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Q. Which financial institutions has announced actions it plans to take as part of a comprehensive, global response to the ongoing food security crisis, with up to \$30 billion financing in existing and new projects?

- A) World bank B) New Development Bank
C) International Monetary Fund D) Asian Development Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ World Bank has announced actions it plans to take as part of a comprehensive, global response to the ongoing food security crisis, with up to \$30 billion financing in existing and new projects.
- ✓ Financing will be provided in the areas like nutrition, agriculture, water, social protection, and irrigation so as to address the ongoing food insecurity across the globe over the next 15 months..
- ✓ The financing will also be including efforts that will help boost fertilizer and food production, facilitate trade, enhance the food systems, and support the vulnerable producers and households from across the globe.

WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2022

- World Bank announces up to \$30 bn to address food security crisis.
- 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.
- **WORLD BANK**



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Founded : 1944

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. BRICS countries' multilateral bank New Development Bank (NDB) will open its first regional office in India in which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Telangana
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ New Development Bank (NDB), the BRICS countries' multilateral bank based in Shanghai, will open its first regional office in India at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) to address the country's infrastructural and sustainable development needs.
- ✓ The India office will concentrate on extending its presence in the country by developing, implementing, and monitoring new projects..
- ✓ NDB's existing regional offices will be supplemented by the new India office. Its Africa Regional Center (ARC) opened in Johannesburg in 2017, the Americas Regional Office (ARO) in So Paulo with a sub-office in Brasil in 2019, and the Eurasian Regional Centre (ERC) in Moscow in 2020.
- ✓ The NDB was founded in July 2015 by the BRICS countries of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. Since then, Bangladesh, UAE, Egypt, and Uruguay have joined the bank.



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NDB IN NEWS 2022

- BRICs' New Development Bank opened India's regional office in Gujarat's GIFT City.
- Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB.
- New Development Bank 1st multilateral agency to open office in Gift City.
- Egypt has been inducted as the fourth new member of the BRICS New Development Bank(NDB).
- New Development Bank approves UAE, Bangladesh and Uruguay as a new member
- **New Development Bank (NDB)**
 - Founded : 2015
 - Headquarters : Shanghai, China
 - Membership (9) : Brazil ,Russia, India, China , South Africa, Bangladesh, UAE , Uruguay & Egypt.
 - President : Marcos Troyjo (Brazil)
 - Vice President : Anil Kishora (Indian)
- The initial authorized capital of the bank is \$100 bln divided into 1 mln shares having a par value of \$100,000 each.
- The initial subscribed capital of the NDB is \$50 bln divided into paid-in shares (\$10 bln) and callable shares (\$40 bln).

Q. What is the surplus transfer by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to the Government for 2021-22?

- A) Rs. 51,765 crores B) Rs. 29,357 crores
C) Rs. 30,307 crores D) Rs. 44,103 crores

Answer : C

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has sanctioned a surplus transfer to the Central Government of 30,307 crore rupees for the fiscal year 2021-22. The Reserve Bank of India's Central Board of Directors met for the 596th time in Mumbai, under the chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das, to adopt the Reserve Bank's Annual Report and Accounts for the year.
- ✓ The bank's central board of directors also decided to maintain the contingency risk buffer (CRB) at 5.50%. CRB, which comes from the contingency fund, is risk provisioning made from economic capital to cover monetary, credit, fiscal stability, and operational risks.



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- ✓ In the 2022 budget, the government had estimated that it would receive 73,948 crores as dividend from the RBI and state-owned banks for FY22.
- ✓ The budgeted dividend is 27% lower than the ₹1.01 trillion the centre received in FY22.

Q. Which organization has successfully conducted the flight test of the indigenously-developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile from a Seaking 42B Helicopter from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace
- B) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- D) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Answer : D

- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Navy successfully conducted the flight test of the indigenously-developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile.
- ✓ It is the first indigenous air launched anti-ship missile system for the Indian Navy.
- ✓ The missile was launched from a Seaking 42B Helicopter from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha
- ✓ The missile is fitted with many new technologies such as an indigenously developed launcher for the helicopter, Missile Guidance System, a State-of-the-art navigation system and integrated avionics

DRDO IN NEWS 2022

- DRDO & Indian Navy conduct successful maiden flight-test of indigenously-developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile off Odisha coast
- India conducts successful flight-test of anti-tank guided missile 'Helina' in Pokhran.
- HELINA is one of the most advanced anti-tank weapons in the world.
- The missile has a maximum range of 7 kilometers.
- DRDO successfully flight-tested Pinaka Mk-I (Enhanced) Rocket System and Pinaka Area Denial Munition Rocket Systems.
- DRDO successfully flight tested "Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet" (SFDR) booster on April 08, 2022, at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- It has an extremely high projected range of 350 km.



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- The SFDR has been developed by Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Hyderabad
- (DRDO) conducted two successful flight tests of the Indian Army version of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) against high-speed aerial targets on March 27, 2022 at Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- The Indian Army version of MRSAM is a Surface-to-Air Missile. It has been developed jointly by DRDO and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated a seven-storeyed Flight Control System (FCS) Integration facility in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The facility is housed at Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a laboratory of DRDO.
- DRDO successfully flight tested the Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) in its final “deliverable configuration”. at minimum range, which is 200-300 metres.
- MPATGM will be manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited at its facility in Bhanoor, Telangana.
- DRDO successfully test-fired an extended range sea-to-sea variant of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile on January 11, 2022 for the Indian Navy.
- DRDO and IIT Delhi successfully demonstrated a Quantum Key Distribution link between Prayagraj and Vindhyachal in Uttar Pradesh, spanning over 100 kilometres.
- This advanced sea to sea variant of BrahMos Supersonic Cruise missile was launched from INS Visakhapatnam, a stealth guided-missile destroyer of the Indian Navy
- DRDO has successfully conducted a flight test of Indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) ‘Abhyas’ from Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off Odisha coast.
- DRDO test-fired air version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from the integrated test range of Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.
- DRDO and Indian Air Force successfully flight-tested the indigenously designed and developed Helicopter launched (air-launched) Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT) Missile from the Pokhran range in Rajasthan
- DRDO Celebrates 64th Foundation Day on 1st January 2022.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**
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Q. Ministry of Railways has entered into an Rs 8.34 crore collaborative project with which IIT on Hyperloop Technology, proposing a high-speed transportation system?

