bronze sculpture of the trailblazing former captain unveiled outside Sydney Cricket Ground. Clark played 15 tests and over 100 limited overs matches between 1991-2005, and became the first cricketer to score a double-hundred in one-day internationals when she made an unbeaten 229 against Denmark in 1997. The 52-year-old's statue stands alongside Richie Benaud, Fred Spofforth, Stan McCabe and Steve Waugh as cricketers honoured with sculptures in the SCG precinct.

54. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has inaugurated "National Genome Editing & Training Centre" in which city?

- (a) Ennore (b) Mohali
(c) Indore (d) Surat
(e) Kanpur

Ans (b)

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today inaugurated "National Genome Editing & Training Centre" at National Agri-food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) Mohali, Punjab. The Minister also, at the same time,

inaugurated a 4-day International Conference on Food and Nutritional Security 2023.

International Conference on Food and Nutritional

55. Recently launched book "Human Anatomy" has been authored by whom?

- (a) Dr R Venkataraman
(b) Dr Karan Puri
(c) Dr Romila Thapar
(d) Dr AK Dwivedi
(e) Dr Jeet Thayil

Ans (d)

A Medical book "Human Anatomy" in Hindi Manav sharir Rachna Vigyan was released by the Governor of Madhya Pradesh Shri Mangubhai Patel at the function which is a very useful book for the Medical students of all courses related to medical education written by Dr AK Dwivedi.

Dr AK Dwivedi is Homeopathic Doctor of Indore Professor & HOD Physiology SKRP Gujarati Homeopathic Medical College Indore and member of Scientific Advisory Board in the Central Council for Research in Homeopathy, Ministry of AYUSH (Govt. of India).

The Foreword (Preface) of this book has been written by Dr Mohan Yadav, Minister of Higher Education in Madhya Pradesh Government and President of Madhya Pradesh Hindi Granth Academy, Bhopal.

56. Who has been honoured by the highest civilian honour that the Assam government, Asom Baibhav award 2022-23?

- (a) Atul Baruah
(b) Dr Tapan Saikia
(c) Shila Gowala
(d) Dr Jogesh Deuri
(e) Dayal Goswami

Ans (b)

Assam Govt announces recipients of Asom Bhaibav, Asom Sourav and Asom Gourav awards for 2022-23. These awards are the highest civilian awards of Assam state.

The recipients of the state's top civil honours for 2022-2023 were revealed by the Assam government. The Assam government presented awards in the Asom Baibhav, Asom Sourav, and Asom Gourav categories.

Dr Tapan Saikia has been awarded by the Asom Baibhav, the highest civilian honour that the Assam government can bestow.

Asom Bhaibav Award - The Asom Baibav award winner will earn a monetary prize of Rs 5 lakhs and

will be eligible to receive government-funded medical care for the rest of their lives.

57. "Octave" festival has been recently inaugurated in which state in January 2023?

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Kerala (d) Telangana
(e) Maharashtra

Ans (a)

Octave 2023 is a festival being held under the aegis of the South Zone Culture Centre, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu to showcase the indigenous art and culture of Northeast India. Octave 2023 was inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi.

The Governor of Tamil Nadu said that the perspective of the nation towards the Northeast has changed with the passage of time and the state have involved in the growth stories of India. The Northeast is moving towards development and advancement and is bubbling with capacities and aspirations. Festivals of Tamil Nadu -

Pongal (harvest festival), Chithirai festival, Adipperukku, Mamallapuram, Natyanjali dance festival, Mahamagam festival, Kanthuri festival, Velankanni festival, Navarathiri, Karthigal Deepam.

58. What is the theme of "First All India Annual State Minister Conference on Water" organized Ministry of Jal Shakti organized?

- (a) Water Vision@2027 (b) Water Vision@2028
(c) Water Vision@2029 (d) Water Vision@2030
(e) Water Vision@2031

Ans (a)

Ministry of Jal Shakti organized the "1st All India Annual State Minister Conference on Water" with the theme of "Water Vision@2027" in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 5th and 6th January 2023.

Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivaraj Singh Chouhan, and Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat felicitated the occasion.

59. Who has recently become India's 79th Grandmaster in January 2023?

- (a) Tejas Bakre (b) Sriram Jha
(c) Pranesh M (d) Ankit Rajpara
(e) Krishnan Sasikiran

Ans (c)

Pranesh M became India's 79th Grandmaster, having completed his three norms prior to this event.

IM Pranesh M emerged as the winner of the Rilton Cup, the first tournament of the FIDE Circuit.

The 16-year-old from India, seeded 22nd, made a clean sweep of the field in Stockholm, winning eight games and finishing a full point ahead of IM Kaan Kukuksari (Sweden) and GM Nikita Meshkovs (Latvia).

Pranesh M is now the early leader of the FIDE Circuit with 6.8 circuit points that he gets for this victory.

The one who accumulates the most points by the end of the year qualifies for the 2024 FIDE Candidates.

60. Recently, Indian Space Research Organization has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which company to Boost Indian Space Tech Ecosystem?

- (a) Google (b) Microsoft
(c) Amazon (d) Blue Origin
(e) SpaceX

Ans (b)

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Microsoft signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to help Indian Space tech start-ups with technology tools, go-to-market support, and mentoring to help them scale and become business ready.

Through this MoU, the space tech startups identified by ISRO will be onboarded onto the Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub.

With the help of Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub, space tech startup founders in India will have free access to the tech tools, and resources they need to build and run their businesses.

Microsoft and ISRO will also jointly organize knowledge-sharing and thought leadership sessions for the startups with space industry experts.

The collaboration will also support founders with go-to-market strategies, technical support, and opportunities to sell their solutions via Microsoft channels and the marketplace.

ISRO Chairman S Somanath said that ISROs collaborating with Microsoft will greatly benefit space tech startups in their analysis and processing of vast amounts of satellite data for various applications.

61. Who has author the recently launched book "Ambedkar: A Life"?

- (a) Shashi Tharoor (b) Mallikarjun Kharge
(c) Sunanda Pushkar (d) Rahul Gandhi
(e) Ashok Gehlot

Ans (a)

Parliamentarian and author, Shashi Tharoor's latest book Ambedkar: A Life was recently launched at the Kitaab Kolkata event.

In this new biography, Tharoor tells Ambedkar's story with great lucidity, insight, and admiration.

He traces the arc of the great man's life from his birth into a family of Mahars in the Bombay Presidency on 14 April 1891 to his death in Delhi on 6 December 1956.

He describes the many humiliations and hurdles Ambedkar had to overcome in a society that stigmatized the community he was born into, and the single-minded determination with which he overcame every obstacle he encountered.

62. General Atomic Aeronautical Systems Inc. has announced a strategic partnership with which company to manufacture main landing gear components?

- (a) Bharat Forge
- (b) Balkrishna Industries
- (c) Ashok Leyland
- (d) Hindalco Industries
- (e) Bharat Electronics

Ans (a)

General Atomic Aeronautical Systems Inc. (GA-ASI) and Bharat Forge Limited, India have announced a partnership to manufacture main landing gear components, subassemblies, and assemblies of remotely piloted aircraft.

Bharat Forge is the largest repository of metallurgical know-how, design, engineering expertise, and manufacturing prowess in India.

63. Which city will host first-ever Formula e World Championship race in February 2023?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Madurai
- (d) Lucknow
- (e) Raipur

Ans (b)

The first-ever ABB FIA Formula E World Championship race in India is will be held in Hyderabad.

The Formula E World Championship will be held from 11th February.

The first ticket for the Formula E World Championship was booked by Telangana Special Chief Secretary (Municipal Administration) Arvind Kumar. During the event, Akbar Ebrahim, President Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India, and other dignitaries were also present.

64. According to the first advance estimates by the National Statistical Office, India's economy is expected to grow by which rate in the current financial year?

- (a) 7.0%
- (b) 8.3%
- (c) 6.8%
- (d) 9.7%
- (e) 5.2%

Ans (a)

India's economy is expected to grow 7.0% in the current financial year, according to the first advance estimates by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

New Delhi had pegged India's growth at 8.7% in the last fiscal year that ended March 31, 2022.

Earlier last month, the Reserve Bank of India had lowered the country's GDP (gross domestic product) growth forecast to 6.8 per cent for the current fiscal from 7 per cent earlier.

The RBI had projected the real GDP growth for 2022-23 at 6.8 per cent, with the third quarter at 4.4 per cent and the fourth at 4.2 per cent.

65. This festival is recently the first inclusive festival celebrated in Goa for people with disabilities. The festival is -

- (a) Sao Joao
- (b) Shigmo
- (c) Sunburn
- (d) Purple Fest
- (e) Goa Carnival

Ans (d)

The Purple Fest, Celebrating Diversity, the state's first-ever inclusive festival for people with disabilities (PwDs), will take place in Goa. Panjim will host the festival from January 6-8, 2023, with all the fanfare.

The Goa State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Goa Directorate of Social Welfare and Entertainment Society, will hold the Purple Fest.

66. Who has been elected as the Secretary General of Asian Pacific Postal Union?

- (a) Vinaya Prakash Singh
- (b) Padmagandha Mishra
- (c) Derek Osborn
- (d) Kwanjai Kajornwuttideth
- (e) Maneewan Innara

Ans (a)

According to the Ministry of Communications, Vinaya Prakash Singh, a former Member (Personnel), Postal Services Board, was elected as the union's Secretary General and will assume responsibility for the position for a four-year term following the successful elections held during the 13th APPU

Congress, which was held in Bangkok during the months of August and September 2022.

The Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU), which has its headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand, will be led by India starting this month

An international group of 32 Asia-Pacific nations makes up the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU).

The only restricted union of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), a specialised organisation of the United Nations, in the area is the APPU.

67. Who has inaugurated 29 Mobile Veterinary Units (MVU) and a Centralized call center in Thiruvananthapuram?

- (a) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (b) Nitinbhai Patel
- (c) Parshottam Rupala
- (d) Narendra Tomar
- (e) Sanjeev Balyan

Ans (c)

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying Parshottam Rupala inaugurated 29 Mobile Veterinary Units (MVU) and a Centralized call center in Thiruvananthapuram. It is a major step for benefit of the livestock farmers in Kerala.

The Minister noted that the scheme is promising and will transform the dairy sector from a subsistence-based farm livelihood to a commercially viable enterprise by giving gainful employment to the youth of Kerala.

These MVUs will be operated through a centralized call center with a uniform helpline No. 1962.

They will receive calls from livestock rearers or animal owners and veterinarians will prioritize all cases based on the emergency nature.

It will transmit them to the nearest MVU for attending at the farmer's doorstep.

Kerala is deploying 50 MVUs in different districts.

68. Which city has topped in rate of women Employment, as per a survey by Avtar?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Kolkata
- (e) Lucknow

Ans (a)

According to a survey by Avtar, a company that specializes in workplace inclusion, Chennai is India's top city for women's employment. Pune, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Mumbai are the next best cities for women's employment.

According to criteria that support an ecosystem that is favourable for women's employment, the research ranks 111 cities.

The remaining Top 10 cities for women's employment are Ahmedabad, Visakhapatnam, Kolkata, Coimbatore, and Madurai; each has a population of over a million people.

In another group of cities with a population under one million, Tiruchirappalli, Vellore, Erode, Salem, Tirupur, Puducherry, Shimla, Mangalore (officially Mangaluru), Thiruvananthapuram, and Belagavi are the top 10 cities.

69. New Book "Revolutionaries" on role in India's Freedom Struggle, has been authored by whom?

- (a) Vikram Sampath
- (b) Sanjeev Sanyal
- (c) Bibek Debroy
- (d) T. V. Mohandas Pai
- (e) Krishnamurthy Subramanian

Ans (b)

Revolutionaries, New Book by Sanjeev Sanyal: There are numerous viewpoints on history, and a lot of them are influenced by the author and his or her ideological goals.

Key Points -

The history that has been forced on Indians, who have lived under British colonial authority for more than 200 years and have been subject to constant outside aggression since the 11th century, is also not their own.

Herein lies the significance of Sanjeev Sanyal, an economist and banker by trade, who wrote The Ocean of Churn to refute the widely held belief that the seas played a little role in Indian history.

There were undoubtedly many other aspects to the Indian freedom movement, but the one that emphasises that it was predominately non-violent and that Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, among others, provided the leadership, continues to be the dominant one.

70. Recently, India has surpassed which country in terms of auto sales last year and become the third-largest auto market globally for the first time?

- (a) China
- (b) Russia
- (c) Japan
- (d) Germany
- (e) Chile

Ans (c)

In a major development, India has surpassed Japan in terms of auto sales last year to become the third-largest auto market globally for the first time.

India's total sales of new vehicles stood at around 4.25 million units, based on preliminary results, topping the 4.2 million sold in Japan.

While new vehicles that got delivered in India totaled 4.13 million during the period of January – November 2022, according to Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers' data, December's sales volume reported by Maruti Suzuki, India's largest carmaker, led the total to hit the 4.25 million units mark.

The figure for sales of new vehicles in India may witness even bigger rise as the country further expects inclusion of pending fourth-quarter sales data for commercial vehicles, along with year-end results yet to be released by Tata Motors and other automakers.

In 2021, China continued to lead the global auto market, with 26.27 million vehicles sold. The US remained second at 15.4 million vehicles, followed by Japan at 4.44 million units.

71. What is the rank of Bangalore's Kempegowda International Airport in Cirium's list of the world's best-performing airports for 2022?

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth
- (e) Fifth

Ans (b)

The COVID-19 epidemic created a difficult operational environment last year, causing delays, interruptions, and resource issues at numerous airports and airlines around the globe.

According to the most recent Cirium Aviation Analytics study, a number of airports worldwide thrived despite this environment.

Bangalore's Kempegowda International Airport and Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport both ranked second and seventh in Cirium's list of the world's best-performing airports for 2022.

According to the data, 84.08% of the 201,897 flights that departed on time from Bangalore's Kempegowda International Airport and 81.84% of the 411,205 flights that departed on time from Delhi's IGI Airport.

72. As a part of the new Tourism policy "The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme" which two places of Karnataka have been promoted?

- (a) Coorg and Badami
- (b) Mysuru and Hampi
- (c) Gokarn and Udipi

(d) Jog falls and Murud

(e) Chikmagur and Bangalore

Ans (b)

Mysuru and Hampi are the two popular destinations in Karnataka to be promoted as a part of the new Tourism policy "The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme, which focuses on revving up destination tourism.

Mysuru and Hampi are among the 19 places identified across the eight states and UTs in India to be promoted under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme.

This destination has seen high football throughout the years and played an important role in the history of South India.

73. Which company has been ranked first in Services Sectors in PE Survey 2021-22?

- (a) Power Grid
- (b) NTPC
- (c) ONGC
- (d) NHPC
- (e) Coal India

Ans (a)

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has been ranked 1st in Services Sectors across categories Gross Block, Value Addition, Net Profit, Net Worth, Dividend Declaration, and Contribution to the Central Exchequer and has also been ranked 3rd among the Top 10 profit-making Cluses.

The results were published in the Public Enterprises Survey 2021-2022 by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

74. Who has been conferred with "Award for Global Leadership"?

- (a) Uday Lalit
- (b) Abhinav Chandra
- (c) N V Ramana
- (d) DY Chandrachud
- (e) Ranjan Gogoi

Ans (d)

The Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession (HLS CLP) has announced Chief Justice of India Dr DY Chandrachud as the 2022 recipient of its "Award for Global Leadership" in recognition of his lifetime service to the legal profession in India and across the world.

The award will be presented to him in a virtual event on 11th January 2023.

75. Keshari Nath Tripathi who has passed away recently, was former governor of which state?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Meghalaya

(e) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (b)

Senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former West Bengal governor, Keshari Nath Tripathi passed away at 88. Born on November 10, 1934 in erstwhile Allahabad, Tripathi was also a senior advocate at the Allahabad High Court. He joined RSS when he was just 12 and later switched to Bharatiya Jana Sangh.

He was jailed in Naini Central Jail in 1953 for participating in the "Kashmir Andolan" and again in 1990 for taking part in the Ram Janmabhoomi movement.

A senior advocate of Allahabad high court, Tripathi served as a member of the UP Legislative Assembly six times. He represented the Jhansi seat between 1977-1980) and Allahabad South seat for five consecutive terms between 1989-2007). He also served as the Speaker of the UP Legislative Assembly thrice between 1991 and 2004.

76. President Droupadi Murmu has laid the foundation stone of state-owned energy firm "Bikaner Solar Power Project". What is the total capacity of the Power Project?

- (a) 2000 MV (b) 1000 MV
(c) 3000 MV (d) 1500 MV
(e) 2500 MV

Ans (b)

President Droupadi Murmu laid the foundation stone of state-owned energy firm SJVN's 1,000 MV Bikaner Solar Power Project. The event was done virtually by the President of India in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The project is being implemented by SJVN Limited through its owned subsidiary SJVN Green Energy Limited (SGEL).

The solar power project is being developed on 500 acres near the village of Banderwala, district Bikaner of Rajasthan. It is one of the highest solar yield areas in India.

77. Which state has become first in the country to go fully digital in its banking service?

- (a) Mizoram (b) Kerala
(c) Goa (d) Haryana
(e) Odisha

Ans (b)

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared Kerala as the first state in the country to go fully digital in its banking service and said this recognition would boost the state economy.

Vijayan said this achievement was possible due to social interventions through local self-government institutions along with infrastructure development and technological advances in the banking sector.

It is a joint venture between the Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Ltd (KSITIL), Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) and the state, in which the two companies hold 49% each and the state the remaining 2%.

A consortium led by Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) is executing the project and will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the 35,000-km-long network for the next seven years.

Funded by the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB), the project is estimated to cost Rs 1028.20 crore, which includes capital expenditure, administrative overheads and annual operational expenditure of Rs 104.4 crore.

78. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has signed which cricketer for its new campaign?

