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**Q. The India-Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX 2022 will be held in which place?**

A) Pune

B) Jaisalmer

C) Visakhapatnam

D) Mumbai

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The 9th edition of India – Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise named SLINEX (Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise) is scheduled at Visakhapatnam from 07 Mar to 10 Mar 2022.
- ✓ The exercise will be held in two phases; First is the Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam on 07-08 Mar 22 followed by the second phase i.e. Sea Phase on 09-10 Mar 22 in the Bay of Bengal.
- ✓ Indian Navy will be represented by INS Kirch, a guided missile corvette while Sri Lanka Navy will be represented by SLNS Sayurala, an advanced offshore patrol vessel.
- ✓ **Exercise between India and Srilanka:**  
Exercise MITRA SHAKTI (Military Exercise)  
SLINEX (Naval exercise)

## SRI LANKA IN NEWS 2021-22

- 9th India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX begins Visakhapatnam.
- India has agreed to provide a grant to Sri Lanka to implement a 'Unitary Digital Identity framework', apparently modelled on the Aadhaar card.
- Exim Bank extends a \$500 million credit line to Sri Lanka for financing the purchase of petroleum products.
- India has announced financial assistance of USD 900 million loans to Sri Lanka.
- Government of Sri Lanka has sought a USD 500 million credit line from India to pay for its crude oil purchases.



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- 15th edition of the Maldives, India, and Sri Lanka biennial Trilateral Exercise 'Dosti' was conducted in the Maldives.
- World's largest star sapphire cluster has been found in Ratnapura, Srilanka.
- Sri Lanka has declared a state of emergency as the food crisis.
- **SRI LANKA**
  - Capital : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative)
  - Colombo (executive and judicial)
  - Currency : Rupee
  - President : Gotabaya Rajapaksa
  - Prime Minister : Mahinda Rajapaksa
  - Mitra Shakti Military Exercise : India and Sri Lanka
  - Slinex Navel Exercise : India and Sri Lanka

**Q. 'Donate-a-Pension' campaign has been launched under central sector scheme by the government recently?**

- A) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)
- B) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM)
- C) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- D) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched the 'Donate-a-Pension' campaign under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM) scheme, on March 07, 2022, from his residence and donated the same to his gardener.
- ✓ Under the new initiative citizens can contribute to the pension fund of their immediate support staff such as domestic workers, drivers, helpers etc, by donating the premium amount.
- ✓ The 'Donate-a-Pension' program is part of various initiatives to be launched in the 'Iconic Week' celebrations by the Labour Ministry from March 7 to 13, 2022.
- ✓ **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) Yojana**
- ✓ PM-SYM is a pension scheme for workers of the unorganised sector with monthly upto Rs 15,000



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- ✓ Effective from February 15, 2019
- ✓ Total outlay for the scheme is Rs 500 crore
- ✓ Age limit is 18 to 40 years
- ✓ Assured Monthly pension of Rs 3000 from the age of 60
- ✓ Ministry Responsible: Ministry of Labour and Employment

**Q. SAMARTH is a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women launched by which ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named –“SAMARTH”.
- ✓ The drive was launched by Union Minister for MSME, Shri Narayan Rane along with Minister of State for MSME, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma in New Delhi.
- ✓ Objective of SAMARTH: to provide Skill Development and Market Development Assistance to women and to train more than 7500 women candidates from rural and sub-urban areas in the FY 2022-23.
- ✓ Special Drive for registration of women-owned MSMEs under Udyam Registration

## MSME IN NEWS 2021-22

- Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named –“SAMARTH”.
- MSME Ministry launches “SAMBHAV” National Level Awareness Programme, 2021
- CHAMPIONS portal for MSME/Udyam Registration crosses 50 lakh mark
- Government includes Retail and Wholesale Trade in MSME sector; purpose of Priority Sector Lending.
- HDFC Bank partners with NSIC to provide credit support to MSMEs
- Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day: 27 June



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- Theme 2021 : “MSME 2021: key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery.”
- World Bank approves USD 500 mn program to boost MSME sector in India
- Govt sets trigger amount as Rs 10 lakh for MSME pre-packs scheme
- **NEW DEFINITION OF MSME**
- Criteria : Investment And Turnover
- MICRO : Investment < Rs 1 Cr & turnover < Rs 5 Cr
- SMALL : Investment < Rs 10 Cr & turnover < Rs 50 Cr
- MEDIUM : Investment < Rs 50 Cr & turnover < Rs 250 Cr
- MSME : Micro small and medium enterprise
- UK Sinha Committee : MSME Sector
- Narayan Tatu Rane : Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Constituency : Rajya Sabha MP, Maharashtra

**Q. RBI is observing the Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2022 from March 7 to 11, 2022. What is the theme of the celebrations?**

- A) Go Digital, Go Secure                      B) Smarter Digital Payments  
C) Unified Payments Interface              D) Outreach and Availability of Digital Payments

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India will observe Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) from March 7-11, 2022.
- ✓ The theme of Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2022 is: “Outreach and Availability of Digital Payments”.
- ✓ The week is being observed to celebrate the 17th Foundation Day of Department of Payment and Settlement Systems (DPSS) on March 7. DPSS is responsible for managing Payments Systems in India

**Q. Bharti Airtel has joined hands with which bank to launch a co-branded credit card to strengthen the growth of India’s digital ecosystem?**

- A) ICICI Bank                                      B) Yes Bank  
C) Axis Bank                                      D) HDFC Bank

**Answer : C**







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**Q. Rahi Sarnobat, Esha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan recently won gold medal for India in which sports event?**

- A) Tennis  
B) Badminton  
C) Shooting  
D) Wrestling

**Answer : C**

- ✓ In Shooting, the Indian women's trio of Rahi Sarnobat, Esha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan won the gold medal in women's 25m pistol team event in the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World cup in Cairo, Egypt on March 06, 2022.
- ✓ Indian women's team beat Singapore's Shun Xie Teo, Xiu Hong Teh and Ling Chiao Nicole Tan, 17-13, to bag the medal.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the Indian men's 25m pistol team of Anish Bhanwala, Gurpreet Singh and Bhavesh Shekhawat won silver in 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Team event.
- ✓ They lost to Germany's Christian Reitz, Oliver Geis and Florian Peter, 17-7.

**Q. Microsoft has planned to set up its largest data centre in which city of India?**

- A) Gurugram  
B) Bengaluru  
C) Hyderabad  
D) Chennai

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Tech giant Microsoft has announced to set up its fourth data centre in India in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ✓ The Hyderabad Data centre will be one of the largest data centers in India and will be operational by 2025

## HYDERABAD IN NEWS 2021-22

- Microsoft to set up India's largest Data Center region in Hyderabad
- PM Modi inaugurates 50th Anniversary Celebrations of Hyderabad-based ICRISAT.
- PM Modi has dedicated to the nation 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality in Hyderabad to commemorate Ramanujacharya.
- India's first Open Rock Museum in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Ayush Minister lays foundation stone of International Yoga Academy in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- India's first International Arbitration and Mediation Centre opens in Hyderabad.
- India's largest landfill biogas plant launched in Hyderabad.



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- Mohd Azharuddin unveils world's largest cricket bat in Hyderabad.
- Dr Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the 24th National Conference on e-Governance in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- India's first Indigenously Designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant inaugurated at BHEL R&D Centre, Hyderabad.
- Vinay K Nandicoori, has been appointed as the Director at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace becomes first Spacetech startup to formally tie-up with ISRO.
- Hyderabad-based Social Activist Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi Wins UK Government's Point of Light Award.
- India's first-ever Transgender Community Desk inaugurated by Cyberabad Police in Hyderabad.
- 'Bonalu' festivities to begin in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, Telangana.
- Goldman Sachs open its global centre in Hyderabad.

**Q. Which organisation has constructed India's first green charging hub along the Jaipur-Delhi-Agra e-highway?**

- A) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited**
- B) National Highway for Electric Vehicle**
- C) Bharat Electronics Limited**
- D) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited**

**Answer : B**

- ✓ NHEV constructs India's first green charging hub along the Delhi—Jaipur—Agra e-highway
- ✓ National Highway for Electric Vehicle (NHEV), an organisation for promoting electrification of India's transportation systems, is constructing India's first green charging hub along the Delhi—Jaipur—Agra e-highway.
- ✓ This new initiative is unique in a way of using green construction techniques for such electric vehicle stations with net-zero carbon infrastructure.



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**Q. Reliance Industries Limited open India's first-of-a-kind and largest global destination named 'Jio World Centre' at which place?**

- A) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh                      B) Mumbai, Maharashtra  
C) Indore, Madhya Pradesh                      D) Hyderabad, Telangana

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Reliance Industries Limited has announced the opening of India's largest and most prestigious multi-faceted destination 'Jio World Centre' in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✓ This centre was envisioned by the Director of Reliance Industries and Founder–Chairperson of the Reliance Foundation, Nita Ambani.
- ✓ This centre covers an expanse of 18.5 acres in Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) and is set to become an iconic business, commerce and culture destination and landmark in India.

**Q. What is the enhanced average increment per cent in India for 2022 according to the 2022 Workforce and Increments Trends Survey by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP?**

- A) 8.6%    B) 9.7%  
C) 9.1%    D) 8.8%

**Answer : C**

- ✓ According to the 2022 Workforce and Increments Trends Survey by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP, the average India 2022 increment is expected to go up to 9.1 per cent from eight per cent in 2021.
- ✓ Moreover, the 2022 projected increment is higher than the pre-COVID-19 increment in 2019 by 50 basis points (bps). A basis point is equal to 1/100th of a percentage point.

**Q. Which organisation has signed an MoU with the Indian Banks Association to collaborate on capacity building for financial creditors?**

- A) Securities and Exchange Board of India  
B) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority  
C) National Securities Depository Limited  
D) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

**Answer : D**



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- ✓ Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) and the Indian Banks Association (IBA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on capacity building for financial creditors on insolvency, bankruptcy and other related subjects.
- ✓ IBBI Chairman Ravi Mital urged bankers to share their suggestions and feedback regarding the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) ecosystem with the IBBI to improve the processes under the IBC.
- ✓ **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)**  
Founded : 2016  
Headquarters : New Delhi  
Chairperson : Ravi Mittal  
Parent : Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code was passed in 2016.
- ✓ **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**  
✓ It was formed in 1946.  
✓ IBA currently has 247 banking companies as members.  
✓ Chairman- Rajkiran Rai (MD & CEO of Union Bank of India)

**Q. Which company has partnered with Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited to set up an electronics manufacturing hub in Chennai?**

- A) Jabil
- B) Flextronics
- C) Sanmina
- D) Celestica

**Answer : C**

- ✓ RSBVL partners with Sanmina Corporation to set up an electronics manufacturing hub in Chennai
- ✓ Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited (RSBVL), a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), has partnered with Sanmina Corporation to set up electronics manufacturing hub in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ This manufacturing hub will initially operate from Sanmina Corporation's existing 100-acre campus in Chennai and will be expanded to new sites across India depending on the business requirements.