A) IIT Madras

B) IIT Bombay

C) IIT Kharagpur

D) IIT Hyderabad

Answer : A

- ✓ Ministry of Railways and Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has entered into an Rs 8.34 crore collaborative project on Hyperloop Technology, proposing a high-speed transportation system.
- ✓ The proposal was approved by Ashwini Vaishnav, Union Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology at IIT-M.
- ✓ The Collaboration is made after the submission of the research proposal by IIT-M to indigenously develop and validate Hyperloop technology based transportation systems and its subsystems.
- ✓ The collaboration also involves setting up a Centre for Excellence for Hyperloop Technology at IIT-M

MOST IMPORTANT IIT IN NEWS 2021-22

- Railway Ministry approved Rs. 8.34 crores collaborative project with IIT Madras on Hyperloop technology
- IIT Bombay tied up with India Meteorological Department to develop user-friendly weather forecasting app
- IIT Madras establishes AquaMAP Water Management and Policy Centre
- IIT Madras and RBI Innovation Hub make ties with Boost fintech startups
- For drone-based mineral exploration NMDC Sign MoU with IIT Kharagpur.
- L&T tie-up with IIT Bombay to develop Green Hydrogen Technology
- IIT Madras established Policy Centre along with AquaMAP Water Management
- C-DAC Commissions "PARAM Ganga" Supercomputer at IIT Roorkee under National Supercomputing Mission.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru commissions one of India's most powerful supercomputers 'Param Pravega'.



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- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has signed MoU with IIT Roorkee for establishment of 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor' at IIT Roorkee
- IIT Madras bagged the first position in ARIIA Rankings 2021.
- IIT-Madras is followed by IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IT Kanpur, and IIT Roorkee. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru bagged the sixth position in the category
- IIT Roorkee has been selected by the prestigious Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the Industrial Innovation Awards.
- India's First Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) has been launched at IISc campus, Bengaluru
- IIT-Delhi tie-up with Indian Air Force (IAF) to improve indigenisation efforts
- IIT Bombay rolls out language translator 'Project Udaan'
- IIT Madras Retains Top Spot in Overall Category of NIRF India Ranking 2021
- India to set up its first IIT outside the country in UAE
- Posoco ties up with IIT Delhi for research
- Indian Air Force (IAF) Ties Up with IIT Madras to Develop Solutions to Maintain Weapon Systems.
- IIT Madras announces online platform 'E-Source' to tackle e-Waste
- IIT Ropar develop's world's first 'Plant based' smart air-purifier "Ubreathe Life"
- India's first bio-brick based building inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad
- IIT Madras Develops AI-based algorithm to help identify cancer-causing cell alterations
- IIT-Hyderabad develops cheaper COVID-19 testing kit 'COVIHOME'
- IIT Madras and Sony India jointly host national-level hackathon 'SAMVEDAN 2021'
- IIT-Madras develops AI algorithm called 'NBDriver'

Q. In the third advance estimate of production of major crops for the year 2021-22 released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, India's estimated foodgrain production is how much million tonnes?

- A) 542.87 million tonnes
- B) 424.76 million tonnes
- C) 314.51 million tonnes
- D) 231.33 million tonnes

Answer : C



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- ✓ Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has released the third advance estimate of the production of major agricultural crops for 2021-22.
- ✓ The food grains production in the country has been estimated at 314.51 million tonnes which is a record high and is higher by 3.77 million tonnes from the food grain production during 2020-21.
- ✓ During 2021-22, the average food grain production was higher by 23.80 million tonnes as compared to the previous five years from 2016-17 to 2020-21.
- ✓ There has been an estimated record production of maize, rice, oilseeds, pulses, rapeseed, gram, sugarcane, and mustard
- ✓ As per the 3rd Advance Estimates, the estimated production of major crops during the year 2021-22:
- ✓ Rice: 129.66 million tonnes (record production)
- ✓ Food grains: 314.51 million tonnes
- ✓ Wheat: 106.41 million tonnes
- ✓ Maize: 33.18 million tonnes. (record production)
- ✓ Coarse / Nutri Cereals 50.70 million tonnes
- ✓ Tur: 4.35 million tonnes
- ✓ Pulses: 27.75 million tonnes. (record production)
- ✓ Oilseeds: 38.50 million tonnes. (record production)
- ✓ Gram: 13.98 million tonnes. (record production)
- ✓ Soyabean: 13.83 million tonnes
- ✓ Groundnut: 10.09 million tonnes
- ✓ Sugarcane: 430.50 million tonnes (record production)
- ✓ Mustard and Rapeseed: 11.75 million tonnes (record production)
- ✓ Mesta and Jute: 10.22 million bales which are 180 kg each
- ✓ Cotton: 31.54 million bales which are 170 kg each

Q. National Geographic Society has installed the “world’s highest weather station” on which mountain at an altitude of 8,830 metres to automatically measure various meteorological phenomena?

- A) Nanda Devi
- B) Mount Everest
- C) K2 (Godwin-Austen)
- D) Kangchenjunga

Answer : B



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- ✓ National Geographic Society has installed the “world’s highest weather station” on Mount Everest at an altitude of 8,830 metres to automatically measure various meteorological phenomena.
- ✓ Nepal’s Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM) said the automatic weather station was installed a few metres below the summit point last week as the snow and ice on the summit are not suitable for fixing equipment.
- ✓ The NatGeo team, led by climate scientist Baker Perry from the Appalachian State University in the US, consisted of climbers and scientists, many of whom scaled the world’s highest peak while installing the weather station.
- ✓ The new height of Mt Everest, has been calculated at 8,848.86 metres, which is 0.86m more than the previous measurement done by India in 1954
- ✓ In Tibetan language, Mount Everest is known as Mount Qomolangma while in Nepalese language it is famous as Sagar-Matha.

✓ **National Geographic Society**

Founded: 1888

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

CEO : Jill Tiefenthaler

President : Michael Ulica

Chairman : Jean M. Case

Q. Which bank has tied up with Amazon Pay and Amazon Web Services (AWS) to deliver universal payments interface (UPI) payments, which will include peer-to-peer and peer-to-merchant transactions?