- (a) Virat Kohli (b) Suryakumar Yadav
(c) KL Rahul (d) Rohit Sharma
(e) Rishabh Pant

Ans (b)

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has announced the launch of its '360° Financial Protection with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance' digital-first campaign featuring cricketer Suryakumar Yadav.

According to the company, Yadav has emerged as a consistent and dependable batter in the white ball format since his international debut.

The campaign's central message is how ICICI Prudential Life Insurance offers a comprehensive suite of protection products providing all-around life cover that offers 360-degree financial protection in any critical situation.

Since his international debut, Suryakumar Yadav has quickly risen to emerge as one of the most consistent and dependable batters in the white ball format.

79. India's first-ever coal gasification-based Talcher Fertilizer Plant will be built in which state?

- (a) Chhattisgarh (b) Odisha
(c) Jharkhand (d) Bihar
(e) Mizoram

Ans (b)

Union Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya announced that India's first-ever coal gasification-

based Talcher Fertilizer Plant in Odisha will be ready to be dedicated to the nation by October 2024. Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya visited the site on the second day and noted that the work in the plant in Talcher is in progress.

80. Who has been reappointed as chairman of BCCI's selection committee?

- (a) Chetan Sharma
- (b) Debashish Mohanty
- (c) Abey Kuruvilla
- (d) Bhagat Chauhan
- (e) Sunil Joshi

Ans (a)

Chetan Sharma was reappointed as the chairman of the senior selection committee, exactly two months after his entire panel was disbanded by the BCCI for the Indian team's semifinal exit in the T20 World Cup.

Salil Ankola, Shiv Sunar Das, Subroto Banerjee and Sridharan Sharath are new members of the selection committee.

The new committee has been picked by the Cricket Advisory Committee comprising Ashok Malhotra, Jatin Paranjape and Sulakshana Naik.

The committee further recommended Chetan Sharma for the role of Chairman of the senior men's selection committee.

Salil Ankola, the former chief selector of the Mumbai cricket team, played 20 ODIs and 1 Test match between 1989 to 1997.

His Test debut came along with Sachin Tendulkar against Pakistan in 1989.

A domestic cricket veteran, Shiv Sundar Das played 23 Tests and scored 1326 runs. He also donned 4 ODI caps.

Das finished his first-class career with mammoth 10908 runs in 180 matches. He has worked with the Indian women's cricket team as the batting coach.

81. Who has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Paytm bank?

- (a) Surinder Chawla
- (b) Vaibhav Goel
- (c) Bhavesh Gupta
- (d) Sairee Chahal
- (e) Manju Agarwal

Ans (a)

Paytm Payments Bank has received banking regulator RBI's nod to appoint Surinder Chawla as its Managing Director and CEO.

The RBI, however, continues to bar Paytm Payments Bank from on-boarding new customers.

Before joining PPBL, Chawla was working with RBL Bank, where he served as Head – Branch Banking and focused on expanding the CASA base, fee revenue, and cross-selling across channels.

The company in its regulatory filing said that the latest appointment comes as part of PPBL's ongoing efforts to strengthen its leadership team, enhance its technology capabilities and drive financial inclusion in the country.

82. World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Diwas has celebrated on which day of January every year?

- (a) 08th January
- (b) 09th January
- (c) 10th January
- (d) 11th January
- (e) 12th January

Ans (c)

World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 10th January every year to promote awareness about the language across the world.

It is also the day when Hindi, India's national language, was spoken for the first time in the United Nations General Assembly.

It was on this day in 1975 that the first World Hindi Conference was held in Nagpur.

Since then, such conferences are organised in different parts of the world every year.

83. The recently launched book "Chief Minister's Diary No.1" contains the account of events of the first year in office of which state?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Tripura
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Assam
- (e) Odisha

Ans (d)

Former Chief Justice of India and member of the Rajya Sabha Ranjan Gogoi has released a book titled "Chief Minister's Diary No.1" containing the account of events of the first year in office of Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

The book featured accounts of daily activities he undertook as a chief minister.

Ranjan Gogoi is presently a member of the Rajya Sabha.

He served as the 46th Chief Justice of India for 13 months from 2018 to 2019.

84. Which university has bagged the "Overall Championship" at the 36th Inter University South

Zone Youth Festival at Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam (SPMVV) in Tirupati?

- (a) University of Kerala
- (b) University of Calicut
- (c) University of Delhi
- (d) University of Lucknow
- (e) Mahatma Gandhi University

Ans (a)

University of Kerala bagged the 'Overall Championship' at Padma Tarang, the 36th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival at Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam (SPMVV) in Tirupati. Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, came the runners-up. With more than 700 registered participants from universities across South India converging on the campus.

85. Which ministry is organizing Startup India Innovation Week from 10th January 2023 to 16th January 2023?

- (a) Ministry of Commerce
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) Ministry of External Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Education
- (e) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

Ans (a)

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry is organising Startup India Innovation Week from 10th January 2023 to 16th January 2023 to celebrate the Indian Startup Ecosystem as well as National Startup Day (16th January 2023).

Startup India Innovation Week 2023 aims to engage startup ecosystem stakeholders across the nation during 10th January-16th January 2023 and spur the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation in India.

86. Which country will host "The Voice of Global South" summit on January 12-13, where 120 countries will participate in the summit?

- (a) India
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Brunei
- (d) Burma
- (e) Malaysia

Ans (a)

India will host "The Voice of Global South" Summit on January 12-13, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said.

As many as 120 countries will participate in the summit.

The virtual summit is significant as India currently holds the presidency of the G20 group and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had earlier indicated that priorities would be shaped in consultation with developing countries.

87. Indian Tennis star Sania Mirza announced her retirement, in which year she became the first Indian to win a WTA singles title?

- (a) 2005
- (b) 2008
- (c) 2011
- (d) 2015
- (e) 2018

Ans (a)

Indian Tennis Player Sania Mirza (36-year-old), the former doubles World No 1, has confirmed her retirement from professional Tennis.

She announced that the Dubai Tennis Championships, a Women's Tennis Association (WTA) 1000 event in Dubai in February 2023 will be her last match.

Prior to her last appearance, she is going to play in women's doubles at the Australian Open in 16 to 29 January 2023 alongside Kazakhstan's Anna Danilina.

88. Which state has recently celebrated its traditional "Cherchera" festival in its capital city?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Bihar

Ans (b)

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel celebrated the Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

The Cherchera festival of Chhattisgarh is celebrated on the full moon night of the "Paush" Hindu calendar month.

It is to celebrate the happiness and joy of taking crops to their homes after cultivation.

Chief Minister Baghel extended warm wishes to all the citizens of Chhattisgarh on the auspicious occasion.

89. Who has inaugurated the 120-feet-tall Polo Statue in Manipur?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Droupadi Murmu
- (e) N Biren Singh

Ans (c)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a 120-foot-tall statue of a polo player riding a polo at Marjing Polo Complex in Imphal, Manipur.

Manipur is known as the birthplace of the game polo.

Chief Minister of Manipur N Biren Singh was also present during the inauguration ceremony and gave a polo mallet and a painting of the game to Home Minister Amit Shah.

The union Home minister will proceed to Churachandpur, where he will inaugurate the hill district's first medical college and hospital.

He will proceed to Moirang in the Bishnupur district, where he will hoist the National Flag and address the public.

90. Athlete Gareth Bale has recently announced his retirement. He is associated with which sport?

- (a) Cricket (b) Football
(c) Hockey (d) Tennis
(e) Badminton

Ans (b)

Gareth Bale has announced his retirement from professional football at the age of 33.

It brings an end to a career that saw Bale excel for Southampton, Tottenham Hotspur, Real Madrid and LAFC, while also establishing himself as one of the greatest players in Welsh football history.

Bale, who made his Wales debut in May 2006 in a friendly against Trinidad and Tobago, broke the previous Wales record of 28 goals set by Ian Rush. He has won Wales' player of the year award six times.

Bale played a Wales record of 111 games for his country and was a five-time Champions League winner with Real Madrid.

He helped the Welsh reach the 2016 and 2020 Euros before leading them in their first World Cup since 1958 at Qatar 2022.

91. Name the Kashmir's first Jnanpith awardee, who has recently passed away?

- (a) Rehman Rahi (b) Amin Kamil
(c) Rasool Nazki (d) Ghulam Ahmad
(e) Lalleshwari

Ans (a)

Professor Rehman Rahi, renowned poet and Kashmir's first Jnanpith awardee has passed away.

At the time of his death, the globally acclaimed poet was 98 years old.

He had started his career as a clerk in a government department in 1948 after which he continued his education and completed MA in Persian and English in 1950s and 60s.

He was an academic at Kashmir University for most part of his life.

Rahi had received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1961 for his poetry collection Nawroz-i-Saba and got the Padma Shri in 2000.

He received the highest literary honour of the country — Jnanpith award — in 2007 for his collection 'Siyah Rood Jaeren Manz' (In Black Drizzle).

92. Who has won the Best Director, Motion Picture award at 80th edition of 2023 Golden Globes show?

- (a) Kevin Costner (b) Steven Spielberg
(c) Kate Capshaw (d) George Lucas
(e) Amy Irving

Ans (b)

The 80th edition of 2023 Golden Globes show, hosted by Jerrod Carmichael, airs live on NBC and Peacock. The 80th Golden Globe Awards is the first edition of the annual spectacle to be on TV since an ethics, finance and diversity scandal involving the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, the group behind the awards, led NBC to decide not to air the 2022 ceremony.

As in years past, the show will hand out honors in both film and TV categories.

93. Which payment company has got the in-principle authorization from the Reserve Bank of India in January 2023 to operate as an online payment aggregator?

- (a) BharatPe (b) Paytm
(c) PhonePe (d) BHIM
(e) Google Pay

Ans (a)

Fintech platform BharatPe said it has received in-principle authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payment aggregator (PA).

The company said that an in-principle nod was awarded to Resilient Payments Private Ltd, a 100 percent subsidiary of Resilient Innovations Private Ltd (BharatPe).

94. Which Indian cricketer has become fastest player to reach 1500 runs in T20 international?

- (a) Virat Kohli (b) Surya Kumar Yadav
(c) Rohit Sharma (d) Ishan Kishan
(e) Rituraj Gaikwad

Ans (b)

Suryakumar Yadav has become the fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in T20 International cricket in terms of balls faced. The took only 843 balls to reach this landmark.

In 45 matches and 43 innings, Suryakumar has scored 1,578 runs at an average of 46.41.

He has three centuries and 13 half-centuries in the format, with the best individual score of 117.

However, he is the third-fastest batter to reach the 1,500-run mark in terms of innings.

The fastest batters to reach this landmark are Indian batter Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Australian veteran Aaron Finch and Pakistan skipper Babar Azam, who all took 39 innings to score 1,500 runs in T20 International cricket.

Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Mohammed Rizwan reached the milestone in 42 innings and Suryakumar did so in 43 innings.

95. At the Digital India Awards 2022, which initiative of Government has won Platinum Award?

- (a) PM Jan Dhan (b) Ujjwala
(c) MANREGA (d) e-NAM
(e) Namami gange

Ans (d)

e-NAM, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has won the Platinum Award in the Digital Empowerment of Citizens Category in Digital India Awards 2022 held in New Delhi.

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu has conferred the Digital India Awards, 2022.

96. Who has appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Electronics Corporation of India Limited?

- (a) Arvind Kumar (b) Akshay Tripathi
(c) Anurag Kumar (d) Rajeev Kumar
(e) Raj Srivastava

Ans (c)

Anurag Kumar was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved Kumar's appointment to the post till the date of his superannuation i.e 31-01-2026.

Kumar comes with several years of extensive experience in Project Management, Strategy Development & Implementation and Strategic Planning.

Over the years, he has garnered experience across diverse verticals including ITES, Telecom and Mass Manufacturing sectors, in areas such as business development, corporate planning and strategy, new

market entry, commercial management and negotiations, and engineering and operations management.

97. What is the rank of India in Henley Passport Index 2023?

- (a) 80 (b) 81
(c) 82 (d) 84
(e) 85

Ans (e)

According to the latest Henley Passport Index, Japan has retained its position as the most favourable passport in the world, allowing visa-free entry to 193 global destinations, which the country tops for the fifth consecutive year.

Singapore and South Korea came in a joint second on the ranking, followed by Germany and Spain, and then a slew of other European nations.

The Indian passport was ranked 85th, giving visa-free entry to 59 destinations worldwide.

In 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, the country ranked at 82nd spot, 84th, 85th and 83rd respectively.

Indian passport holders can travel visa-free to 59 destinations like Bhutan, Indonesia, Macao, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Kenya, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Iran and Qatar. However, some countries require visa-on-arrival.

98. Recently, India has signed a memorandum of understanding with which country to encourage cooperation in the training of diplomats?

- (a) Nicaragua (b) Paraguay
(c) Panama (d) Cuba
(e) Argentina

Ans (c)

India and Panama have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to encourage cooperation in the training of diplomats.

The MoU between India and Panama was signed by the External Affairs Minister of India Dr Subramanyam Jaishankar and the Foreign Minister of Panama Janaina Tewaney Mencomon.

The MoU was signed in Indore and the External Affairs Minister has noted that they have discussed the opportunities for greater economic, health, finance, and people-to-people linkage. Both leaders have also shared their perspectives on global situations.

99. Recently Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has released which theme for National Science Day 2023?

- (a) Global Science for Global Wellbeing

- (b) Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
- (c) Future of STI: Impact on Education
- (d) Radiation and Radioisotopes in Healthcare
- (e) Science for the People and the People for Science

Ans (a)

Union Minister of State Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh released the theme for the "National Science Day 2023", titled "Global Science for Global Wellbeing" at National Media Centre.

100. What is the name India's first female pilot, who has recently pilot an Indian Sukhoi fighter jet?

- (a) Bhawana Kanth (b) Mohana Singh
- (c) Shivangi Singh (d) Avani Chaturvedi
- (e) Gunjan Saxena

Ans (d)

India's first female pilot, Avani Chaturvedi, to pilot an Indian Sukhoi fighter jet in aerial wargames in Japan.

For the first time, female officers would be travelling abroad to represent the nation.

Two of the female fighter pilots participated in the French Air Force's wargames with the female officers as part of foreign contingents visiting India.

From January 16 to January 26, Veer Guardian 2023 will take conducted in Japan at the Sayama Iruma Air Base, Omitama Hyakuri Air Base, and surrounding airspace.

According to Avani Chaturvedi's classmate and one of the first three female fighter pilots, Squadron Leader

Bhawana Kanth, the Su-30MKIs employed by the Indian Air Force are among the best and most deadly platforms equipped with homegrown weapon systems.

Veer Guardian 2023 will be held in Japan from January 16 to January 26 at Sayama Iruma Air Base, Omitama Hyakuri Air Base, and adjoining airspace.

101. Recently Defence Acquisition Council has cleared the proposal for procurement of VSHORAD (IR Homing) missile system by which organisation?

- (a) DRDO (b) ISRO
- (c) HAL (d) BARC
- (e) BHEL

Ans (a)

In an effort to shore up the air defence systems all along the Line of Actual Control(LAC) facing China, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) cleared the proposal for procurement of VSHORAD (IR Homing) missile system under design and

development by the Defence Research and Development Organisation(DRDO).

In view of the recent developments along the Northern borders(China) there is a need to focus on effective Air Defence (AD) weapon systems which are man portable and can be deployed quickly in rugged terrain and maritime domain.

Procurement of VSHORAD, as a robust and quickly deployable system, will strengthen the Air Defence capabilities.

102. Famous footballer Hugo Lloris who has announced his retirement was former captain of which football team?

- (a) Brazil (b) France
- (c) Argentina (d) Belgium
- (e) England

Ans (b)

France team captain Hugo Lloris has announced his decision to retire from international football at the age of 36.

Lloris represented France in four World Cups and three Euros and captained Les Blues to the World Cup trophy in 2018.

The Tottenham Hotspur shotstopper led his team to the World Cup final in Qatar, where they were beaten by Argentina on penalties.

The 36-year-old holds many records and is France's most capped player with 145 appearances to his name. Lloris made his debut for Les Blues back in November 2008.

He was handed the armband two years after his international debut and would go on to captain France in 121 matches.

103. Recently, NASA has named which Indian-American space expert as chief technologist?

- (a) Paul Shrivastava
- (b) Nagi Naganathan
- (c) AC Charania
- (d) Harish-Chandra
- (e) Srikant Datar

Ans (c)

An Indian-American aerospace industry expert has been appointed as NASA's new chief technologist to serve as principal advisor to Administrator Bill Nelson on technology policy and programmes at the space agency's headquarters.

AC Charania joined the space agency in his new role on January 3.

He replaces another Indian-American scientist Bhavya Lal, who served as acting chief technologist prior to the former's appointment.

Prior to joining NASA, he served as vice president of product strategy at Reliable Robotics, a firm that works to bring certified autonomous vehicles to commercial aviation.

His previous experience also includes working at Blue Origin to mature its lunar permanence strategy, Blue Moon lunar lander program, and multiple technology initiatives with NASA.

104. Which project of Kerala has recognized as the best practices model at the National Conference on Micro Small and Medium Enterprises?

- (a) Year of Enterprises
- (b) Sustainable Urban
- (c) Service Delivery
- (d) Life Mission
- (e) Both (c) and (d)

Ans (a)

The "Year of Enterprises" Project was recognized as the best practices model at the National Conference on Micro Small and Medium Enterprises.

The "Year of Enterprises" aimed to create 100000 enterprises and has successfully created 118509 enterprises and got investment worth 7261.54 crores.

105. Recently, a joint air exercise "Veer Guardian-2023" has been started between India and which country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Singapore
- (c) China
- (d) North Korea
- (e) Chile

Ans (a)

The Japan Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) and the Indian Air Force will participate in the joint air exercise "Veer Guardian-2023" starting on January 12 at Hyakuri Air Base in Japan.