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**Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)?**

- A) D. N. Patel  
B) Manish Sharma  
C) Sanjay Malhotra  
D) Karambir Singh

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Union Government has appointed Delhi High Court Chief Justice D. N. Patel as the new Chairperson of the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) for four years.
- ✓ He replaced Justice Shiva Kirti Singh.
- ✓ **Telecommunications Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)**  
Founded : 2000  
Headquarters : New Delhi  
Chairman : D. N. Patel

**Q. Who became the 23rd woman Grandmaster of India?**

- A) Koneru Humpy  
B) Priyanka Nutakki  
C) Padmini Rout  
D) Tania Sachdev

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Nineteen-year-old Priyanka Nutakki secured her final WGM-norm at MPL's forty-seventh National Women Chess Championship.
- ✓ She became India's 23rd woman Grandmaster. She is from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

**Q. Which day is celebrated as the International Women's Day (IWD) annually?**

- A) 05 March  
B) 08 March  
C) 07 March  
D) 06 March

**Answer : B**

- ✓ International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8 every year.
- ✓ The day aims to recognise the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, while also raising awareness about women's equality and bringing attention to important issues like gender discrimination that exist even today.
- ✓ The theme of 2022 International Women's Day is Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow.



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- ✓ The International Women's Day was observed for the first time in 1911.
- ✓ IWD was officially adopted by the United Nations in 1977.

**Q. What is the theme of the International Women's Day 2022?**

- A) I am Generation Equality': Realizing Women's Rights
- B) Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow
- C) Think equal, build smart, innovate for change
- D) Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives

**Answer : B**

**Q. The Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES)-T is a next-generation weather satellite launched by which space agency to forecast hazardous environmental conditions.**

- A) ISRO
- B) NASA
- C) JAXA
- D) CNES

**Answer : B**

- ✓ US space agency, NASA, successfully launched the third in a series of four next-generation weather satellites, Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES), from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida on March 01, 2022.
- ✓ The satellite is named as GOES-T. Once the satellite gets positioned in its geostationary orbit it will be renamed from GOES-T to GOES-18.
- ✓ GOES-T will be used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to forecast weather and hazardous environmental conditions in the Western Hemisphere.

### NASA IN NEWS 2021-22.

- NASA launches next-generation GOES-T satellite to track hazardous weather in western United States.
- NASA Plans to Retire International Space Station in 2031.
- NASA launches \$1 Million Deep Space Food Challenge jointly with Canadian Space Agency.
- Jahnvi Dangeti becomes first Indian to complete prestigious Nasa programme.
- NASA successfully completes deployment of James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).



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- NASA's James Webb telescope reaches final stable position, parked 15,00,000 km from Earth.
- Indian origin Anil Menon is SpaceX's first flight surgeon.
- NASA's Parker Solar Probe enters the Sun's upper atmosphere.
- NASA launches world's first Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) Mission.
- NASA launches Lucy Mission to study the Jupiter Trojan asteroids.
- Nasa is sending two new missions to Venus, which will take place between 2028 and 2030.
- NASA plans to send Rover 'VIPER' on Moon in 2023 to search for water, other resources.
- NASA Partners ISRO to develop Earth System Observatory.
- Former Senator Bill Nelson Sworn in as the 14th NASA Administrator.
- NASA's Robotic Helicopter 'Ingenuity' Makes Historic First Flight on Mars.
- NASA Set To Launch SpaceX Crew-2 Mission on April 22 with 4 Astronauts onboard.
- NASA Awards \$2.9 billion contract to SpaceX to build commercial moon lander.
- ISRO develops radar for joint earth observation satellite mission with NASA.
- Indian-American scientist Swati Mohan leads NASA's Mars 2020 mission.
- Indian-Origin Bhavya Lal appointed as Acting Chief of Staff of NASA.
- NASA names ISS Space Ship in honour of pioneering black mathematician Katherine Johnson.
- NASA Selects SpaceX to launch its SPHEREx Mission.
- NASA selects Raja Chari as commander of SpaceX Crew-3 mission.
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

Founded : 1958

Headquarters : Washington, D.C

Motto : For the Benefit of All

14th Administrator : Bill Nelson

**Q. What is the rank of India in the 'Wealth Report 2022' by Knight Frank, which ranks countries in terms of most number of billionaires' population?**

A) 2nd

B) 3rd

C) 5th

D) 4th

**Answer : B**







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- ✓ The festival marks the marriage anniversary of Lord Shiva and Goddess Uma (Parvathi). 2022 Herath Festival was celebrated on 28th February 2022.
- ✓ Herath Festival is celebrated on "Trayodashi" or the 13th day of the dark half of the month of Phalguna (Hindu calendar), between February and March. The Kashmiri Pandits celebrate the festival by distributing walnuts as a mark of respect to the Hindu deities

### LATEST FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2021-22

STATE	FESTIVAL
Herath Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
48th Khajuraho Dance Festival	Madhya Pradesh
Medaram Jatara Festival	Telangana
Maru Mahotsav or Jaisalmer Desert Festival	Rajasthan
Torgya Festival	Arunachal Pradesh
Spituk Gustor Festival	Ladakh
18th Kachai Lemon Festival	Manipur
Losoong (Namsoong) Festival	Sikkim
25th National Youth Festival	Puducherry
9th edition of the North East Festival	Guwahati, Assam
International Folk Art Festival	Dubai
Losar Festival	Ladakh
World Sangeet Tansen festival	Madhya Pradesh
Jallikattu Festival	Tamil Nadu
Lord Krishna Balram Jagannath Rath Yatra	Punjab
Hornbill Festival	Nagaland
Aharbal Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Apple Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Cherry Blossom Festival	Shillong, Meghalaya
International Science Festival (IISF)	Panaji, Goa
Boita Bandana Festival	Odisha
National Tribal Dance Festival 2021	Chhattisgarh



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Karthika Deepam Festival	Tamil Nadu
Wangala Festival	Meghalaya
Bathukamma Floral Festival	Telangana
Nuakhai Festival	Odisha
Bonalu Festival	Telangana
Jagannath Rath Yatra	Puri, Odisha
Chandan Yatra of Lord Jagannath temple	Puri, Odisha
Oktoberfest Festival	Germany
1st edition of Himalayan Film Festival 2021	Ladakh
Onam, Harvest Festival	Kerala
Hemis Festival	Ladakh
Raja Parba Festival	Odisha
Sindhu Darshan Festival	Ladakh
Shigmo Festival	Goa
Sajibu Cheiraoba Festival	Manipur
Tulip Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Banana Festival	Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh
KalaNamak Rice Festival	Siddharthanagar, Uttar Pradesh
Strawberry Festival	Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
Phool Dei Festival	Uttarakhand

**Q. Who has won gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol event at 2022 ISSF World Cup in Cairo?**

- A) Samaresh Jung                      B) Abhishek Verma  
C) Saurabh Chaudhary                D) Divyansh Singh Panwar

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Indian shooting ace Saurabh Chaudhary has won the gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol event at the ongoing 2022 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Cairo, Egypt on March 01, 2022.
- ✓ The silver medal has been won by Germany's Michael Schwald while Artem Chernousov of Russia claimed the bronze medal.



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- ✓ In the women's 10m air pistol section, India's Esha Singh lost to Anna Korakaki of Greece to win the silver medal.

**Q. Exercise Vayu Shakti 2022 will be organised in which place by the Indian Air Force (IAF)?**

- A) Pune  
B) Jaisalmer  
C) Bakloh  
D) Jaipur

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Indian Air Force (IAF) will conduct the Exercise Vayu Shakti that will take place at Pokharan range in Jaisalmer on March 7, 2022.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the Chief Guest of this event. A total of 148 aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in this exercise.
- ✓ Rafale aircraft will participate for the first time in this exercise.
- ✓ Exercise Vayu Shakti is organised by Indian Air Force once in every three years. The last Vayu Shakti Exercise took place in 2019.

**Q. The e-Bill system was launched by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for Central Government Ministries. The system has been developed by which entity?**

- A) Public Financial Management System (PFMS)  
B) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)  
C) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)  
D) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman launched the e-Bill system for Central Government Ministries. The e-Bill system was launched on the 46th Civil Accounts Day i.e. March 02, 2022.
- ✓ The e-Bill system has been developed by the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) Division of Ministry of Finance. The bills will be processed by First-In-First-Out (FIFO) method.
- ✓ **Objective** : The system will allow all vendors/suppliers of the central government to submit their bills/claims at anytime, from anywhere.



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- ✓ The system has been initially rolled out in the nine Pay and Accounting Units of nine Ministries/Departments and will be rolled out in other Ministries/Departments in a phased manner in 2022-23.
- ✓ PFMS is integrated with the core banking system in the country
- ✓ PFMS was initially started during 2009 as a Central Sector Scheme of Planning Commission with the objective of tracking funds released under all Plan schemes of the Government of India, and real time reporting of expenditure at all levels of Programme implementation.

**Q. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has tied with which company to train Indian startups in making apps and games for global market?**

- A) Apple  
B) Amazon  
C) Google  
D) Microsoft

**Answer : C**

- ✓ MeitY Startup Hub, an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and Google have announced a cohort of 100 early to mid-stage Indian startups as a part of Appscale Academy programme.
- ✓ Appscale Academy is a new growth and development programme for startups launched by MeitY and Google to help and train early- to mid-stage startups across India on building high-quality apps and games for a global audience.
- ✓ **Google**  
Founded : 1998  
Founders : Larry Page and Sergey Brin  
Headquarters : Mountain View, California, US  
CEO : Sundar Pichai

**Q. Nikhat Zareen and Nitu were in news for wining gold medal for India in which event?**

- A) Boxing  
B) Shooting  
C) Badminton  
D) Wrestling

**Answer : A**





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Director & CEO : Uday Chopra

**Q. Who is the author of the new book titled "The Millennial Yogi"?**

- A) R. Giridharan                                      B) Meghna Pant  
C) Deepam Chatterjee                                D) Ramesh Kandula

**Answer : C**

- ✓ A new book titled "The Millennial Yogi" authored by Deepam Chatterjee

**Q. Who among the following has been appointed as brand ambassador of UpGrad?**

- A) Virat Kohli    B) Amitabh Bachchan  
C) Ayushman Khurrana                                D) Rohit Sharma

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India's online higher education company, UpGrad, roped in legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan as its Brand Ambassador.  
✓ He will support upGrad's brand value through endorsements and promotions of services to emphasize the importance of LifeLongLearning for progressive career growth.