A) RBL Bank

B) Kotak Mahindra Bank

C) Indian Overseas Bank

D) Punjab National Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ RBL Bank has tied up with Amazon Pay, and Amazon Web Services (AWS) to deliver universal payments interface (UPI) payments, which will include peer-to-peer and peer-to-merchant transactions.
- ✓ Amazon Pay would grant RBL Bank a UPI ID with the handle @rapl from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), resulting in a simplified payments experience using RBL Bank’s cloud-based processing infrastructure



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RBL BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- RBL Bank and Amazon Pay ties up to offer UPI payment.
- RBL Bank has partnered with Creditas Solutions for its 'Neo Collections' platform.
- RBL Bank tie-up with Google to advance next-gen customer experience.
- Paisabazaar & RBL bank tie-up to offer 'Paisa on Demand' credit card.
- Rajeev Ahuja appointed as interim CEO of RBL Bank.
- RBI authorises RBL Bank to collect direct taxes.
- RBL Bank working on Abacus 2.0 for digital engagement, customer acquisition.
- RBL Bank has selected Amazon Web Services (AWS) as its preferred cloud service provider.
- RBL Bank has appointed Chandan Sinha and Manjeev Singh Puri to its Board of Directors.
- RBL Bank Partners Mastercard to launch "Pay by Bank App".
- RBL Bank partners UK fintech to serve the banking needs of Indian SMEs.
- RuPay partnered with RBL Bank to launch an innovative payment solution for Indian merchants "RuPay PoS" in association with PayNearby.
- RBL Bank, ICICI Prudential join hands for Bancassurance partnership.
- RBL Bank launches cardless cash withdrawal facility through ATMs via MoBank app.
- **RBL BANK**
Founded : 1943
Headquarters : Mumbai
MD & CEO : Vishwavir Ahuja
Tagline : Apno ka Bank

Q. The World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) report is released by which body?

- A) International Monetary Fund B) World Economic Forum
C) World Bank D) United Nations

Answer : D

- ✓ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) in its 'World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) Mid-year Update 2022' has declined India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth projections from 6.7% to 6.4% for 2022-23.



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- ✓ For 2023-24, 6% GDP growth forecasted for India as against 6.1%. In 2021, India economy grew at 8.8%.
- ✓ The growth outlook for South Asia is also downgraded by 0.4 percentage points to 5.5% in 2022.
- ✓ **UNITED NATIONS (UN)**
- ✓ Founded : 24 October 1945
- ✓ Headquarteres : New York, US
- ✓ Official languages : Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish
- ✓ Membership : 193 member states & 2 observer states
- ✓ 1st Secretary General : Trygve Halvdan Lie (Norway)
- ✓ 7th Secretary General : Kofi Annan (Ghana)
- ✓ 8th Secretary General : Ban Ki-moon (South Korea)
- ✓ 9th Secretary-General : António Guterres (Portugal)
- ✓ Deputy Secretary-General : Amina J. Mohammed (Nigeria)

Q. Who has been reappointed as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (CEO & MD) of Infosys?

A) Salil Parekh

B) C Vijayakumar

C) Dara Khosrowshahi

D) Pravin Kumar Purwar

Answer : A

- ✓ IT major Infosys announced that its Board of Directors has reappointed Salil S. Parekh as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (CEO & MD) of the Company effective from July 1, 2022 for a period of five years till March 31, 2027, subject to the approval of shareholders.
- ✓ Salil Parekh, has been the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Infosys since January 2018 and has successfully led Infosys over the last 4 years.
- ✓ **INFOSYS**
- Founded : 1981
- Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka
- Chairman : Nandan Nilekani
- MD & CEO : Salil Parekh



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Q. Who has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm for a tenure of 5 years?

- A) Madhur Deora B) Suresh Vasudevan
C) Ashok Kumar Saxena D) Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Answer : D

- ✓ Vijay Shekhar Sharma has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm for another 5 years term.
- ✓ His tenure will be from December 19, 2022, to December 18, 2027.
- ✓ One 97 Communications which is listed under the Paytm brand, also announced the appointment of Madhur Deora as Additional Director of the company for a tenure of 5 years from May 20, 2022, to May 19, 2027.
- ✓ Further, the Board has also approved the appointment of Deora as the Whole-time director designated as “Whole-time Director and Chief Financial Officer” of the Company. Deora is the President and Group Chief Financial Officer of the Company.
- ✓ **PAYTM**
Founded : August 2010
Headquarteres : Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Owner : One97 Communications Ltd.
Founder(s) : Vijay Shekhar Sharma
CEO : Varun Sridhar
President : Amit Nayyar
Vice president : Ajay Shekhar Sharma

Q. Name the innovator from Rajasthan who has won the 1st prize for the Amazon Smbhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022.

- A) Subhash Ola B) Rutvick Pedamkar
C) Sachin Gangadharan D) Zuzana Gombosova

Answer : A

- ✓ An innovator from Rajasthan who has developed the technology of saving energy in boilers by recycling steam, Subhash Ola has won the 1st prize for the Amazon Smbhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022



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and his enterprise “Geniusenergy Critical Innovation Private Limited” has won the Start-up of the Year award.

- ✓ The technology was first developed to make khoya and other milk products.
- ✓ Geniusenergy Critical Innovation, a start-up recognized by Govt. of India, was incubated by the National Innovation Foundation (NIF), an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India.

Q. Which of the following football club has won UEFA Europa Football League title in 2022?

- A) Barcelona
- B) Real Madrid
- C) Chelsea
- D) Eintracht Frankfurt

Answer : D

- ✓ German club Eintracht Frankfurt has won their first European trophy in 42 years after defeating the Rangers by 5-4 on penalties in Seville, Spain.
- ✓ Goalkeeper, Kevin Trapp has saved at the end of extra time and another in the shootout to help give Frankfurt the 5-4 win on penalties.
- ✓ Scottish club Rangers was also trying to win its first European title since the Cup Winners' Cup in 1972.
- ✓ Kevin Trapp (Eintracht Frankfurt) was Man of the Match.

Q. When is the World Metrology Day observed?

- A) 21 May
- B) 20 May
- C) 18 May
- D) 19 May

Answer : B

- ✓ World Metrology Day is celebrated globally on May 20 to create awareness about the Metrology.
- ✓ Theme 2022 : Metrology in the Digital Era.
- ✓ World Metrology Day is an annual celebration of the signature of the Metre Convention on 20 May 1875 by representatives of seventeen nations.
- ✓ Metrology, the science of measurement, plays a central role in scientific discovery and innovation, industrial manufacturing and international trade, in improving the quality of life and in protecting the global environment.



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Q. Which day of the year is marked as the National Anti Terrorism Day in India?

