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Q. Which Indian company has become top-ranked Indian company in the Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022?

- A) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- B) Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS)
- C) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- D) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)

Answer : A

- ✓ Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd climbed two spots to No. 53 on Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022.
- ✓ Forbes Global 2000 ranks the largest companies in the world using four metrics: sales, profits, assets and market value. Reliance is the top-ranked Indian firm on the list, followed by State Bank of India at No. 105, HDFC Bank at No. 153 and ICICI Bank at No. 204.
- ✓ Other top 10 Indian firms on the list include state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) at 228 rank, Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd (HDFC) at No. 268, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) at No.357, Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS) at No. 384, Tata Steel at No. 407 and Axis Bank at No. 431.
- ✓ Berkshire Hathaway took the No. 1 spot for the first time since Forbes started publishing the Global 2000 in 2003, dethroning the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, which dropped to No. 2 after nine consecutive years at the top of the list. Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco) took the No. 3 Spot.
- ✓ **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**
Founded : 8 May 1973
Founder : Dhirubhai Ambani
Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra,
CMD : Mukesh Ambani
Owner : Mukesh Ambani (50.49%)
- ✓ Subsidiaries



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- ✓ Jio Platforms (67.03%)
- ✓ Jio Payments Bank (70%)

Q. Which Indian Bank has become top-ranked Indian company in the Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ Reliance is the top-ranked Indian firm on the list, followed by State Bank of India at No. 105, HDFC Bank at No. 153 and ICICI Bank at No. 204.

SBI IN NEWS 2021-22

- SBI Raises USD 500 Million Via its International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City branch.
- SBI signs MoU with Border Security Force to offer curated benefits through CAPSP Scheme.
- 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 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.



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- 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 .
- SBI has selected "Paisalo Digital" as the National Corporate Business Correspondent of the Bank.
- **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. According to World Bank report on migration and development, which country has topped the foreign remittance recipient list by receiving USD 89 billion?

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| A) India | B) Japan |
| C) Russia | D) France |

Answer : A

- ✓ According to World Bank report on migration and development, India has topped the foreign remittance list by receiving USD 89 billion followed by Mexico at USD 54 billion, and China at USD 53 billion in 2021.



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- ✓ The officially recorded remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are expected to increase by 4.2% in 2022 to reach USD 630 billion.
- ✓ Bangladesh was the 7th highest recipient of remittance from abroad in 2021. It received over USD 22 billion as remittance last year which marked an increase of 2.2 percent over the year 2020.

Q. EXIM Bank has entered into an agreement with the SBM (Mauritius) Infrastructure Development Company Ltd to provide the latter with a USD ___ Government of India-backed Line of Credit (LoC) for Metro Express & Infrastructure Projects.

- A) USD 190 million B) USD 180 million
C) USD 150 million D) USD 120 million

Answer : A

- ✓ Export-Import Bank of India has entered into an agreement with the SBM (Mauritius) Infrastructure Development Company Ltd. (SBMIDCL) to provide the latter with a USD 190 million Government of India-backed Line of Credit (LoC).
- ✓ The agreement was made for the purpose of financing Exim Bank's participation in the ongoing Metro Express Project and other infrastructure projects in Mauritius through Redeemable Preference Shares in public sector entities.
- ✓ The Agreement under the LoC has become effective from April 18, 2022. The credit facility is an addition to SBMIDCL's existing USD 500 million credit line, which was extended under the terms and conditions of the Dollar Credit Line Agreement dated May 27, 2017.

✓ **Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)**

Founded : 1982

Headquarteres : Mumbai

MD : Harsha Bhupendra Bangari

Stake : Government of India (100%)

Q. Which bank has launched an online platform, 'Trade nxt', which enable corporate, and MSMEs to transact all cross-border export-import transactions from the comfort of their place?

- A) Indian Overseas Bank B) Kotak Mahindra Bank
C) Punjab National Bank D) Union Bank of India

Answer : D



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- ✓ Union Bank of India (UBI) has launched an online platform, 'Trade nxt', which enable corporate, and MSMEs to transact all cross-border export-import transactions from the comfort of their place, i.e., eliminates the need for companies to visit a bank branch for the same.
- ✓ It is a 24/7 safe and secure solution. It offers seamless entry and processing of letters of credit (LC), bank guarantees, export/import bills, disbursement of export credit, outward & inward remittances, dealer financing etc.
- ✓ Trade nxt' platform will also enable the regulatory online auto reporting through Import Data Processing & Monitoring System (IDPMS), Export Data processing & Monitoring System (EDPMS) and other statutory reporting to Overseas Direct Investment (ODI)/ Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)/ Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) which will make the process much more convenient.

✓ **Union Bank of India**

Founded : 1919

Founder : Seth Sitaram Poddar

Headquarters : Mumbai

MD & CEO : Rajkiran Rai G.

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Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of Tripura?

A) Manik Saha

B) Jishnu Dev

C) Narendra Chandra Debbarma

D) Ratan Lal Nath

Answer : A

- ✓ Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb stepped down from his position after meeting Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president J.P. Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah during a two-day trip to New Delhi.
- ✓ Mr. Deb made the announcement after submitting his resignation to Governor S.N. Arya at the Raj Bhavan in Agartala. The State is slated to go to Assembly elections in 2023.
- ✓ Tripura Bharatiya Janata Party president Manik Saha has been appointed as the new chief minister of Tripura after Biplab Deb's resignation.
- ✓ Article 164 of the Indian Constitution deals with the appointment of the Chief Minister and other Ministers by the Governor.



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- ✓ Manik Sarkar is the longest serving Chief Minister of Tripura. He served from March 2003 to March 2018
- ✓ Radhika Ranjan Gupta is the shortest serving Chief Minister of Tripura, who served on the post for 101 days

NEWLY CHIEF MINISTER IN NEWS 2021-22

- Manik Saha : 11th Chief Minister of Tripura [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
- Pushkar Singh Dhami : 2nd term and 11th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
- Pramod Sawant : 2nd term Chief Minister of Goa [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
- N Biren Singh : 2nd term and 13th Chief Minister of Manipur [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
- Bhagwant Mann : 18th chief minister of Punjab [Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)]
- Bhupendra Patel : 17th Chief Minister of Gujarat [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
- Basavaraj Bommai : 23rd Chief Minister of Karnataka [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
- Pinarayi Vijayan : 2nd term and 12th Chief Minister of Kerala [Communist Party of India (Marxist)]
- Himanta Biswa Sarma : 15th Chief Minister of Assam [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
- N Rangasamy : 4th term Chief Minister of Puducherry [All India N.R. Congress party]
- MK Stalin : 8th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu [Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) party]
- Mamata Banerjee : 3rd term Chief Minister of West Bengal [All India Trinamool Congress party]

Q. Which country has recently become the first Asian country to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (NATO CCDCOE)?

- A) South Korea
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Kuwait
- D) United Arab Emirates

Answer : A

- ✓ South Korea became the first Asian country to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (NATO CCDCOE).
- ✓ South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) is joined as a contributing participant for NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence.



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- ✓ Now, the total NATO CCDCOE has 32 countries as its official members which includes 27 NATO member countries and 5 non-NATO states as contributing participants.
- ✓ South Korea has participated in the Locked Shields 2022, the largest and most complex annual international live-fire cyber defence exercise in the world. It has been participating two years in a row since 2020.
- ✓ The exercise was a training and cooperation between members of the CCDCOE, NATO and partner nations. Finland won Cyber Defence Exercise Locked Shields 2022.

SOUTH KOREA IN NEWS 2021-22

- South Korea became the first Asian country to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (NATO CCDCOE).
- Yoon Suk Yeol elected as new South Korean President.
- Adani Group sign agreement with South Korea's POSCO to develop steel mill at Mundra, Gujarat.
- South Korea to get world's first floating city by 2025.
- World's Largest Hydrogen Fuel Cell Power Plant Inaugurated in South Korea.
- South Korea flight tests first homegrown space rocket "Nuri".
- South Korea successfully tested an indigenously developed submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM).
- President nominates Kim Boo-kyum as new S Korean Prime Minister.
- South Korea to Build World's Largest Offshore Wind Farm
- **SOUTH KOREA**
Capital : Seoul
Currency : Won
President : Yoon Suk-yeol
Prime Minister : Kim Boo-kyum

Q. Which space agency has successfully completed the static test of the human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200) for Gaganyaan?

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

Answer : C



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- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully completed the static test of the human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200) for Gaganyaan at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The booster engine is part of the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle MkIII (GSLV Mk III) rocket that will carry Indian astronauts to space.
- ✓ The GSLV MK III rocket is a three-staged vehicle. The first stage is powered by solid fuel, the second by liquid fuel and the third is the cryogenic stage powered by liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.
- ✓ Design and development of the HS200 booster was completed at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram, and propellant casting was completed at Sriharikota.
- ✓ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**
Founded : 15 August 1969
HQ : Bangalore, Karnataka
Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai
10th Chairman : S Somanath

Q. Which football club has won Italian Cup 2021-22 ?

- A) Real Madrid
- B) Barcelona
- C) Bayern Munich
- D) Inter Milan

Answer : D

- ✓ Inter Milan defeated Juventus 4-2 after extra time in the Italian Cup (Coppa Italia 2021–22) final. Ivan Perisic scored twice in extra time after Hakan Çalhanoglu had converted a controversial late penalty.
- ✓ Nicolò Barella scored the other goal for Inter. The Italian Cup final soccer match between Juventus and Inter Milan was held at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome, Italy.

Q. Which Ministry has launched the “GatiShakti Sanchar” portal for Centralised Right of Way (RoW) approvals in line with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.