**Q. Which company has obtained a letter of award (LOA) to build a 150-megawatt solar power plant for a period of 25 years?**

- A) JSW Energy    B) Reliance Power  
C) Adani Green Energy                                D) Tata Power

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Adani Green Energy Ltd stated that its subsidiary Adani Renewable Energy Holding Fifteen Limited has obtained a letter of award (LOA) to build a 150-megawatt solar power plant. For a period of 25 years, the fixed rate for this project capacity is \$2.34/kWh.  
✓ Adani Green presently has a totally renewable energy project portfolio of 20.434 MWac capacity, with 5.410 MWac of operational projects. According to the firm, 11,591 MWac projects are now under construction, with 3.433 MWac projects nearing completion.

✓ **Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL)**

Founded : 2015

Founder : Gautam Adani



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Headquarters : Ahmedabad

MD & CEO : Vneet S. Jaain

**Q. The UN recognised World Wildlife Day is observed on which day?**

- A) 02 March
- B) 03 March
- C) 01 March
- D) 04 March

**Answer : B**

- ✓ World Wildlife Day is observed every year on March 3 to raise awareness about the world's wild fauna and flora.
- ✓ Theme 2022: "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration".
- ✓ The day was proposed by Thailand and recognised in 2013 by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- ✓ March 3 has been chosen as it is the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973.

**Q. The WHO has declared March 03 as World Hearing Day. What is the theme of World Hearing Day in 2022?**

- A) Hear the Future
- B) Check your hearing
- C) Hearing care for ALL
- D) To hear for life, listen with care

**Answer : D**

- ✓ World Hearing Day is held on 3 March each year by World Health Organisation (WHO).
- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world.
- ✓ Theme of World Hearing Day 2022: "To hear for life, listen with care."

**Q. What is the theme of 2022 World Wildlife Day ?**

- A) Listen to the young voices
- B) Sustaining all life on earth
- C) Life below Water: for People and Planet
- D) Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration

**Answer : D**





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- ✓ Theme 2022: "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration".

**Q. The OCEANS 2022 Conference and Exposition was held in which city?**

- A) Pune  
B) Chennai  
C) Bengaluru  
D) Hyderabad

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, jointly organised the OCEANS 2022 Conference and Exposition, from February 21-24, 2022 in hybrid mode in Chennai.
- ✓ The bi-annual conference was held for the first time in India. The theme of the event was "inspire-innovate-sustain".
- ✓ It was co-sponsored by the Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Ocean Engineering Society (IEEE OES) and Marine Technology Society (MTS).
- ✓ The conference provided a platform for global maritime professionals to learn, innovate, and lead in the protection and utilisation of the world's largest natural resource, which is 'oceans'.

**Q. The sea-level trials of India's first indigenously developed Flying Trainer was successfully completed recently at Puducherry. What is the name of this trainer aircraft?**

- A) CHETAK-NG  
B) RUDRA-NG  
C) HANSA-NG  
D) AKASH-NG

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India's first indigenously developed Flying Trainer 'HANSA-NG', successfully completed the sea-level trials at Puducherry from February 19 to March 5.
- ✓ The aircraft has been designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), under the aegis of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- ✓ HANSA-NG was flown from Bengaluru to Puducherry on February 19, covering a distance of 140 nautical miles in 1.5 hours at a cruising speed of 155 km/hr.
- ✓ HANSA-NG is one of the most advanced flying trainer, designed to meet the Indian flying club needs and it is an ideal aircraft for Commercial Pilot Licensing (CPL) due to its low cost and low fuel consumption



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**Q. Who has been appointed as the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) of State Bank of India?**

A) Leena Nair

B) Nikesh Arora

C) Nitin Chugh

D) Sanjay Mehrotra

**Answer : C**

- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed Nitin Chugh as Deputy Managing Director (DMD) to drive digital banking operations.
- ✓ Nitin Chugh is a former Ujjivan Small Finance Bank CEO.
- ✓ He has also served as the Group Head of Digital Banking at HDFC Bank.

## SBI IN NEWS 2021-22

- SBI has appointed former Ujjivan Small Finance Bank CEO, Nitin Chugh as Deputy Managing Director .
- SBI listed the maiden issue of \$300 million Formosa bonds on India INX.
- State Bank of India acquired minority stake in JSW Cement for INR 100 crore.
- SBI Card joined hands with Paytm for Card Tokenization.
- SBI tie-up with NSE Academy to launch five online courses 2022.
- SBI to acquire 9.95% stake in GIFT-IFSC-based Clearing Corp with investment of Rs 34.03 crore.
- State Bank of India (SBI) is the only authorized bank to issue and encash Electoral Bonds.
- SBI Increases Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) Transaction Limit From Rs 2 Lakh To Rs 5 Lakh.
- RBI has retained SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
- SBI listed USD 650-million Green Bonds on India International Exchange (India INX) and Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE).
- RBI imposes Rs 1 Crore penalty on SBI for violating subsection (2) of section 19 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- SBI launches video life certificate service for pensioners.
- SBI has announced the launch of SBI's NAV-eCash card on INS Vikramaditya with Indian Navy.
- SBI launches 'SIM Binding' feature for YONO and You Only Need One (YONO) Lite.
- State Bank of India topped the list of public sector banks writing off loans in FY21 .



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- SBI has selected "Paisalo Digital" as the National Corporate Business Correspondent of the Bank.
- SBI celebrates 66th Foundation Day on 1st July 2021.
- SBI launched a new business loan scheme titled 'Aarogyam Loan' for the healthcare sector.
- SBI Card Joins Hand with Fabindia to launch co-branded credit card 'Fabindia SBI Card'.
- SBI has launched a collateral-free "Kavach Personal Loan" for Covid treatment.
- **STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)**  
Founded : 1 July 1955  
HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra  
Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- Managing Director : (4) Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, Ashwini Kumar Tewari and Ashwani Bhatia
- Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- Tagline of State Bank of India
  - (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
  - (2) With you all the way
  - (3) A bank of the common man
  - (4) The banker to every Indian
  - (5) The Nation banks on us

**Q. The Indian Railways has planned to roll out its indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system across 2,000 km of network in the 2022-23 fiscal. What is the name of this system?**

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| A) Kavach   | B) Shastra |
| C) Suraksha | D) Aarogya |

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Indian Railways has planned to deploy its indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, 'Kavach', in phased manner across all the network.



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- ✓ To begin with and as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat, the system will be rolled out across 2,000 km of network in the 2022-23 fiscal.
- ✓ Subsequently, 4,000 to 5,000 km of network will be covered every year, bringing around 34,000 Kms of network under Kavach.
- ✓ KAVACH is a state of the art electronic system meant to provide protection by preventing trains to pass the signal at Danger (Red) and avoid collision. This will boost safety in train operation
- ✓ The system has been developed by Lucknow-based Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) in collaboration with Indian industry. The trials were facilitated by South Central Railway.
- ✓ Inspection of the successful trial of 'Kavach' working system was done by Union Minister of Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw on March 04, 2022, between Gullaguda-Chitgidda Railway stations on Lingampalli-Vikarabad section in Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway.

**Q. The Ministry for Fisheries will organise 'Sagar Parikrama' initiative in phased manner to understand the challenges, experiences and aspirations of fishermen community. The programme has been rolled out in which state in first phase?**

- A) Haryana  
B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Gujarat  
D) Telangana

**Answer : C**

- ✓ As a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava', the Union Ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has organised 'Sagar Parikrama' initiative, to understand the challenges, experiences and aspirations of fishermen community.
- ✓ The Union Minister for Fisheries, Shri Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the 'Sagar Parikrama' on March 05, 2022 from Gujarat.
- ✓ The voyage was flagged off from Mandvi at Shyamiji Krishna Varma Memorial, Gujarat on March 5 and will conclude on March 6 at Porbandar via Okha in Devbhoomi Dwarka.

## GUJARAT IN NEWS 2021-22

- Union Minister for Fisheries, Shri Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the 'Sagar Parikrama' on March 05, 2022 from Gujarat.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel unveils new Biotechnology Policy 2022-27 to strengthen innovation ecosystem.



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- Adani Group inks MoU with South Korea's largest steelmaker POSCO to develop steel mill in Gujarat.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0
- Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and GAIL (India) Limited team up to establish bioethanol plant in Gujarat.
- SBI to acquire 9.95% stake in GIFT-IFSC-based Clearing Corp.
- Gujarat became India's Largest Manufacturing Hub, according to data from the RBI
- Gujarat CM launches 'Aatmanirbhar Gram Yatra' from Mahemdabad near Ahmedabad
- Gujarat launches e-Sarkar app on pilot basis for paperless administration
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched 'Go Green' Scheme
- India's first 'test tube' Banni buffalo calf born in Gujarat
- Bhupendra Patel has been chosen as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat
- PM Modi addresses Investor Summit in Gujarat virtually and launches 'Vehicle Scrappage Policy'
- DefExpo-2022 is scheduled to be held in Gujarat's Gandhinagar from March 2022.
- Dholavira, the Harappan City in Gujarat's Rann of Kutch inscribed as India's 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- India's first maritime arbitration centre to be set up in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Amazon has launched its first Digital Kendra in India in Surat, Gujarat.
- Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani e-launches Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021.
- Gujarat CM has launched a web portal named "e-Nirman".
- Gujarat Maritime Board to Set-up India's First International Maritime Services Cluster at GIFT City.

**Q. The Indian Navy successfully test-fired the extended-range land attack Brahmos supersonic cruise missile from which stealth destroyer?**

- A) INS Vikrant
- B) INS Shivalik
- C) INS Trikand
- D) INS Chennai

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Indian Navy successfully test-fired the long range version of the BrahMos cruise missile on March 05, 2022 from the stealth destroyer INS Chennai.



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- ✓ The purpose of the trial was to demonstrate the accuracy of an extended-range land attack BrahMos supersonic cruise missile.
- ✓ The missile hit its intended target with pinpoint accuracy
- ✓ The BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile manufactured by an Indo-Russian joint venture.
- ✓ BrahMos is a joint venture between India and Russia, who together have formed BrahMos Aerospace Limited. India is represented by DRDO.
- ✓ This missile derives its name from two rivers — the Brahmaputra in India and the Moskva of Russia.

**Q. The Rs 11,420 Crore Pune Metro Rail Project was inaugurated by which of the following minister recently?**

- A) Amit Shah    B) Ashwini Vaishnav  
C) Narendra Modi    D) Mansukh Mandaviya

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Pune Metro Rail Project on March 06, 2022, and also interacted with differently-abled, visually impaired students present inside the metro coach, during his 10-minute ride in the Pune Metro.
- ✓ Pune Metro Rail Project has been built at a total cost of INR 11,420 Crore. It has a total length of 33.2 km and 30 stations.
- ✓ Pune Metro is the first metro project in the country to have Aluminum body coaches, indigenously manufactured under Make in India policy of Gol.
- ✓ PM Modi also unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at the premises of the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple developmental projects in Pune.

**Q. In 2022, CISF observed its which edition of Raising Day celebrations?**

- A) 57th    B) 55th  
C) 51st    D) 53rd

**Answer : D**

- ✓ 53rd Raising Day ceremony of Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) was organised on March 06, 2022, in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.