- A) 19 May
B) 21 May
C) 20 May
D) 18 May

Answer : B

- ✓ In India, the National Anti Terrorism Day is observed on May 21 to commemorate the death anniversary of former Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi.
- ✓ The day is also observed to spread the message of peace, harmony, and humankind and to promote unity among the people.
- ✓ Rajiv Gandhi was India's youngest Prime Minister. He was appointed as the sixth Prime Minister of the country and served the nation from 1984 to 1989.
- ✓ It was on this day in the year May 21, 1991 that former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, in a suicide bombing, by a woman from the Liberation of Tamil Tigers Eelam (LTTE), a terrorist group.
- ✓ 2022 commemorates Rajiv Gandhi's 31st death anniversary as India observes Anti-Terrorism Day.

Q. When is the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development celebrated?

- A) 19 May
B) 18 May
C) 20 May
D) 21 May

Answer : D

- ✓ World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed globally on 21 May every year.
- ✓ The day aims to celebrate the richness of the world's cultures and highlight the significance of its diversity as an agent of inclusion and positive change for achieving peace and sustainable development.
- ✓ In the year 2001, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) adopted the 'Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity' as a result of the destruction of the Buddha statues of Bamiyan in Afghanistan in 2001.

Q. When is the United Nations recognised International Tea Day observed?

- A) 20 May
B) 19 May
C) 21 May
D) 18 May



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Answer : C

- ✓ International Tea Day is celebrated on 21st May annually.
- ✓ The assembly stated that the day will promote and nurture collective initiatives to carry out activities in support of sustainable tea production and consumption, as well as raise awareness of tea's relevance in the battle against hunger and poverty.
- ✓ It must be noted that the United Nations recognised International Tea Day is observed on 21 May.
- ✓ The International Tea Day is observed annually on December 15 since 2005 in tea producing countries like India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Vietnam, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Tanzania and Uganda.
- ✓ The first International Tea Day was held in Delhi, India in It was in 2015 that the Indian government proposed the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation to expand this day globally.
- ✓ The UNGA in the year 2019 marked 21 May as International Tea Day.
- ✓ Assam is the largest producer of tea in India.
- ✓ China is the largest producer of tea in the world
- ✓ India is the second largest producer

Q. Which day of the year is celebrated as the International Day for Biological Diversity?

- A) 20 May B) 22 May
C) 21 May D) 19 May

Answer : B

- ✓ International Day for Biological Diversity or World Biodiversity Day is observed on 22nd May every year to increase awareness and understanding of the issues of biodiversity.
- ✓ Theme 2022: "Building a shared future for all life."
- ✓ When first created by the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly in late 1993, 29 December (the date of entry into force of the Convention of Biological Diversity), was designated the International Day for Biological Diversity.

Q. Who has become the first Indian author to win the prestigious International Booker Prize for her novel 'Tomb of Sand'?

- A) MS Subbulakshmi B) Kiran Desai
C) Jhumpa Lahiri D) Geetanjali Shree



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Answer : D

- ✓ Geetanjali Shree's 'Tomb of Sand' became first Hindi novel to win International Booker Prize
- ✓ Delhi-based author Geetanjali Shree and American translator Daisy Rockwell won the International Booker Prize for their novel "Tomb of Sand,".
- ✓ Originally written in Hindi, it's the first book in any Indian language to win the high-profile award, which recognizes fiction from around the world that has been translated into English.
- ✓ The 50,000-pound (\$63,000) prize money will be split between New Delhi-based Shree and Rockwell, who lives in Vermont.
- ✓ "Tomb of Sand" is published in Britain by a small publisher Tilted Axis Press. It was founded by translator Deborah Smith, who won the 2016 International Booker for translating Han Kang's "The Vegetarian" to publish books from Asia.
- ✓ Shree's book beat five other finalists including Polish Nobel literature laureate Olga Tokarczuk, Claudia Piñeiro of Argentina and South Korean author Bora Chung to be awarded the prize at a ceremony in London.
- ✓ Geetanjali was born in the city of Mainpuri in Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Originally Hindi novel 'Ret Samadhi' has been translated into English by Daisy Rockwell.
- ✓ The Prize carries a prize money of £50,000 which will be split equally among the author and the translator.
- ✓ The International Booker Prize is an international literary prize awarded every year for a single book that is translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland
- ✓ Booker Prize for Fiction is a literary prize awarded each year for the best original novel written in the English language and published in the United Kingdom
- ✓ **Don't Confused Booker Prize & International Booker Prize.**
- ✓ Indian writer Geetanjali Shree and American translator Daisy Rockwell won the International Booker Prize for "Tomb of Sand,"
- ✓ Damon Galgut (From South Africa) has won the 2021 Booker Prize for "The Promise"
- ✓ **Don't Confused First's Indian Booker Prize and International Booker Prize.**
- ✓ Geetanjali Shree has become the first Indian author to win the prestigious International Booker Prize for her novel 'Tomb of Sand'



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✓ Arundhati Roy was the first Indian to win the Prestigious Booker prize in 1997 for her first novel The God of Small Things.

Q. Which novel has become the first hindi language work of fiction to be shortlisted for the prestigious International Booker Prize?

A) Khali Jagah

A) Tomb of Sand

B) The Empty Space

D) The Roof Beneath Their Feet

Answer : B

✓ **List of Books by Geetanjali Shree**

1. Tomb of Sand (2018)
2. Reta-samādhi
3. Hamara Shahar Us Baras
4. Tirohit
5. Khali Jagah
6. Anugoonj
7. The Roof Beneath Their Feet
8. The Empty Space
9. That Empty Space
10. Yahan hathi rahate the
11. Between Two Worlds: An Intellectual Biography of Premchand
12. Anugūnja

Q. India's first 'Olympic Values Education Programme' (OVEP) by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was launched in which state?

A) Assam

B) Kerala

C) Odisha

D) Maharashtra

Answer : C

✓ India's first 'Olympic Values Education Programme' (OVEP) by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was launched in Odisha.

✓ It will be implemented in 90 schools across two smart cities Bhubaneswar and Rourkela in the first phase. OVEP launched in 27 schools in Rourkela and 63 schools in Bhubaneswar.