- A) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- B) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D) Ministry for Communications, Electronics & IT and Railways

Answer : D



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- ✓ Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & IT and Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched the “GatiShakti Sanchar” portal for Centralised Right of Way (RoW) approvals in line with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.
- ✓ The portal has been developed keeping in view the vision areas of the National Broadband Mission (NBM). NBM was set up by the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) in 2019; to facilitate universal and equitable access to broadband services across the country, especially in rural and remote areas.

Q. Which country's Anna Qabale Duba has won \$250,000 Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award for fighting female genital mutilation?

- A) Kenya
- B) Ethiopia
- C) Nigeria
- D) Zimbabwe

Answer : A

- ✓ A Kenyan nurse Anna Qabale Duba, who campaigns against early marriage and female genital mutilation crowned world's best nurse, and won a prize of \$250,000 (£205,000).
- ✓ Anna Qabale Duba reportedly beat more than 24,000 nominees to the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award.
- ✓ The 31-year-old now holds a Masters in Epidemiology and has set up a foundation aimed at empowering young girls and mothers. Through her Qabale Duba Foundation, the school she has built in her village also teaches parents about key sexual and reproductive health issues
- ✓ **KENYA**
Capital : Nairobi
Currency : Shilling
President : Uhuru Kenyatta

Q. When is the International Day of Families observed?

- A) 15 May
- B) 14 May
- C) 13 May
- D) 12 May

Answer : A

- ✓ International Day of Families is observed every year on 15th May across the globe. This day provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the issues related to the families.



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- ✓ The Economic and Social Council and the Commission for Social Development in 1983 recommended a resolution (1983/23) on the role of the family in the process of development.
- ✓ In 1993, the General Assembly had decided that 15 May will be celebrated annually as The International Day of Families.
- ✓ Theme 2022: 'Families and Urbanisation'

Q. Ramgarh Vishdhari wildlife Sanctuary of which state has been notified as 52nd tiger reserve of India?

- A) Chhattisgarh B) Tamil Nadu
C) Rajasthan D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has announced that Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary in Bundi district of Rajasthan has been notified as Rajasthan's 4th and the 52nd Reserve Forest for Wild cats of India.
- ✓ It will help to conserve biodiversity and bring ecotourism and development to the area.
- ✓ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) had accorded 'in-principle' approval for creation of Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary and adjoining areas as tiger reserves on July 5, 2021 under the provision of Section 38 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- ✓ Other Three Tiger Reserves
 1. Ranthambore Tiger Reserve (RTR) in Sawai Madhopur
 2. Sariska Tiger Reserve (STR) in Alwar.
 3. Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve (MHTR) in Kota.

TIGER IN NEWS 2021-22

- Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan has been notified as Rajasthan's 4th and the 52nd tiger reserve of India.
- 20th NTCA in Arunachal Pradesh is chaired by Bhupender Yadav. The 20th Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held in Pakke tiger reserve in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Recently, a massive fire broke out in the Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan.
- Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (Erode district, Tamil Nadu) bags TX2 award.



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- Ramgarh Wildlife Sanctuary set to be notified as 4th tiger reserve of Rajasthan.
- Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary will become 53rd Tiger Reserve of the country, approval from NTCA.
- Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation of Kerala wins Earth Heroes Awards 2021
- Bhupender Yadav chaired 19th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority.
- 14 Tiger Reserves of India get Global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS) Recognition.
- Satpura Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh bags Natwest Earth Heroes Award.
- International Tiger Day: 29 July
- Theme 2021 : "Their Survival is in our hands".
- 35% of tiger ranges in India are outside protected areas: WWF-UNEP report.
- Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary in Rajasthan is declared as the 52nd Tiger reserve in India in 2021.
- Meghamalai Wildlife Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu is declared as the 51st Tiger reserve in India in 2021.
- India's first tiger reserve hot air balloon safari launched in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh.
- Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh gets UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status.
- Pilibhit Tiger Reserve of Uttar Pradesh gets global award 'TX2' for doubling tiger population.
- Pakke Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh to provide insurance cover against COVID-19 for its 'Green Soldiers.'
- India Loses 750 Tigers in Last Eight Years (2012 - 2019) ; Madhya Pradesh Reports Maximum Casualties
- AMAZING FACTS 'TIGER'
- Tiger's scientific name : Panthera tigris
- Project Tiger : 1973
- Bengal Tiger was declared as the national animal of India in April 1973, with the initiation of Project Tiger
- Total tiger reserve in India : 53
- According to the Survey, the count of tigers in India rose to 2967 in 2018



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- Protection Status of Tiger : Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule I
- First tiger census 2006 : 1,411 Tigers
- 2nd Census 2010 : 1706 Tigers
- 3rd Census 2014 : 2226 Tigers
- 4th Census 2018 : 2967 Tiger
- Tiger census conducted By : National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
- Established : 2005
- **TIGER POPULATION IN INDIA**
 - 1st : Madhya Pradesh : 526 Tigers
 - 2nd : Karnataka : 524 Tigers
 - 3rd : Uttarakhand : 442 Tigers
 - 4th : Maharashtra : 312 Tigers
 - 5th : Tamil Nadu : 264 Tigers

Q. Union Home and Co-operation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated National cyber forensic laboratory in which city ?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Home and Co-operation Minister Amit Shah has formally inaugurated the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL) in Hyderabad.
- ✓ The premium laboratory was inaugurated at the premises of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory located at Ramanthapur in the city.
- ✓ The Project was awarded to the CFSL with an estimated cost of about 35.51 crore rupees.
- ✓ The Cyber and Information Security Division of the Home Ministry has set up the NCFL under Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Child scheme

HYDERABAD IN NEWS 2022

- Union Home and Co-operation Minister Amit Shah has formally inaugurated the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL) in Hyderabad.



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- Hyderabad hosts India's first-ever unique kind of Flow Chemistry Technology Hub.
- India's 1st Flow Chemistry Technology Hub Set up at Hyderabad.
- United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Arbor Day Foundation have jointly recognised Mumbai and Hyderabad as the '2021 Tree City of the World.
- SBI to set up Innovation, Incubation and Acceleration Centre in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- India's First fully owned by women industrial park in Hyderabad.
- 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.
- Ministry of Civil Aviation & FICCI organized 'WINGS INDIA 2022' in Hyderabad

Q. Recently India has signed how many MoU with Nepal?

A) 6

B) 5

C) 7

D) 9

Answer : A

- ✓ Nepal & India signed six MoUs and agreements related to education and hydropower sectors
- ✓ India and Nepal signed and exchanged six MoU, during Prime Minister Modi's day-long visit to Lumbini (Nepal).
- ✓ They include an MoU between the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Lumbini Buddhist University on the establishment of Dr Ambedkar Chair for Buddhist Studies.
- ✓ An MoU between Indian Council of Cultural Relations and Kathmandu University on the establishment of the ICCR Chair of Indian Studies.
- ✓ letter of Agreement between Kathmandu University and Indian Institute of Technology (IITM) was also signed for a joint degree program at Master's level.
- ✓ An Agreement between SJVN Ltd and Nepal Electricity Authority was also signed for development and implementation of Arun 4 Project.
- ✓ **NEPAL**



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Capital : Kathmandu

Currency : Rupee

President : Bidhya Devi Bhandari

Prime Minister : Sher Bahadur Deuba

National Flower : Rhododendron Arboretum

National Bird : Himalayan Monal (danphe)

National Animal : Cow

National Tree : Rhododendron

Q. Kenton Cool of which country became first foreigner to scale Mount Everest for 16 times?

A) Norway

B) Nepal

C) United Kingdom

D) New Zealand

Answer : C

- ✓ England's Kenton Cool became 1st foreigner to scale Mount Everest 16 times
- ✓ Kenton Cool from Gloucestershire, South West England has scaled the world's highest mountain for the 16th time and becomes the first foreigner to climb the most Mt Everest summit.
- ✓ Kenton climbed the summit with his fellow guide Dorji Gyalzen Sherpa.
- ✓ Kenton also holds a record as the first British mountaineer who has climbed Mt Nuptse, Mt Everest and Mt Lhotse in a season in 2013.

MOUNTAINEER IN NEWS 2021-22

- British Mountaineer Kenton Cool becomes first foreigner to scale Everest 16 times.
- Priyanka Mohite becomes first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8,000 metres.
- CISF woman Geeta Samota becomes 'fastest Indian' to summit 2 peaks.
- 19-year old Pakistani climber Shehroz Kashif is the world's youngest person to scale K2 (8,611m).
- Hong Kong Mountaineer Tsang Yin-hung Sets New Record for Fastest Ascent of Everest by Women.
- Baljeet Kaur from Himachal Pradesh and Gunbala Sharma from Rajasthan became the first Indian women to summit Mount Pumori (7,161 meters) in Nepal.
- Tashi Yangjom of Arunachal Pradesh has become the first Indian female climber to scale Mount Everest in 2021.



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- Nepal's Mingma Tenji Sherpa sets world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time.
- Nepal's Kami Rita scales Everest for record 25th time .
- Maharashtra's Priyanka Mohite becomes first Indian woman to scale Mt Annapurna Nepal

Q. Adani group to buy Ambuja Cement ,ACC for how many billion dollars ?

- A) \$25.5 bn
- B) \$20.5 bn
- C) \$15.5 bn
- D) \$10.5 bn

Answer : D

- ✓ Adani Group which belongs to Gautam Adani is set to acquire swiss multinational company Holcim's stake in Indian companies Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC for \$10.5 bn (around Rs 81,361 crore), including the open offers.
- ✓ The value for the Holcim stake and open offer consideration for Ambuja Cements and ACC is USD 10.5 billion, which makes this the largest-ever acquisition by
- ✓ Adani, and India's largest-ever M&A transaction in the infrastructure and materials space.
- ✓ Holcim, through its subsidiaries, holds 63.19 per cent in Ambuja Cements and 54.53 per cent in ACC (of which 50.05 per cent is held through Ambuja Cements).
- ✓ Deutsche Bank, BarCap and Standard Chartered were financiers to the deal. Deutsche Bank was the financial adviser to Adani Group.