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- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended and addressed the Raising Day ceremony of CISF at Ghaziabad's Indirapuram. he also inspected the parade of the force.
- ✓ CISF was set up under an Act of the Parliament of India on 10 March 1969, to provide security cover to industrial units, government infrastructure projects and facilities and establishments located all over India.
- ✓ Eventually, it was made an armed force of the Republic of India by another Act of Parliament passed on 15 June 1983.
- ✓ CISF is one of six paramilitary forces in India and functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs Its headquarters is at New Delhi.
- ✓ **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)**  
Founded : 1969  
HQ : New Delhi  
Motto : Protection and Security  
Director General : Sheel Vardhan Singh.

**Q. Vidya Balan has been appointed as the brand ambassador of which insurance company?**

- A) Max Life Insurance                      B) HDFC Life Insurance  
C) Tata AIA Life Insurance                D) Bharti AXA Life Insurance

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Bollywood actress, Vidya Balan has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Bharti AXA Life Insurance.
- ✓ Vidya will help the insurance company to further deepen its campaign “#DoTheSmartThing”
- ✓ Parag Raja is the managing director and chief executive officer of Bharti AXA Life Insurance.

**Q. Who is the author of the biography ‘The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup’?**

- A) Kajal Suri                                      B) Sudha Murty  
C) Srishti Jha                                      D) Anuradha Roy

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The biography of pop icon Usha Uthup titled “The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup” was released on February 28, 2022.



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- ✓ The book was originally written in Hindi titled “Ullas Ki Naav” by author Vikas Kumar Jha.
- ✓ “The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup” is the English translation of the book, translated by the writer’s daughter Srishti Jha.
- ✓ The book is published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).

**Q. Cricket player Mithali Raj has recently achieved the feat of becoming the first women to appear in \_\_\_\_ World Cups**

- A) 5  
B) 4  
C) 7  
D) 6

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Indian women cricket captain Mithali Raj has become the first woman to appear in six World Cups. She is the only third cricketer overall to play six world cup after Sachin Tendulkar and Javed Miandad.
- ✓ She has played in the ICC women’s cricket world cup events in 2000, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017 and now in 2022.
- ✓ The ICC women’s cricket world cup 2022 is being held in New Zealand.

**Q. India Global Forum’s (IGF) annual summit has been organized in which city?**

- A) Chennai  
B) Bengaluru  
C) New Delhi  
D) Hyderabad

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India Global Forum’s (IGF) annual summit is being organized in Bengaluru.
- ✓ The summit will bring together eminent faces of tech-driven disruption and those who have joined the unicorn club along with Union ministers, policymakers, and global business leaders.
- ✓ This comes as the first-of-its-kind confluence, particularly after the incentives announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the budget. The theme of the summit is ‘The New India Inc.’

**Q. Which country hosted the 2022 Mobile World Congress with a focus on 5G and economic recovery?**

- A) Spain  
B) Argentina  
C) Indonesia  
D) Germany

**Answer : A**





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- ✓ The Mobile World Congress 2022 was held in Barcelona, Spain. This event was organised by the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA) with a focus on 5G and economic recovery.
- ✓ The total number of 5G connections globally is expected to reach one billion in 2022 driving further momentum into 5G adoption as usage grows rapidly in key markets, findings of the Global Mobile Economy Report showed at the Mobile World Congress (MWC).

✓ **SPAIN**

Capital: Madrid

Currency: Euro

Prime Minister: Pedro Sánchez

**Q. Who is the author of the new book titled 'The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal'?**

A) Amitava Kumar

B) Vinod Kapri

C) Meghan Markle

D) Anindya Dutta

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Amitava Kumar's new book titled 'The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal' was released.
- ✓ This book was published by HarperCollins India.
- ✓ Amitava Kumar is an Indian writer and journalist, who is the Professor of English on the Helen Lockwood Chair at Vassar College.

**Q. India's largest electric vehicle (EV) charging station for 4 wheelers, with 121 charging points, has been launched in which city?**

A) Chennai

B) Bengaluru

C) Gurugram

D) Hyderabad

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India's largest electric vehicle (EV) charging station for 4 wheelers has been launched in Sector 86 of Gurugram, in Haryana, on March 03, 2022.
- ✓ The new EV charging stations comes with a capacity of 121 charging points for 4 wheelers and can charge 1,000 cars in a single day.
- ✓ Gurugram now has two of largest electric vehicle charging stations across the country.
- ✓ The first EV station was opened in in Sector 52 in January 2022, which has a capacity of 100 charging points for 4 wheelers.



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#### GURUGRAM IN NEWS 2021-22

- India's largest EV charging station for 4 wheelers opens in Sector 86 of Gurugram.
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) designates Aravalli Biodiversity Park in Gurugram 2022
- India's first heli-hub to be set up in Gurugram
- India's largest electric vehicle (EV) charging station opened at Delhi-Jaipur National Highway in Gurugram.
- India's first fisheries business incubator launched in Gurugram
- India's first 'Grain ATM' open in Gurugram, Haryana.

**Q. What amount of loan has been sanctioned by Axis Bank for India's healthcare sector, under SAMRIDH facility?**

- A) USD 150 million                      B) USD 180 million  
C) USD 200 million                      D) USD 250 million

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Axis Bank has signed an MoU with IPE Global for strengthening India's healthcare infrastructure by providing affordable finance of up to USD 150 million (about Rs 1,140 crore) through SAMRIDH.
- ✓ SAMRIDH Healthcare Blended Finance Facility is an initiative of the Government of India wherein a pool of fund is used to improve the health infrastructure, strengthen the skills of healthcare providers in India.
- ✓ SAMRIDH is supported by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi (IIT-D).
- ✓ SAMRIDH stands for Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH).

#### AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- Axis Bank commits USD 150 million loan to healthcare sector via SAMRIDH facility.
- Axis Bank and Airtel announces partnership to boost India's digital ecosystem.
- Axis Bank set to buy Citigroup's \$2.5 billion India retail unit.
- Axis Bank & CRMNEXT won IBSi Innovation Awards 2021 for "Best CRM System Implementation".



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- Axis Bank tie-up with MinkasuPay for biometric-based banking payments.
- Axis Bank issues first LC on dedicated govt-backed platform.
- Axis Bank emerges as highest bidder for Citi's consumer business in India.
- Axis Bank is 2nd largest in PoS machines.
- Axis Bank has become the second-largest merchant-acquiring bank.
- Oriental Insurance categorised as public shareholder in Axis Bank.
- Axis Bank tied up with Swift to provide digital banking solution.
- Oriental Insurance categorised as public shareholder in Axis Bank.
- Axis Bank signed MoU with Indian Navy to offer 'Power Salute'.
- Amitabh Chaudhry reappointed Axis Bank CEO.

#### ➤ **AXIS BANK**

Founded : 1993

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Rakesh Makhija

MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary

Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

**Q. Which of these has been awarded the 'Special Jury Award' at the 9th edition of FICCI Water Awards?**

- A) Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti
- B) National Mission for Clean Ganga
- C) National River Conservation Plan
- D) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation

**Answer : B**

- ✓ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has been felicitated with the 'Special Jury Award' at the 9th edition of FICCI Water Awards.
- ✓ NMCG has been awarded for its effort in reviving River Ganga and to bring about a paradigm shift in water management.





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- ✓ He also announced a \$100 million Global Sustainability Fund that will help the company to nurture more than 10,000 entrepreneurs on ESG solutions.
- ✓ The first electric vehicle under the Vida brand will be officially unveiled on July 1, 2022, to coincide with the birth anniversary of Dr. Brijmohan Lall, Chairman Emeritus of Hero MotoCorp.
- ✓ **Hero MotoCorp (Hero Honda)**  
Founder : Brijmohan Lall Munjal  
Headquarters : New Delhi  
Chairman, MD & CEO : Pawan Munjal

**Q. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of the airline company Jet Airways?**

- A) Vinay Dube
- B) Naresh Goyal
- C) Sanjiv Kapoor
- D) Sanjay Aggarwal

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Sanjiv Kapoor has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jet Airways, with effect from April 4, 2022.
- ✓ The Jalan Kalrock Consortium is the new promoter of Jet Airways.

## NEWLY CEO AIRLINES IN NEWS 2022

- Sanjiv Kapoor has been appointed as the new CEO of Jet Airways.
- Ilker Ayci named as MD and CEO of Air India
- Vinod Kannan named as next CEO of Vistara airline
- IndiGo's co-founder Rahul Bhatia named as first MD of the company
- Kaushik Khona becomes new CEO of GoAir
- **Jet Airways**  
Founded : 1992  
Headquarters : New Delhi  
CEO : Sanjiv Kapoor

**Q. The 2022 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup is being held in which country?**

- A) India
- B) Australia
- C) West Indies
- D) New Zealand



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#### Answer : D

- ✓ 2022 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup kicked off on March 04, 2022 in New Zealand.
- ✓ This is the 12 edition of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, being held in New Zealand from March 04 to April 03, 2022.
- ✓ The opening match of the ICC Women's World Cup 2022 was held at the Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui between West Indies and New Zealand, in which West Indies women beat New Zealand by 3 runs .
- ✓ The final match is scheduled to take place at the Hagley Oval stadium.
- ✓ Total 8 teams are participating which includes, New Zealand, Australia, England, South Africa, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and West Indies.
- ✓ **NEW ZEALAND**  
Capital : Wellington  
Currency : Dollar  
Prime Minister : Jacinda Ardern

#### RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2021-22

- Rajasthan govt announces 'Camel Protection and Development Policy'.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) will conduct the Exercise Vayu Shakti that will take place at Pokharan range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- Maru Mahotsav of the Golden City Or Jaisalmer Desert Festival Celebrated In Rajasthan.
- Saubhagya Scheme: Rajasthan tops solar electrification Scheme.
- Azure Power commissioned 600 MW solar project by SECI in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- India's 1st Emergency Landing Facility on National Highway in Rajasthan.
- Rajasthan govt to start 'Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Energy Yojana' for farmers.
- Ramgarh Vishdhari to be the fourth tiger reserve in Rajasthan.
- Rajasthan govt will set Vedic Education and Sanskar Board.
- Rajasthan Govt Launches "Mukhyamantri Anuprati"- A Free Coaching Scheme for Underprivileged Children.
- Rajasthan becomes the 1st state to provide free health insurance to all.
- First farm-based solar power plant comes up in Rajasthan.
- Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Jagannath Pahadia passes away.