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- ✓ The OVEP was officially launched by Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik, IOC Member Nita Ambani along with other members.
- ✓ This programme will be integrated into the school education system of Odisha. The programme is being developed in partnership with the Government of Odisha's Department of School and Mass Education and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust.
- ✓ **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**
Formation : 23 June 1894
Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland
Official language : French & English
Honorary President : Jacques Rogge
President : Thomas Bach (Germany)
Director General : Christophe De Kepper

INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2022

- India's First Olympic Values Education launched in Odisha.
- Kolkata Becomes First Metro City To Get Its Biodiversity Register.
- ONGC First Indian Exploration And Production Firm To Trade Domestic Gas.
- India's first pure green hydrogen plant commissioned in Assam.
- Cochin Shipyard to build India's first home made Hydrogen-fuelled electric vessel.
- India's first steel road featured in Gujarat.
- Village Palli: India's 1st carbon-neutral panchayat in J&K.
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurates India's first 'Lavendar Festival' in Baderwah, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Indian Railways and IIT Madras Partner To Develop India's First Indigenous Hyperloop.
- India's first portable solar rooftop system unveiled in Gandhinagar.
- India's first geological park will be built in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- Mumbai to host India's first International Cruise Conference
- Maharashtra is first state in India to launch a bus service with a totally digital ticketing system.
- India's 1st Internet Radio "Radio Aksh" For Visually Challenged Launched In Nagpur.
- India's first steel road featured in Gujarat.



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- India's first pure green hydrogen plant commissioned in Assam.
- CryptoWire introduces India's first global index of cryptocurrencies IC15.
- India's first para-badminton academy launched in Lucknow.
- Karnataka became India's first state to launch AVGC Center of Excellence.
- Youtuber Prajakta Koli become India's first UNDP Youth Climate Champion.
- India's first heli-hub to be set up in Gurugram, Haryana.
- India's first Open Rock Museum in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- KVIC launched India's first "Mobile Honey Processing Van" at Village Sirora in Ghaziabad.
- Kochi became India's first city to have a Water Metro Project.
- India's first food museum in Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur.
- India's first 'Grass Conservatory' inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Ranikhet.
- India's first National Yogasana Sports Championships organised in Bhubaneswar
- Tripura launches India's first cricket bats and stumps made of Bamboo
- India's first fisheries business incubator launched in Gurugram Haryana.
- India's first Radio over Internet Protocol system inaugurated in Kolkata.
- India's first 'test tube' Banni buffalo calf born in Gujarat.
- Power Finance Corporation (PFC) issues India's first-ever Euro Green Bond.
- India's first Atal Community Innovation Center unveiled at VGU Jaipur.
- India's first smog tower inaugurated in Connaught Place, Delhi.
- Indore declared India's first 'Water Plus' certified city.
- India's first Drone Forensic Lab comes up in Kerala.

Q. Name the state-of-the-art Supercomputer that was inaugurated at NIT Tiruchirappalli?

A) PARAM SHAKTI

B) PARAM GANGA

C) PARAM PORUL

D) PARAM VAGUS

Answer : C

- ✓ PARAM PORUL, a state-of-the-art Supercomputer was inaugurated at NIT Tiruchirappalli on the 25th of May 2022 in a joint initiative by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).



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- ✓ This newly inaugurated supercomputing facility has been established under Phase 2 of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
- ✓ This includes the software stack that has been developed indigenously by the Centre for Development in Advanced Computing (C-DAC), keeping in line with the government's Make in India initiative.
- ✓ This system is based on Direct Contact Liquid Cooling technology so that it can obtain high-power usage effectiveness. This helps in reducing the operational cost.
- ✓ National Supercomputing Mission was launched in the year 2015 at an estimated cost of Rs. 4500 crores over seven years

SUPERCOMPUTER IN NEWS 2021-22.

- Param Porul supercomputer inaugurated at NIT Tiruchirappalli.
- C-DAC Commissions "PARAM Ganga" Supercomputer at IIT Roorkee under National Supercomputing Mission.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru commissions one of India's most powerful supercomputers 'Param Pravega'.
- Meta builds the world's fastest supercomputer named RSC
- Iran Develops Its Most Powerful Supercomputer "Simorgh".
- World's most powerful supercomputer named "Fugaku", developed by Japanese scientific research institute RIKEN and Fujitsu.
- India's Param Siddhi ranked 63rd in most powerful supercomputers.
- United States will build the world's first exascale supercomputer named Aurora.
- India's largest HPC-AI supercomputer 'PARAM Siddhi – AI'.
- Param 8000 was India's first supercomputer.

Q. Which city has become the first major metro city to get its People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)?

- A) Kolkata
- C) Bengaluru

- B) Chennai
- D) Hyderabad

Answer : A



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- ✓ During the UN International Biodiversity Day on 22 May, Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) released the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) for the city, the first-of-its-kind report of any Indian metro.
- ✓ The Biodiversity Register is prepared by the Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) of the civic body under the supervision of the state biodiversity board and with help from NGOs.
- ✓ Kolkata is the first major metro to prepare the PBR. Chandigarh and Indore are other important cities which have prepared the document.
- ✓ PBR was released by Firhad Hakim – Mayor of KMC. PBR contains elaborate details about the various flora and fauna within Kolkata as well as its land uses and human activities. PBR is a 520-page documentation of 399 plant and 283 animal species.

KOLKATA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Kolkata became 1st major metro city to get its biodiversity register.
- PM Modi virtually inaugurates Biplobi Bharat Gallery in Bengal.
- 45th International Kolkata Book Fair will start from February 28 and will go on till March 13. The focal theme country this year is Bangladesh.
- PM Modi inaugurated Biplobi Bharat Gallery at Victoria Memorial Hall in Kolkata.
- PM Modi virtually inaugurated the second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI) in Kolkata
- India's first Radio over Internet Protocol system for Major Ports inaugurated at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
- UNESCO recognises Kolkata's Durga Puja as Intangible Cultural Heritage
- 130th edition of the Durand Cup kicked off at the Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan in Kolkata.

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated India's biggest drone festival at which place?

- A) Mumbai
- C) Bengaluru

- B) Chennai
- D) New Delhi

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's biggest drone festival at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi and interact with kisan drone pilots as well as witness open-air drone demonstrations.



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- ✓ 'Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022' is a two-day event and being held on May 27 and 28.
- ✓ The mahotsav will also witness a virtual award of drone pilot certificates, product launches, panel discussions, flying demonstrations, display of a Made in India drone taxi prototype.

Q. Which state government has recently approved new guidelines for the implementation of 'Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Yojana'?