Q. Who has won men's single title of Italian open 2022?

- A) Roger Federer
- B) Rafael Nadal
- C) Novak Djokovic
- D) Stefanos Tsitsipas

Answer : C

- ✓ World No.1 Serbia's Novak Djokovic has defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas to win 79th edition of Italian Open (Internazionali BNL d'Italia) in Rome, and to capture the 38th ATP Masters 1000 crown.
- ✓ Novak Djokovic became the fifth man in the Open Era to earn 1,000 match wins after defeating Casper Ruud in the semi-finals.
- ✓ In women singles, Iga Swiatek has won the Italian Open title after defeating Ons Jabeur.



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Q. Which country hosted key SCO's Regional Anti terrorist Structure anti terror meet?

- A) India B) Russia
C) Tajikistan D) Uzbekistan

Answer : A

- ✓ India hosted the meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's (SCO's)-Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) in New Delhi from May 16th to 19th.
- ✓ The Security Advisers of the National Security Councils of India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan participated in the meeting.
- ✓ India has taken the chairmanship of the Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of SCO last year for a period of one year.
- ✓ SCO's RATS, based out of the Uzbek capital, Tashkent, is a permanent body of the grouping and aims to counter terrorism, extremism, and separatism in the region.

SCO IN NEWS 2021-22

- India hosted the meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's (SCO's)-Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) in New Delhi
- Statue of Unity included in '8 Wonders of SCO' 2022
- Chinese diplomat Zhang Ming takes charge of Secretary-General of SCO
- India assumed the Chairmanship of Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (RATS SCO) for 1 year
- Iran becomes 9th member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
- **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**
Founded : 2001
HQ : Beijing, China
Secretary General : Zhang Ming (China)
Member Countries = 9 (Iran ,China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,Pakistan,Russia, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan)
SCO Summit 2021 : Dushanbe,Tajikistan.
SCO Summit 2022 : Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
SCO Summit to be hosted by the Indian side in 2023



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- The founding members (5) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) were China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan. India and Pakistan officially joined this organisation in 2017
- Trick to remember SCO Countries
- **TRICK :- PICK IN KURTA**
- P - Pakistan
- I - India
- C - China
- K - Kazakhstan
- IN - Iran
- K - Kyrgyzstan
- U - Uzbekistan
- R - Russia
- TA - Tajikistan

Q. Which country has recently banned the export of wheat?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) India
- D) Pakistan

Answer : C

- ✓ Government of India has recently banned the export of wheat. According to media reports, this ban has been imposed because there has been a wheat crisis in the country.
- ✓ Let us tell you that India is the second largest producer of wheat in the world.
- ✓ China is the top country by wheat production in the world.
- ✓ Due to the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, the international price of wheat has increased by about 40 percent.

Q. Who has received the prestigious Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) award from Queen Elizabeth II?

- A) Harpal Matharu
- B) Prakash Lohia
- C) Sunil Vaswani
- D) Ajay Gopikisan Piramal

Answer : D



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- ✓ Piramal Group chairman Ajay Gopikisan Piramal received an honorary commander of the order of the British Empire (CBE) by Queen Elizabeth on 17 May 2022.
- ✓ Mr Piramal received the award for services to the U.K.-India trade relationship as India co-chair of the U.K.-India CEO Forum.
- ✓ Ajay Piramal (66) is an Indian billionaire industrialist and the chairman of the Piramal Group.

Q. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)?

- A) Anita Karwal B) Nidhi Chibber
C) Manohar Joshi D) Brajesh Pathak

Answer : B

- ✓ Senior bureaucrat Nidhi Chibber has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.
- ✓ Chibber, a 1994 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, is currently Additional Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- ✓ She has been appointed as chairperson of the CBSE in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the government of India, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry

Q. National Dengue Day is celebrated in India on which day?

- A) 16 May B) 14 May
C) 15 May D) 17 May

Answer : A

- ✓ In India, the National Dengue Day is observed every year on 16 May.
- ✓ The day is an initiative by the Ministry of Healthy and Family Welfare, to raise awareness about dengue and its preventive measures, and preparedness for control of the vector-borne disease before the transmission season begins.

Q. Which state celebrated its 47th statehood day on 16 May 2022?

- A) Tripura B) Sikkim
C) Meghalaya D) Manipur

Answer : B



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- ✓ Sikkim celebrated its 47th statehood day on 16 May 2022.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1975 that Sikkim had become the 22nd state of the Union of India following the 36th amendment of the Constitution.
- ✓ In September 1974, the Chogyals called for a referendum. In April next year, after an appeal by the Prime Minister of Sikkim, the Indian Army entered and took control of the kingdom.
- ✓ It was on 16th May 1975 that Sikkim became a part of India as its 22nd state.
- ✓ On 15 May 1975, then-President of India Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed signed a 36th constitutional amendment and a day later, Sikkim became a complete Indian state. The rule of the Chogyal (last dynasty) was abolished.

Q. World's longest suspension footbridge named "Sky Bridge 721", has been recently opened in which country for tourists?

- A) Norway
- B) Sweden
- C) Czech Republic
- D) Saudi Arabia

Answer : C

- ✓ World's longest suspension footbridge named "Sky Bridge 721", was opened in Dolní Morava, Czech Republic for tourists. The bridge connects two mountain ridges and hangs 95 metres above the valley of the Mlýnský Stream.
- ✓ The Sky Bridge 721, 721 metres (2365 feet) long and 1.2-meter-wide, was constructed at a cost of 200 million crowns (around USD 8.4 million).
- ✓ Prior to Sky Bridge 721, the title of the world's longest suspension footbridge was held by Portugal's 516-metre Arouca Bridge.
- ✓ Sky Bridge 721 is 154 metres longer than the current Guinness World Record holder suspension footbridge, the Baglung Parbat Footbridge (567 metres) in Gandaki Province, Nepal.
- ✓ **CZECH REPUBLIC**
Capital : Prague
Currency: koruna



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BRIDGE IN NEWS 2021-22

- World's longest suspension bridge "Sky Bridge 721" opened in Czech Republic.
- Vietnam opens world's longest glass-bottomed bridge which is 632m (2,073ft) long and located 150m (492ft).
- Indian Railways Gives Glimpse Of India's 1st Cable Stayed Rail Bridge Anji river in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates 14.5km long Rail-cum-Road Bridge over River Ganga in Bihar.
- Dubai opens its Infinity Bridge for traffic for the first time; It is 300 meters long and 22 meters wide.
- Indian Railways Constructing World's Tallest Pier Bridge in Manipur at a height of 141 metres.
- Portugal inaugurates 'world's longest' pedestrian suspension bridge.
- Indian Railways completes the arch bottom of the Chenab bridge, world's highest railway bridge (359 meters).
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates 'Maitri Setu' between India and Bangladesh.
- India's longest Road Arch Bridge inaugurated in Meghalaya.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates 1.5 km Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar.
- Majerhat Bridge named "Jai Hind" to Mark Netaji's 125th Birth Anniversary.
- India's longest motorable suspension bridge inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Tehri-Garhwal district.
- India's 1st glass floor suspension bridge to be built in Rishikesh
- PM Modi virtually Dedicates Historic Kosi Rail Mega Bridge to nation and inaugurates 12 projects in Bihar
- Bihar's first glass skywalk bridge in Rajgir

Q. Which organization has launched the National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP) which aims to improve access and use of published Indian government data?

A) NITI Aayog
C) FSSAI

B) FICCI
D) SIDBI

Answer : A



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- ✓ National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has launched the National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP), which aims to improve access and use of published Indian government data.
- ✓ The platform provides standardised datasets from across India's vast landscape of administrative data. NDAP helps users to search, merge, visualize and download datasets with ease.
- ✓ The user-friendly platform will improve data accessibility, interoperability, and interactivity.

NITI AAYOG IN NEWS 2021-22

- National Data and Analytics Platform launched by NITI Aayog.
- NITI Aayog released draft battery swapping policy 2022.
- Dr. Suman K Bery has been appointed new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog
- NITI Aayog's releases Export Preparedness Index 2021, Gujarat again tops.
- NITI Aayog released draft battery swapping policy 2022.
- Rajiv Kumar, Niti Aayog's vice chairman resigns from his post
- NITI Aayog is in the process to develop a National Gender Index
- NITI Aayog and UNICEF India collaborated to develop India's first report on State of India's Children.
- NITI Aayog has launched the State Energy & Climate Index (SECI) Round I; Gujarat tops.
- NITI Aayog and USAID announces tie-up under SAMRIDH initiative.
- NITI Aayog, in collaboration with PhonePe, AWS and EY, has organized a three-week-long virtual summit, 'Fintech Open', from 7–28 February.
- NITI Aayog & RMI India releases report 'Banking on Electric Vehicles in India'.
- NITI Aayog tie-up with UN WFP to diversify food basket.
- NITI Aayog launched the 'e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition'.
- NITI Aayog and Bharti Foundation announce the launch of 'Convoke 2021-22'.
- NITI Aayog to establish 1,000 Atal Tinkering Labs in J&K.
- NITI Aayog has released the fourth edition of the State Health Index for 2019–20; Kerala Tops.
- NITI Aayog released the report 'Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution: The ODR Policy Plan for India'.
- Niti Aayog's Poverty Index: Bihar poorest in multidimensional poverty.
- **NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)**



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Preceding : Planning Commission (15 March 1950)

Headquarters : New Delhi

Chairperson : Narendra Modi

Vice Chairperson : Suman K Bery

CEO : Amitabh Kant

NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Q. India's men's badminton team has won the Thomas Cup title for the first time by defeating which country?