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- Rajasthan Diwas is observed on March 30th every year; 72nd foundation day 2021.
- BSF launches Operation 'Sard Hawa' at Rajasthan border.
- 16th edition of India-US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 20' commences at Bikaner in Rajasthan

**Q. Which state became the top performing state in India with a population over one crore in terms of growth rate of Per Capita Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices**

- A) Telangana    B) Karnataka  
 C) Tamil Nadu                                         D) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Telangana became the top performing state in India with a population over one crore in terms of growth rate of Per Capita Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- ✓ It succeeded other states like Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The Gross State Domestic Price (GSDP) of Telangana increased from Rs 359434 crores in 2011-12 to Rs 1,154,860 crores in 2021-22.
- ✓ It recorded GSDP growth by 31.12 per cent from 2011-12. It is one of the highest growth rates for any state in the country.
- ✓ In terms of the percentage growth in GSDP, Telangana has shown the most rapid increase in its growth rate by around 17% from 2020 to the present.
- ✓ Major projects including Rythu Bandhu scheme for farmers, world's largest lift irrigation Kaleshwaram project to provide water to the fields and Arogya Laxmi scheme for pregnant and lactating women

### TELANGANA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Telangana topped the country in terms of Per Capita Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices.
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs allocates Rs. 2.26 Crores for Telangana's Medaram Jatara Festival 2022.
- Telangana govt tie-up with British Council to expand higher education.
- Telangana tops in highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages.
- Telangana's Pochampally village named among Best Tourism Villages by UNWTO.



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- Telangana's Bhadrachalam added as destination in IRCTC's Ramayana Circuit train.
- Telangana invited to participate in International Seed Conference.
- Mohd Azharuddin unveils world's largest cricket bat in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- India's first Indigenously Designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant inaugurated at BHEL R&D Centre, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Telangana develops India's first smartphone-based eVoting solution.
- Bathukamma festival begins in Telangana.
- Rudreswara Temple (Ramappa Temple) of Telangana inscribed as India's 39th UNESCO World Heritage List.

**Q. India's first Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU), Höegh Giant which sailed from Keppel Shipyard, Singapore has recently arrived at H-Energy's Jaigarh Terminal in which state?**

A) Gujarat

B) Kerala

C) Maharashtra

D) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India's first Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU), Höegh Giant which sailed from Keppel Shipyard, Singapore has arrived at H-Energy's Jaigarh Terminal in Maharashtra (MH) that has chartered the FSRU for 10 years.
- ✓ This will be the 1st year-round Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal which is located at JSW Jaigarh Port in the Ratnagiri district, Maharashtra. The Jaigarh port is the 1st deep water, 24x7 operational private port in Maharashtra.
- ✓ Höegh Giant was built in 2017 with storage capacity of 170,000 cubic metres and installed regasification capacity of 750 million cubic feet per day (that equals to about 6 million tonnes a year).
- ✓ This will deliver regasified LNG to the 56-km long Jaigarh-Dabhol natural gas pipeline, connecting the LNG terminal to the national gas grid.

**Q. Which Insurance Company has launched Dog Health Cover, a comprehensive health insurance for pet dogs, and a digital campaign named 'Oh My Dog!'?**

A) Reliance General Insurance

B) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

C) Future Generali India Insurance

D) Bharti AXA General Insurance





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**Answer : C**

- ✓ Future Generali India Insurance launched 'FG Dog Health Cover' Insurance & unveiled 'Oh My Dog!' Campaign

### LATEST CAMPAIGN IN NEWS 2021-22

- Future Generali India Insurance launched 'FG Dog Health Cover' Insurance & unveiled 'Oh My Dog!' Campaign.
- UNEP tie-up with Maharashtra to support 'Majhi Vasundhara' campaign.
- SBI General Insurance launched '#BahaneChhodoTaxBachao' campaign.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched a 100-day reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat'.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance starts '#Care4Hockey' Campaign.
- Bajaj Finserv kicks off the second phase of 'Savdhaan Rahein. Safe Rahein'. A public awareness campaign focusing on Life Insurance Frauds.
- HDFC Bank launches the 2nd edition of "Mooh Band Rakho" campaign.
- Rajasthan launched 'Prashasan Gaon ke Sang' Campaign.
- PNB launches '6S Campaign' under customer outreach programme.
- Ministry of Law and Justice launches "Ek Pahal" campaign.
- RuPay launches #FollowPaymentDistancing campaign to promote and encourage contactless payments.
- Minority Affairs Minister launched "JaanHaiToJahaanHai" awareness campaign.

**Q. India has signed Host Country Agreement (HCA) with International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the establishment of an Area Office & Innovation Centre of ITU in which city of the country?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Gurugram
- D) New Delhi

**Answer : D**



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- ✓ Government of India has signed the Host Country Agreement (HCA) with International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the establishment of an Area Office & Innovation Centre of ITU in New Delhi on March 03, 2022.
- ✓ The Area Office and Innovation Centre of ITU at New Delhi will serve South Asian countries comprising of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India.
- ✓ The agreement was signed between Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Communications and H.E. Houlin Zhao, Secretary General of ITU, in a virtual ceremony during the World Telecommunications Standardisation Assembly-20 (WTSA-20) being held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ ITU is the United Nations specialised agency for information and communication technologies (ICTs).

✓ **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**

Founded : 1865

Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

Secretary-General : Houlin Zhao

Membership : 193

**Q. Cricket legend Shane Warne has passed away. He played for which country?**

A) Australia

B) England

C) South Africa

D) New Zealand

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Australian cricketer Shane Warne has passed away at the age of 52 years due to a suspected heart attack in Thailand. He was a leg spinner.
- ✓ In 2013, he was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.
- ✓ No Spin is an autobiography of Shane Warne.
- ✓ He is regarded as the greatest spinner of cricket and has played 145 Tests for Australia and has 708 wickets only surpassed by Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan.
- ✓ In his Test career, he took 5 wickets in an innings 37 times and 10 wickets in 10 matches. He took 293 wickets in 194 ODIs.
- ✓ Shane Warne had led the Rajasthan Royals to its fairy tale title win against Chennai Super Kings in the inaugural edition of the IPL in 2008 as their captain



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**Q. The World Obesity Day is observed every year on which day?**

- A) 06 March                                  B) 04 March  
C) 03 March                                  D) 05 March

**Answer : B**

- ✓ World Obesity Day is observed every year on March 04. It is observed to spread awareness about obesity and encourage action towards its elimination.
- ✓ Theme for World Obesity Day 2022: 'Everybody Needs to Act'

**Q. Who has been roped in as the chief financial officer (CFO) of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)?**

- A) Vipin Anand                                  B) Sunil Agrawal  
C) Siddhartha Mohanty                          D) Mukesh Kumar Gupta

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Sunil Agrawal has been appointed as the chief financial officer (CFO) of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).
- ✓ Prior to this, Agrawal was the CFO of Reliance Nippon Life Insurance for over 12 years.
- ✓ LIC has changed the position of 'Executive director finance and accounting (F&A)' to CFO as the corporation is preparing for its public listing.
- ✓ Shubhangi Sanjay Soman was the executive director in charge of F&A before the creation of the new post.

## LIC IN NEWS 2021-22

- Sunil Agrawal has been appointed as the chief financial officer (CFO) of LIC.
- 20% FDI in LIC via automatic route approved by the government.
- LIC tie-up with Policybazaar for digital distribution of life insurance.
- As per a brand valuation report released by Brand Finance, LIC has been ranked at 10th in the list of insurance brands globally.
- Centre extends tenure of LIC Chairman M R Kumar by one year till March 2023.
- Govt set to allow 20% foreign direct investment (FDI) in LIC ahead of listing.
- LIC has inaugurated "Digi Zone", at Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai to sell policies online.



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- LIC launches Dhan Rekha plan savings life insurance plan.
- IRDAI has stated that LIC, GIC Re and New India continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2021-22.
- LIC gets RBI approval to increase stake up in IndusInd Bank, 4.95% to 9.99%.
- RBI approves to increase LIC's stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank to 9.99% from 4.96%
- LIC Launches Mobile App 'PRAGATI' for Development Officers.
- PRAGATI stands for "Performance Review Application, Growth And Trend Indicator".
- LIC buys 3.9% stake in Bank of India via open market acquisition.
- Govt appoints 10 merchant bankers for managing IPO of LIC.
- LIC launches ANANDA mobile app for Agents/Intermediaries.
- Mini Ipe takes charge as Managing Director of LIC.
- Government extends superannuation age of LIC Chairman to up to 62 years.
- LIC has launched a centralized web-based workflow-based IT platform called "e-PGS".
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**

Founded : 1956

Headquarters : Mumbai

Chairman : M. R. Kumar

Managing Director : 4 ( Mini Ipe, BC Patnaik, Siddhartha Mohanty, & Raj Kumar)

**Q. What is the rank of India in the Sustainable Development Report 2021 list?**

A) 144

B) 105

C) 120

D) 130

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India has been ranked at 120th position in the Sustainable Development Report 2021 or Sustainable Development Index 2021.
- ✓ The Index has been topped by Finland.
- ✓ The Index measures the country's total progress towards achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- ✓ These 17 Sustainable Development Goals were adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2015 as a part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



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- ✓ In this Index, countries are ranked by a score out of 100. India has a score of 60.07. Last year India's rank was 117
- ✓ The 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) to transform our world:
- ✓ GOAL 1: No Poverty
- ✓ GOAL 2: Zero Hunger
- ✓ GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being
- ✓ GOAL 4: Quality Education
- ✓ GOAL 5: Gender Equality
- ✓ GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- ✓ GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- ✓ GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- ✓ GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- ✓ GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality
- ✓ GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- ✓ GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- ✓ GOAL 13: Climate Action
- ✓ GOAL 14: Life Below Water
- ✓ GOAL 15: Life on Land
- ✓ GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions
- ✓ GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal

**Q. Finland has topped the Sustainable Development Index 2021. Which of these countries is not among the top 5 nations in the list?**

- A) Finland
- B) Denmark
- C) Sweden
- D) Norway

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The top 5 countries in this ranking are:
  - 1 Rank - Finland
  - 2 Rank - Sweden
  - 3 Rank - Denmark
  - 4 Rank - Germany



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5 Rank - Belgium

**Q. Which Indian city has created Guinness record by lighting 11.71 lakh clay lamps (diyas) in 10 minutes, on the occasion of Mahashivratri 2022?**

- A) Ujjain                                      B) Varanasi  
C) Haridwar                                  D) Prayagraj

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh has created a Guinness record by lighting 11.71 lakh clay lamps (diyas) in 10 minutes.
- ✓ The diyas were lighted as part of the 'Shiv Jyoti Arpanam Mahotsava' on the occasion of Mahashivratri on March 01, 2022.
- ✓ With this they broke the earlier record of lighting 9.41 lakh diyas created in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh on 03 November 2021.
- ✓ Ujjain is also known as 'Land of Mahakal'.
- ✓ Ujjain is a district in Madhya Pradesh. It is situated on the Malwa Plateau on the eastern side of the Chambal River tributary, the Sipra (Shipra) River

**Q. The ministry of Women & Child Development has launched 'Stree Manoraksha Project' in collaboration with which organisation to improve the mental health of women population across the country?**

- A) NIMHANS                                      B) Butterflies India  
C) Akshaya Patra Foundation              D) Pragti Education And Welfare Society

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has launched the 'Stree Manoraksha Project' to improve the mental health of women in India.
- ✓ The project was launched by Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani on day 2 of the week long International Women's Day week celebrations on March 02, 2022.
- ✓ The initiative has been launched in collaboration with NIMHANS, a world-renowned centre for mental health, neurosciences and allied fields, based in Bengaluru.