- A) Assam
B) Haryana
C) Rajasthan
D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has recently approved new guidelines for the implementation of 'Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Yojana'.
- ✓ It is an urban employment scheme announced by CM Ashok Gehlot in the 2022-23 Rajasthan's state budget. The government will incur Rs 800 crore annually for the implementation of this scheme.
- ✓ Under this scheme, at least 100 days of employment per year will be provided to the people residing in the urban areas. It is designed on lines of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
- ✓ According to the new guidelines, an individual who is in the age group of 18 to 60 years and resides in the local body area will be registered based on the Jan Aadhaar card
- ✓ Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act 2005 which later given a new name, the "Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act" or MGNREGA is Indian labor law and social safeguard measure that aims to guarantee the 'right to work'.
- ✓ Its objective was to intensify the livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

Q. Which of the following Union Minister has participated in the 7th meeting of BRICS Culture Ministers?

- A) Meenakshi Lekhi
B) Nirmala Sitharaman
C) Smriti Irani
D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : A



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- ✓ Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs Smt Meenakshi Lekhi attended the 7th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting via video conference, which was hosted by the People's Republic of China and attended by all BRICS Member Nations.
- ✓ Under the subject Establishing a Cultural Partnership Featuring Inclusiveness and Mutual Learning among BRICS, a discussion was conducted to promote and expand cultural activities among the BRICS countries.
- ✓ The Ministers approved the BRICS Action Plan 2022-2026, which aims to expand cultural cooperation and execute the 2015 BRICS Cultural Cooperation Agreement.

Q. Which payments bank has recently introduced issuer charges for the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS)?

- A) Airtel Payments Bank B) Paytm Payments Bank
C) Jio Payments Bank D) India Post Payments Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), Department of Post (DoP), Ministry of Communication has introduced issuer charges for the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS).
- ✓ AePS Issuer transaction charges will be in effect from June 15, 2022.
- ✓ AePS is a bank-led model that enables online interoperable financial inclusion transactions at the Point of Sale (MicroATM) using Aadhaar verification through any bank's business correspondent. AePS provides six different transaction types.
- ✓ Over the free transaction limit, AePS issuer cash withdrawals and cash deposits will be charged Rs. 20 plus GST each transaction, and mini statement transactions will be charged Rs. 5 plus GST per transaction.
- ✓ On April 11, 2016, Airtel Payments Bank became the first entity in India to receive a payments bank license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ The minimum required paid-up equity capital for opening a payment bank according to RBI is Rs 100 crore.
- ✓ India currently has 6 Payment Banks namely, Airtel Payment Bank, India Post Payment Bank, Fino, Paytm Payment Bank, NSDL Payment Bank and Jio Payment Bank
- ✓ **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**
Founded : 1 September 2018



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Headquarters : New Delhi

MD & CEO : J Venkatramu

Tag line : Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar

Q. Who has resigned from his position as president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)?

A) Rajeev Mehta

B) Narinder Batra

C) Sahdev Yadav

D) Ramachandra Reddy

Answer : B

- ✓ Narinder Batra has resigned from his position as president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- ✓ Mr Batra also indicated that he will not run for president of the IOA again. He is also the president of International Hockey Federation (FIH).
- ✓ In a letter, Batra stated that his involvement with FIH as president will take more time due to the organization's different activities.
- ✓ **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**
Founded : 1927
Headquarteres : New Delhi
Secretary General : Rajeev Mehta
- ✓ **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**
Formation : 23 June 1894
Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland
Official language : French & English
Honorary President : Jacques Rogge
President : Thomas Bach (Germany)
Director General : Christophe De Kepper
- ✓ **UPCOMING OLYMPICS**
- ✓ **SUMMER OLYMPICS GAMES**
2020 : Tokyo, Japan
2024 : Paris, France
2028 : Los Angeles, US
2032 : Brisbane, Australia



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2048 : New Delhi, India

✓ **WINTER OLYMPICS GAMES**

2022 : Beijing, China

2026 : Milan & Cortina, Italy

✓ **SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPICS**

2024 : Gangwon Province, South Korea

2026 : Dakar, Senegal

✓ **SUMMER PARALYMPIC GAMES**

2032 : Brisbane, Australia

✓ **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OLYMPICS GAMES**

- ✓ The first modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece, in 1896
- ✓ Olympic Day was celebrated on 23 June
- ✓ 5 Olympic ring colors represent each continent
- ✓ Blue for Europe, yellow for Asia, black for Africa, green for Oceania, and red for America
- ✓ Abhinav Bindra became the first Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal.
- ✓ Bindra had achieved the feat during 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 10 metre air rifle shooter
- ✓ Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra becomes first Indian to win Olympic Gold in Athletics.
- ✓ PV Sindhu became 2nd Indian after Sushil Kumar to win 2 individual Olympic medals
- ✓ PV Sindhu became the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals
- ✓ India's first individual medal at the Olympics came at the 1952 Games in Helsinki when Khashaba Jadhav won the bronze in freestyle wrestling
- ✓ First Indian woman to win an Olympic medal Weightlifter Karnam Malleswari gave Indian women at the Sydney Games in 2000
- ✓ Saina Nehwal created history by winning Indian badminton's first medal at the Olympics at London
- ✓ Four years later, PV Sindhu and Sakshi Malik won silver and bronze respectively at Rio 2016
- ✓ India first participated at the Olympic Games in 1900
- ✓ India's hockey team is the most successful team ever in the Olympics, having won eight gold medals
- ✓ In 1928, the Indian Hockey team won its first Olympic gold medal
- ✓ Nilima Ghose first Indian woman to participate in the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952
- ✓ Women competed for the first time at the 1900 Games in Paris



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Q. Who has been appointed the chair of the WTO's Committee on Technical Barriers on Trade (TBT)?

- A) Bhavya Lal
B) Sohini Chatterjee
C) Sharmistha Das
D) Anwar Hussain Shaik

Answer : D

- ✓ An Indian government officer, Anwar Hussain Shaik has been made the chair of the WTO's Committee on Technical Barriers on Trade (TBT). He replaced Elisa Maria Olmeda de Alejandro from Mexico.
- ✓ Anwar Hussain Shaik was in PMI (Permanent Mission of India) Geneva.
- ✓ The Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement aims to ensure that technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are non-discriminatory and do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade.

Q. Army Training Command (ATC) has signed an MoU with Gandhinagar-based Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to develop first-of-its-kind simulation-based training centre 'Wargame Research and Development Centre' in a military zone in __

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Army Training Command (ATC) has signed an MoU with Gandhinagar-based Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to develop first-of-its-kind simulation-based training centre 'Wargame Research and Development Centre' in a military zone in New Delhi.
- ✓ A prototype name 'WARDEC' has been given to this project and use artificial intelligence (AI) to design virtual reality wargames.
- ✓ The centre will be used by the Army to train its soldiers and test their strategies through "metaverse-enabled gameplay".