106. A recently authored book "Jadunama" by Arvind Mandloi is based on whose life?

- (a) Salim Khan
- (b) Javed Akhtar
- (c) Shabana Azmi
- (d) Amitabh Bachchan
- (e) Farhan Akhtar

Ans (b)

Jadunama, a book written on veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar by Arvind Mandloi, was released.

Jadunama is about a writer, poet, lyricist, and political activist.

It is also about this one man's struggle since childhood to become what he is today and to create a hallmark of success in everything he does.

Javed Akhtar was recipient of several awards during his lifetime, notable among those being the Padma Shri (1999); Awadh Samman Uttar Pradesh (2001); the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Ekta Puraskar (2005); and the Padma Bhushan (2007).

107. In January 2023, Aadi Shaurya - Parv Parakram Ka Tribal Dance Festival and Military Tattoo has organised in which city?

- (a) Chandigarh
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Indore
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Patna

Ans (d)

The 23rd of January 2023 will see the Aadi Shaurya – Parv Parakram Ka Tribal Dance Festival and Military Tattoo at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.

The two-day celebration, according to the Defence Ministry, would display the strength of the Armed Forces and the cultural beauty of India's tribal cultures.

108. Which state government has started a caste survey in state?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Mizoram
- (e) Rajasthan

Ans (c)

Caste surveys have been started by the Bihar government in several regions of the State.

Nitish Kumar, the chief minister, made it clear that only castes, not subcastes, as well as the economic standing of each household, would be categorized.

109. Recently, Uttarakhand Government has approved how much horizontal reservation to domicile women of the state in the government jobs bill?

- (a) 10 percent
- (b) 20 percent
- (c) 30 percent
- (d) 40 percent
- (e) 50 percent

Ans (c)

Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (retd) has approved the 30 percent horizontal reservation to domicile women of the state in the government jobs bill.

The state assembly of Uttarakhand passed the Uttarakhand Public Services (Horizontal Reservation for women) Bill on 29th November 2022.

The consent of the Governor has now made the bill into an act. The Uttarakhand Public Services (Horizontal Reservation for women) Bill 2022 provides women of the state with 30 percent horizontal reservation in public sectors and posts. The beneficiaries need to be women with a domicile certificate of Uttarakhand.

According to the Bill, if enough women are not available to fill the reserved seats, they will be filled with qualified male candidates in the order of proficiency.

Horizontal Reservation refers to the equal opportunity provided to other categories of beneficiaries such as women, the transgender community, or individuals with disabilities.

The vertical reservation applies separately for each of the groups specified under the law, the horizontal reservation is always applied separately to each vertical category.

110. What is the name of India's largest student-run festival which has recently begun at IIT Madras?

- (a) Kesari 2023 (b) Saarang 2023
(c) Naahar 2023 (d) Marathan 2023
(e) Mandook 2023

Ans (b)

The 28th edition of Saarang, India's largest student-run festival begins at IIT Madras on 11th January 2023.

Saarang 2023 will feature more than 100 events with participation from 500 colleges across the country.

The Saarang 2023 is one of the largest student-run festivals held completely in physical mode.

It is expected to see over 80,000 people at the festival.

The fest will be held till 15th January 2023.

111. What is the outlay of the Centre's incentive scheme to promote RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions?

- (a) Rs 2600 crore (b) Rs 2000 crore
(c) Rs 3000 crore (d) Rs 4800 crore
(e) Rs 1000 crore

Ans (a)

The Union Cabinet has approved the incentive scheme for the promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (person-to-merchant) for the current financial year.

The approved incentive scheme for promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (P2M) in FY 2022-23 has a financial outlay of Rs 2600

crore.

Under the said scheme, acquiring banks will be provided financial incentive, for promoting Point-of-Sale (PoS) and e-commerce transactions using RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (P2M) for the current financial year FY 2022-23.

In the financial year 2021-22, the government had approved an incentive scheme in compliance with the budget announcement of FY22 to give a further boost to digital transactions.

112. Santhi Kumari has been appointed as first woman chief secretary of which state?

- (a) Karnataka (b) Telangana
(c) Maharashtra (d) Odisha
(e) Chhattisgarh

Ans (b)

Senior IAS Officer A Santhi Kumari has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Telangana. Santhi Kumari took charge as the first women Chief Secretary of the State at the Secretariat in BRK Bhavan.

Santhi Kumari will take charge over incumbent Somesh Kumar, who was relieved from the Telangana government by the Union Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

113. Which state's tourism board has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with chapters of 8 countries of the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Haryana
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Tamil Nadu
(e) Telangana

Ans (c)

Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with chapters of 8 countries of the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) at the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas convention.

The event was held at MP Tourism Pavilion at Brilliant Convention Centre in Indore.

The MoUs were signed with France Metropole Paris, Mauritius, Reunion Island, Martinique, Sri Lanka, GOPIO International, Malaysia, and Mauritius.

The MoU was signed by Principal Secretary of Tourism and Culture and Managing Director of Tourism Board Sheo Shekhar Shukla on behalf of the Tourism Board and Presidents of 8 countries of GOPIO.

The MoUs have been executed to boost cooperation in the development of the tourism sector of the state, promotion, and publicity of tourist places.

The MoU aims to strengthen, promote and develop cooperation in research, promotion, and tourism development.

114. Which company has invented a "System and Method for Controlling Generation and Movement of Fugitive Dust"?

- (a) NTPC (b) DRDO
(c) ONGC (d) CMPDI
(e) Coal India

Ans (d)

Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) has invented a "System and Method for Controlling Generation and Movement of Fugitive Dust" and obtained a patent for the same in December 2022.

This system is developed to be used in mines, thermal power plants, railway sidings, ports, and construction sites where coal and other minerals or fugitive materials are stored in the open sky.

The system will reduce the dust generation from open source as well as provide noise attenuation.

Coal/Lignite PSUs under the Ministry of Coal consistently strive to produce quality coal in an environmentally responsible manner to meet the energy needs of the country.

Coal/Lignite PSUs are adopting various measures to prevent or mitigate air pollution caused by coal mining and allied activities.

The present invention is related to the synchronized application of windbreaks (WB) and vertical greenery systems (VGS) for reducing the generation and dispersion of fugitive dust.

115. Recently, which international organization in its 33rd edition of report, has stated that Indian authorities had "intensified and broadened" their crackdown on activist groups and the media throughout year 2022?

- (a) Amnesty International
(b) Greenpeace
(c) Agenzia Nazionale
(d) UNHCR
(e) Human Rights Watch

Ans (e)

Recently, the Human Rights Watch in its World Report 2023 (33rd edition) said that Indian authorities had "intensified and broadened" their crackdown on activist groups and the media throughout year 2022.

It also claimed that the current Central ruling party used abusive and discriminatory policies to repress minorities.

Human Rights Watch (HRW) is an international non-governmental organisation founded in 1978 as "Helsinki Watch," initially aimed at investigating rights abuses in countries that signed the Helsinki Accords.

Currently, its ambit has expanded to about 100 countries worldwide.

It is headquartered in New York City.

Helsinki Accords (1975) was a major diplomatic agreement signed in Helsinki, Finland, at the conclusion of the first Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (now Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).

116. Recently, the Prime Minister of India has flagged off the world's longest river cruise MV Ganga Vilas in which city?

- (a) Prayagraj (b) Patna
(c) Kolkata (d) Varanasi
(e) Kanpur

Ans (d)

Recently, the Prime Minister of India flagged off the world's longest river cruise, MV Ganga Vilas in Varanasi.

During the event, the Prime Minister also inaugurated Tent City in Varanasi and laid the foundation stones for several other inland waterways projects.

The cruise will be managed by private operators, the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Waterways (MoPSW) has supported the project.

It will explore forty historic sites on the banks of the river Ganga including, Mahabodhi temple, Hazarduari Palace, Katra Masjid, Bodh Gaya, Chandanagar church, Char Bangla Temple and more. Besides connecting National Waterway 1 (NW-1) which includes Ganga and National Waterway 2 (NW-2) on Brahmaputra, the cruise will cross 27 river systems.

117. For the first time in India, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has specified the identity standards for which grain which will be enforced with effect from 01 August 2023?

- (a) Basmati Rice (b) Aestivum Wheat
(c) Jasmine Rice (d) Bengal Gram
(e) Chickpeas

Ans (a)

For the first time in India, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has specified the identity standards for Basmati Rice which will be enforced with effect from 01 August 2023.

Basmati has its origin from India (and some parts of Pakistan); it is a premium variety of rice cultivated in the Himalayan foothills of the Indian subcontinent.

It is universally known for its long grain size, fluffy texture and unique inherent aroma and flavour.

It is cultivated in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, UT of Jammu and Kashmir and western Uttar Pradesh.

118. IT giant Cognizant has appointed whom as its new Chief Executive Officer?

- (a) Vinita Bali
- (b) Archana Deskus
- (c) Ravi Kumar
- (d) Sandra Shetty
- (e) John Dineen

Ans (c)

IT giant Cognizant has announced Ravi Kumar as its new Chief Executive Officer, replacing the outgoing Brian Humphries, effective immediately.

He was the president and COO of Infosys until October 2022, before leaving the company to join Cognizant the following week as President of Cognizant Americas.

Mr Humphries had resigned from the post that he held for four years, a move that has been linked to Cognizant's recent underperformance, including revenue decline in the third quarter of 2022.

119. United Arab Emirates has named whom as head to COP28 Climate Talks?

- (a) Mohamed Al Shamisi
- (b) Sultan Al-Jaber
- (c) Khaldoon Al Mubarak
- (d) Reem Al Hashimy
- (e) Mohammed bin Zayed

Ans (b)

The United Arab Emirates has named a veteran technocrat who both leads Abu Dhabi's state-run oil company and oversees its renewable energy efforts to preside over the upcoming United Nations climate negotiations in Dubai.

Emirati authorities nominated Sultan al-Jaber, a confidant of UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who serves as CEO of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Co.

120. What will be the percentage of ethanol blending in gasoline in the phased roll-out of E20, that will begin on April 1 2023?

- (a) 20%
- (b) 18%
- (c) 12%
- (d) 30%
- (e) 25%

Ans (a)

The phased roll-out of E20 (20 per cent ethanol blending in gasoline) will begin on April 1, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has said. The fuel will be available at select outlets and will not require changes to car engines.

The proposed roll-out will give further impetus to the government's plans of achieving the level of 20 per cent ethanol blending in the overall petrol supply in the country by ethanol supply year 2025-2026.

India has increased the ethanol blending in petrol from 1.53 per cent in 2013-14 to 10.17 per cent in 2022.

To achieve 20 per cent blending by 2025, the country needs 10.2-11 billion litres of ethanol.

This would require a production capacity of around 14.5 billion litres because some production has to be kept aside for starch and chemical industry.

121. Which bank has launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility in association with National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) SBI Card
- (d) Union Bank of India
- (e) ICICI Bank

Ans (a)

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility in association with National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL).

India's largest lender said this facility will bring about a revolutionary change in the banking ecosystem, where bank guarantee is frequently used in large volumes.

By using the NeSL's platform, the bank customers and other beneficiaries will instantly get an e-Bank Guarantee without additional verification

NeSL's Digital Document Execution (DDE) platform, which provides e-Stamp and e-Sign functions, will facilitate the e-Bank Guarantee process.

Beneficiaries will instantly receive an e-Bank Guarantee on NeSL's platform without further verification.

Currently, the bank issues these guarantees with physical stamping and wet signatures.

The introduction of e-BG will replace this function with e-stamping and e-signature.

122. The Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated on which day of January since 1953?

- (a) 13th January (b) 14th January
(c) 15th January (d) 16th January
(e) 17th January

Ans (b)

The Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated on 14th January since 1953, the First Indian Commander in Chief (C-in-C) of Indian Army- Field Marshal KM Cariappa, who led Indian Forces to Victory in the 1947 war, had formally retired from the Services.

The Day is celebrated as Armed Forces Veterans Day and dedicated to our esteemed Veterans.

The First Armed Forces Veterans Day was celebrated on January, 14, 2016 and it was decided to commemorate this day every year by hosting such interactive events in the honor of our Armed Forces Veterans and their families.

This year 7th Armed Forces Veterans Day celebrates on 2023

123. Which day has celebrated on 15th January 2023 recently?

- (a) Indian Air Force day
(b) Indian Navy day
(c) Indian Army day
(d) Sena Medal day
(e) Vir Chakra day

Ans (c)

Indian army day 2023 is celebrated on 15th January 2023 and it mark the 75th anniversary of the Indian army day.

Every year on January 15, India celebrates its Army Day. It is the day on which Field Marshal Kodandera M Cariappa (then a Lieutenant General) took over as the first Commander in Chief of the Indian Army from the last British Commander in Chief of India, General Francis Bucher in the year 1949.

Parades, medal presenting and other ceremonies are organized to celebrate the Army Day.

With "Service before self" as its motto, the Indian Army is the largest component of the Indian Armed Forces.

Originally, the Indian army was formed under the British rule on April 1, 1895 and was called as British Indian Army.

After India got its independence in the year 1947, it was only on January 15, 1949, when the country got its first Indian chief.

Lt Gen K M Cariappa took over as commander-in-chief of the Indian Army in 1949 from General Francis Butcher, the last British commander in chief of India.

The transfer of power from the British to India signifies an important moment in the Indian history and is celebrated as Army Day.

This day also honors the soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for the country.

124. It is a festival of music, poetry, art, craft, food, culinary techniques, indigenous herbs and culture celebrated in Majuli, Assam. It is -

- (a) Monpa (b) Dasara
(c) Nabanna (d) Mongeet
(e) Wangala

Ans (d)

Mongeet is a festival of music, poetry, art, craft, food, culinary techniques, indigenous herbs, and culture celebrated in Majuli, Assam.

The Mongeet festival started in the year 2020 as a movement of arts and music and it aims to nurture the upcoming musical talents of Assam.

It was started by actor Adil Hussain and Kaushik Nath, an actor-director-turned-entrepreneur.

Mongeet festival will be held on 15th, 16th, and 17th January at Dekasang, Majuli and on 19th and 20th January at Dekasang, Sadiya.

This edition of the Mongeet festival will witness Montulika, a creative painting workshop, and Monmritikka, a special workshop on the rich art and sculpture of Assam.

It is the only festival from Assam that is designed to promote music, art, culture, and food.

This Festival aims to educate people about the culture of Assam and introduce the rich musicians of the state to the world.

125. A Special Education Program "Saharsh" has been launched by which state government?

- (a) Odisha (b) Meghalaya
(c) Mizoram (d) Tripura
(e) Manipur

Ans (d)

The 'Saharsh' was launched in 40 schools of the state on a pilot basis in August last year.

This year, it will be extended to all government and aided schools in Tripura from the second week of January.

A similar program, which was found to be effective in social and economic development in research

studies of Harvard and Columbia Universities is being contextualized with local realities of India before being implemented in Tripura.

On the inauguration of the 49th state-level science, mathematics, and environment exhibition, Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath informed that the state government has been working to make Tripura self-reliant and prosperous.

The school education department has introduced 36 reforms in the last five years and the higher education department has 19 reforms.

The 'Saharsh' initiative is aimed at empowering children to learn with happiness.

The state government has trained 204 schools for the 'Saharsh' curriculum while 200 more will be trained in the future.

126. The Indian Coast Guard ship "Kamla Devi" is designed and built by which company?

- (a) NHPC (b) BEML
(c) GRSE (d) HSL
(e) BHEL

Ans (c)

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship "Kamla Devi" the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) which is designed, built, and delivered by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd to Indian Coast Guard was commissioned in Kolkata, West Bengal.

Indian Coast Guard ship Kamla Devi is officially the fifth and last vessel of the series of FPVs designed and built by GRSE as per the specifications of the Indian Coast Guard.

127. Who has bagged gold medal in 23rd National Sqay Championship organized by the SQAY Federation of India?

- (a) Hanaya Nisar (b) Falak Mumtaz
(c) Faizan Ahmad (d) Safeena Beigh
(e) Pardeep Kumar

Ans (b)

Falak Mumtaz, an 11-year-old girl from Jammu and Kashmir has bagged a gold medal in National Sqay Championship.

Falak Mumtaz has achieved a gold medal in the National Sqay Championship which was held in Jammu. She is currently studying sixth standard at Aisha Ali Academy in Kulgam.

The 23rd National Sqay Championship was organized by the SQAY Federation of India and hosted by Jammu and Kashmir SQAY Association at Indoor Stadium Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu.

In the 23rd National Sqay Championship, players from all over Jammu and Kashmir performed very well and bagged 1st place in the overall medal tally.

11-year-old Falak Mumtaz won a gold medal at the 23rd National Sqay Championship. Andhra Pradesh bagged 2nd place and Odisha was in 3rd place.

128. Recently Union Minister Piyush Goyal has launched MAARG portal for startup mentorship. What does "R" stands for in "MAARG"?

- (a) Resilience (b) Resistance
(c) Resistible (d) Resistless
(e) Resituates

Ans (a)

The MAARG (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, and Growth) platform will be launched by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. The Commerce Ministry said MAARG, a portal to facilitate mentorship for start-ups across diverse sectors, and geographies, will go live on January 16.

It will facilitate mentorship between start-ups and entrepreneurs across sectors, stages, and functions, the ministry said. The matchmaking phase of the portal will allow start-ups to connect with mentors and discuss their mentorship needs.

129. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced which project to provide essential medical supplies to developing countries?

- (a) Swasthya Maitri (b) Sehat Maitri
(c) Aarogya Maitri (d) Health Maitri
(e) Well Being

Ans (c)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a new "Aarogya Maitri" project under which India will provide essential medical supplies to any developing country affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crisis and proposed to set up a "centre of excellence" to facilitate development solutions to these countries.

In his opening address at the concluding session of the Voice of Global South virtual summit, Modi also said that India will launch a "science and technology initiative" to share its expertise with other developing nations.

He announced that New Delhi will institute new scholarships for students from developing countries to pursue higher education in India.

130. Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupendra Yadav has inaugurated the Regional

Office of Employees provident Fund Organization in which city?