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- ✓ The project would focus on capacity building of One-Stop Centres (OSC) across India on the tools and techniques as to how to handle the cases of women approaching the One Stop Centres, particularly the women who have suffered violence and distress, with due sensitivity and care.
- ✓ The initiative will extend mental health training to 6000 OSC functionaries under the project.

**Q. Anubhav is a mobile car showroom, launched by which auto company for its rural customers?**

- A) Maruti Suzuki  
B) Tata Motors  
C) Hyundai India  
D) Mahindra & Mahindra

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Tata Motors has launched a mobile showroom (showroom on wheels) named 'Anubhav,' to target rural customers by increasing their reach in rural areas and providing them with a doorstep car buying experience.
- ✓ Tata Motors will deploy a total of 103 mobile showrooms across the country, to enhance the Tata Motors brand awareness in rural India.

✓ **TATA MOTORS**

Founded : 1945

Founder : J.R.D. Tata

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Natarajan Chandrasekaran

**Q. TS Ramakrishnan has been appointed as the MD & CEO of which mutual fund company?**

- A) LIC Mutual Fund  
B) SBI Mutual Fund  
C) UTI Mutual Fund  
D) HDFC Mutual Fund

**Answer : A**

- ✓ TS Ramakrishnan has been appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of LIC Mutual Fund with effect from March 01, 2022.
- ✓ Ramakrishnan replaces Dinesh Pangtey.



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**Q. Shri Nivetha, Esha Singh and Ruchita Vinerkar recently represented India in which sports to win gold medal?**

- A) Tennis  
B) Wrestling  
C) Shooting  
D) Boxing

**Answer : C**

- ✓ In shooting, the Indian trio of Shri Nivetha, Esha Singh and Ruchita Vinerkar made India proud by winning the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol team event at ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt, on March 02, 2022.

**Q. Central Government has approved the proposal for continuation of the seven existing sub schemes under the Umbrella Scheme "Relief and Rehabilitation of Migrants and Repatriates" for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 with a total outlay of Rs.\_\_\_\_.**

- A) Rs 1452 crores  
B) Rs 1740 crores  
C) Rs 2178 crores  
D) Rs 1295 crores

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Central Government has approved the proposal for continuation of the seven existing sub schemes under the Umbrella Scheme "Relief and Rehabilitation of Migrants and Repatriates" for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 with a total outlay of Rs.1,452 crore.
- ✓ The approval will ensure that assistance under the Umbrella Scheme, continues to reach beneficiaries through the Ministry of Home Affairs led by Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah.

**Q. Which Airlines has partnered with Switzerland based solar fuels start-up, Synhelion SA and is set to become world's first airline to use solar aviation fuel?**

- A) Emirates  
B) Vistara airline  
C) InterGlobe Aviation  
D) Swiss International Air Lines AG

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Swiss International Air Lines AG (SWISS or Swiss Air Lines) and its parent company, Lufthansa Group have partnered with Switzerland based solar fuels start-up, Synhelion SA (Synhelion) to use its solar aviation fuel.
- ✓ Swiss International Airlines will become the first airline to use solar aviation fuel ("sun-to-liquid" fuel) to help power its flights.





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- ✓ Synhelion is set to build the world's first facility to industrially produce solar fuel in Jülich, Germany. The plant will become operational from 2022 onwards. SWISS will become the first customer of solar kerosene in 2023.

**Q. Who among the following players has become the second Indian bowler to take wickets in Tests, surpassing former Indian captain Kapil Dev?**

- A) Ravindra Jadeja                      B) R Ashwin  
C) Hardik Pandya                      D) Bhuvneshwar Kumar

**Answer : B**

- ✓ R Ashwin On the third day of the first Test (India vs Sri Lanka), R Ashwin completed his 435 wickets in Tests as soon as Dickwella took the wicket. After this together he left Kapil Dev behind. Kapil took 434 wickets.
- ✓ Ashwin has become India's second successful bowler. Leg spinner Anil Kumble is India's successful bowler in Tests. He has taken 619 wickets.
- ✓ R Ashwin has also taken more than 150 wickets in ODIs.

**Q. Which among the following is Europe's largest nuclear power plant?**

- A) Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station  
B) Cernavodă Nuclear Power Station  
C) Bohunice Nuclear Power Station  
D) Khmelnytskyi Nuclear Power Station

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station, located in southeastern Ukraine near the city of Enerhodar, is the largest nuclear power plant in Europe and among the 10 largest in the world. It accounts for about one-quarter of Ukraine's power generation.
- ✓ The Russians captured the nuclear power plant on March 4, 2022 after intense fighting.

**Q. The National Safety Day is observed on which day of the year?**

- A) 03 March                              B) 02 March  
C) 05 March                              D) 04 March

**Answer : D**



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- ✓ National Safety Day (NSD) is celebrated every year on 4th of March to commemorate the foundation of National Safety Council (NSC) of India.
- ✓ The first National Safety Day was observed in 1972.
- ✓ The year 2022 marks 51st NSD.
- ✓ Theme 2022 is “Nurture young minds – Develop safety culture”.
- ✓ The National Safety Council was set up on 4th March, 1966 by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, to develop and implement a voluntary routine in the areas of safety, health, and the environment.
- ✓ The 2022 National Safety Week has been organised from March 04 to 10, 2022.

**Q. National Security Day is observed on March 04 annually to commemorate the foundation of National Security Council (NSC) of India. In which year was NSC established?**

- A) 1987    B) 1992  
C) 1966    D) 1975

**Answer : C**

- ✓ In India, March 4 is celebrated as National Security Day (Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas) every year, in the honor of the Indian Security Forces.
- ✓ The first National Security Day (NSD) was held in 1972.
- ✓ The National Security Day aims to show gratitude to all the security forces, including policemen, paramilitary forces, commandos, guards, army officers, and other persons involved in security, who sacrifice their life in maintaining the peace and security of the people of the country.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1966 that the National Security Council (NSC) of India was established by the Ministry of Labour, Government of India.
- ✓ Apart from this, the National Security Week 2022 is being celebrated from March 4 to March 10, 2022.

**Q. “One Among You” is an autobiography of which politician?**

- A) MK Stalin    B) Edappadi K Palaniswami  
C) Jagan Mohan Reddy                              D) K. Chandrashekar Rao

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Autobiography of MK Stalin, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu was launched by Rahul Gandhi. The title of the book is “Ungalil Oruvan” which means “One Among You”.



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- ✓ This is the first part of the autobiography that contains his early life experiences. Stalin is the president of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) party.

### AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN NEWS 2021-22

- Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin's autobiography "Ungalil Oruvan" launched
- A book on Arundhati Bhattacharya "Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership"
- Bala Krishna Madhur's autobiography titled 'At Home In The Universe'.
- Narotam Sekhsaria's autobiography "The Ambuja Story".
- Ban Ki-moon autobiography "Resolved: Uniting Nations in a Divided World".
- Suresh Raina's Autobiography 'Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me'
- Co-authored By : Bharat Sundaresan
- Neena Gupta's autobiography 'Sach Kahun Toh'
- "Philip Roth: The Biography," Authored By : Blake Bailey
- Autobiography of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, titled "The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle"
- Authored By : Imitiaz Ahmad Sahibzada
- By Many a Happy Accident: Recollections of a Life
- Book by Mohammad Hamid Ansari
- Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra announces autobiography 'The Stranger In The Mirror'
- Narotam Sekhsaria's autobiography "The Ambuja Story"
- Justice Rajindar Sachar's Autobiography: 'In Pursuit of Justice'
- 'Portraits of Power',w autobiography of NK Singh, Chairman of 15th Finance Commission
- Sonu Sood's autobiography to be titled 'I Am No Messiah' Co-authored by Meena Iyer
- Will Smith announced his autobiography 'Will' Author By : Mark Manson

**Q. India's first ambulance for street animals has been launched in which city?**

- A) Chennai
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Vishakhapatnam

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India's first ambulance for street animals has been launched in Chennai



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- ✓ It has been started by the Blue Cross of India in collaboration with the international animal welfare organization "Four Paw"
- ✓ Madras High Court Justice Dr Anitha Sumanth launched the ambulance.
- ✓ The Stray Animal Care programme will be a "hospital on wheels" with an on-board veterinarian to provide on-site treatment to injured and sick street animals.

### AMBULANCE IN NEWS 2021-22

- India's first ambulance for street animals has been launched in Chennai
- Andhra Pradesh to launch India's first govt-run ambulance network for animals
- DRDO hands over Motor Bike Ambulance Rakshita to CRPF
- Pashu Sanjeevani Animal Ambulance service launched in Mysuru, Karnataka
- Kerala Govt commissioned 1st Marine Ambulance 'PRATHEEKSHA'
- Tamil Nadu Appointed M Veeralakshmi India's first ever women ambulance driver
- India's 1st integrated air ambulance service launched at Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Maharashtra gave ambulance status to vehicles carrying medical oxygen for one year

**Q. Which bank has partnered with Indore Clean Energy Private Limited (ICEPL) for the development of Gobar-Dhan plant in Indore under its Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) commitments?**

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) Yes Bank
- D) Canara Bank

**Answer : B**

- ✓ HDFC Bank has partnered with Indore Clean Energy Private Limited (ICEPL) for the development of Gobar-Dhan plant in Indore under its Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) commitments.
- ✓ The 550-tonne capacity "Gobar-Dhan (Bio-CNG) Plant" was inaugurated by PM Modi in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on February 19, 2022. This is the biggest Bio-CNG plant in Asia. It has been set up at a cost of Rs 150 crore.



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- ✓ Indore Clean Energy Pvt Ltd (ICEPL) is promoted by Green Growth Equity Fund (GGEF), which is the largest climate impact fund in India with anchor investors like NIIF & Government of UK.

### HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2021-22.

- HDFC Bank finances Asia's largest waste to energy plant in Indore- Gobar-Dhan plant.
- Tata Group choose SBI, BoB and HDFC Bank to finance Air India's old debt.
- HDFC Bank named as Best Private Bank in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021.
- HDFC Bank wins the coveted CII award for 'Most Innovative Best Practice'.
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
- HDFC Life signed bancassurance partnership with South Indian Bank.
- HDFC Bank tie-up with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to offer banking services in rural areas.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank partnered with HDFC Bank to offer co-branded credit cards.
- HDFC launches 'green and sustainable' deposits programme for retail clients.
- Paytm & HDFC Bank tie up to provide solutions across payment gateway.
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) lends \$250 million to HDFC Ltd to boost green housing finance.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Dukandar Overdraft Scheme'.
- HDFC Bank's digital self-service credit portal for customers.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Salaam Dil Sey' initiative.
- HDFC Bank top arranger of corporate bond deals in FY21.