A) Indonesia

B) Malaysia

C) China

D) South Korea

Answer : A

- ✓ India's men's badminton team won the Thomas Cup title for the first time ever with a stunning 3-0 win over powerhouse Indonesia in the final.
- ✓ India took on 14-time winners Indonesia in the final of the Thomas Cup in Bangkok, Thailand and lifted the title defeating the defending champions by 3-0.
- ✓ Thomas Cup is related to Men's badminton
- ✓ UBER Cup is related to Women's badminton
- ✓ The Thomas Cup is also called the World Men's Team Championships.
- ✓ The Uber Cup is called the World Team Championships for Women.

Q. Which country's team has won badminton's prestigious Uber Cup in Bangkok, Thailand?

A) China

B) Malaysia

C) Indonesia

D) South Korea

Answer : D

- ✓ South Korea stunned defending champions China to win badminton's prestigious Uber Cup in an epic battle that went down to the wire in Bangkok.
- ✓ The holders were aiming for a 16th title in the women's team championship but with the countries deadlocked at 2-2 it all boiled down to a singles match between China's 15th-ranked Wang Zhiyi and 46th-ranked Sim Yu-jin.



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- ✓ Sim sprang an upset by beating Wang 28-26, 18-21, 21-8 in a thrilling 88 minutes — and with it, South Korea's first Uber Cup crown in 12 years.

Q. National Skill Development Corporation International (NSDCI) and Hindustan Ports Private Limited have signed an MoU to set up Skill India International Centre at which place?

- A) Lucknow
- B) Varanasi
- C) Gurugram
- D) Vishakhapatnam

Answer : B

- ✓ National Skill Development Corporation International (NSDCI) and Hindustan Ports Private Limited, the Indian unit of United Arab Emirates' DP World have signed an MoU to set up Skill India International Centre at Varanasi.
- ✓ This aims to skill Indian youth for pursuing overseas employment opportunities in logistics, port operations and allied areas.
- ✓ The centres would host training facilities as per the demand of international employers like UAE, Canada, Australia and other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) regions.

Q. Minister of State, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Bhagwant Khuba delivered a keynote address at the investment promotion event on "India's Solar Energy Market" at Intersolar Europe 2022 held at Which country?

- A) Paris, France
- B) New York, US
- C) Munich, Germany
- D) Abu Dhabi, UAE

Answer : C

- ✓ Bhagwant Khuba, Minister of State, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy delivered a keynote address at the investment promotion event on "India's Solar Energy Market" at Intersolar Europe 2022 held at Messe München exhibition centre, Munich, Germany.
- ✓ The event was organized by the Indo-German Energy Forum (IGEF). Intersolar Europe 2022, the world's leading exhibition for the solar industry, took place from 11th May to 13th May 2022.
- ✓ Intersolar Europe is organized by Solar Promotion GmbH, Pforzheim, and Freiburg Wirtschaft Touristik und Messe GmbH & Co. KG (FWTM).
- ✓ The MoS highlighted that India is set to achieve net-zero by 2070 and install 500GW of non-fossil by 2030, the target set during COP-26.



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- ✓ India has achieved the target of 40% cumulative electric capacity from non-fossil fuel in 2021, 9 years ahead of the set target of 2030. To promote a green hydrogen economy, India has estimated an outlay of Rs 25425 crore.

Q. Who has been appointed as the President of United Arab Emirates?

- A) Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- B) Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- C) Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan
- D) Mohammad bin Abdullah Al Gergawi

Answer : A

- ✓ Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan appointed unanimously as the President of UAE by the rulers in the United Arab Emirates, at a meeting held in Al Mushrif Palace in Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ It comes after the late President Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan died on May 13. The transition of power marks only the third time this U.S.-allied nation of seven sheikhdoms has selected a President since becoming an independent nation in 1971.

✓ **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

Capital : Abu Dhabi

Currency : Dirham

President : Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Prime Minister : Mohammed bin

Q. Indian government has made quoting of a Permanent Account Number (PAN) or Aadhaar number mandatory for deposits or withdrawals of Rs. ___ or more in a fiscal year, or for opening of current account or cash credit account with a bank.

- A) Rs 50 lakh
- B) Rs 40 lakh
- C) Rs 20 lakh
- D) Rs 60 lakh

Answer : C

- ✓ The Indian government has made quoting of a Permanent Account Number (PAN) or Aadhaar number mandatory for deposits or withdrawals of Rs. 20 lakh or more in a fiscal year, or for opening of current account or cash credit account with a bank.
- ✓ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has issued a notification in this regard called the Income-tax (Fifteenth Amendment) Rules, 2022. The new rules will be effective from May 26, 2022.



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- ✓ PAN or Aadhaar will be required for the following transactions under the new rules: Cash deposit or deposits aggregating to Rs 20 lakh or more in a financial year, in one or more account of a person with a banking company or a co-operative bank or a Post Office. Banks, post offices, and co-operative societies would be required to report deposits and withdrawals aggregating to Rs 20 lakh or more in a financial year.
- ✓ PAN is currently required for cash deposits of Rs 50,000 or more per day. With these rules, a threshold of Rs 20 lakh has been set for the entire financial year.

Q. Who is the first Indian layman to be declared Saint by The Vatican?

- A) Jakob Lorso
B) Monte Paullu
C) Filip Anthony
D) Devasahayam Pillai

Answer : D

- ✓ Devasahayam Pillai was declared Saint by Pope Francis at The Vatican on May 15, 2022.
- ✓ He had converted to Christianity in the 18th century in the then Kingdom of Travancore.
- ✓ Also known as Lazarus, Devasahayam had become the first Indian layman to get sainthood for what The Vatican calls 'enduring increasing hardships'.

Q. Which state has won the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2022?

- A) Odisha
B) Punjab
C) Haryana
D) Rajasthan

Answer : A

- ✓ Odisha was crowned as the Champions of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2022 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The final match was a closely contested affair between Karnataka and Odisha but Odisha defeated Karnataka by 2-0.
- ✓ Haryana beat Tamil Nadu to win 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship

Q. When is the International Museum Day observed globally?

- A) 15 May
B) 16 May
C) 17 May
D) 18 May

Answer : D



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- ✓ International Museum Day is celebrated on 18 May, since 1977, to raise awareness about the fact that “Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples.”
- ✓ This year the theme of International Museum Day 2022 is 'Power of the Museum'.
- ✓ It is coordinated by the International Council of Museums (ICOM).

Q. What is the theme of International Museum Day 2022?

- A) Museum of Power B) The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine
C) Equality: Diversity and Inclusion D) Museum for Sustainable Societies

Answer : A

Q. World Hypertension Day (WHD) is observed on which day of the year?

- A) 17 May B) 14 May
C) 15 May D) 16 May

Answer : A

- ✓ World Hypertension Day (WHD) is celebrated on 17 May worldwide to promote public awareness of increasing high blood pressure (BP) and to encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer.
- ✓ The day was held for the first time in May 2005.
- ✓ World Hypertension Day (WHD) is an initiative of the World Hypertension League (WHL), an affiliated section of the International Society of Hypertension.
- ✓ The theme of World Hypertension 2022 is “Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer.

Q. What is the theme of the World Hypertension Day 2022?

- A) Measure your blood pressure...at home
B) Know Your Number
C) Know your Blood Pressure
D) Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer

Answer : D



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Q. World AIDS Vaccine Day is celebrated on which of the following day?

- A) 16 May
- B) 18 May
- C) 17 May
- D) 15 May

Answer : B

- ✓ World AIDS Vaccine Day, (also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day), is observed annually on May 18 to promote the continued urgent need for a vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS.
- ✓ The concept of World AIDS Vaccine Day was proposed on May 18, 1997, during commencement speech at Morgan State University made by then-President Bill Clinton, which underlined the need of a vaccine to curb the spread of HIV.
- ✓ The first World AIDS Vaccine Day was thus observed on May 18, 1998 to commemorate the anniversary of Clinton's speech.
- ✓ AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
- ✓ ELISA – ENZYME LINKED IMMUNO-SORBENT ASSAY, is a widely used diagnostic test for AIDS
- ✓ World AIDS Day is observed across the globe on 1 December every year since 1988

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of France?

- A) Franck Riester
- B) Elisabeth Borne
- C) Clément Beaune
- D) Bruno Le Maire

Answer : B

- ✓ President of France, Emmanuel Macron has appointed Elisabeth Borne as the new Prime Minister of France.
- ✓ She became the second woman to hold this position after Edith Cresson (1991-1992) under President Francois Mitterrand.
- ✓ She joined Macron's centrist party in 2017. She is a former Transport, Ecology and Labour minister.
- ✓ She has succeeded Jean Castex, who had led the French cabinet since July 2020 and resigned recently.

FRANCE IN NEWS 2021-22

- Elisabeth Borne was appointed France's new Prime Ministe.
- India's participated as the Guest of honour at the Paris Book Festival 2022.