- (a) Jaipur (b) Indore
(c) Lucknow (d) Alwar
(e) Patna

Ans (d)

Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupendra Yadav inaugurated the Regional Office of Employees provident Fund Organization (EPFO) at Alwar, Rajasthan.

The Regional Office will help more than 2 lakh workers, 12,000 establishments, and 8,500 pensioners from Alwar and the neighboring districts of Bharatpur and Dholpur.

The major industrial areas served by Regional Office are Bhiwadi, Khushkhera, Tapukara, Karoli, Neemrana, Behror, Gheelot, and Khairthal.

131. Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal handed over whose statue of 9th to 10th century to the Archaeological Department at Chittorgarh Fort in Rajasthan?

- (a) Shiva Idol (b) Nataraja Idol
(c) Buddha Idol (d) Brahma Idol
(e) Vishnu Idol

Ans (b)

Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal handed over the 9th to 10th century Nataraja Idol of the Archeological Department official in Chittorgarh Fort in Rajasthan.

Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal noted that there are only 13 idols of ancient importance that could be brought to India by the year 2023 but after 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi brought 229 idols to India.

132. Who has become the first woman officer to be posted at Border Roads Organisation?

- (a) Priya Jhingan (b) Mitali Madhumita
(c) Surbhi Jakhmola (d) Anjana Bhaduria
(e) Swati Singh

Ans (c)

Captain Surbhi Jakhmola of the Indian Army's 117 Engineer Regiment will be the first woman officer to be posted on a foreign assignment at the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

The officer will be sent to Bhutan as part of Project Dantak.

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is an executive road construction force in India that supports the Indian armed forces.

The deployment of BRO comes just days after the Indian Air Force deployed woman fighter pilot squadron leader Avani Chaturvedi to Japan for the exercise Veer Guardian 2023.

BRO builds and maintains road networks along India's borders and in friendly neighbouring countries.

It is also included in the armed forces Order of Battle, ensuring their support at all times.

BRO was established on May 7, 1960.

In order to improve border connectivity, BRO was transferred entirely to the ministry of defence in 2015. It is responsible for maintaining the road network in the border areas of India.

133. Which Indian batsman has become the fifth-highest run-scorer in history of ODI cricket by overtaking Mahela Jayawardene?

- (a) Virat Kohli (b) Rohit Sharma
(c) K L Rahul (d) Shikhar Dhawan
(e) Surya Kumar Yadav

Ans (a)

Star cricketer Virat Kohli became the fifth-highest run-scorer in history of ODI cricket, overtaking Sri Lankan legend Mahela Jayawardene to enter into top-five.

At the time of becoming the fifth-highest run-scorer, Virat had 12,652 runs in 268 ODIs at an average of 57.78, with 45 tons and 65 half-century. His best score in the format is 183.

As per records, the highest run-scorer in ODI history is Indian legend Sachin Tendulkar, who has scored 18,426 runs at an average of 44.83.

He has 49 centuries and 96 fifties in this format, with the best of 200*.

Followed by Sachin, Sri Lankan great Kumar Sangakkara (14,234 runs in 404 matches), Australian great Ricky Ponting (13,704), Sri Lankan all-rounder Sanath Jayasuriya (13,430 in 445 matches) and Virat

134. The central government is going to launch a National Urban Technology Mission to enable technological improvements in municipal providers. How many years is this project?

- (a) Five Years (b) Six Years
(c) Seven Years (d) Eight Years
(e) Nine Years

Ans (a)

The Centre is about to launch a five-year National Urban Technology Mission which is able to infuse technological improvements in municipal providers

and infrastructure of 4,500 city native bodies within the nation.

The mission, to be spearheaded by the ministry of housing and urban affairs, can have three main sub-heads.

A be aware ready for the approval of the expenditure finance committee (EFC) pegs the mission outlay at Rs 15,000 crore for 5 years.

135. Under which campaign, the state government of Rajasthan has implemented the policy for Blindness Control with the objective of "Right to Sight"?

- (a) Swasthya Rajasthan
- (b) Viruj Rajasthan
- (c) Nirogi Rajasthan
- (d) Yogya Rajasthan
- (e) Sehat Rajasthan

Ans (c)

Under its campaign of Nirogi Rajasthan, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has implemented the policy for Blindness Control with the objective of "Right to Sight".

With this, Rajasthan has become the first state to have such a policy.

This policy has been brought with an aim to bring light in the lives of more than 3 lakh people suffering from visual impairment in the State.

The prevalence rate of blindness in the country was 1.1% in 2020 and the initiatives under the Blindness Control Policy will help to bring it down to 0.3 percent.

Under the policy for Blindness Control, the state government will mandatorily run Keratoplasty Centre and Eye Bank in all the government medical colleges. The government funded private organizations and NGOs that are collecting cornea will have to provide the collected cornea to the government institutions on priority.

136. Who has been appointed as chief economist of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development?

- (a) Clare Lombardelli
- (b) Mathias Cormann
- (c) Julie Bishop
- (d) Scott Morrison
- (e) Malcolm Turnbull

Ans (a)

Chief Economic Adviser to the Treasury, Clare Lombardelli, has been appointed as the new Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Chief Economist. She will

lead the OECD's economic work, replacing France's Laurence Boone, who has held the post since 2018.

A British national, Clare holds a Master's Degree in Economics from London School of Economics and Political Science and Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University.

Clare has worked in government since 2005, after starting her career as an economist at the Bank of England.

During this time her roles have included Principal Private Secretary to the Chancellor, Private Secretary for Economic Affairs to the Prime Minister and Budget Director.

She has also worked as a technical adviser for the International Monetary Fund.

She will step down from the Treasury after the Spring Budget.

Her roles at the UK Treasury have included Deputy Director for Labour Market Policy (2007-2010), Principal Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer (2012-2015), and Director of Strategy, Planning and Budget (2015-2018).

137. Recently, the renowned bull-taming competition has organised in the Tamil Nadu village of Avaniyapuram. This sport is known as -

- (a) Chaturanga
- (b) Jallikattu
- (c) Kambala
- (d) Chaupar
- (e) Maramadi Bull Surfing

Ans (b)

The renowned Jallikattu bull-taming competition got underway on Sunday in the Tamil Nadu village of Avaniyapuram.

Aneesh Sekhar, the district collector of Madurai, as saying that preparations had been made to ensure a successful Jallikattu.

ensuring the players' and bulls' safety.

Bulls are protected in the play area by three levels of barricading, as are spectators.

138. Which international organisation has released "Global Risks Report 2023"?

- (a) Young Global Leaders
- (b) World Wide Fund for Nature
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) Water Environment Federation
- (e) American Water Works Association

Ans (c)

The world faces a set of risks that feel both wholly new and eerily familiar.

The Global Risks Report 2023 explores some of the most severe risks we may face over the next decade. As we stand on the edge of a low-growth and low-cooperation era, tougher trade-offs risk eroding climate action, human development and future resilience.

The World Economic Forum taking place in Davos, Switzerland released the 18th edition of the Global Risk Report 2023 based on the 2022-2023 Global Risks Perception Survey (GRPS).

139. Which state government has recently restored the old pension scheme in January 2023?

- (a) Uttarakhand (b) Maharashtra
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Himachal Pradesh
(e) Telangana

Ans (d)

The Himachal Pradesh government restored the old pension scheme in its first cabinet meeting.

The cabinet decided to provide OPS to all government employees who are presently covered under the defined contributory pension scheme, also referred to as NPS.

This scheme will benefit about 1.36 lakh NPS employees in the state.

The State Cabinet in its first meeting presided over by the Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu held in Shimla passed a resolution thanking the people of Himachal Pradesh for reposing their confidence in the policies and programs of congress.

Congress government has fulfilled a key poll promise by providing the Old Pension scheme (OPS) to all government employees.

140. R'Bonney Gabriel has recently been crowned as Miss Universe 2022. She hails from which country?

- (a) Russia (b) United States
(c) Canada (d) Britain
(e) Brazil

Ans (b)

R'Bonney Gabriel of the United States was crowned Miss Universe 2022 on January 15, 2023.

Divita Rai of India, who finished in the top 16, was unable to advance in the beauty contest held in New Orleans.

Venezuela and the Dominican Republic were the other two countries in the top three.

R'Bonney Gabriel is an American model who was crowned Miss USA 2022 earlier this year.

Her full name is R'Bonney Nola Gabriel, and she is of Filipino descent from her father's side.

R'Bonney Gabriel is the first Filipina-American winner in the history of Miss Universe.

141. Which company has bagged media rights for the upcoming Women's IPL for a whopping Rs 951 crore for five years?

- (a) Viacom 18 (b) Star Network
(c) Network18 (d) Zee Network
(e) Dream 11

Ans (a)

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced that Viacom 18 have grabbed the media rights for the upcoming Women's IPL for a whopping Rs 951 crore for five years.

The auction for the T20 League was conducted by the cricket board in Mumbai.

The global rights comprise three categories linear (TV), digital and combined (TV and digital).

In the men's IPL, separate rights are sold across regions.

The inaugural Women's IPL is likely to begin in the first week of March.

Five teams will compete and all the matches will be held in Mumbai.

142. Who has won the Malaysia Open Super 1000 women's singles titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia?

- (a) Tulissy Sekaran (b) Akane Yamaguchi
(c) Susi Susanti (d) P Pattabongse
(e) Camilla Martin

Ans (b)

Akane Yamaguchi and Viktor Axelsen won the Malaysia Open Super 1000 women's and men's singles titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Yamaguchi, the reigning world champion, registered a come-from-behind win over world no. 4 An Se Young to clinch the Super Series Premier title.

Yamaguchi won her maiden Super Series Premier title at the China Open in 2017.

China's Chen Qingchen-Jia Yifan, the world no. 1 pairing in women's doubles, blew away South Korea's Baek Hana-Lee Yulim 21-16, 21-10 in 52 minutes.

In mixed doubles, the world no. 1 pairing of Zheng Siwei-Huang Yaqiong, carrying on their last season's dominating display, claimed the season's first Super Series Premier title.

143. The first 15 meetings of the Business 20 (B20) India Inception Meeting will be held in which city from January 22nd to 24th, 2023?

- (a) Chennai (b) Mumbai

- (c) Gandhinagar (d) New Delhi
(e) Kolkata

Ans (c)

The first 15 meetings of the Business 20 (B20) India Inception Meeting will be held in Gandhinagar from January 22nd to 24th, 2023.

India has been assumed as the G20 under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The G20 chairman for India is a historic event as it comes while celebrating the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

144. Which football club have won the Spanish Super Cup in January 2023?

- (a) Real Madrid (b) Liverpool
(c) Inter Milan (d) Barcelona
(e) Manchester United

Ans (d)

Barcelona have won the Spanish Super Cup for the first time since the competition was revamped and moved to Saudi Arabia with a 3-1 victory over Real Madrid.

It was also Barcelona's first title since former player Xavi took over as the team's coach in 2021 and since Lionel Messi left for Paris Saint-Germain.

Barcelona have now won the Super Cup a record 14 times. Madrid have 12 to their name.

The Super Cup used to be played between the Spanish league champion and the Copa del Rey winner. Now the runners-up in both competitions also participate.

Madrid played as the league champion and Barcelona as the league runner-up.

The current contract to play the Super Cup in Saudi Arabia runs through the 2024-25 season.

145. The second edition of DotFEST Festival has been organized in which state?

- (a) Odisha (b) Nagaland
(c) Mizoram (d) Assam
(e) West Bengal

Ans (a)

The second edition of 'Dot Fest,' a part of city festivals commemorating the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023, will be held in Odisha from January 15 to 29, 2023.

The event will be organized with a slew of activities including Bollywood superstars and international storytellers.

As part of the festival, six main festivals and activities will be held, including Bhubaneswar live, an international cuisine festival, the story-telling festival

BhuFesto, Ekamra walks, a night flea market, and the 'Sebe-O-Ebe' picture show.

146. Mukarram Jah Bahadur who passed away recently was descendants of which royal dynasty?

- (a) Qutb Shahi dynasty
(b) Asaf Jahi dynasty
(c) Bahmani Sultanate
(d) Musunuri Nayakas
(e) Kakatiya dynasty

Ans (b)The titular eighth Nizam of Hyderabad Mukarram Jah has recently passed away. Mukarram Jah was born on October 6, 1933 in France, to Prince Azam Jah and Princess Durru Shehvar, the imperial princess of the Ottoman Empire.

He was educated in the Doon School in Dehradun and later at Harrow and Peterhouse, Cambridge.

He also studied at the London School of Economics and at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

He was descendants of Asaf Jahi royal dynasty.

On April 6, 1967, he was coronated as Asaf Jah the Eighth, after the death of Mir Osman Ali Khan in February 1967.

147. Name the writer who won the first-ever Federal Bank Literary Award 2022 for his autobiography 'Oranweshanathinte Katha'?

- (a) Mukul Rohatgi (b) M K Nambiar
(c) K Venugopal (d) Harish Salve
(e) Ram Jethmalani

Ans (c)Noted writer K Venugopal bagged the first-ever Federal Bank Literary Award 2022 for his autobiography "Oranweshanathinte Katha".

Balagopal Chandrasekhar is the current chairman and independent director of Federal Bank in January 2023."Oranweshanathinte Katha" was chosen by a panel comprising writer and literary critic K C Narayanan, Sunil P Ilayidom and P K Rajashekharan from the 10 works which were shortlisted for the award. Judging panel member P K Rajashekharan commented that the essence of the book brought back the memory of the most-intense political timeline in the modern history of Kerala.

148. What is the theme of the 53rd annual meeting of the World Economic Forum 2023?

- (a) Working Together, Restoring Trust
(b) The Great Reset
(c) Stakeholders for a sustainable world
(d) Cooperation in a Fragmented World
(e) Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture

Ans (d) The 53rd edition of the World Economic Forum (WEF) has begun at Davos in Switzerland.

The meeting will continue till 20th January.

The theme for this year's WEF meeting is "Cooperation in a Fragmented World". According to the WEF's annual Global Risks Report, recession threat, cost-of-living crisis and debt distress is likely to dominate the outlook for at least two years. WEF Founder and Executive Chairman Klaus Schwab said, they see the manifold political, economic and social forces creating increased fragmentation on a global and national level.

149. As per the announcement made by Earth Sciences

Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh by which year India will be covered by Doppler Weather Radar Network?

- (a) 2025 (b) 2027
(c) 2028 (d) 2031
(e) 2035

Ans (a) As per the Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh at 148th Foundation Day of India Meteorological Department, The entire country will be covered by Doppler Weather Radar Network by 2025 to predict extreme weather events more accurately. He dedicated 4 Doppler Weather Radar Systems to the Western Himalayan States of Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh. Doppler weather radar, commonly known as Weather Surveillance Radar (WSR), is a type of radar used to find precipitation, determine its motion, and also the type of precipitation (rain, snow, hail, etc.).

150. Which Indian film has won the Critics Choice Awards 2023 in the Best Foreign Language Film category?

- (a) Andhadhun (b) Black
(c) Bandit Queen (d) RRR
(e) Bombay

Ans (d)

The Critics Choice Awards 2023 was recently held in Los Angeles. The SS Rajamouli's film RRR has won two major nods, including Best Foreign Film and Best Song at the prestigious awards.

151. In January 2023, which edition of the bilateral naval exercise between India and France named 'VARUNA' commenced on the Western Seaboard on the 16th of January 2023?

- (a) 21st (b) 22nd
(c) 23rd (d) 24th

(e) 25th

Ans (a)

According to the Ministry of Defence, the 21st edition of "Varuna" the bilateral naval exercise between India and France commenced on the western seaboard.

This edition of the exercise will witness participation of indigenous guided missile stealth destroyer INS Chennai, guided missile frigate INS Teg, maritime patrol aircraft P-8I and Dornier, integral helicopters and MiG29K fighter aircraft.

The French Navy will be represented by the aircraft carrier Charles De Gaulle, frigates FS Forbin and Provence, support vessel FS Marne and maritime patrol aircraft Atlantique.

The exercise will be conducted over five days from 16 to 20 January 2023 and will witness advanced air defence exercises, tactical manoeuvres, surface firings, underway replenishment and other maritime operations.

152. Which state government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd for the development of Floating and Ground Mounted based Renewable Energy Projects in state in January 2023?

- (a) Meghalaya (b) Tripura
(c) Mizoram (d) Manipur
(e) Nagaland

Ans (b)

NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd and the Tripura government have joined forces to develop large-scale renewable energy projects in the state.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between NTPC's renewable energy arm and Tripura government on Monday (16 January) for development of floating and ground mounted based renewable energy projects in the state.

TREDA is the nodal agency for implementing renewable energy projects in Tripura.

153. Recently, Pankaj Kumar Singh was appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser in National Security Council Secretariat for a period of how many years?

- (a) One years (b) Two years
(c) Three years (d) Four years
(e) Five years

Ans (b)

Retired director general of the Border Security Force (BSF), Pankaj Kumar Singh was appointed as the

Deputy National Security Adviser in National Security Council Secretariat for a period of two years. Singh, a 1988-batch IPS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, has been appointed on a re-employment contract.

Singh had retired as the BSF chief on December 31, 2022.

When Singh took charge of the BSF on August 31, 2021, he had created history of a son and a father holding the top post of a paramilitary force during their services.

Singh had earlier served with the Union government as Inspector General of the CRPF in Chhattisgarh and IG (Operations) at CRPF headquarters in Delhi.

Before becoming BSF DG, he also served in the BSF as chief of the Eastern Frontier, he played an instrumental role in bringing down cattle smuggling through West Bengal and Assam borders.

Between 2015 and 2021, cattle smuggling on the Indo-Bangla border dropped by 87%. When he became DG of the BSF, he had to negotiate the contentious amendment to BSF jurisdiction which was increased to 50km from the border as many states opposed it.

He has served in the Rajasthan Police as well as in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), during which he cracked an infamous sex scandal that had rocked Jammu and Kashmir, besides being involved in solving several cases related to corruption.