#### ➤ **HDFC BANK**

Founded : 1994

Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

Tagline : We understand your world

**Q. Which of the following organisation will release the National Gender Index in India?**

A) NITI Aayog

B) Transparency International

C) World Economic Forum (WEF)

D) World Health Organization (WHO)



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#### Answer : A

- ✓ NITI Aayog is in the process of developing a National Gender Index.
- ✓ Objective of National Gender Index: It shall measure the progress and identify the persisting gaps in gender equality to make informed policy decisions.
- ✓ It will serve as a tool to map the progress of India's States and UTs on defined gender metrics and build the foundation for positive change.
- ✓ The information was released in the Annual Report 2021-22 of NITI Aayog
- ✓ **NITI Aayog ( National Institution for Transforming India)**

Founded : 1 January 2015

Preceding : Planning Commission ( 15 March 1950)

Headquarters : New Delhi

Chairperson : Narendra Modi

Vice Chairperson : Rajiv Kumar

CEO : Amitabh Kant

NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Q. What is the foreign direct investment (FDI) Limit for Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) under the automatic route?**

- A) 74%
- B) 48%
- C) 20%
- D) 56%

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Union Cabinet has approved an amendment to the FDI Policy to allow foreign direct investment (FDI) up to 20 percent under the "automatic route" in Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).
- ✓ This comes ahead of IPO of LIC.
- ✓ Prior to this, there was no limit was prescribed for foreign investment in LIC. The FDI ceiling for LIC has now been made at par with that of public sector banks.
- ✓ It must be noted that the FDI limit in the insurance sector is 74 percent. Last year it was raised from 49% to 74%.
- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) was established under the LIC Act, 1956
- ✓ **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**



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Founded : 1956

Headquarters : Mumbai

Chairman : M. R. Kumar

Managing Director : 4 ( Mini Ipe, BC Patnaik, Siddhartha Mohanty, & Raj Kumar)

**Q. Where will India's first e-waste eco-park come up?**

- A) Chennai
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Mumbai
- D) New Delhi

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Delhi Government has planned to set up India's first e-waste eco-park to handle increasing e-waste.
- ✓ The park is proposed to be built in Narela industrial area in New Delhi, across 20 acres area.
- ✓ The park will recycle and re-manufacture e-waste in a safe and scientific manner.

### INDIA'S FIRST PARK IN NEWS 2021-22

- India's first e-waste eco-park to come up in Delhi
- Himachal Pradesh gets 1st Biodiversity Park at Mandi
- India's first geopark to be set up in Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh
- Kaziranga National Park becomes India's first national park with satellite phones
- India's first Pollinator Park inaugurated in Haldwani, Uttarakhand
- India's first lichen park developed in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand
- India's first sand dune parks and interpretation centres is set to be developed in Goa
- India's First 'Gender Park' in Kerala's Kozhikode
- Naveen Patnaik inaugurates India's first 'Fire Park' in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- India's 1st hot air balloon wildlife safari launched in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve Madhya Pradesh
- India's first 'tyre park' to come up in West Bengal
- India's highest herbal park inaugurated in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand



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**Q. Which of the following estate was launched by President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan to promote the importance of Ayurvedic plants and their effects on human body?**

- A) Arogya Vanam                                  B) Jeevan Vanam  
C) Suraksha Vanam                                 D) Swastha Vanam

**Answer : A**

- ✓ President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated a newly developed 'Arogya Vanam' at the President's Estate, (Rashtrapati Bhavan) in New Delhi on March 1, 2022.
- ✓ The objective of this Arogya Vanam is promote the importance of Ayurvedic plants and their effects on human body.
- ✓ The Vanam has been developed in the shape of a human sitting in the Yoga Mudra
- ✓ Spread in 6.6 acres areas, the Arogya Vanam consists of around 215 herbs and plants used for therapeutic purposes in Ayurveda. It also features water fountains, Yoga platform, water channel, lotus pond and a view point

**Q. When weill Ministry of Women and Child Development celebrate the International Women's Day week in 2022?**

- A) 01 March to 07 March                                  B) 01 March to 08 March  
C) 02 March to 08 March                                 D) 03 March to 09 March

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Ministry of Women and Child Development will celebrate the International Women's Day week from 1st to 8th March 2022.
- ✓ For this, the Ministry will organize various events and social media campaigns related to women's safety and empowerment.

**Q. Ministry of Women and Child Development will launch the 'Back to School' Campaign in partnership with which organization?**

- A) World Economic Forum (WEF)  
B) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)  
C) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)  
D) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

**Answer : C**





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- ✓ 'Back to School' Campaign will be launched jointly by MoWCD and UNICEF India as 'Kanya Shiksha Pravesh Utsav', focusing on supporting out-of-school girls.

**Q. Dudhala became the first village to be completely solarised by a foundation (Shree Ramkrishna Knowledge Foundation). Where is Dudhala village located?**

- A) Haryana  
B) Karnataka  
C) Gujarat  
D) Meghalaya

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Gujarat's Dudhala becomes the first village to be completely solarised by a foundation
- ✓ Goldi Solar, a global solar panel manufacturer and EPC services provider, in partnership with Shree Ramkrishna Knowledge Foundation (SRKKF) laid the foundation stone for the solarisation of the village of Dudhala in Gujarat.
- ✓ A 450 KW solar rooftop project will be used to power around 350 houses and public areas such as anganwadis and gram panchayat.

**Q. Which IIT has developed biodegradable nanoparticles to protect crops from diseases?**

- A) IIT Madras  
B) IIT Mandi  
C) IIT Roorkee  
D) IIT Kanpur

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur have developed a biodegradable nanoparticle that can be used as an alternative to chemical-based pesticides and help farmers protect their crops from bacterial and fungal infections..

**Q. Which of the following company has launched a 'Play Pass' subscription in India?**

- A) Meta  
B) Google  
C) Amazon  
D) Microsoft

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Google launched the 'Play Pass' subscription service in This service will provide Android device users access to over 1,000 applications and games without ads, in-app purchases and upfront payments. Play Pass is currently available in 90 countries.



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**Q. Who became the first Indian to win the Boltzmann Medal?**

- A) Niranjan Gupta                      B) Santhosh Kumar  
C) Deepak Dhar                         D) Rahul Tripathi

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Physicist Professor Deepak Dhar became the first Indian to be awarded the Boltzmann Medal. He shares the medal with John J Hoefield of Princeton University.
- ✓ The Commission on Statistical Physics of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) presented this medal once in three years for contributions in the field of statistical physics.

**Q. RBI invited RFP to assess the impact of its financial literacy campaigns. What is the acronym of RFP?**

- A) Reserve for Proposal                B) Request for Project  
C) Request for Proposal                D) Retain for Profit

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed to assess the impact of the multi-media awareness campaigns launched to promote financial literacy and also safe banking practices.
- ✓ RBI invited the request for proposal (RFP) from certain shortlisted entities, which would be required to undertake outcome and impact assessment of its multilingual, pan-India public awareness campaigns.
- ✓ The RBI runs the 'RBI Kehta Hai' campaign to educate and empower the public about banking regulations and also to make them aware of good and safe banking practices.

**Q. Which country has approved World's first plant-based COVID-19 Vaccine 'Covifenz'?**

- A) France                                      B) Germany  
C) Russia                                      D) Canada

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Canada approves World's first plant-based COVID-19 Vaccine 'Covifenz'
- ✓ Canada approved the use of Covifenz, the world's first plant-derived COVID-19 vaccine jointly developed by Medicigo Inc. and GlaxoSmithKline Plc.
- ✓ This vaccine is for people 18 to 64 years of age. The approval of the plant-derived COVID-19 vaccine could help overcome vaccine hesitancy among many as countries are struggling to raise vaccination rates after a certain threshold.



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**Q. When is World Civil Defence Day observed?**

- A) 02 March                                      B) 27 February  
C) 28 February                                  D) 01 March

**Answer : D**

- ✓ World Civil Defence Day is observed annually on 01 March to raise awareness among individuals about the vital role of civil defence in disaster recovery and to encourage preparedness, avoidance, and self-protection.
- ✓ This day was first declared by the International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO) in 1990.
- ✓ Theme 2022 : 'Civil Defence and the first aider in every home'.

**Q. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) replacing Ajay Tyagi?**

- A) G Mahalingam                                      B) Dimple Bhandia  
C) A. K. Chaturvedi                                  D) Madhabi Puri Buch

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Madhabi Puri Buch has been appointed as the new chairperson of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- ✓ She is the first woman to head the securities market regulator.
- ✓ She has been appointed for a period of three years with effect from March 01, 2022.
- ✓ Puri Buch succeeds Ajay Tyagi, whose five years tenure ends on February 28, 2022.
- ✓ She is a former whole-time member of Sebi.

### SEBI IN NEWS 2021-22

- Madhabi Puri Buch named as first woman chief of SEBI
- SEBI launches Saa᳚thi mobile app on investor education
- SEBI makes provision of separation of chairperson & MD/CEO roles voluntary
- SEBI reconstitutes advisory panel for alternative investment policy; Headed By N R Narayana Murthy.
- SEBI reconstitutes its 8-member advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund; Headed By : G Mahalingam



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- SEBI formed 4-Member Advisory Committee on Settlement Orders; Headed By : Jai Narayan Patel
- SEBI reconstitutes its primary market advisory committee; Headed By : S Sahoo
- SEBI set up Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS); Headed By : Madhabi Puri Buch
- SEBI's Secondary Market Advisory Committee (SMAC); Headed By : Madhabi Puri Buch
- SEBI's Advisory committee on Mutual Funds; Headed By : Usha Thorat
- SEBI's Corporate Bonds and Securitization Advisory Committee (CoBoSAC); Headed By : G Mahalingam
- SEBI's Information Systems Security Committee (ISSC); Headed By : H Krishnamurthy
- SEBI formed IT Projects Advisory Committee (IT-PAC); Headed By: Abhay Karandikar
- SEBI reconstituted Technical Advisory Committee; Headed By: Deepak B Phatak
- SEBI reconstitutes Four-member Takeover Panel; Chaired By : N. K. Sodhi
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

Founded : 1988

Act : 1992

Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

First Women Chairmam : Madhabi Puri Buch

SEBI was given statutory recognition in 1992 on the recommendation of the Narasimham Committee.