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- 20th edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise between the Indian Navy and French Navy named 'VARUNA' is being conducted in the Arabian Sea.
- 20th India-France Joint Staff Talks Took Place in Paris.
- India and France sign Roadmap on Blue Economy and Ocean Governance.
- France announces military withdrawal from Mali after nine years.
- India receives three more Rafale Fighter Jets from France.
- Noted Kathakali dancer Milena Salvini of France has passed away.
- India, France sign MoU with scope for cooperation in health research.
- France takes over EU Presidency for six months 2022.
- Covid-19 new variant 'IHU' discovered in France.
- France launched Military Communications Satellite "Syracuse 4A" by Ariane 5 rocket from Kourou, in French Guiana.
- 6th India-France bilateral Army exercise EX SHAKTI 2021 to begin Frejus, France.
- Novak Djokovic won 37th Masters Title at Paris 2021.
- The 7th Indian Ocean Naval Symposium concludes in France.
- Max Verstappen wins 2021 French Grand Prix .
- India Inks Agreement with France for cooperation on Gaganyaan Mission.
- **FRANCE**
Capital : Paris
Currency : Euro
President : Emmanuel Macron
Prime Minister : Elisabeth Borne

Q. Who has been named as the first Indian-origin woman to be appointed as an external member of the Bank of England's interest rate-setting committee?

- A) Sangeeta Singh
- B) Pomila Jaspal
- C) Vishakha Mulye
- D) Swati Dhingra

Answer : D

- ✓ Leading UK-based academic Dr. Swati Dhingra has been named as the first Indian-origin woman to be appointed as an external member of the Bank of England's interest rate-setting committee.



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- ✓ She will join the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on August 9, 2022 for a three-year term.
- ✓ Dhingra is an Associate Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics (LSE).

Q. Tata Power Solar Systems has won the order to build how many MW solar project for state-owned utility major NHPC at an all-inclusive price of ₹1,731 crore.

- A) 250 MW
- B) 300 MW
- C) 200 MW
- D) 350 MW

Answer : B

- ✓ Tata Power Company's wholly-owned subsidiary Tata Power Solar Systems has won an order to build a 300-megawatt solar project for state-owned utility major NHPC at an all-inclusive price of ₹1,731 crores.
- ✓ The project site, located in Rajasthan, will be developed under the CPSU scheme of IREDA.
- ✓ Tata Power's total renewable capacity is 4,920 MW including 1,400 MW of renewable projects.

Q. Which music band has won the **Billboards Music Awards 2022 held in Las Vegas?**

- A) BTS
- B) Pink Floyd
- C) The Beatles
- D) The Ramones

Answer : A

- ✓ At the 2022 Billboards Music Awards, BTS created history by winning 3 out of 6 awards they were nominated for.
- ✓ The Billboard Music Awards honours the artists across genres whose music has received the most fanfare over the past year.
- ✓ The 2022 edition was held on 15 May 2022 in Las Vegas

Q. Greenko Group is setting up the world's largest renewable energy storage plant in which state?

- A) Kerala
- B) Telangana
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Greenko Group is setting up the world's largest renewable energy storage plant in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The 5,230 megawatt (MW) project is being set up at a cost of USD 3 billion.



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- ✓ ArcelorMittal has put in around USD 600 million for the project.
- ✓ Out of 5,230 MW, 3,000 MW is solar, 550 MW wind and 1,680 MW is pump storage capacity for 6 hours.

Q. Which is the venue of the first Incredible India International Cruise Conference (IIICC) held in 2022?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Tourism Minister, G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated the first Incredible India International Cruise Conference (IIICC) in Mumbai.
- ✓ He also invited domestic and international tourists to 'Come, Cruise in India.'
- ✓ It was jointly organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, the Government of India and FICCI.
- ✓ Eight Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) were signed during the conference.

Q. Which country has joined Finland in formally signing request to join NATO membership?

- A) Switzerland
B) Australia
C) Cyprus
D) Sweden

Answer : D

- ✓ Sweden on May 17, 2022 signed a formal request to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). This comes just a day after the country announced it would seek NATO membership.
- ✓ Finland's Parliament has also overwhelmingly supported a bid to join NATO.
- ✓ The NATO Alliance consists of 30 independent member countries
- ✓ **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**
Formation : 4 April 1949
Headquarters : Brussels, Belgium
Secretary General : Jens Stoltenberg
Total Member : 30 (North Macedonia)



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Q. Which of the following will acquire the food business of Patanjali Ayurved for around Rs 690 crore

- A) Ruchi Soya
B) Dabur India Ltd
C) Himalaya Wellness
D) Swastik Ayurveda

Answer : A

- ✓ Ruchi Soya, an edible oil company, has announced that it will buy Patanjali Ayurved's food division for Rs 690 crore.
- ✓ After regulatory permissions, the name of Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd would be changed to Patanjali Foods Ltd. Ghee, honey, spices, juices, and wheat are among the 21 products in the acquired food industry.
- ✓ According to a company source, Ruchi Soya will pay Patanjali Ayurved an annual royalty estimated at 1% of the gross turnover of the items under the transfer agreement. It's a debt-free transaction, with Ruchi Soya paying for it with internal accruals.

Q. Emirates Telecom Group company PJSC "E&" (Etisalat Group) has acquired what % stake in Vodafone Group plc for a total of \$4.4 billion?

- A) 7.5%
B) 6.9%
C) 9.8%
D) 8.5%

Answer : C

- ✓ Emirates Telecommunications Group Company PJSC "e&" (Etisalat Group) has acquired approximately 2,766 million shares in Vodafone Group Plc aggregating to \$4.4 billion.
- ✓ The shares represent 9.8% of Vodafone's issued share capital. The transaction is in process with e&'s ambition to be a global player in telecom and technology.

Q. Which Insurance Company has launched India's first dental health insurance plan?

- A) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
B) SBI General Insurance
C) Bharti AXA General Insurance
D) PNB MetLife India Insurance

Answer : D



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- ✓ PNB MetLife India Insurance Company has launched India's first dental health insurance plan.
- ✓ A dental health insurance plan is the first insurance plan in India that covers fixed-benefit outpatient expenses and provides financial assistance with costs related to overall dental health.
- ✓ PNB MetLife has tied up with more than 340 dental clinics, including Clove Dental and Sabka Dentist, two of India's largest dental clinic chains, to help customers to manage their dental health.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of BSE Ltd (Bombay Stock Exchange).

- A) Vinay Prakash B) Suresh Narayanan
C) S N Subrahmanyam D) Subhash Sheoratan Mundra

Answer : D

- ✓ Leading stock exchange BSE Ltd (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange) has approved the appointment of former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor and current Public Interest Director, BSE Subhash Sheoratan Mundra as the Chairman of the board of directors of the company.
- ✓ He replaced Justice Vikramajit Sen who is the current chairman. Mundra was appointed as Public Interest Director at BSE in January 2018.
- ✓ He retired as Deputy Governor of the RBI on July 30, 2017, and also served as Chairman and Managing Director of the Bank of Baroda.
- ✓ **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**
Founded : 1875
HQ : Mumbai Maharashtra
Chairman : Subhash Sheoratan Mundra
MD & CEO : Ashish kumar Chauhan

Q. Name the conservation biologist and President of the Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research and Ecology and Environment (ATREE), who has been elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

- A) Kamal Bawa B) Vivek Murthy
C) Neera Tanden D) Vanita Gupta

Answer : A

- ✓ A conservation biologist and President of the Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research and Ecology and Environment (ATREE), Dr. Kamal Bawa was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.



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- ✓ Election to the 170-year-old U.S. National Academy of Sciences is a recognition of the significant contributions to science by its members.
- ✓ Dr. Kamal Bawa is also an elected fellow of the Royal Society (London) and the American Philosophical Society.

Q. Which country's activist Cécile Ndjebet has won the 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award?

- A) Senegal B) Cameroon
C) Cambodia D) Vietnam

Answer : B

- ✓ Cameroon Activist, Cécile Ndjebet has won the 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to preserving forests and improving the lives of people who depend on them.
- ✓ This award celebrates Cécile Ndjebet's energy and dedication over three decades to promoting women's rights to land and forests.
- ✓ The award was presented by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), which is chaired by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the award was conferred at a ceremony during the XV World Forestry Congress in Seoul, the Republic of Korea.
- ✓ This award was established in 2012 in memory of Kenyan environmentalist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai.

Q. Who has won the William E. Colby Award 2022 for his book "The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley"?

- A) J. K. Rowling B) Stephen King
C) Robert McCrum D) Wesley Morgan

Answer : D

- ✓ Author and journalist Wesley Morgan has won the William E. Colby Award 2022 for his military and intelligence writing.
- ✓ He was cited for his book "The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley."



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- ✓ The Colby award, a \$5,000 prize named for the former ambassador and CIA director William E. Colby, is given for “a major contribution to the understanding of military history, intelligence operations or international affairs.”
- ✓ The Colby Award is presented by Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. The Colby award was established in 1999.

Q. Which Lieutenant Governor of Delhi has resigned from his post on 18 May 2022?

- A) Anil Bajjal
- B) Najeeb Jung
- C) Tejendra Khanna
- D) Banwari Lal Joshi

Answer : A

- ✓ The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Anil Bajjal has resigned from his post on 18 May 2022. According to media reports, he has resigned citing personal reasons. He became the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi after Najeeb Jung.
- ✓ Anil Bajjal took over as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi in December 2016 after the resignation of Najeeb Jung. Anil Bajjal was an IAS officer of 1969 batch.
- ✓ He has also served as the Union Home Secretary in the government led by Atal Bihari Bajpayee.

Q. World Bank has approved USD 350 million as financial aid for the Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G) project.