154. Recently, Sweden's state-owned mining company ____ has discovered Europe's largest deposit of rare earth metals.

- (a) SSAB
- (b) Boliden AB
- (c) LKAB
- (d) Vattenfall
- (e) Ericsson

Ans (c)

Recently, Sweden's state-owned mining company LKAB has discovered Europe's largest deposit of rare earth metals.

The store, situated in Kiruna located in the northern region of Sweden, holds a stockpile of over 1 million metric tons of rare earth oxides.

This discovery bolsters Europe's ambition to rely less on imported raw materials needed for the green transition.

Currently, no rare earths are mined in Europe and it mostly imports them from other regions.

155. Which ministry has presented the National Start up Awards 2022 on the occasion of National Start-up Day?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) Ministry of Statistics
- (d) Ministry of Commerce
- (e) Ministry of Education

Ans (d)

Recently, on the occasion of National Startup Day (16th January), Startup India Innovation week culminated along with National Start up Awards 2022.

National Startup Awards 2022 given by Ministry of Commerce and Industry acknowledges startups and enablers who have been instrumental in revolutionizing the development story of India.

Startup India organized industry-focused webinars on the topic "Championing the billion-dollar dream".

The Start-up ecosystem in India ranks third after that of the United States (US) and China.

According to the India Venture Capital Report 2021 published by Bain and Company, the number of cumulative start-ups has grown at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 17% since 2012.

Bengaluru, in particular, has been dubbed the "Silicon Valley of India" due to the large number of technology companies based in the city

156. Recently which district of Kerala has become first constitution literate district in India?

- (a) Alappuzha
- (b) Kottayam
- (c) Palakkad
- (d) Kollam
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram

Ans (d)

In a first of its kind initiative in Kerala State, the target to declare Kollam a totally Constitution literate district on August 14 midnight, has been taken up.

Kollam has become the first constitution literate district in the country, the feat which was achieved by educating families on the basic principles of the Constitution as part of The Citizen, a constitution literacy campaign.

Conducting: The campaign was jointly organised by the Kollam district panchayat, District Planning Committee, and the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA).

Initiative: As part of the campaign, the entire population of Kollam above the age of 10 will be briefed on the preamble of the Constitution and the historical background of the document, its basic

principles, fundamental rights of citizens, and legal remedies.

Idea behind the campaign: The idea of the campaign is to equip the people to uphold constitutional values in personal life, family life, and socio-political, economic, and cultural life. Participants: Everyone, including government institutions, private establishments, socio-cultural organisations, and educational institutions, will be made participants in the campaign.

157. Which union territory has been declared as a "Free Area" for purpose of the "Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act 2009"?

- (a) Delhi (b) Chandigarh
(c) Ladakh (d) Puducherry
(e) Jammu & Kashmir

Ans (e)

Jammu and Kashmir's governments have declared the union territory as a "Free Area" for purposes of the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act 2009.

According to the notification issued by the government, the declaration has been made in the exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (5) of section 6 of the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals (PCICDA) Act 2009.

158. The National Council for Education Research and Training has released India's first national assessment regulator, named as -

- (a) PARAKH (b) PADHAI
(c) SHIKSHA (d) SEEKHA
(e) EDUCATION

Ans (a)

The National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT) has released India's first national assessment regulator, PARAKH, which will work on setting norms, standards, and guidelines for student assessment and evaluation for all recognized school boards in the country.

The PARAKH regulator aims to set up assessment guidelines for all boards to help remove disparities in the scores of students enrolled with different state boards.

PARAKH stands for The Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development. It is established within the education survey division of the NCERT.

159. Leading scientist AD Damodaran, who has passed away recently, was the former director of which research organisation?

- (a) DRDO (b) CSIR
(c) ISRO (d) ICMR
(e) ICAR

Ans (b)

AD Damodaran, leading scientist and former director of the CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), passed away in Thiruvananthapuram at the age of 87.

He also served as the Chairman of the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment.

Damodaran joined CSIR-NIIST as director in May 1985 and served in that capacity for 12 years.

He was also the chairman of the public sector Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation (Keltron) and an expert in Intellectual Property Rights, food nutrition, nutraceuticals and advanced materials.

160. Recently, RBI has released a report stating that the Gross Fiscal Deficit of states is expected to decrease to what percent of Gross Domestic Product in 2022-23, from 4.1% in 2020-21?

- (a) 2.1% (b) 4.2%
(c) 5.1% (d) 3.4%
(e) 6.5%

Ans (d)

Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has released a report stating that the Gross Fiscal Deficit of states is expected to decrease to 3.4% of Gross Domestic Product in 2022-23 from 4.1% which was in 2020-21. This is due to a broad-based economic recovery and an increase in revenue collections.

The report titled "State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2022-23" is a comprehensive analysis of the financial position of the Indian states, including the trends and challenges in their revenue and expenditure.

161. Who has won the Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2022 for a book titled "Broke to Breakthrough" that detailed the story of the rise of dairy company Hatsun Agro?

- (a) Rohinton Mistry
(b) Freya Elavia
(c) Harish Damodaran
(d) Vikram Seth
(e) Sturla Gunnarsson

Ans (c)

Senior journalist Harish Damodaran's "Broke to Breakthrough" has won the Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2022.

This year's jury comprised noted academics and industrialists from multiple fields, including Manish Sabharwal, Vice-Chairman TeamLease (Chairman, Jury), Imran Jafar, Managing Partner & Co-founder of Gaja Capital, Dr Lakshmi Venu, MD of Sundaram-Clayton Ltd (SCL) etc.

162. Which state government has launched its education project, "Schools of Eminence" in January 2023?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Haryana
(c) Maharashtra (d) Punjab
(e) Nagaland

Ans (d)

State government of Punjab has launched its first major education project, "Schools of Eminence".

Under the project, the AAP government will upgrade existing government schools into "Schools of Eminence" for classes 9 to 12.

The government plans to upgrade nearly 110 government schools as "Schools of Eminence" in Phase 1.

The AAP government in its first budget in June last year had set aside a fund of Rs 200 crore for "Schools of Eminence" and said that these schools will be equipped with superlative infrastructure and will be at par with international standards.

The project is inspired by Delhi's "Schools of Specialized Excellence", which also conduct admissions at the Class 9 level.

163. In January 2023, Telangana government has launched the second phase of which initiative?

- (a) Kanti Velugu (b) Arogya Lakshmi
(c) Aasara pensions (d) Haritha Haram
(e) Kakathiya

Ans (a)

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao will be formally launching the second phase of Kanti Velugu initiative, Eye Screening programme in Khammam district this morning.

The Programme is considered to be the world's largest eye screening programme.

Under the Kanti Velugu, free eye screening will be held at the special health camps for 100 days with 1500 medical teams.

The first phase of Kanti Velugu was conducted for eight months by 827 health teams.

The health camps will commence on January 19 in the rest of the state.

164. The second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) Ayodhya (b) Basti
(c) Lucknow (d) Gorakhpur
(e) Meerut

Ans (b)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 via video conferencing.

Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 has been organized in Basti district, Uttar Pradesh by Harish Dwivedi, Member of Parliament from Basti since 2021.

The Khel Mahakumbh includes various competitions in both indoor and outdoor sports like wrestling, kabaddi, kho kho, basketball, football, hockey, volleyball, handball, chess, carrom, badminton, table tennis, etc.

There are several other competitions including essay writing, painting, rangoli making, etc are also organized during the Khel Mahakumbh.

165. According to the World Bank's "Global Economic Prospects report", which country in south asia has the weakest economy?

- (a) Sri Lanka (b) Afghanistan
(c) Pakistan (d) Nepal
(e) Bhutan

Ans (c)

World Bank forecast Pakistan's economic growth to slow further to two percent during the current year.

This will mark a drop of two percentage points from its June 2022 estimates, according to the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects report.

Pakistan's economic output was not only declining itself but also bringing down the regional growth rate as well.

Forecasting Pakistan's GDP growth rate to improve to 3.2 per cent in 2024.

This pace reflects still robust growth in India, Maldives, and Nepal, offsetting the effects of the floods in Pakistan and the economic and political crises in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka.

166. Which UT has become the first in India to completely switch to a digital method of administration, leading the way in the digital transformation of governance?

- (a) Jammu & Kashmir
- (b) Daman & Diu
- (c) Lakshadweep
- (d) Chandigarh
- (e) Dadra and Nagar Haveli

Ans (a)

Jammu & Kashmir becomes the first union territory in India to completely switch to a digital method of administration, leading the way in the digital transformation of governance.

All governmental and administrative services in Jammu & Kashmir are currently only offered digitally.

The declaration was made during the meeting of the Committee of Secretaries.

Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta instructed the commissioner of IT during the meeting to make sure that all government services would only be accessible online.

167. What is the rank of India in Global Firepower Index?

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth
- (e) Fifth

Ans (d)

The Global Firepower Index ranks the countries based on their potential military strength.

India is ranked fourth in the index.

The Global Firepower Index ranked 145 countries.

The countries were evaluated based on prolonged offensive and defensive military campaigns.

The Global Firepower Index is calculated using fifty individual factors from geography to logistical capability.

It also includes manpower, land forces, airpower, natural resources, naval forces, logistics and financials.

168. Which brand from India has featured in top 100 most valuable brands in the world?

- (a) Tata Group (b) Reliance
- (c) Flipkart (d) Adani Group
- (e) Larsen & Toubro

Ans (a)

Billionaire Jeff Bezos's e-commerce company Amazon has become the most valued brand, overtaking Apple, last year's topper.

Amazon has reclaimed the top spot as the world's most valuable brand despite its brand value falling 15 per cent this year from \$350.3 billion to \$299.3 billion.

According to brand valuation consultancy Brand Finance's report, "Global 500 2023", while Amazon is back at No 1, its brand value has fallen by over \$50 billion this year, with its rating slipping from AAA+ to AAA.

From India, over 150-year-old Tata Group is the only brand to feature in the top 100.

The conglomerate's brand value jumped up to 69 from 78 last year.

However, reasons for the ranking going up were not available.

Among Indian IT tech giants, Infosys jumped to the 150th slot from 158 last year.

According to the report, Infosys has seen an 84% increase in its brand value since 2020.

169. Which bank has been awarded with the Best Bank Award?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) City Union Bank
- (d) Karur Vysya Bank
- (e) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank

Ans (e)

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited (TMB) has bagged the Best Small Bank award in the Best Banks survey for the year 2022.

The Best Banks survey was conducted by Business Today- KPMG (BT-KPMG Best Banks Survey).

The bank has won the Best Small Bank Award under the category of banks with a book size of less than Rs 1 Lakh crore.

The BT-KPMG is conducting the survey and awarding the best banks for the past 27 years with 37 parameters for declaring a bank as an awardee.

TBM has shown its performance to come up as a topper in the respective categories.

The award function was held in Mumbai, on 13th January 2023.

On behalf of TMB, MD and CEO Shri S Krishnan has received the awards from Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.

170. Bharti Airtel Group announced that it will be investing Rs 2,000 crore for setting up a large hyperscale data centre in which city?

- (a) Chennai

- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Kolkata

Ans (b)

Bharti Airtel Group announced that it will be investing Rs 2,000 crore for setting up a large hyperscale data centre in Hyderabad.

The announcement was made at the Telangana Lounge at Davos, Switzerland in the presence of Telangana Minister for IT and Industries K T Rama Rao.

The release added that the Bharti Airtel Group, through its data centre arm, Nxtra Data Centers, will invest the amount as capital investment for the infrastructure which will further attract investments from their customers.

A Hyperscale data center is essentially the premise that provides space, power and cooling for network infrastructure designed specifically for offering a portfolio of highly scalable applications and storage services to businesses.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recently inaugurated Yotta D1 – India's second and North India's first hyper-scale data centre – in Greater Noida.

171. Which airport of India has won best sustainable Greenfield airport award?

- (a) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- (b) Kempegowda International Airport
- (c) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- (d) Manohar International Airport
- (e) Biju Patnaik International Airport

Ans (d)

The New Goa Manohar International Airport (MIA), built by the GMR Goa International Airport Ltd (GGIAL), a subsidiary of GMR Airports Infrastructure Limited, won the prestigious "Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport" award under Aviation Sustainability and Environment at ASSOCHAM 14th International Conference-cum-Awards for Civil Aviation 2023 at New Delhi.

The award was presented for "excellent initiatives" taken by GGIAL in implementing sustainability as one of core concepts.

During the conference, Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia presented the award to the senior officials from GGIAL in the presence of industry dignitaries and participants.

The forum recognises the companies engaged in civil aviation initiatives that adopt best practices and technological advancement in their daily operations.

172. Recently, United Nations General Assembly has adopted which resolution that reaffirms the right of everyone to education?

- (a) Education for Democracy
- (b) Education for Autonomy
- (c) Education for Equality
- (d) Education for Republic
- (e) Education for Freedom

Ans (a)

The United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) adopted a resolution titled "Education for Democracy" that reaffirms the right of everyone to education.

The resolution, which was co-sponsored by India, recognises that "education for all" contributes to the strengthening of democracy.

The resolution encourages member states to integrate education for democracy into their education standards.

Earlier in 2015, a similar resolution was passed at the Assembly encouraging all UN entities to use education to promote peace, human rights, and democracy.

The resolution aimed at encouraging member states to integrate education for democracy into their education standards.

173. Who has been sworn in as the Lieutenant Governor in the state of Maryland?

- (a) Ria Persad
- (b) Sucharit Sarkar
- (c) Aruna Miller
- (d) Kiran Kedlaya
- (e) Kaushik Basu

Ans (c)

Aruna Miller has scripted history by becoming the first Indian-American politician to be sworn in as the Lieutenant Governor in the state of Maryland, adjoining the US capital.

Aruna, 58, a former delegate to the Maryland House, made history when the Democrat became the 10th Lieutenant Governor of the state.

The Lieutenant Governor is the state's highest official following the Governor and assumes the role when the Governor is out of state or incapacitated.

Moore became Maryland's 63rd governor, the state's first and the country's only current Black chief executive.

The newly sworn-in Lt Governor took her oath on the Bhagwat Gita.

She was part of a historic Democratic ticket that sailed to victory in November and also gives Maryland its first Black governor, its first Black attorney general and its first female comptroller.

174. As per Ernst & Young's report, by which year India will become \$26 trillion economy?

- (a) 2041
- (b) 2058
- (c) 2045
- (d) 2047
- (e) 2035

Ans (d)

Ernst & Young, released a report titled India@100: Realizing the potential of a USD26 trillion economy. According to the estimates Indian economy will reach GDP size of USD26 trillion by 2047, the 100th year of the country's independence.

The per capita income is expected to increase to USD 15000, putting the country among the ranks of developed economies.

Prudent macro-economic management focused on managing and stabilizing inflation and currency, ensuring predictability in policies and proactively de-risking the economy would remain important for India to continually attract domestic and global investors.

Simultaneously, enhancing ease of doing business, accelerating power sector reforms and energy independence, and enabling quality healthcare and education will not only increase business confidence but also ensure socio-economic development on a sustained basis.

175. Who has been ranked number one among Indians and second globally in the Brand Guardianship Index 2023?

- (a) Satya Nadella
- (b) Sundar Pichai
- (c) Punit Renjen
- (d) Mukesh Ambani
- (e) Piyush Gupta

Ans (d)

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani ranked No.1 among Indians and second globally on the Brand Guardianship Index 2023, overtaking the likes of Satya Nadella of Microsoft and Google's Sundar Pichai.

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang topped the list globally, with Microsoft's Satya Nadella occupying third place. The Brand Guardianship Index by Brand Finance, a leading global independent brand consultancy, is a global recognition of CEOs, who are building business value in a sustainable manner, by balancing the needs of all stakeholders — employees, investors, and the wider society.

The Brand Guardianship Index includes "equity" factors, which reflect current perceptions, "performance" factors which reflect the tangible results of these perceptions, and "Investment" factors which support future performance.

176. Dr Sanduk Ruit, who has won the ISA Award for Service to Humanity, a top civilian award of Bahrain, hails from which country?

- (a) India
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Syria
- (e) Afghanistan

Ans (b)

Himalayan Cataract Project Co-Founder Dr Sanduk Ruit has won the ISA Award for Service to Humanity, a top civilian award of Bahrain.

The award carries a cash prize of USD 1 million, a certificate of merit and a gold medal.

He is pioneer in delivering high-quality microsurgical procedures in remote eye camps. He made modern eye care affordable and accessible to countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

177. Who has been appointed as Director in the National Health Authority (Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare?

- (a) Vipul Aggarwal
- (b) Preeti Singh
- (c) Praveen Sharma
- (d) Geetali Tare
- (e) Santosh Kumar

Ans (c)

Praveen Sharma has been selected for appointment as Director in the National Health Authority (Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

As per the order issued from the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Sharma has been appointed to the post under the Central Staffing Scheme for a period of five years with effect from the date of taking over charge of the post or until further orders whichever takes place earlier.

Sharma is an Indian Defence Service of Engineers (IDSE) officer of 2005 batch.

178. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stones of development projects worth more than Rs 38,000 crore in which city?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Indore
- (e) New Delhi

Ans (c)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of development projects worth more than Rs 38,000 crore in different sectors in Mumbai.

It is a big step in infrastructure, urban travel, and healthcare ahead of civic polls.

This was PM Modi's first visit to Mumbai after Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde took office at June-end last year after replacing the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government.

179. Reserve Bank of India has guided inflation towards 4% target by which year?

- (a) 2024
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2026
- (d) 2027
- (e) 2028

Ans (a)

The Reserve Bank of India's 2023 monetary policy objective is to hold inflation within the mandated tolerance band and guide it towards the medium-term target of 4% by 2024.

Recent data indicated "the main objective of monetary policy is being passed – bringing inflation into the tolerance band".

The objective during 2023 is to tether inflation therein so that it aligns with the target by 2024.