**Q. What is India's GDP growth rate projection for 2021-22 as per the second advance estimate of National Statistical Office (NSO)?**

A) 7.5%

B) 8.9%

C) 9.1%

D) 6.9%

**Answer : B**

- ✓ National Statistical Office (NSO) has released the second advance estimates of national accounts.
- ✓ The GDP growth rate projection as per NSO for 2021-22 (FY22) and 2020-21 (FY21) is given below:
- ✓ For 2021-22 (FY22)= 8.9% (earlier it was 9.2% in first advance estimates)
- ✓ For 2020-21 (FY21)= -6.6% (earlier it was -7.3%)



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**Q. Recently Japan and India have renewed the Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) that was signed in 2018. What is the size of this BSA?**

- A) USD 95 billion                      B) USD 75 billion  
C) USD 85 billion                      D) USD 65 billion

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Japan and India have renewed the Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) the size of which is upto USD 75 billion.
- ✓ The actual Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) was signed between Bank of Japan and Reserve Bank of India in 2018.
- ✓ **What is Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA):** The BSA is a two-way arrangement where both authorities can swap their local currencies in exchange for the US Dollar.
- ✓ The interest rate charged in this case is fixed at the time of signing the agreement and hence it reduces the risk caused due to fluctuations in the exchange rate.

### JAPAN IN NEWS 2021-22

- Japan and India have renewed the Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) the size of which is up to USD 75 billion.
- 3rd edition of the joint military exercise “EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022” between India and Japan will be conducted at Belagavi (Belgaum), Karnataka.
- Japan has introduced a minibus lookalike world’s first dual-mode vehicle (DMV) in its town of Kaiyo.
- Japan launches Inmarsat-6 F1 Communications Satellite.
- Fumio Kishida re-elected as Prime Minister of Japan.
- Fumio Kishida sworn in as 100th Prime Minister of Japan.
- 5th edition of India – Japan Maritime Bilateral Exercise JIMEX was held in the Arabian Sea.
- Yoshihide Suga to step down as Japan’s prime minister.
- Indian Journalist P Sainath wins Japan’s Fukuoka Grand Prize for 2021 .
- Japan to provide USD 9.3 million aid to India for building cold chain system to fight COVID-19.
- Japan’s Order of the Rising Sun honour to Shyamala Ganesh.
- India and Japan signed an MoU for Academic and Research Cooperation.



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- SBI inks USD1 billion loan agreement with Japan Bank for International Cooperation.
- World's most powerful supercomputer named "Fugaku", developed by Japanese scientific research institute RIKEN and Fujitsu.
- Japan to launch the first wood-based satellite by 2023
- **JAPAN**  
Capital : Tokyo  
Currency : Yen  
Emperor : Naruhito  
Prime Minister : Fumio Kishida

**Q. Bank of Maharashtra has partnered with Mahagram to roll out 'Bank Sakhi' project in which state of India?**

- A) Kerala  
B) Odisha  
C) Gujarat  
D) Telangana

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Bank of Maharashtra has partnered with Mahagram (a fintech company) to roll out the 'Bank Sakhi' project in Odisha.
- ✓ Mahagram would provide the Bank of Maharashtra with financial technology and infrastructure support to augment rural financial inclusion.
- ✓ As part of this partnership, Mahagram has onboarded more than 11,000 bank sakhis (women) on the BharatATM platform to help the rural citizens avail basic banking services at their doorstep or the next door Kirana stores.
- ✓ BharatATM platform is a rural banking platform that offers banking services to small merchants and customers through its assisted banking app. It was launched by Mahagram in December 2020.
- ✓ Mahagram fintech company is based in Mumbai

### ODISHA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Bank of Maharashtra has tied up with Mahagram to roll out the 'Bank Sakhi' project in Odisha.
- Odisha CM inaugurated Odisha's longest bridge 'T-Setu' in Cuttack.



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- Unnati Hooda and Kiran George wins 2022 Odisha Open at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha.
- Odisha's first tribal CM Hemananda Biswal passes away.
- India successfully tests 'Pralay' missile off Odisha coast With a range of 150 to 500 km.
- Odisha launched Digital Life Certificate system for pensioners 2022.
- Odisha's Ganjam district is now child marriage free 2022.
- Cyclone Jawad to hit Odisha, Andhra and West Bengal; named by Saudi Arabia.
- India's first National Yogasana Sports Championships organised in Bhubaneswar.
- Odisha government launches road safety initiative 'Rakshak'.
- Nuakhai, harvest festival celebrated in Odisha.
- Odisha will host the Men's Hockey Junior World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium.
- Odisha to become 1st Indian state to Provide Smart Health Cards.
- INS Khanjar becomes first Indian Navy ship to call at heritage coastal port of Gopalpur in Odisha.
- Odisha Government has launched 'Ashirvad scheme' for children.
- Odisha government Launched e-learning methods for students: e-Pathshala, e- Mulyankan.
- Raja Parba festival celebrated in Odisha.
- Odisha to sponsor Indian Hockey teams for 10 more years.
- Odisha announces Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches 'mask abhiyan' against Covid-19.
- PM Modi releases Hindi version of the book 'Odisha Itihaas' written by Dr Harekrushna Mahtab.
- Odisha celebrated its 85th foundation day of the state on April 1. The day is also known as 'Utkal Divas'.
- Odisha Govt announced Rs 200 crore Development Package for Maa Samaleswari Shrine.
- India's First Thunderstorm Research Testbed to be established at Balasore in Odisha.
- Pattachitra style of painting is one of the oldest and most popular art forms of Odisha.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched Bindu Sagar Cleaning Project in Bhubaneswar.
- India's largest hockey stadium to be set up in Rourkela Odisha.
- Odisha To Host FIH Men's Hockey World Cup Of The Year 2023.



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**Q. Which country will host the 31st Southeast Asian Games?**

- A) Indonesia  
B) Vietnam  
C) Singapore  
D) Thailand

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The 31st Southeast Asian Games will be held in Vietnam from May 12 to 23, 2022. It is the biggest sporting event of Southeast Asia and is a biennial event
- ✓ The event was originally scheduled to take place in November 2021 however it was postponed due to the Covid pandemic.
- ✓ Capital of Vietnam i.e Hanoi will be the main venue of the event.
- ✓ In 2023, the Southeast Asian Games will be held at- Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- ✓ The mascot of the 2021
- ✓ Southeast Asian Games is "Sao La", inspired by saola – a rare mammal native to central Vietnam
- ✓ Moto of 31st Southeast Asian Games- "For a Stronger South East Asia"
- ✓ **VIETNAM**  
Capital : Hanoi  
Currency : Dong  
Prime Minister : Pham Minh Chinh

**Q. Who became the first Indian to win a silver medal in recurve individual event in the Para World Championships?**

- A) Avani Lekhara  
B) Pooja Jatyan  
C) Rubina Francis  
D) Manish Narwal

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Indian para archer Pooja Jatyan has won Silver medal in the Recurve Women Finals at Para Archery World Championships 2022 in Dubai.
- ✓ She lost to Petrilli Vincenza of Italy (7-3).
- ✓ With this win, Pooja has become the first Indian to win a silver medal in an individual section of the Para World Championships.
- ✓ India concluded its campaign with 2 Silver medals at the Championship.
- ✓ Shyam Sundar and Jyoti Balyan won Silver in Compound Open Mixed Team.





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✓ The biennial Para Archery World Championship was held from 19 to 27 February 2022 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

**Q. Recently, Dr Jitendra Singh launched the International Monsoons Project Office (IMPO) at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM). Where is this IMPO/IITM located?**

A) Pune

B) Mumbai

C) Chennai

D) Hyderabad

**Answer : A**

✓ Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh launched the International Monsoons Project Office (IMPO) at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune through virtual mode on the occasion of National Science Day on February 28, 2022.

✓ The IITM, Pune is an institution under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt of India.

✓ The IMPO has been launched for an initial period of five years.

✓ Basic objective of IMPO is promoting knowledge sharing and capacity building in areas of monsoon research.

✓ IMPO would work under the leadership of the World Climate Research Programme and the World Weather Research Programme for research activities.

✓ Both these programmes are coordinated by the United Nations World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

**Q. Which company has signed an MoU with the Union Ministry of Defence worth ₹ 1,075 crore contract retro-modification of commander sight in 957 T-90 battle tanks?**

A) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

B) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

C) Bharat Electronics Limited

D) Power Grid Corporation of India

**Answer : C**

✓ Ministry of Defence has signed a ₹ 1,075 crores contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for retro-modification of commander sight in 957 T-90 battle tanks.

✓ Commander sight of T-90, India's premier battle tank, is presently fitted with an image converter (IC) tube-based sight for night viewing.



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**Q. How many satellites were launched into space through China's new Long March-8?**

- A) 22  
B) 52  
C) 34  
D) 43

**Answer : A**

- ✓ China's new Long March-8 rocket launched 22 satellites at the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in southern Hainan.
- ✓ This mission marked a domestic record for the most spacecraft (409) launched by a single rocket.
- ✓ These satellites will be mainly used for commercial remote sensing services, marine environment monitoring, forest fire prevention and disaster mitigation

**Q. Who is the author of the book titled 'Udaan Ek Majdoor Bachhe Ki'?**

- A) Ankit Tiwari  
B) Jagdeesh Kumar  
C) Mithilesh Tiwari  
D) Vikram Sampath

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Bhajan Samrat Anup Jalota released a new book titled 'Udaan Ek Majdoor Bachhe Ki' was authored by Mithilesh Tiwari.
- ✓ This book is about Captain A. D. Manek, the founder of 'The Skyline Aviation Club'.

**Q. When will the Janaushadhi Diwas Week be observed by Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in 2022?**

- A) 03 March to 10 March  
B) 02 March to 08 March  
C) 01 March to 07 March  
D) 04 March to 11 March

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers will organize the Janaushadhi Diwas from 1st March to 7th March 2022.
- ✓ On 7th March 2022 the 4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas will be celebrated.
- ✓ Theme of 4th Janaushadhi Diwas: "Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi".
- ✓ Objective of Janaushadhi Week and Day : To create awareness about the usages of generic medicines and benefits of Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana.



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- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India in November, 2008 to provide quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all.
- ✓ The Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10,500 by the end of March 2025.

**Q. The 4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas will be celebrated on 7 March 2022. What is the theme of 4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas?**

- A) Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi                      B) Jan Aushadhi- Jan Samman  
C) Jan Aushadhi- Jan Kalyan                      D) Jan Kalyan- Jan Samman

**Answer : A**

- ✓ On 7th March 2022 the 4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas will be celebrated. Theme of 4th Janaushadhi Diwas: "Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi".

**Q. When is Zero Discrimination Day observed every year?**

- A) 02 March 01  
B) 01 March  
C) 27 February  
D) 28 February

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Zero Discrimination Day is held every year on 1st of March.
- ✓ Theme 2022: "Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower"
- ✓ The day aims to ensure right to equality, inclusion and protection of all people without any discrimination in their law and policies to live a full life with dignity regardless of any barriers.
- ✓ The Day was launched by Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) in 2014.
- ✓ United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) : Headquarters Geneva, Switzerland



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