- A) Kerala
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ The SRESTHA-G project will be worth USD 500 million, with the World Bank contributing USD 350 million. The project will include transforming key health delivery systems in the state.
- ✓ Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel approved the SRESTHA-G project, after which the proposal was forwarded to the Union Finance Ministry. The Gujarat government will implement the programme through the Health and Family Welfare Department (HFWD).
- ✓ The Program Development Objective is to improve service delivery in Gujarat by improving primary health care quality, equity, and comprehensiveness, improving service delivery models for adolescent girls, and increasing disease surveillance system capacity.



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WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2022

- World bank sanctioned USD 350 million for SRESTHA-G project of Gujarat.
- World Bank approved \$47 million program for India's Mission Karmayogi program.
- World Bank provided USD 600 million in financial assistance to Sri Lanka to make payments for essential imports.
- World bank Report States Extreme Poverty in India Decline by 12.3% between 2011-2019.
- World Bank cuts global economy growth forecast to 3.2% for 2022.
- World Bank Projects India's growth forecast 8% for FY23.
- Gujarat Govt to receive Rs 7,500 Cr Loan from World Bank, AIIB.
- Junaid Ahmad World Bank's India Director, appointed as vice president of operations.
- India and World Bank inks US\$125 million loan to support access to Social Protection Services in West Bengal.

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HQ : Washington Dc

President : David Malpass

MD&CFO : Anshula Kant

Chief Economist : Carman Reinhart

Executive Director : Rajesh Khullar

Senior Advisor to Ed of World Bank : Rajeev Topno

Member Countries : 189

World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID).

All of these efforts support the Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity of the poorest 40% of the population in all countries

Q. India has overtaken which country to become the fourth largest automotive market?

A) Germany

B) United States

C) United Kingdom

D) Russia

Answer : A



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- ✓ India has overtaken Germany to become the fourth largest automotive market.
- ✓ According to the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA), India has sold 3,759,398 vehicles in 2021 as compared to 2,973,319 vehicles in Germany. This shows a difference of almost 26%.
- ✓ The most number of vehicles were sold in China (sales remained almost stagnant), followed by the US (reported growth of 4%) and Japan (market shrunk compared to both 2020 and 2019).
- ✓ India is expected to become the third-largest Vehicle market by 2025.
- ✓ Amongst the top 5 markets globally, India was the only country to report double-digit growth (28%).

GERMANY IN NEWS 2021-22

- India overtakes Germany to become 4th largest vehicle market.
- Germany to host G7 agriculture ministers virtual meeting.
- India's 1st ever GI-tagged Kashmir carpets flagged off to Germany.
- German Open Badminton 2022
- Men's singles: Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand) beat Lakshya Sen (India)
- Women's singles: He Bingjiao (China) beat Chen Yufei (China).
- Bhagwant Khuba, Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, has arrived in Munich, Germany for Intersolar Europe 2022.
- Tata Power collaborated with Germany-based RWE Renewable GmbH to develop offshore wind projects
- Germany re-elects President Frank-Walter Steinmeier for second term
- Olaf Scholz appointed as Germany's new chancellor
- Germany to host 48th, G7 summit in 2022
- NATO plans to set up new space center in Germany
- **GERMANY**
 - Capital : Berlin
 - Currency : Euro
 - President : Frank-Walter Steinmeier
 - Transparency International, Headquarters : Berlin, Germany
 - European Central Bank, Headquarteres : Frankfurt, Germany



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Spree river (Berlin City)

Q. Which state government will launch India's first state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform named 'CSpace'?

A) Kerala

B) Karnataka

C) Telangana

D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : A

- ✓ Kerala government will launch a state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform named 'CSpace' on state's formation day on November 1.
- ✓ It will offer film lovers an array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice. The films will be streamed on CSpace only after their theatrical release.
- ✓ This is an initiative of Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC).

KERALA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Kerala will launch India's 1st state-owned over-the-top (OTT) Platform named 'CSpace'
- Kerala signed MoU with Netherlands for "Cosmos Malabaricus" Project to illustrate Kerala's history
- Kerala Becomes First State To Introduce Carbon-Neutral Farming.
- Kerala signed an MoU with Social Alpha to develop clean energy tech
- Kerala got its first-ever scientific bird atlas
- India's first graphene innovation center to be established in Kerala
- Kerala College researchers develop 5G microwave absorber
- Kerala Tourism launched STREET project for experiential tourism
- Bihar has highest level of multidimensional poverty while Kerala is least poor state: NITI Aayog's Multi-dimensional Poverty Index
- India's first Drone Forensic Lab comes up in Kerala
- Perumkulam, in Kollam District, has been bestowed with the title Kerala's first 'Book Village'.
- Kerala removes upper age limit for transgenders seeking admission in State universities
- Pinarayi Vijayan sworn in as Kerala chief minister for second time
- Snakepedia' mobile app launched in Kerala to help treat snake bites



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- Kerala Government sanctions Rs. 9 crore to build 48 'Smart' Anganwadis
- Kerala becomes 8th State to complete ease of doing business reforms
- Kerala's first Human Milk Bank (HMB), a state-of-art facility will be opened at the Ernakulam general hospital
- India's First 'Gender Park' to be inaugurated in Kozhikode, Kerala
- India's first Labour Movement Museum to be set up in Alappuzha, Kerala
- Kerala becomes 8th State to complete ease of doing business reforms
- UN Women collaborates with Kerala Government to set up India's first Gender Data Hub
- Kerala best-governed state while Chandigarh top union territory: PAC Report
- Kerala becomes the first state to fix floor price for vegetables
- Kerala becomes 1st state to have completely digital, hi-tech classrooms
- India's 1st solar-powered miniature train launched in Kerala
- Kerala tops 'The State of young Child in India'
- Kerala launches 'Parivarthanam' scheme for better livelihood of Fishing Community
- Kerala Govt commissioned 1st Marine Ambulance 'PRATHEEKSHA'
- Kerala tops India's literacy chart at 96.2%, Andhra Pradesh worst performer

Q. Nanjarayan Lake, a biodiversity hotspot, has been notified as the 17th Bird Sanctuary. In which state Nanjarayan Tank is located?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Tamil Nadu government notified the Nanjarayan lake, a bio-diversity hotspot, as the 17th bird sanctuary. The government also set up an information centre to raise awareness about the bird population in the lake.
- ✓ The Nanjarayan Tank also known as Sarkar Periyapalayam Reservoir, is located in Tirupur city near Koolipalayam, Tami Nadu.
- ✓ A Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be prepared for setting up another wildlife sanctuary for the endangered Slender Loris in Dindigul and Karur.



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TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2021-22

- Tamil Nadu government notified the Nanjarayan lake, a bio-diversity hotspot, as the 17th bird sanctuary.
- Tamilnadu Petroproducts became world's first LAB manufacturing company to get BIS certification
- Tamil Nadu government launched 'Kaaval Uthavi' app for public during emergency.
- Tamil Nadu govt announced breakfast scheme for primary school students.
- M K Stalin, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, inaugurates the Periyar Memorial Samathuvapuram.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister announced to Celebrate April 14 As 'Equality Day'.
- Tamil Nadu government has announced that December 18, every year will be observed as Minorities Rights Day.
- Tamil Nadu and Puducherry beaches get coveted 'blue flag' certification.
- Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy Finals: Tamil Nadu defeats Karnataka.
- Karthigai Deepam Festival Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu sets up first ever SPV to professionally manage three critical natural conservation missions
- India's first dugong conservation reserve to come up in Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu's 'Kanniyakumari Clove' gets GI Tag.
- ADB approves \$150 million loan for urban poor housing project in Tamil Nadu.
- President Ramnath Kovind appoints new Governors of R. N. Ravi.
- Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin has been sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve Tamil Nadu set to create state's 5th tiger reserve.
- Electronics signs MoU with Tamil Nadu to set up mobile components unit.
- Raghuram Rajan named in Tamil Nadu economic advisory panel.
- Ola to set up world's largest scooter factory in Tamil Nadu

Q. Inflation based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in India has increased to how much in April 2022.

A) 12.03%

B) 14.05%

C) 15.08%

D) 13.07%



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Answer : C

- ✓ India's wholesale inflation soared to a three decade high in April as high commodity prices and supply-chain disruptions pushed up input cost for producers.
- ✓ Wholesale prices rose 15.08% in April from a year earlier, according to the data released by the Commerce Ministry.
- ✓ The WPI inflation stood at 14.55 % in March 2022 and 10.74% in April 2021. Fuel prices, a big component of the increase, were up 38.66 % on the year versus 34.52 % in March.
- ✓ Wholesale price index (WPI)
- ✓ WPI is an index that measures and tracks the changes in the price of goods in the stages before the retail level.
- ✓ The base year for the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) is 2011-12
- ✓ The WPI is published by the Economic Adviser of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Q. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the public sector banks have reported how much amount with a fall of more than 51% in the amount involved in frauds during the financial year ended March 2022.

- A) Rs 35,140 crores
- B) Rs 40,295 crores
- C) Rs 74,259 crores
- D) Rs 50,575 crores

Answer : B

- ✓ According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the public sector banks have reported over a 51% dip in the amount involved in frauds to Rs 40,295.25 crore during the financial year ended March 2022.
- ✓ The 12 PSBs had reported frauds worth Rs 81,921.54 crore in the preceding fiscal 2020-21. But, the number of fraud cases has fallen slightly as a total of 7,940 frauds were reported by the PSBs in 2021-22, against 9,933 incidents reported in FY21.
- ✓ According to the RBI data on frauds reported by PSBs in all categories during FY22, the highest amount of Rs 9,528.95 crore was reported by the city-based Punjab National Bank (PNB), involving 431 such incidents.