Annual retail inflation rose 5.72% in December versus 5.88% in the previous month, dipping below 6% for a second straight month after having stayed above the central bank's tolerance band of 2%-6% for 10 months.

At current prices and exchange rates, therefore, India will be a \$3.7 trillion economy in 2023, maintaining its lead over the UK as the fifth largest economy of the world.

According to the IMF's calculations, India will move into fourth place in 2025 and into the third place in 2027 as a \$5.4 trillion economy, the bulletin noted.

180. Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah has passed away recently. In which year she was awarded by Padma Shri?

- (a) 2022
- (b) 2020
- (c) 2018
- (d) 2015
- (e) 2014

Ans (a)

Padma Shri Awardee Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah passed away on 18th January 2023 at the age of 92. Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah was a social worker from the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman, and Diu.

Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah was also known as "Daman ki Divya".

She has organized canteens for the poor and coordinated the All India Women Council's "Vatta Banks" to assist Gujarat flood victims.

In 2022, Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah received the Padma Shri which is India's 4th highest civilian award for social work in Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah was born on 20th February 1930 in Bardoli, Surat district, and settled in Daman in 1963.

She decided to be a social worker at the age of 12 and she established Gujarat medium school Bal Mandir.

In 1963, she established the women's association named Mahila Mandal and began to take part in various activities related to women and children who are deprived of education.

181. Which district has become first in the country to provide basic documents to all tribal?

- (a) Wayanad
- (b) Munnar
- (c) Madikeri
- (d) Ooty
- (e) Vagamon

Ans (a)

Kerala's Wayanad district has become the first district in the country to provide basic documents and facilities such as Aadhaar cards, ration cards, birth/death certificates, election ID cards, bank accounts and health insurance to all tribespeople.

Apart from the basic documents, other services such as income certificates, ownership certificates, age certificates, and applications for new pensions are also provided at the camps.

The drive was launched in November 2021 at Thondarnadu grama panchayat.

The campaign is aimed at ensuring basic documents to all citizens belonging to the Scheduled Tribes

communities and these documents are digitalised and saved in DigiLocker accounts opened for them.

182. Which is strongest brand in India and ranked ninth among the world's strongest brands, according to a report published by Brand Finance?

- (a) Reliance Jio
- (b) Infosys
- (c) Airtel
- (d) Wipro
- (e) HDFC Bank

Ans (a)

Reliance Jio has been ranked as the strongest brand in India and placed ninth among the world's strongest brands, according to the latest report "Global 500 – 2023" published by Brand Finance.

"Jio" was placed ninth among the world's strongest brands ahead of brands like EY, Coca Cola, Accenture and Porsche, and behind the likes of Google, YouTube, Deloitte and Instagram.

With a Brand Strength Index of 90.2, Jio is the only brand of India among the world's strongest 25 brands, according to the Brand Finance listing.

Brand Finance is headquartered in London.

Brand Finance defines a "Brand Strength Index" as essentially a modified Balanced Scorecard split between the three core pillars of the "Brand Value Chain" viz. Brand Inputs, Brand Equity and Brand Performance.

183. Recently, Nick Walker has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Cairn Oil & Gas. Cairn Oil & Gas is a unit of which company?

- (a) Vedanta Ltd
- (b) Hindustan Zinc
- (c) Hindalco Industries
- (d) Tata Steel Ltd
- (e) Bharat Aluminium Company

Ans (a)

Nick Walker has been announced as the Chief Executive Officer of Cairn Oil & Gas, A unit of Vedanta Ltd.

The appointment is effective from 5th January 2023.

Nick Walker has previously served as the President and CEO at Lundin Energy, a large European independent E&P company.

He has also worked with BP, Talisman Energy, and Africa Oil and has an international experience of 30 years in technical, commercial, and executive leadership roles.

About Cairn Oil & Gas -

Cairn Oil & Gas is the largest private crude oil producer in India.

It has been operating for over 2 decades and is well-positioned to reduce the country's energy import burden.

Cairn has been playing an active role in developing India's oil and gas resources.

With a portfolio of 6 blocks, of which 5 blocks are in India and one in South Africa, Cairn has made over 50 hydrocarbon discoveries in the last decade and operates the largest producing oil field in the Indian private sector

184. What will be driving the theme of Republic Day tableau 2023 of Navy?

- (a) Vision of the future
- (b) Nari Shakti
- (c) Eco-Friendly
- (d) Vocal for Local
- (e) Victory

Ans (b)

"Nari Shakti" (women power) will be driving the theme of this year's Republic Day tableau of Navy.

Not just the front of the tableau will feature a woman aircrew of a Dornier aircraft flying overhead, but Lt Commander Disha Amrith has been tasked with commanding its parade contingent.

The theme of the naval tableau would be "Indian Navy — Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Proof".

The main section of the tableau will illustrate the 'Make in India' initiatives of the Navy.

In the rear section of the tableau, three models of autonomous unmanned systems being developed indigenously under IDEX-Sprint Challenge will be displayed.

185. What is the name of first joint exercise between Indian and the Egyptian Army, which has begun recently?

- (a) Exercise Shakti – I
- (b) Exercise Cyclone – I
- (c) Garuda Shakti – I
- (d) Exercise EGYINN – I
- (e) Ekuverin

Ans (b)

The first joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian and the Egyptian Army, "Exercise Cyclone – I" started on 14 January at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, said the Ministry of Defence.

The exercise aims to bolster defence co-operation between the two countries and focus on sharing professional skills and interoperability of special forces in desert terrain while undertaking counter

terrorism, reconnaissance, raids and other special operations.

"Cyclone – I" is the first exercise of its kind bringing the special forces of both the nations on a common platform.

The 14 days long exercise which is being carried out in the deserts of Rajasthan engages both the contingents to advance special forces skills such as Sniping, Combat Free Fall, etc.

186. Who has won National Sports Club of India Snooker Open Crown 2023?

- (a) Pankaj Advani (b) Aditya Mehta
(c) Laxman Rawat (d) Yasin Merchant
(e) Geet Sethi

Ans (c)

Laxman Rawat of PSPB overcame fellow PSPB challenger Aditya Mehta 9-6 in a best-of-17-frame final.

Laxman Rawat of PSPB emerged victorious in the "Baulkline" NSCI All India Snooker Open.

Previously, Laxman Rawat won the runner-up in the last edition of the All India Snooker Open losing to Sourav Kothari in the finals.

Laxman Rawat of the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) won the NSCI Snooker Open 2023 against Aditya Mehta.

Rawat was more consistent and managed to wrest the initiative and enjoy a 5-3 lead at the break.

Rawat was a bit scratchy, and Mehta did well to win frames to draw level at 5-all and stay in the fight.

Rawat gained the moment in the next three frames to surge to an 8-5 lead.

Aditya Mehta managed to take some time in the 14th frame.

However, Rawat was destined to win the game in the next frame.

187. Under the leadership of National AIDS Control Organization, which state's AIDS Control Society has organised an awareness program on HIV AIDS?

- (a) Jharkhand (b) Odisha
(c) Rajasthan (d) Bihar
(e) Telangana

Ans (b)

Odisha State AIDS Control Society organised an awareness program on HIV AIDS in coordination with the Department of Sports and Youth Services and Hockey India under the leadership of National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), on 19th January 2023.

The spectators in the gallery included 4,800 students from various schools, Red Ribbon Club members from colleges, people from community, and participants from the Mission Shakti Department.

The event created the "Largest Human Red Ribbon Chain" at the East Gallery of the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Odisha continues to have a low HIV prevalence in the state with an adult prevalence of 0.14% and an estimated 52,108 people living with HIV (PLHIV).

188. Which small finance bank has bagged the prestigious Inclusive Finance India Awards 2022?

- (a) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
(b) Jana Small Finance Bank
(c) ESAF Small Finance Bank
(d) AU Small Finance Bank
(e) Equitas Small Finance Bank

Ans (c)

ESAF Small Finance Bank has bagged the prestigious Inclusive Finance India Awards 2022 for its contributions in advancing the goal of financial inclusion and supporting inclusive growth.

This award is a recognition of ESAF's unique spectrum of Financial Inclusion projects ESAF Dhansree, ESAF Udyog Jyothi, LSEDP (Local Sustainable Economic Development Project), ESAF Balajyothi, ESAF Vayojyothi and ESAF Garshom.

Financial inclusion is defined as the availability and equality of opportunities to access financial services.

It refers to a process by which individuals and businesses can access appropriate, affordable, and timely financial products and services.

189. What is the name of fifth Kalvari class submarine which has been commissioned recently?

- (a) INS Vela (b) INS Vagsheer
(c) INS Karanj (d) INS Vagir
(e) INS Kalvari

Ans (d)

Indian Navy has commissioned the fifth Kalvari class submarine Vagir in Jan 2023.

The Chief of the Naval Staff is Adm R Hari Kumar. These submarines are being built in India by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with MS Naval Group, France.

Four of the Kalvari class of submarines have already been commissioned into the Indian Navy.

190. A book titled "COACHING BEYOND: My Days with the Indian Cricket Team" has been authored by whom?

- (a) R Sridhar (b) P Mhambrey
(c) R Kaushik (d) Bharat Arun
(e) Both (a) and (c)

Ans (e)

A book titled "COACHING BEYOND: My Days with the Indian Cricket Team" authored by R Kaushik & R Sridhar.

The book reflects primarily on R Sridhar's seven-year coaching tenure with the Indian cricket team as its fielding coach.

This book isn't as technical as it is anecdotal.

It throws light, for instance, on how Virat Kohli overcame a dismal Test series in England in 2014 to smash four hundreds in as many matches in his next overseas outing, in Australia.

191. Which team has won the 14th CEC Ice Hockey Cup 2023 in the men's category, organized in Ladakh?

- (a) Friends Pashkum (b) Humas Warriors
(c) Wakha Mulbekh (d) Down Hill Kargil
(e) Motorpoint Arena

Ans (a)

In Ladakh, Friends Pashkum has lifted the 14th CEC Ice Hockey Cup 2023 by defeating Humas Warriors Drass by 2 goals.

In women's Category Down Hill Kargil lifted the Cup by defeating Wakha Mulbekh Women Team.

The event was held at Khree Sultan Choo Sports Stadium.

27 teams, including 4 Women teams, participated in the Tournament which is the result of the growing popularity of the Game in the District.

Cups and Trophy related with Hockey - Betan Cup, Rangaswami Cup, Dhyanchand Trophy, Aaga Khan Cup, Nehru Trophy, Begum Rasul trophy (Women), Maharaja Ranjit Singh Gold Cup, Lady Ratan Tata Trophy (Women), Gurunanak Championship (Women), Scindia Gold Cup, Murugappa Gold Cup, Wellington Cup & Indira Gandhi Gold Cup.

192. Lakshmi Vishwanathan, who passed away, was a renowned dancer of which of the following classical dances?

- (a) Bharatanatyam (b) Kathakali
(c) Kathak (d) Kuchipudi
(e) Mohiniyattam

Ans (a)

Renowned Bharatanatyam dancer and guru, writer and research scholar Lakshmi Vishwanathan died recently.

She was 78.

Born to K Vishwanathan, the brother of famous film director K Subramanyam and Alamelu Vishwanathan on January 27, 1944, Lakshmi gave her "arangetram" at the Rasika Ranjani Sabha in Mylapore when she was 7.

Among the many awards she received are the Kalaimamani from the Tamil Nadu government and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award from the President of India.

She also was awarded by titles like Nritya Chudamani (Sri Krishna Gana Sabha) and Nritya Kalanidhi (The Music Academy, Madras) as well as the Kalidas Samman.

She was a gold medallist in English literature from Madras University.

She authored four books — Kunjamma-Ode to a Nightingale (a biography of MS Subbulakshmi), Women of Pride-the Devadasi Heritage, Kapaliswara Temple and Bharatanatyam: The Tamil Heritage.

193. Which edition of the Aero India 2023 will be organized at the Air Force Station, Bengaluru in February 2023?

- (a) 15th (b) 14th
(c) 13th (d) 12th
(e) 16th

Ans (b)

The 14th edition of Aero India is to be held between February 13 and 15.

The last edition of the air-show was held amid the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 and was reduced to a three-day event.

A large number of Indian and foreign aircraft, mainly military ones, are expected to take part along with display teams from India and abroad in the airshow which returns to its traditional five-day format this year.

194. Every year on 23rd of January Parakram Diwas is celebrated on the birth anniversary of which freedom fighter?

- (a) Chandra Shekhar Azad
(b) Subhas Chandra Bose
(c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

- (d) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
(e) Lal Bahadur Shastri

Ans (b)

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti or Netaji Jayanti is a national event celebrated in India as Parakram Diwas on January 23 to mark the birth of prominent Indian freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. This year nation celebrates 126th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

For the first time, Netaji Jayanti was celebrated as Parakram Divas in 2021 on the occasion of his 124th birthday.

In West Bengal, Jharkhand, Tripura, and Assam, it is a recognised holiday.

195. Recently in January 2023, which two countries have tied up to begin common currency?

- (a) Ecuador and Colombia
- (b) Brazil and Argentina
- (c) Argentina and Peru
- (d) Venezuela and Chile
- (e) Mexico and Uruguay

Ans (b)

Brazil and Argentina has tied up for greater economic integration, including the development of a common currency

Countries are also decided to advance discussions on a common South American currency that can be used for both financial and commercial flows, reducing costs of operations and external vulnerability.

Brazil has suggested the new currency as "sur" (South).

Both presidents emphasized the need for a good relationship between Argentina and Brazil to strengthen regional integration, according to the article.

The leaders also emphasized strengthening the Mercosur trade bloc.

196. Indian Navy has carried out a six-day-long mega military exercise AMPHEX 2023 along with the Army and the IAF in which state?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Karnataka

Ans (c)

Indian Navy has carried out a six-day-long mega military exercise along with the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

The "largest" biennial tri-services amphibious exercise AMPHEX 2023 was conducted from January 17 to 22.

The exercise is being conducted near the Naval Enclave at Suryaraopeta village in Kakinada rural Mandal off Kakinada coast.

197. Recently, which state government has inaugurated the 3-day International Craft Summit?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Manipur
- (c) Goa
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Bihar

Ans (d)

Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated an "International Craft Summit" in Jajpur, Odisha. The International Craft Summit is the first-of-its-kind craft summit to feature pioneer craftspersons, culture, and art enthusiasts.

198. PM Modi has inaugurated a model of a memorial dedicated to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in which state/UT?

- (a) Lakshadweep
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Puducherry
- (d) Ladakh
- (e) Andaman & Nicobar

Ans (e)

On Parakram Diwas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in a ceremony named "21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands".

The islands would be named after the 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees. Ross Islands was renamed as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Dweep by the Prime Minister during his visit to the Island in 2018.

PM Modi also inaugurate a model of a memorial dedicated to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose virtually in Andaman to commemorate the freedom fighter's 126th birth anniversary. The model of the proposed memorial will be set up on Ross Island, which had been renamed as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Dweep in 2018.

199. Who has been appointed as the next director general in the Directorate of General of Civil Aviation?

- (a) Arun Kumar
- (b) Ravi Krishna
- (c) Vikram Dev Dutt
- (d) Devdutt Sharma
- (e) Kunal Chopra

Ans (c)

The appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Vikram Dev Dutt as the next director general in the Directorate of General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

He will take over as the head of the aviation regulator on February 28, 2023.

He will be succeeding the incumbent DGCA chief Arun Kumar.

Earlier, Dutt had also served as the CMD of Air India. He had taken charge in January last year.

In 2022, Dutt was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Air India Ltd as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.

Dutt is a 1993-batch IAS officer of AGMUT (Arunachal

Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre.

Kumar, a 1989-batch IAS officer, was leading the DGCA as its director general since July 2019.

200. Recently, who has claimed to have solved Sanskrit's biggest puzzle—a grammar problem found in the "Ashtadhyayi"?

- (a) Dr Tathagat Bhatia
- (b) Dr Ganesh Prasad
- (c) Dr Rishi Rajpopat
- (d) Dr Venkata Chaluvadi
- (e) Dr Veeraj Venkataramanan

Ans (c)

Recently, a Cambridge scholar Dr Rishi Rajpopat's has claimed to have solved Sanskrit's biggest puzzle—a grammar problem found in the "Ashtadhyayi".

201. Who has been awarded the PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar by President Murmu in the bravery category for saving the life of a woman by jumping into a river?

- (a) Rohan Ramchandra Bahir
- (b) Aadithya Suresh
- (c) Aditya Pratap Singh Chauhan
- (d) Shauryajit Ranjitkumar Khaire
- (e) Rishi Shiv Prasanna

Ans: (a)

This year, the PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) was conferred on 11 children selected for their exceptional achievement in the fields of art and culture (4), bravery (1), innovation (2), social service (1), and sports (3)

There were six boys and five girls among the awardees from 11 states and Union territories. Each awardee was given a medal, a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a certificate. In the bravery category, Rohan Ramchandra Bahir was awarded for saving a woman's life by jumping into a river.

202. Who has been recently elected as the chairman of Intel replacing Omar Ishrak?

- (a) Leena Nair
- (b) Frank Yeary
- (c) Bayard Winthrop
- (d) Alexis Garcin

(e) James D. Robinson

Ans: (b)

Intel Chairman Omar Ishrak has stepped down and will be replaced by board director Frank Yeary, the company announced.

Yeary, an Intel director since 2009, also serves on the board of PayPal Holdings, Intel's Mobileye and a number of private companies.

Ishrak, who was CEO of medical device maker Medtronic for nearly nine years, became Intel's chairman in 2020. He will continue as an independent director on Intel's board, the company said.

203. Which E-commerce giant has appointed P Ganesh as its Chief Financial Officer?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Myntra
- (c) Flipkart
- (d) Alibaba
- (e) Nykaa

Ans: (e)

Nykaa appointment of P Ganesh as its Chief Financial Officer, effective from February 3.

In November, Arvind Agarwal had resigned as the Nykaa CFO to pursue other opportunities in the digital economy and startup space.