Q. India has won 33 medals in total, including 13 gold, 15 silver, and 5 bronze in International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup 2022, held at __

- A) Paris, France
B) Suhl, Germany
C) Brussels, Belgium
D) Madrid, Spain

Answer : B



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- ✓ International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup 2022 was held at Suhl in Germany from May 09 – 20, 2022. The Indian contingent was led by ace shooters Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary.
- ✓ At the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022, the Indian junior shooting team came in first position overall. They won 33 medals in total, including 13 gold, 15 silver, and 5 bronze. With four gold medals, Italy came in second place.

Q. President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the National Women Legislators' Conference-2022 at which place?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Lucknow
- D) Thiruvananthapuram

Answer : D

- ✓ The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the National Women Legislators' Conference-2022 in Thiruvananthapuram on May 26, 2022.
- ✓ The Conference is being hosted by the Kerala Legislative Assembly as part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- ✓ According to Assembly sources, the two-day conference will focus on modern issues such as women's rights, gender equality, and enough female representation in decision-making bodies.

Q. The government has accepted the request of Olympic-winning javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra to be sent to the Cuortane Olympic Training Center in which country?

- A) Russia
- B) Germany
- C) Finland
- D) Ukraine

Answer : C

- ✓ The Finnish government has accepted the request of Olympic-winning javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra to be sent to the Kuortane Olympic Training Center in Finland.
- ✓ Currently, Neeraj is training in Turkey and he will leave for Finland on 26-May where he will train till 22-June.
- ✓ The government will bear the expenditure of about Rs 9.8 lakh on four weeks of training.



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Q. Who has been appointed as the new Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A) Ajay Seth B) Tarun Kapoor
C) Vivek Kumar D) Tarun Bajaj

Answer : C

- ✓ The appointment committee of the cabinet has approved the appointment of Vivek Kumar as the Private Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at joint secretary level.
- ✓ He will take over as PM Modi's private secretary from Sanjeev Kumar Singla. Vivek Kumar is the director of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and is a 2004 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer. Kumar has joined the PMO as a deputy secretary in 2014.

FAMOUS SECRETARY IN NEWS 2021-22	
Name	SECRETARY
Vivek Kumar	Private Secretary to PM
Vinay Mohan Kwatra	Foreign secretary
Tarun Kapoor	Advisor to PM Modi
T V Somanathan	Finance Secretary
Tarun Bajaj	Revenue Secretary
Ajay Seth	Economic Affairs Secretary
Rajiv Gauba	Rajiv Gauba - Cabinet Secretary
TV Somanathan	Expenditure Secretary
P Praveen Siddharth	Private Secretary to President
Kapil Dev Tripathi	Secretary to President

Q. Who has been sworn in as Australia's 31st Prime Minister?

- A) Anthony Albert B) Alex Hawke
C) Stuart Robert D) Anthony Albanese

Answer : D

- ✓ Labour Party leader Anthony Albanese was sworn in as Australia's 31st Prime Minister with four key Cabinet members, including new Foreign Minister Penny Wong.



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- ✓ Richard Marles is the new Deputy Prime Minister and Employment Minister, Jim Chalmers is Treasurer, and Katy Gallagher is Attorney General and Finance Minister. It is Australia's first Labour.
- ✓ Outgoing Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who was heading the Liberal-National coalition has conceded defeat.

AUSTRALIA IN NEWS 2022

- Anthony Albanese sworn in as Australia's new prime minister
- Former Australia Cricketer Andrew Symonds Dies In Car Accident
- Australia's Victoria to Host the 2026 Commonwealth Games
- Australia's Australian Army Research Centre (AARC) tie up with India's Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS).
- Union Minister RK Singh co-chairs 4th India-Australia Energy Dialogue
- Former Australian cricketer Rod Marsh passes away
- India and Australia signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA).
- Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco) has won the Formula One (F1) 2022 Australian Grand Prix.
- Legendary Australian spinner, Shane Warne passes away
- Australian Open 2022 (Tennis)
- Men's Singles : Rafael Nadal (Spain)
- Women's Singles : Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
- Australia, Canada and Japan team up to send a rover to Moon by 2024
- 2032 Olympics awarded to Brisbane, 3rd Australian city to host Games after Melbourne and Sydney
- **AUSTRALIA**
Capital : Canberra
Currency : Dollar
Anthony Albanese

Q. Who has led Indian delegation at World Economic Forum's (WEF) Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Piyush Goyal

C) Dharmendra Pradhan

C) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar



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Answer : B

- ✓ Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will lead Indian delegation at World Economic Forum's (WEF) Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland from May 22 to 26.
- ✓ Theme : "Working Together, Restoring Trust"
- ✓ This event will assist to strengthen India's status as a vital and relevant player in creating the global narrative, especially as it prepares to take over the G-20 presidency next year.
- ✓ **World Economic Forum (WEF)**
Founded : 1971
Founder : Klaus Schwab
Headquarters : Cologny, Switzerland
Executive Chairman : Klaus Schwab

Q. Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jose Ramos-Horta has sworn in as president of which country?

- A) East Timor B) Equator
C) Brunei D) Laos

Answer : A

- ✓ Former independence fighter and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jose Ramos-Horta was sworn in as president of East Timor (Timor-Leste).
- ✓ He defeated incumbent Francisco "Lu Olo" Guterres, his fellow independence fighter, in election.
- ✓ Ramos-Horta was prime minister from 2006 to 2007 and president from 2007 to 2012. East Timor is marking the 20th anniversary of independence for Asia's youngest country.
- ✓ **East Timor**
Capital : Dili
Currency : Dollar
President : José Ramos-Horta
Prime Minister : Taur Matan Ruak

Q. India has recently signed an MoU with which country for cooperation in fertiliser sector to ensure the supply of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers to India?