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Q. SEBI has enhanced the net worth criteria and track record requirements with an aim to strengthen the regulatory framework for collective investment schemes. The SEBI has mandated a minimum of 20 investors and a subscription amount of at least Rs ____ for each Collective Investment Scheme (CIS).

- A) Rs 50 crore B) Rs 25 crore
C) Rs 10 crore D) Rs 20 crore

Answer : D

- ✓ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has enhanced the net worth criteria and track record requirements with an aim to strengthen the regulatory framework for collective investment schemes.
- ✓ SEBI has amended Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) regulations, 1999 which have not been reviewed since their first notification in 1999.
- ✓ The SEBI has mandated a minimum of 20 investors and a subscription amount of at least Rs 20 crore for each Collective Investment Scheme (CIS). Currently, CIS rules do not mandate minimum number of investors, maximum holding of a single investor or minimum subscription amount
- ✓ No single investor will hold more than 25% of the assets under management of such schemes. SEBI has put a cap on cross-shareholding in Collective Investment Management Company (CIMC) to 10% to avoid conflict of interest.

SEBI IN NEWS 2021-22

- SEBI formed Advisory Committee for Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)-related matters; chaired by Navneet Munot.
- SEBI restructured Secondary Market Advisory Committee; headed by Gurumoorthy Mahalingam.
- SEBI reconstituted its advisory committee for leveraging regulatory and technology solutions; Advisory Committee for ALeRTS will now be led by Sunil Bajpai.
- SEBI announces Ideathon 'Manthan' to promote innovation in securities markets
- SEBI raises UPI limit for investing in debt securities to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 2 lakh previously.
- 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



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- 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
- 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
- **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. Who has been appointed as the executive director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) Rajiv Ranjan and Sitikantha Pattanaik
- B) K.V. Kamath and N. S. Vishwanathan
- C) Tapan Ray and Mahesh Kumar Jain
- D) Mahesh Kumar Jain and N. S. Vishwanathan

Answer : A

- ✓ Rajiv Ranjan and Sitikantha Pattanaik have been appointed as the executive directors of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ Rajiv Ranjan was Adviser-in-Charge of the Monetary Policy Department and Secretary to the Monetary Policy Committee before being appointed to executive director. Pattanaik was an adviser at the Department of Economic and Policy Research before being appointed to ED.
- ✓ Rajiv Ranjan will oversee the Monetary Policy Department as Executive Director, while Pattanaik will oversee the Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR).



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Q. Which country was offered the use of Chittagong Port in Bangladesh by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh?

- A) Nepal
B) China
C) Bhutan
D) India

Answer : D

- ✓ Bangladesh Prime Minister offered India the use of Chittagong Port in Bangladesh. Let us tell you that access to Chittagong port will benefit the northeastern states of India like Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya and Mizoram.
- ✓ Before independence, the northeastern part of India had access to the port of Chittagong through the Brahmaputra and Barak river systems.
- ✓ Chittagong port, the main port of Bangladesh is built on the Karnaphuli river.

Q. Public sector banks has reported over ___ dip in the amount involved in frauds during the financial year 2021- 2022.

- A) 49%
B) 51%
C) 74%
D) 65%

Answer : B

- ✓ Public sector banks reported over 51 per cent dip in the amount involved in frauds to Rs 40,295.25 crore during the financial year ended March 2022, the Reserve Bank of India has said.
- ✓ The 12 PSBs (Public Sector Banks) had reported frauds worth Rs 81,921.54 crore in preceding fiscal 2020-21.
- ✓ The country's largest lender State Bank of India reported frauds worth Rs 6,932.37 crore.
- ✓ According to the RBI data on frauds reported by PSBs in all categories during FY22, the highest amount was reported by the Punjab National Bank (PNB).

Q. Who has inaugurated the first 'Vadnagar International Conference' at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar on 18 May on the occasion of World Museum Day.

- A) Narendra Modi
B) Piyush Goyal
C) Bhupendra Patel
D) Amit Shah

Answer : C



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- ✓ Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the first 'Vadnagar International Conference' at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar on 18 May on the occasion of World Museum Day.
- ✓ The 3-day conference has been organized to promote Archaeological Heritage and Culture, in association with the Ministry of Culture and UNESCO.
- ✓ The conference is supported by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

Q. Which aircrafts has successfully completed in-flight engine relight test at DRDO's Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) facility, Challakere?

- A) Boeing AH-64 Apache B) HANSA-NG 2
C) CH-47 Chinook D) Mil Mi-24

Answer : B

- ✓ HANSA-NG 2 seater flying trainer aircraft has successfully completed an in-flight engine relight test at DRDO's Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) facility, Challakere on 17th May 2022.
- ✓ The flight test was carried out at an altitude of 7000-8000 feet with a speed range of 60 to 70 knots by Wg Cdr K V Prakash and Wg Cdr NDS Reddy, Test Pilots from Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE).

Q. Which country hosted the meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs through video conference in May 2022?

- A) Russia B) China
C) Japan D) Indonesia

Answer : B

- ✓ China hosted the meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs on May 19, 2022 through video conference.
- ✓ The meeting was also attended by India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.
- ✓ India handed over the BRICS Chairmanship to China in January 2022.
- ✓ The theme for BRICS 2022 is 'Foster High-Quality BRICS Partnership Usher in a New Era for Global Development'.

Q. India won how many medals at the Deaflympics 2021?

- A) 15 B) 16
C) 17 D) 18



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Answer : B

- ✓ The 24th edition of 2021 Summer Deaflympics, officially known as XXIV Summer Deaflympic Games, and commonly known as Caxias 2021, was an international multi-sport event held at Festa da Uva, Caxias do Sul, Brazil, from 1 May to 15 May 2022.
- ✓ The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) is the main governing body responsible for the organisation of Deaflympics and other World Deaf Championships.
- ✓ The event was opened by Michelle Bolsonaro, the First Lady of Brazil. The Motto of 2021 Deaflympics is "Sports comes from the our hearts". The mascot of the Deaflympics is the Ring-tailed Coati – Nino, meaning priceless, worthy of appreciation, cheerful, happy, very lucky, auspicious.
- ✓ India has won 16 medals (including eight golds, one silver and seven bronze) at the Deaflympics 2021.
- ✓ India has finished in the ninth position in the medal tally. India won three gold in shooting, three in Badminton, and each in Golf and Tennis.
- ✓ 2021 Summer Deaflympics: India won 8 golds, 1 silver and 7 bronze; Ukraine topped

Name	Medal	Sport	Event
Jerlin Anika	1 Gold	Badminton	Women Singles
Abhinav Sharma Jerlin Anika	1 Gold	Badminton	Mixed Doubles
Team	1 Gold	Badminton	Mixed Team
Diksha Dagar	1 Gold	Golf	Women's Individual
Dhanush Srikanth	1 Gold	Shooting	Men's 10m air rifle
Abhinav Deshwal	1 Gold	Shooting	Men's 10m air pistol
Dhanush Srikanth Priyasha Deshmukh	1 Gold	Shooting	Mixed rifle
Sumit Dahya	1 Gold	Wrestling	Men's Freestyle (97 kg)
Prithvi Sekhar Dhananjay Dubey	2 Silver	Tennis	Men's Doubles
Abhinav Sharma	3 Bronze	Badminton	Men's Singles
Vedika Sharma	3 Bronze	Shooting	Women's 10m air pistol
Shourya Saini	3 Bronze	Shooting	Men's 10m air rifle
Prithvi Sekhar	3 Bronze	Tennis	Men's Singles



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Prithvi Sekhar Jafreen Shaik	3 Bronze	Tennis	Mixed Doubles
Virender Singh	3 Bronze	Wrestling	Men's Freestyle (74 kg)
Amit Krishan	3 Bronze	Wrestling	Men's Freestyle (86 kg)

Q. Which state government has launched 'Lok Milni', a first-of-its-kind public interaction programme for redressal of public complaints

- A) Haryana
B) Punjab
C) Chhattisgarh
D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Mann heard the grievances of the people of the state and issued redressal directions in 'Lok Milni', a first-of-its-kind public interaction programme that was launched on 16th May 2022.
- ✓ This interactive programme was launched with the aim of providing a single-window platform to the people of the state for the redressal of the complaints that they have.

Q. India recorded how much annual FDI inflow in FY 2021-22?

- A) USD 83.57 billion
B) USD 75.60 billion
C) USD 85.83 billion
D) USD 67.78 billion

Answer : A

- ✓ India recorded the highest-ever annual FDI inflow of USD 83.57 billion in the Financial Year 2021-22, overtaking last year's FDI by USD 1.60 billion.
- ✓ Singapore was the topmost investor in India last fiscal year, accounting for 27% of the FDI, followed by the US at 18% and Mauritius at 16%.
- ✓ India's FDI inflow has witnessed a 23 percent rise post-COVID-19 outbreak despite lockdowns and Russian military operations in Ukraine.
- ✓ FDI equity inflows in manufacturing sectors increased 76% in FY22 at \$21.34 billion, compared to \$12.09 billion in the year before.
- ✓ Computer software and hardware emerged as the top recipient sector of FDI equity inflows during the last fiscal year with an around 25% share, followed by the services and automobile sectors, both at 12%



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Q. Which country was the largest source of FDI in India in FY22?

- A) China
B) United States
C) Singapore
D) Thailand

Answer : C

- ✓ Singapore was the topmost investor in India last fiscal year, accounting for 27% of the FDI, followed by the US at 18% and Mauritius at 16%.