Currently, he is the CFO at Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd. or TAFE and has previously held leadership and senior management roles at the Godrej Group, Glenmark Pharma Ltd. and Pidilite Ltd.

204. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 26 lakh on which Ahmedabad-based bank for non-compliance with certain directions of the central bank?

- (a) Nutan Nagarik Sahakari Bank
- (b) Independence Cooperative Bank Limited
- (c) People's Cooperative Bank Limited
- (d) Mudhol Bank
- (e) Mantha Urban Cooperative Bank

Ans: (a)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 26 lakh on Nutan Nagarik Sahakari Bank, Ahmedabad for non-compliance with certain directions of the central bank.

This penalty has been imposed in exercise of the powers vested in RBI conferred under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

This action of the central bank is based on a deficiency in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers.

205. Who has been named by the White House as a special envoy for human rights in North Korea for the first time since 2017?

- (a) Cecilia Rouse
- (b) Brenda Mallory
- (c) Robert B. Downing
- (d) Julie Turner
- (e) Shalanda Young

Ans: (d)

The White House has nominated a special envoy for human rights in North Korea for the first time since 2017.

President Joe Biden nominated Julie Turner, a long-time diplomat and current director of the Office of East Asia and the Pacific in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor at the Department of State, the White House said in a statement.

She speaks Korean and has previously worked on North Korean human rights as a special assistant in the envoy's office, the statement said.

206. Recently fintech unicorn BharatPe has appointed Ambuj Bhalla as _____ in the company.

- (a) Chief Information Security Officer
- (b) Head of Internal Audit
- (c) Head of Compliance
- (d) Senior Area Sales Manager
- (e) Chief Financial Officer

Ans: (a)

BharatPe appointed three new executives in compliance and corporate governance roles amid a legal battle with former Co-founder and MD Ashneer Grover.

The fintech unicorn appointed Ambuj Bhalla as the Chief Information Security Officer, Rahul Bhatia as the Head of Internal Audit and Ravinder Oberoi as the Head of Compliance. Founded in 2018, BharatPe is currently serving 1 crore merchants across more than 400 cities. The company is a leader in UPI offline transactions, processing over 18 crore UPI transactions per month (with an annualized transaction processed value of over \$24 billion in payments).

207. Who has become the fastest bowler to take 500 wickets in the history of T20 cricket?

- (a) Rashid Khan
- (b) Jasprit Bumrah
- (c) Trent Boult
- (d) Pat Cummins
- (e) Mohammed Shami

Ans: (a)

Afghanistan all-rounder Rashid Khan has become the fastest bowler to take 500 wickets in the history of T20 cricket.

The 24-year-old reached the milestone after taking three wickets for MI Cape Town against Pretoria Capitals in SA20.

Rashid took 371 T20 matches to take 500 wickets.

Dwayne Bravo had taken 458 matches to reach the milestone.

208. 44th Vice Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal Harjeet Singh Arora, who passed away recently, was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal in which year?

- (a) 2017
- (b) 2018
- (c) 2019
- (d) 2020
- (e) 2021

Ans: (d)

Former Vice Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Harjeet Singh Arora passed away at the age of 61.

Air Marshal Harjit Singh Arora PVSM, AVSM, ADC (25 June 1961 – 21 January 2023) was an officer of the Indian Air Force and served as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff from 1 October 2019 to 30 June 2021.

He was succeeded by Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari. Arora was commissioned as a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force in December 1981.

He had flying experience of over 2600 hours on Mig-21, Mig-29, and also helicopters.

He served as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Western Air Command from 30 September 2018 after superannuation of Air Marshal Ravinder Kumar Dhir, to 30 September 2019. He was succeeded by Air Marshal Surendra Kumar Ghotia.

In his career of over 38 years, he was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in January 2011 and the Param Vishisht Seva Medal in January 2020

209. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) that markets milk and dairy products under the Amul brand?

- (a) Jayen Mehta
- (b) Valamjibhai Humbal
- (c) Shamalbhai B Patel
- (d) Rakesh Kumar Agarwal
- (e) Mukesh Kumar Agarwal

Ans: (c)

Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) that markets milk and dairy products

under the Amul brand announced the appointment of Shamalbhai B Patel as its chairman and Valamjibhai Humbal as vice chairman.

Shamalbhaji B Patel is the chairman of Sabarkantha District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd., Sabar dairy and related to dairy cooperatives of Gujarat since final 33 years.

Valamjibhai Humbal, has been chairman of Kutch District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd., Sarhad Dairy for the reason that final 14 years. Humbal's nomination was proposed by Mansinhbhai Patel, chairman, Surat milk union and supported by Vihabhai Sabhad, chairman, Surendranagar milk union.

210. The Election Commission of India (ECI) is hosting the 2nd International Conference in New Delhi on which theme?

- (a) Use of Technology and Elections Integrity
- (b) Use of Spectrum and Elections Integrity
- (c) Expanding the Possibilities
- (d) Change For Good
- (e) Role, Framework, and Capacity of Election Management Bodies

Ans: (a)

The Election Commission of India (ECI) is hosting the 2nd International Conference on the theme 'Use of Technology and Elections Integrity' in New Delhi from 23rd to 24th January 2023.

The first international conference of the Cohort was organized from 31st October to 1st November 2022 in New Delhi on the topic 'Role, Framework, and Capacity of Election Management Bodies'.

In the first international conference of the Cohort, nearly 50 representatives from the Election Management Bodies (EMBs) of 11 countries participated.

The two-day international conference will be inaugurated by the Chief Election Commissioner of India Rajiv Kumar.

The concluding session will be chaired by the Election Commissioner of India, Anup Chandra Pandey. Arun Goel, Election Commissioner of India will chair the first technical session.

211. Who will replace N Srinath as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's charitable foundation Tata Trusts from April 1, 2023?

- (a) Vijay Singh (b) Venu Srinivasan
- (c) Siddharth Sharma (d) Krishna Kumar
- (e) Pramit Jhaveri

Ans (c)

Former bureaucrat Siddharth Sharma has been appointed as the new CEO of Tata Trusts.

Former Ford Foundation officer Aparna Uppaluri has been made the Chief Operating Officer (COO).

The appointments for both the posts of CEO and COO will be effective from April 1, 2023.

Siddharth Sharma will replace N Srinath, who had stepped down from the post of CEO after his retirement last year.

Siddharth Sharma, 54 years old, has held important positions in different ministries of the Government of India for two decades.

He has also been the financial advisor to the 13th and 14th President. Later he joined Tata group.

He was heading the newly formed Sustainability portfolio there.

After Ford Foundation, Aparna Uppaluri is now going to be a part of Tata Trust and she has been made Chief Operating Officer.

Aparna, 48, is currently posted as Program Director for India, Nepal and Sri Lanka at the Ford Foundation.

212. Which men's cricket teams topped the ICC ODI rankings after defeating New Zealand in January 2023?

- (a) Australia (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) India (d) England
- (e) West Indies

Ans (c)

In Cricket, India has claimed the top spot in the ICC men's ODI ranking after a series against New Zealand at the Holkar stadium in Indore.

With the 90-run win over Tom Latham's side, in the third and final ODI last evening the Indian team overtook both England and New Zealand to capture the top spot in the ODI rankings with 114 points.

Chasing a target of 386 runs, New Zealand were all out 295 in 41.2 overs.

Devon Conway with 138 off 100 balls and Henry Nicholls with 42 runs from 40 deliveries, made valuable contribution for the Kiwis.

India secured a comprehensive eight wicket win in the second ODI in Raipur.

213. In January 2023, Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi, who passed away recently, was a renowned _____.

- (a) Politician (b) Classical Singer
- (c) Architecture (d) Classical Dancer
- (e) Journalist

Ans (c)

Renowned architect Balkrishna Vitthal Das Doshi passed away at the age of 95.

He had been an urban planner and educator for the past 70 years.

Doshi was the first Indian architect to be awarded the Pritzker Prize.

He was also awarded the Royal Institute of British Architects' Royal Gold Medal in 2022.

Earlier, he had also received Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.

After completing his studies at the Sir J J School of Architecture in Mumbai, Doshi went to London in 1950 and worked under Le Corbusier for four years. He worked at Corbusier's studio in Paris.

Later, Doshi returned to India to oversee Corbusier's projects like Villa Sarabhai.

Doshi's architectural skills can be seen in some of the most iconic buildings in India, including the Indian Institutes of Management in Bengaluru and Udaipur.

214. National Tourism Day is celebrated every year on which day of January to raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the Indian economy?

(a) 24 January (b) 23 January

(c) 26 January (d) 25 January

(e) 27 January

Ans (d)

National Tourism Day is celebrated every year on January 25 to recognize India's natural beauty and raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the Indian economy.

India is one of the top tourist attractions for visitors from all around the globe.

Hence tourism holds so much importance in India, both in cultural and economic terms.

Status of the Tourism Sector in India -

India provides a diverse portfolio of tourism, including eco-tourism, cruises, business, sports, educational, rural, and medical travel.

The Ministry of Tourism in India is responsible for formulating the country's national policies for developing and promoting tourism.

It also collaborates with local, national, and international organisations.

India ranks 6th according to World Travel and Tourism Council in terms of Travel & Tourism total contribution to GDP in 2021.

Also, India is currently ranked 54th in World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index (2021).

215. After Co-Win, Government of India has launched which program to digitise universal immunisation?

(a) U-WIN (b) ABHA

(c) UniVacc (d) Co-EPI

(e) Co-OPV

Ans (a)

After the success of the Co-WIN platform, the government has now replicated it to set up an electronic registry for routine vaccinations.

Named U-WIN, the programme to digitise India's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) has been launched in a pilot mode in two districts of each state and Union Territory.

The platform will be used to register and vaccinate every pregnant woman, record her delivery outcome, register every newborn delivery, administer birth doses and all vaccination events thereafter.

For pregnant women and children, vaccine acknowledgement and immunisation card linked to ABHA ID (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) will be generated and all states and districts can access a common database to track and vaccinate beneficiaries.

Besides, through the platform citizens can check nearby ongoing routine immunisation sessions, and book appointments.

216. Recently, Banwari Lal Purohit has inaugurated North India's largest floating Solar project in which city?

(a) Varanasi (b) Chandigarh

(c) Kota (d) Jaipur

(e) Noida

Ans (b)

Union Territory Administrator, Banwari Lal Purohit has inaugurated northern India's largest floating solar power project of 2000kWp worth Rs 11.70 crore at waterworks, Sector 39, Chandigarh.

The inauguration was held in the presence of MP Kirron Kher.

He also inaugurated a 500kWp floating solar project with fountains at Dhanas Lake.

These projects have been designed and executed by CREST (Chandigarh Renewable Energy and Science & Technology Promotion Society) and will generate a minimum of 35 lakh units (kWh) of solar energy per year with 20% module efficiency.

217. Which state has celebrated its 53rd Statehood Day on 25th January 2023?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Rajasthan
(e) West Bengal

Ans (a)

Himachal Pradesh celebrates its 53rd Statehood Day with joy and enthusiasm across the state on 25th January 2023.

In 1971, on this day, Himachal Pradesh became the 18th state of India.

218. India Energy Week 2023 will be hosted in which city from 6th to 8th February 2023?

- (a) Bengaluru (b) Mumbai
(c) Chennai (d) Noida
(e) New Delhi

Ans (a)

India Energy Week 2023 is going to be hosted in Bengaluru from 6th to 8th February 2023.

The Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India Hardeep S Puri inaugurated the demo run of an Inland Water Vessel powered by Methanol blended Diesel (MD15).

Methanol is a low-carbon hydrogen carrier fuel that is produced from high-ash coal, agricultural residue, CO₂ from thermal power plants, and natural gas. It is the best pathway for meeting India's commitment to COP 21.

219. Who has been honoured with Pt Hariprasad Chaurasia Lifetime Achievement Award?

- (a) Jitendra Abhisheki
(b) Dr Prabha Atre
(c) Sanjeev Abhyankar
(d) Rajeshwar Acharya
(e) Kishori Amonkar

Ans (b)

Hindustani vocalist Padma Vibhushan, Dr Prabha Atre was conferred with the the Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Lifetime Achievement Award at the hands of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

The award was presented to her by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde at Thane near Mumbai.

The Chief Minister felicitated Dr Atre at a function at Ram Ganesh Gadkari Rangayatan.

Shinde presented Dr Atre with a citation and Rs 1 lakh at the program, during which a symphony of 90 flutists was performed to mark her 90th birthday.

220. Recently, Indian Navy's "TROPEX 2023" maritime exercise held in the Indian Ocean. What does O stands for, in the abbreviation of "TROPEX"?

- (a) Operator (b) Operatic
(c) Operable (d) Operational
(e) Operation

Ans (d)

The 2023 edition of Indian Navy's major maritime exercise Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX), is currently underway in the Indian Ocean Region.

This operational level exercise is conducted biennially and witnesses participation not only by all Indian Navy units but also of Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard assets.

The first exercise of maritime surveillance was held in January 2019.

It is also called the biggest war game of the Indian Navy.

TROPEX 23 is being conducted over a duration of three months from Jan – Mar 23.

As part of the exercise, all surface combatants of the Indian Navy including Destroyers, Frigates, Corvettes as well as submarines and aircraft are put through complex maritime operational deployments to validate and refine the Navy's Concept of Operations including operational logistics and interoperability with other Services.

221. US President has nominated whom as North Korea Human Rights Envoy?

- (a) Julie Turner
(b) Antony Blinken
(c) Merrick Garland
(d) Deb Haaland
(e) Tom Vilsack

Ans (a)

The White House nominated a special envoy for human rights in North Korea, moving to fill a post that has been empty since 2017 amid debate over how rights issues fit with efforts to counter Pyongyang's nuclear weapons programme.

President Joe Biden nominated Julie Turner, a long-time diplomat and current director of the Office of East Asia and the Pacific in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor at the Department of State.

The announcement comes amid a hardening line toward Pyongyang from the United States and South Korea, whose new conservative leader, Yoon Suk Yeol, has also turned his attention to human rights issues.

The special envoy position, and a similar one in South Korea, had become controversial as preceding administrations tried to bring North Korea to the negotiating table.

North Korea has repeatedly rejected accusations of human rights abuses and blames sanctions for a dire humanitarian situation. It accuses Washington and Seoul of using the issue as a political tool to smear Pyongyang's rep

222. The United Nations has cut its GDP growth forecast for India for calendar year 2023 to what percent?

- (a) 7.1%
- (b) 5.8%
- (c) 2.8%
- (d) 1.4%
- (e) 9.2%

Ans (b)

The United Nations (UN) has cut its GDP growth forecast for India for calendar year 2023 to 5.8 percent, citing the effect of tighter monetary policy and weak global demand.

Growth in India is expected to remain strong at 5.8 percent, albeit slightly lower than the estimated 6.4 percent in 2022, as higher interest rates and a global slowdown weigh on investment and exports, the UN's World Economic Situation and Prospects 2023.

The report is written by the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the UN Conference on Trade and Development, and the regional economic commissions for Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, and Western Asia.

On Indian inflation, the UN report said headline retail inflation is expected to average 5.5 percent in 2023, down from 6.7 percent in 2022.

As per the UN report's latest forecast, global economic growth is seen slowing down to 1.9 percent in 2023 – one of the lowest in recent decades – from 3.1 percent previously forecast. The UN estimates that global growth in 2022 was 3 percent.

223. President of India, Droupadi Murmu has approved how many Gallantry awards and other Defence decorations to Armed Forces personnel and others?

- (a) 318
- (b) 514
- (c) 412
- (d) 711

(e) 252

Ans (c)

President of India, Droupadi Murmu has approved 412 Gallantry awards and other Defence decorations to Armed Forces personnel and others.

These include six Kirti Chakras, including four posthumous, and 15 Shaurya Chakras including two posthumous.

These include one Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry), 92 Sena Medals, including four posthumous, one Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry), seven Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry) and 29 Param Vishisht Seva Medals.

224. Which railway station has been awarded with "Green Railway Station Certificate"?

- (a) Bhubaneswar Railway Station
- (b) Cuttack Railway Station
- (c) Chatrapur Railway Station
- (d) Visakhapatnam Railway Station
- (e) Sambalpur Railway Station

Ans (d)

East Coast Railways' Visakhapatnam railway station has received the prestigious 'Green Railway Station Certification' with the highest Platinum rating. The certificate has been awarded by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for adopting green concepts. It secured 82 out of 100 points in six environmental categories.

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Visakhapatnam railway station falls under the Waltair division of the East Coast Railway. The railway station has performed well in various categories such as – sustainable facilities, health, hygiene, energy and water efficiency, smart green initiatives, innovation, and development.

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225. Recently, Indian Railways has launched "Ideal Train Profile" for which purpose?

- (a) Maximize Seat Utilization
- (b) Maximize Food Delivery
- (c) Maximize Passenger Safety
- (d) Maximize Time Utilization
- (e) Maximize Railway Staff

Ans (a)

The Indian Railways has successfully concluded the trial of an Artificial Intelligence Programme it built to fix the endless problem of the Waiting list.

The Indian Railways has also introduced the Ideal Train Profile to maximize the capacity utilization and revenue generation in reserved mail express trains by regularly analyzing the demand pattern of every single train.

The Ideal Train Profile is seat capacity optimization decision support, which is done because the number of ticket class combinations on a single train journey can exceed 5,000. The Railways Ministry has announced that the pattern of demand for accommodation is not always on an end-to-end basis. The Pattern will also vary in all trains depending on various factors like its origin-destination pairs, date and timings, class of accommodation, or availability of alternate trains.

The pilot project was started on seven zonal railways including Eastern, Central, Northern, Southern, South Central, Western, and West Central Railway.

226. In the 12th Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources which country has elected as Vice-Chair and represented Asia & Pacific region?

- (a) China (b) India
(c) Thailand (d) Vietnam
(e) Qatar

Ans (b)

In the 12th Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group (ITWG) on Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR) India was elected as Vice-Chair and represented Asia & Pacific region.