Q. Which state was the top recipient of FDI in India during the fiscal year 2021-22 (FY22)?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Maharashtra
C) Karnataka
D) Gujarat

Answer : C

- ✓ Karnataka was the top recipient of the FDI equity inflow in Financial Year 2021-22 with a share of 38 percent during the FY 2021-22 followed by Maharashtra (26%) and Delhi (14%).
- ✓ A majority of FDI inflow in Karnataka was reported in Computer Software & Hardware' (35%), Automobile Industry (20%) and Education' (12%) sectors.

Q. Finance Minister and India's Governor for NDB Nirmala Sitharaman has chaired the 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB through video-conferencing in New Delhi.

The Bank formed by BRICS countries is known as ____.

- A) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
B) European Investment Bank (EIB)
C) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
D) New Development Bank (NDB)

Answer : D

- ✓ Finance Minister and India's Governor for the New Development Bank (NDB) Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB through video-conferencing in New Delhi.
- ✓ Due to ongoing pandemic, this Annual Meeting of NDB which was hosted and chaired by India this year was organized in virtual mode.
- ✓ FM Sitharamana has mentioned that India's economic growth in the current financial year has been robust and is estimated to be 8.9%.



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Q. Bharti Airtel board has reappointed whom as Managing Director & CEO for a further period of five years?

A) Gopal Vittal

B) Ireena Vittal

B) Ravinder Takkar

D) Kavin Bharti Mittal

Answer : A

- ✓ Bharti Airtel board has reappointed Gopal Vittal as Managing Director & CEO for a further period of five years ending on January 31, 2028.
- ✓ The reappointment came on a day the telco posted a consolidated net profit at Rs 2,007.8 crore in the March quarter, up 141% sequentially and 164% on the year.
- ✓ Analysts had an estimated net profit of around Rs 1,970 crore. This was Airtel's sixth successive quarter in the black after six straight losses earlier.
- ✓ **Bharti Airtel**
Founded : 1995
Founder : Sunil Bharti Mittal
Headquarters : New Delhi
Chairman : Sunil Bharti Mittal
MD & CEO : Gopal Vittal

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and as a Whole Time Director of IndiGo?

A) Pieter Elbers

B) Carolyn McCall

C) Claudia Sender

D) Chris Browne

Answer : A

- ✓ Chief of Air France-KLM's Dutch unit Pieter Elbers appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and as a Whole Time Director of low-cost carrier IndiGo.
- ✓ His appointment as the Chief Executive Officer is expected to be effective from 1 October this year.
- ✓ IndiGo CEO Ronojoy Dutta will be retiring on 30 September, 2022. Elbers has been appointed as Dutta's successor, the company said in a regulatory filing. Mr. Dutta was appointed as IndiGo's CEO in January 2019.
- ✓ **IndiGo**



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Founded : 2005

Headquarters : Gurgaon, Haryana

Chairman : Venkataramani Sumantran

MD : Rahul Bhatia

CEO : Pieter Elbers

Founders : Rahul Bhatia and Rakesh Gangwal

IndiGo is India's biggest airline by market share

Q. Which Indian boxer won gold in the 52 kg category at the Women's World Boxing Championship 2022?

A) Pooja Rani

B) Lovlina Borgohain

C) Simranjit Kaur

D) Nikhat Zareen

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen won the gold medal in 52kg category after defeating Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas at the 2022 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships, Istanbul.
- ✓ Nikhat became the fifth Indian woman to secure a gold medal at the World Boxing Championships after Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL, and Lekha KC.
- ✓ It was also India's first gold medal since boxing great Mary Kom won it in 2018.
- ✓ Apart from Nikhat, two Indian boxers Manisha Moun in 57 kg and Parveen Hooda in 63 kg category won bronze medals after their semi-finals finish in the championships.

Q. Who is the author of the new novel titled 'A Place Called Home'?

A) Namita Gokhale

B) Preeti Shenoy

C) Manikuntala Sen

D) Krishna Sobti

Answer : B

- ✓ Bestselling author Preeti Shenoy is set to publish a new novel titled "A Place Called Home", a story set in a coffee estate in Sakleshpur, Karnataka with a strong female protagonist at its core.
- ✓ The new novel is about secrets, family, and finding yourself. The book published by HarperCollins Publishers India is set to be released in June 2022.



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- ✓ Preeti Shenoy has authored around 15 novels which include, When Love Came Calling, Wake Up Life is Calling, Life is What You Make it, The Rule Breakers, A Hundred Little Flames, It's All In The Planets, Why We Love The Way We Do, The Secret Wish List, The One You Cannot Have and many others.

Q. Which company has successfully completed the full duration test-firing of its 'Vikram-1' rocket stage?

- A) Antrix Corporation Ltd B) Bharat Dynamics**
C) Tata Advanced Systems Ltd D) Skyroot Aerospace Pvt Ltd

Answer : D

- ✓ Hyderabad-based start-up Skyroot Aerospace has successfully completed the full duration test-firing of its Vikram-1 rocket stage.
- ✓ Vikram-1 is India's first-ever privately designed and developed rocket for commercial missions.
- ✓ It has three solid fuel-powered stages. The third stage of it has been named 'Kalam-100' after renowned Indian rocket scientist and former president Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
- ✓ **Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited**
Founded: 2018
Headquarters: Hyderabad

Q. Name the cotton man of India, under whose chairmanship, Union Government has announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India.

- A) Avishrant Misra B) Nirav K. Shah**
C) Suresh Amritlal Kotak D) Pradeep Kumar Srivastava

Answer : C

- ✓ The Union Government has announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned veteran cotton man Suresh Amritlal Kotak.
- ✓ The Council will have representation from Textiles, Agriculture, Commerce, and Finance Ministries along with Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Research Institute.
- ✓ Mr Goyal also appealed to the spinning and trading community to ensure a hassle-free supply of cotton and yarn first to the domestic industry.
- ✓ Group of Cotton-4 countries namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali
- ✓ India to maintain top rank in world cotton production till 2030



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- ✓ Cotton Producing Countries In The World
- ✓ 1st : India (25%),
- ✓ 2nd : China (22%)
- ✓ 3rd : USA (15%)
- ✓ Cotton Producing States
- ✓ 1st : Gujarat
- ✓ 2nd : Maharashtra
- ✓ World Cotton Day: 07 October

Q. Assam Rifles has inked a Tripartite MoU with which bank and National Integrity and Educational Development Organisation (NIEDO) to establish a Centre of Excellence and Wellness to secure a better future for the youth of Nagaland?

A) Axis Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) HDFC Bank

D) ICICI Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Assam Rifles inked a Tripartite MoU with Axis Bank and National Integrity and Educational Development Organisation (NIEDO) to establish a Centre of Excellence and Wellness to secure a better future for the youth of Nagaland.
- ✓ The centre named after Late Capt N Kenguruse MVC Centre of Excellence and Wellness will be located at Chieswema in Kohima district.
- ✓ **AXIS BANK**
Founded : 1993
HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Q. Who has been appointed as non-executive chairman of Gram Unnati?

A) Rajiv Kumar

B) Sushil Chandra

C) Sunil Arora

D) Ashok Lavasa

Answer : C



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- ✓ Agritech startup Gram Unnati has appointed former chief election commissioner Sunil Arora as the new non-executive chairman of its board.
- ✓ Gram Unnati is a social venture that helps farmers increase their net income by increasing price realisation, enhancing agricultural productivity, and lowering cultivation costs.
- ✓ Sunil Arora, the 23rd Chief Election Commissioner of India, also served as the president of the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB).
- ✓ Gram Unnati was founded by IIT Kharagpur graduate Aneesh Jain in 2013.

Q. Which country plans to launch world's first search for habitable planets through space telescope?

- A) Germany B) Israel
C) India D) China

Answer : D

- ✓ Chinese scientists have proposed a project named Closeby Habitable Exoplanet Survey (CHES) to hunt for habitable Earth-like planets outside our solar system through a space telescope.
- ✓ This is will be the world's first space mission specially designed to search for habitable planets in the universe.

Q. The High Court has canceled the well-known existing 'Ghar-Ghar Ration Distribution Scheme' (Mukhyamantri Ghar Ghar Ration Scheme) of which state government?

- A) Delhi B) Bihar
C) Jharkhand D) Chhattisgarh

Answer : A

- ✓ High Court has recently canceled the well-known existing 'Ghar-Ghar Ration Distribution Scheme' (Chief Minister Ghar Ghar Ration Scheme) of the Delhi Government.
- ✓ Although the court said that the Delhi government is free to start the scheme of home delivery of ration afresh, but for this it cannot use the food grains provided by the central government

Q. Which state/UT government is planning to launch Urban Agriculture Policy?

- A) Rajasthan B) Gujarat
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Delhi

Answer : D



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- ✓ Delhi government pushes for urban farming in new drive
- ✓ Environment Minister Gopal Rai informed on May 18, 2022 that the Aam Aadmi Party-led government will soon launch its Urban Agriculture Policy, which will incorporate best practices and solutions from across the world.

Q. The World Bee Day is observed on which day of the year?

- A) 20 May**
- B) 19 May**
- C) 18 May**
- D) 17 May**

Answer : A

- ✓ World Bee Day is observed annually on 20 May across the globe to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem.
- ✓ Theme 2022: 'Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems'
- ✓ In December 2017, the United Nations Member States approved the proposal of Slovenia to proclaim 20 May as World Bee Day.
- ✓ World Bee Day was first inaugurated on 20th May 2018 and is celebrated every year ever since. This day commemorates the birth of Anton Jansa in 1734. She is considered the pioneer of beekeeping.

Q. What is the theme of World Bee Day 2022?

- A) Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees**
- B) Just Bee Yourself**
- C) No Bee, No Honey**
- D) Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems**

Answer : D



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