Dr B N Tripathi, Deputy Director General (Animal Sciences), ICAR, and the National Coordinator, vice-chaired the Session and also act as Rapporteur.

The 12th Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group (ITWG) on Animal Genetic Resources was held in Rome from 18th January to 20th January 2023. In the 12th Session of ITWG, implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources, monitoring of AnGR diversity, and preparing the 3rd Country Report were reviewed.

Earlier to the ITWG Session, the Global National Coordinators' Workshop was held at FAO Head Quarter, from 16-17th January 2023.

227. Which Broadcasting company has signed an MOU with National Media Authority of Egypt to facilitate content exchange, capacity building, and Co-Productions?

- (a) Doordarshan (b) All India Radio

- (c) DD Free Dish (d) Prasar Bharati
(e) Press Trust of India

Ans (d)

India and Egypt signed an MOU to facilitate content exchange, capacity building, and Co-Productions between Prasar Bharati and the National Media Authority of Egypt. The MoU was signed by Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs, and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Egypt, Sameh Hassan Shoukry.

The MoUs were exchanged between the two countries in the presence of the Prime Minister of India and the President of Egypt following the delegation-level talks between the two sides at Hyderabad House in New Delhi.

The MOU is part of the efforts by Prasar Bharati to expand the reach of DD India Channel to showcase the country's progress through programs focusing on the economy, technology, social development, and also the rich cultural heritage. Under the MoU, both broadcasters will exchange their programs of different genres like Sports, News, Culture, Entertainment, and many more areas on a bilateral basis and these programs will be telecast on their Radio and Television platforms.

228. Reserve Bank of India has approved appointment of whom as new CEO of JP Morgan Chase?

- (a) Prabdev Singh (b) Vijay Singh
(c) RK Krishna (d) HC Jehangir
(e) Mehli Mistry

Ans (a)

India's Central Bank has approved JP Morgan Chase & Co to appoint Prabdev Singh as the lender's Chief Executive Officer in the Country. The Reserve Bank of India approved a three-year term for Prabdev Singh last week.

Prabdev Singh has been JPMorgan's interim CEO since November.

He has replaced Madhav Kalyan who was named as the head of payments in the Asia Pacific.

The Wall Street firm, JPMorgan, traces its presence in India back to 1922 and started commercial banking operations in the country about 15 years ago.

JPMorgan has four commercial bank branches in the country.

Prabdev Singh is a trained engineer and has worked for a decade at HSBC Holdings Plc before joining JPMorgan in 2010.

229. Which country will commercialize world's first photonic-based quantum computer?

- (a) Australia (b) Japan
(c) China (d) Canada
(e) India

Ans (d)

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced a new federal investment to build and commercialise the world's first photonic-based, fault-tolerant quantum computer.

The investment of 40 million Canadian dollars (\$32 million) will enable Xanadu Quantum Technologies Inc to develop the quantum computer.

Earlier this month, Canada launched its National Quantum Strategy, which invests an additional 360 million Canadian dollars (\$288 million) to help solidify Canada as a global leader in quantum technologies.

Founded in 2016, Xanadu, with the mission to build quantum computers that are useful and available to people everywhere, leads the development of PennyLane, an open-source software library for quantum computing and application development.

230. Who has been appointed as new General Manager of Central Railway?

- (a) Naresh Lalwani
(b) Arun Kumar Jain
(c) Anupam Sharma
(d) Tarun Prakash
(e) Sujeet Kumar Mishra

Ans (a)

Naresh Lalwani has been appointed General Manager of Central Railway. He is a senior officer from the 1985 batch of the Indian Railway Engineering Service.

He was Senior Deputy General Manager and Chief Vigilance Officer of Western Railway before becoming General Manager of Central Railway.

He succeeded Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager of Western Railway, who was also in charge of Central Railway.

231. With which country recently India has concluded Veer Guardian 2023 exercise?

- (a) Japan (b) Russia
(c) Sri Lanka (d) Germany
(e) Britain

Ans (a)

The inaugural edition of the 16-day bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self-Defence Force has concluded in Japan.

The exercise, "Veer Guardian 2023", involved precise planning and skilful execution by both the air forces. The JASDF participated in the exercise with its F-2 and F-15 aircraft, while the IAF contingent participated with the Su-30 MKI aircraft.

The IAF fighter contingent was complemented by one IL-78 flight refuelling aircraft and two C-17 Globemaster strategic airlift transport aircraft.

Indian Air Force Founded: 8 October 1932, India;

Indian Air Force Air chief Marshall: Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria;

Other Maritime Exercises between India & Japan:

Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX)

Malabar Exercise (India – US – Japan - Australia)

232. Data Privacy Day observed on which day of January every year?

- (a) 22 January (b) 28 January
(c) 25 January (d) 27 January
(e) 24 January

Ans (b)

Data Protection Day, or Data Privacy Day, is celebrated on January 28.

The aim is to create more awareness about the right to data protection and the various ways in which people can keep their data more safe.

Let's first understand the history and significance.

The world is slowly but steadily moving towards digitisation, but this also means our data is becoming more vulnerable.

This year, leading organisations are expected to invest heavily in updating more robust cybersecurity policies and procedures, enabling security automation, and monitoring attack surfaces.

Data Privacy Day is observed, January 28, to raise awareness of the value of online privacy, which has been proclaimed a fundamental right of a citizen.

The Council of Europe on April 26, 2006, decided to coin a Data Protection Day and announced that it will be observed each year on January 28.

233. Recently, a six-day mega event "Bharat Parv" event has been organized by which ministry at Red Fort?

- (a) Ministry of Culture
(b) Ministry of Mines
(c) Ministry of Tourism
(d) Ministry of Textiles
(e) Ministry of Defence

Ans (c)

The six-day mega event "Bharat Parv" Event is to be organized by the Government of India at the Lawns and Gyan Path in front of Red Fort, Delhi from 26th to 31st January 2023, as part of the Republic Day Celebrations.

"Bharat Parv" is under the Ministry of Tourism and has been designated as the nodal Ministry for the event.

234. Which statutory body has launched "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" massive outreach programme?

- (a) ESI
- (b) SBI
- (c) PFRDA
- (d) EPFO
- (e) Post Office

Ans (d)

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has launched a massive district outreach program in all the districts of the country through a revamped Nidhi Aapke Nikat program.

The aim of this program is to reach all the districts of the country on the same day i.e. 27th of every month. EPFO organized camps in 685 districts of the country. In the year 2015, Bhavishya Nidhi Adalat was rechristened as Nidhi Aapke Nikat and in the year 2019.

Central Provident Fund Commissioner in Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO): Neelam Shami Rao

Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) Headquarters: New Delhi

Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) Founded: 4 March 1952

235. Recently in January 2023, under which mission 11 crore rural families have provided water facility to every house?

- (a) Jal Jeevan Mission
- (b) Water for People
- (c) Water for India
- (d) Drinking Water
- (e) National Water Mission

Ans (a)

Over 11 Crore rural households in the country have access to tap water connections and more than 1.53 lakh villages in India have reported "Har Ghar Jal".

123 districts and more than 1.53 lakh villages of India have reported 'Har Ghar Jal' which means every household has access to clean drinking water through the tap.

Jal Jeevan Mission was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15th August 2019 to provide every rural household with a tap water connection by 2024.

236. Orange Festival is celebrated in which state as, recently it has observed in the state?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Meghalaya
- (e) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans (b)

The third edition of the two-day Orange Festival has been organized in Nagaland's Rusoma village to mark the harvest of organic oranges in the district.

The orange festival was held from 24th to 25th January 2023.

The orange festival is held to display the harvested oranges from the village.

237. Which country has started flushing 1.25 million tons of wastewater from its nuclear power plant into the Pacific Ocean in 2023?

- (a) USA
- (b) Samoa
- (c) Japan
- (d) Australia
- (e) Canada

Ans (c)

Japan is expected to start flushing 1.25 million tons of wastewater from the embattled Fukushima nuclear power plant into the Pacific Ocean in 2023, as part of a USD 76-billion project to decommission the facility.

The project received the Japanese cabinet's approval in 2021 and could take three decades to complete.

In March 2011, after a magnitude 9 earthquake, a tsunami flooded the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Okuma and damaged its diesel generators.

The loss of power suspended coolant supply to reactors at the facility; the tsunami also disabled backup systems.

238. Recently, the which state government has airlifted 25 lakh doses of goat pox vaccine for early prevention of cattle from lumpy skin disease?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (c)

Recently, the Punjab State government has airlifted 25 lakh doses of goat pox vaccine to carry out a free vaccination campaign for early prevention of cattle from lumpy skin disease.

Lumpy Skin Disease(LSD) had affected the cattle on a large scale in July, 2022. About 1.75 lakh cattle were affected across the Punjab state and about 18,000 cattle died.

LSD is caused by infection with the Lumpy Skin Disease Virus (LSDV) in cattle or water buffalo.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that its mortality rate is less than 10%.

The first reported outbreak of LSD occurred in Zambia in 1929, and it was initially believed to be caused by poisoning or an allergic reaction to insect bites.

239. Which Indian-American astronaut has nominated by US President Joe Biden for the post of Air Force brigadier general?

- (a) Sirisha Bandla (b) Abhijit Banerjee
(c) Neeli Bendapudi (d) Raja Chari
(e) Dinesh D'Souza

Ans (d)

Indian-American astronaut Raja Chari was nominated by US President Joe Biden for the post of Air Force brigadier general.

The nomination has yet to be confirmed by the US Senate.

The senate approves all senior civilian and military appointments, according to the US Defense Department.

Brigadier General (BG) is a one-star General Officer rank of the United States Air Force.

Air Force Col. Raja J Chari for appointment to the grade of brigadier general.

Chari is currently serving as the Crew-3 commander and astronaut, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Johnson Space Center, Texas.

240. The first ever India stack developer conference held in which city?

- (a) Chennai (b) Delhi
(c) Bengaluru (d) Indore
(e) Lucknow

Ans (b)

The inaugural India Stack Developer Conference was held on January 25 in New Delhi.

The conference focused on strategies for ensuring greater global adoption of Indian digital products.

More than 100 digital leaders from business, government, academia, startups, and unicorns attended the conference.

The Conference had also extended invitations to representatives from G20 nations and the G20 Secretariat.

About India Stack developer conference -

India Stack is the name given to the ambitious initiative by the Indian government to develop a single software platform with the goal of bringing the people of the nation online.

It is the collective name for a group of free and open artificial intelligences and digital products that will enable large-scale use of identity, data, and payment infrastructure by enterprises, governments, and other organizations.

241. Which team has won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 by beating Belgium?

- (a) Netherlands (b) Australia
(c) England (d) Germany
(e) Spain

Ans (d)

Germany beat Belgium 5-4 in the penalty shootout to win the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, India.

This is Germany's third Hockey World Cup title after they won it in 2002 and 2006.

With this, they draw level with Netherlands and Australia.

Earlier in the day, the Netherlands beat Australia 3-1 to claim the bronze medal.

It was the first time since 1998 that Australia failed to finish on podium at the FIH World Cup.

242. Martyrs Day (Shaheed Diwas) on 30 January 2023 is observed as death anniversary of whom?

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi
(b) Nelson Mandela
(c) Jawaharlal Nehru
(d) Bhagat Singh
(e) Subhash Chandra Bose

Ans (a)

On January 30, 2023, India observed Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas to pay tribute to all the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country.

The day is also marked as the death anniversary of the nation's 'Bapu', Mahatma Gandhi.

On this day in 1948, Gandhi was assassinated by Nathuram Godse in the compound of Birla House after one of his routine multi-faith prayer meetings.

Godse, a member of Hindu Mahasabha, blamed Gandhi for favouring the Muslim community during the partition of India in 1947.

Notably, Martyrs' Day is also observed in India on March 23 to pay respect to Bhagat Singh, Shivaram

Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar, who was hanged death on this day in 1931.

The significance of Shaheed Diwas lies in the fact that Mahatma Gandhi, who is known as the 'Father of the Nation', led major movements against British rule through a non-violent approach.

His death anniversary is observed as Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day, and his philosophy was based on the principles of non-violence, the fight for truth (satyagraha), and political and individual freedom (Swaraj).

243. Petr Pavel, former chairman of the NATO Military Committee has become the president of which country?

- (a) Slovakia (b) Czechia
(c) Poland (d) Hungary
(e) Austria

Ans (b)

Petr Pavel, a former chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) military committee, has become the new president of the Czech Republic.

A former military general, Pavel got more than 58 per cent of the vote, according to the Czech Statistics Office

244. According to ISRO, India's first mission to study the Sun, Aditya-L1, will be launched by which month in 2023?

- (a) March-April (b) May-June
(c) July-August (d) June-July
(e) February-March

Ans (d)

Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) handed over to ISRO, the Visible Line Emission Coronagraph (VELC), the primary payload on board Aditya-L1, which is India's first dedicated scientific mission to study the Sun, to be launched by June or July.

The handing over ceremony was held in the presence of the ISRO Chairman S Somanath at the Centre for Research and Education in Science and Technology (CREST) campus of IIA.

In total Aditya-L1 has seven payloads, of which the primary payload – the VELC, is designed and fabricated by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA, Bengaluru).

The other six payloads are being developed by the ISRO and other scientific institutions.

Understanding the effect of the Sun on the Earth and its surroundings has become very important now and Aditya-L1 aims to shed light on this topic. The payload will be taken to the R.

Rao Satellite Centre (Bengaluru), where it will be integrated with the Aditya-L1 satellite and will undergo further testing, evaluation and finally launched using the PSLV.

245. The nation observes the 158th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter Lala Lajpat Rai. He is popularly known as -

- (a) Man of Iron (b) Punjab Kesari
(c) Light of Asia (d) Vishwa Kavi
(e) Jana Nayak

Ans (b)

The nation observes the 158th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter Lala Lajpat Rai, popularly known as Punjab Kesari.

Lala Lajpat Rai was born on 28th January 1865 to his maternal grandparents in Dhudike.

On the occasion of the 158th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter Lala Lajpat Rai, the cabinet minister announced a grant of Rs 12 lakh on the demand of the villagers.

Lala Lajpat Rai has made a huge contribution to the struggle for the independence of the nation.

He was also known as the leader of the Swadeshi movement.

He is popularly known as "Punjab Kesari" and played a pivotal role in the Indian Independence movement. People also called him "Punjab da Sher" which means "Lion of Punjab".

Lala Lajpat Rai was born on 28th January 1865 in an Agrawal Jain family as the eldest son of six children of Munshi Radha Krishna.

246. World Leprosy Day has been observed on which day of January 2023?

- (a) 27 January (b) 28 January
(c) 29 January (d) 30 January
(e) 31 January

Ans (c)

World Leprosy Day (WLD) is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. In 2023, World Leprosy Day is observed on 29 January.

This international day is an opportunity to celebrate people who have experienced leprosy, raise awareness of the disease, and call for an end to leprosy-related stigma and discrimination.

This date was chosen by French humanitarian, Raoul Follereau as a tribute to the life of Mahatma Gandhi, who did much work with persons affected by leprosy and died at the end of January in 1948.

The theme of World Leprosy Day 2023 is “Act Now, End Leprosy.” This year’s theme calls attention to three key messages:

Leprosy is curable with a combination of antibiotics known as Multi Drug Therapy (MDT).

This treatment is available for free across the world. If leprosy is not treated, it can lead to serious complications.

247. The cultural heritage of Odesa was designated as a World Heritage in Danger site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at the Paris meeting. This site is located in which country?

- (a) Russia (b) Germany
(c) Ukraine (d) India
(e) France

Ans (c)

The United Nations’ cultural agency, UNESCO has designated the historic centre of Odesa, a strategic port city on Ukraine’s Black Sea coast, a World Heritage in Danger site.

The status, awarded by a UNESCO panel meeting in Paris, is designed to help protect Odesa’s cultural heritage, which has been under threat since Russia’s invasion, and enable access to financial and technical international aid.

Earlier, UNESCO inscribed the Landmarks of the Ancient Kingdom of Saba, Marib in Yemen and Rachid Karami International Fair-Tripoli in Lebanon to its list of World Heritage in Danger sites.

248. In January 2023, how much amount has been approved by the government of India to Uttarakhand under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme?

- (a) 1500 crore (b) 2800 crore
(c) 1700 crore (d) 2600 crore
(e) 2000 crore

Ans (d)

The Central Government has sanctioned 2,600 crore rupees to Uttarakhand under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) for the construction of new power lines, sub-stations, and underground power lines.

State Energy Secretary R Meenakshi Sundaram said that the State’s project has been approved in the Regional Power Committee meeting in New Delhi.

Shri Sundaram said, to strengthen the power supply system, the capacity of sub-stations will be increased in several districts including Dehradun. All power lines in Haldwani will be underground, he added.

249. Which state government has launched Ladli Bahina Scheme in January 2023?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Rajasthan
(c) Uttarakhand (d) Madhya Pradesh
(e) Haryana

Ans (d)

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched Ladli Bahina Scheme.

Under the new scheme state government will provide Rs 1000 per month to women from financially poor background in the state.

A sum of Rs 60,000 crore will be spent on this scheme in five years.

The CM also announced plans to construct a Narmada corridor and Narmada Lok on the lines of the Mahakal Lok at Ujjain’s Mahakaleshwar temple.

250. What is the name of the cluster of digital solutions like Aadhaar, UPI, Digi Locker, Co-Win, GeM, and GSTN?

- (a) Bharat e-platforms (b) India Stack
(c) e-Bharat (d) Digi Bharat
(e) None of these

Ans (b)

India Stack is a multi-layer cluster of digital solutions like Aadhaar, UPI, Digi Locker, Co-Win, GeM, and GSTN that have played a significant role in the digital transformation in India.

The first India Stack Developer Conference will be held in New Delhi, to ensure wider adoption of India’s digital goods all over the world. India Stack will be one of the focus areas at the World Government Summit 2023 which will be held at Abu Dhabi next month