- A) Bahrain B) Lebanon
C) Jordan D) Yemen

Answer : C



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- ✓ During the visit of Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya to Jordan, MoUs were signed with Jordan to ensure the supply of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers to India.
- ✓ The objective is to secure fertilizers for the short and long term. This comes in the backdrop of the ongoing global fertilizer crisis.
- ✓ For the current year, MoUs were signed with Jordan Phosphate Mining Company (JPMC) for the supply of 30 LMT Rock Phosphate, 2.50 LMT DAP, and 1 LMT phosphoric acid.
- ✓ A long-term MOU for 5 years was also signed with Jordan for annual supplies of 2.75 LMT of Muriate of potash (MoP) which will be increased every year up to 3.25 LMT.
- ✓ In 2015, a Joint venture project worth USD 860 million between the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) and the Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative (IFFCO) for the manufacturing of Phosphoric Acid was set up in Jordan.
- ✓ **JORDAN**
Capital : Amman
Currency : Dinar
Prime Minister : Bisher Khasawneh

Q. Who has won the Spanish Grand Prix 2022?

- A) Max Verstappen B) Lewis Hamilton
C) Sebastian Vettel D) Charles Leclerc

Answer : A

- ✓ Formula One world champion, Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Spanish Grand Prix at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya

MAX VERSTAPPEN IN NEWS 2022

- Max Verstappen won Spanish Grand Prix 2022
- Max Verstappen won Miami Grand Prix 2022.
- Max Verstappen named Laureus Sportsman of the Year 2022.
- Formula One champion Max Verstappen (Red Bull-Netherlands) won the Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix in Italy.
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the Formula One 2022 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix



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Q. Adani Group recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the state government for investment of how many crores in Andhra Pradesh?

- A) 50,000 crores B) 40,000 crores
C) 60,000 crores D) 30,000 crores

Answer : C

- ✓ Adani Group on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the state government for an investment of Rs 60,000 crore in Andhra Pradesh. Adani Green Energy will set up a 3,700 MW hydro storage plant and a 10,000 MW solar power project in the state.
- ✓ This is likely to provide employment to about 10,000 people directly and indirectly.

Q. Who has been awarded the Committed Leader Award at CII EXCON 2022 in Bengaluru for the efforts to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace?

- A) Suman Mishra B) Anjali Pandey
C) Sunitha Krishnan D) Perin Chandra

Answer : B

- ✓ Anjali Pandey, Engines and Components Business Unit Leader at Cummins India has been awarded the Committed Leader Award at CII EXCON 2022 in Bengaluru for her efforts to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace.
- ✓ Cummins views Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) as a competitive advantage and hence it's a business imperative.

Q. Which edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) has commenced in the northern Bay of Bengal?

- A) 6th B) 4th
C) 8th D) 5th

Answer : B

- ✓ The 4th edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) commenced. The patrolling drill commenced in the northern Bay of Bengal and would continue between May 22 and 23.
- ✓ Indian Navy's indigenous warships, INS Kora and INS Sumedha along with Bangladesh Navy's warships BNS Ali Haider and BNS Abu Ubaidah would touch the waters during patrolling. Maritime



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Patrol Aircraft of both navies will also undertake joint patrol along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) during CORPAT

Q. Which football team has won 2021-22 Premier League Football championship?

- A) Real Madrid
- B) Barcelona
- C) Bayern Munich
- D) Manchester City

Answer : D

- ✓ Manchester City won 2021-22 Premier League Football championship
- ✓ Manchester City have been crowned 2021/22 Premier League champions their fourth title success in the last five seasons.

Q. Which bank has partnered with Retailio to launch a new range of co-branded credit cards primarily targeted at chemists and pharmacies in the merchant segment?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ HDFC Bank partnered with Retailio to launch a new range of co-branded credit cards primarily targeted at chemists and pharmacies in the merchant segment.
- ✓ Retailio is the country's largest B2B pharma marketplace. The co-branded credit card offers up to 50 days of Interest-free credit period, cashbacks on tax payments, reward points, and 5% Cashback on all Business essentials.

HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- HDFC Bank and Retailio launched co-branded credit cards for chemists, pharmacies
- HDFC Bank launched industry first digital 30-minute new car loan 'Xpress Car Loans'.
- For Rs 184 crore, HDFC will sell a 10% interest in HDFC Capital to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- HDFC Bank adjudged as Best Performing Bank in SHG Linkage by DAY-NRLM.
- HDFC Bank to launch "SmartHub Vyapar programme" & 'AutoFirst' app.
- 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.



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- 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 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..
- 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**

Founded : 1994

Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

Tagline : We understand your world

Q. Which state government has signed MoUs worth 30,000 crore rupees with 23 companies from different parts of the world at the World Economic Forum in Davos?

A) Telangana

B) Karnataka

C) Maharashtra

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ Maharashtra Government has signed MoUs worth 30,000 crore rupees with 23 companies from different parts of the world at the World Economic Forum in Davos.
- ✓ Maharashtra Industries Minister Subhash Desai and other ministers from Maharashtra Cabinet were in Davos to attract investment opportunities. More than 55% of investment would come from Singapore, Indonesia, USA, and Japan.
- ✓ Microsoft will set up its Data Centre in Pune with an investment of 3,200 crore rupees.



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MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2022

- Maharashtra signed MoUs worth Rs 30,000 crores with 23 companies at WEF in Davos
- 10-year-old girl Rhythm Mamania from Maharashtra summits Everest base camp
- Maharashtra became India's 1st state to develop Migration Tracking System app for portability of ICDS scheme.
- Maharashtra Cabinet approved first-of-its-kind 'Maharashtra Gene Bank Project'.
- Maharashtra and Gujarat celebrated their statehood day on 1st May 2022.
- Maharashtra is first state in India to launch a bus service with a totally digital ticketing system.
- Maharashtra launches scheme to offer personal loans for prisoners from banks of up to Rs. 50,000.
- UNEP tie-up with Maharashtra to support 'Majhi Vasundhara' campaign.

Q. Which Maharashtra company has become the first Exploration and Production (E&P) company in India to trade domestic gas on Indian Gas Exchange?

- A) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**
- B) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)**
- C) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)**
- D) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)**

Answer : A

- ✓ Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) has become the first Exploration and Production (E&P) company in India to trade domestic gas on Indian Gas Exchange.
- ✓ The first online trade was made on 23 May 2022 by Anurag Sharma (ONGC Director (Onshore) In-charge Marketing) on India's first automated national level Gas Exchange, IGX.
- ✓ The gas exchanged came from the ONGC Krishna Godavari 98/2 block, but did not identify the quantity sold. ONGC has geared itself to reap the benefits of the liberalization of the gas price ecosystem in 2000-21.
- ✓ **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**
Founded : 1956
Headquarteres : New Delhi



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CMD : Alka Mittal,

Owner : Government of India (60.409%)

Life Insurance Corporation of India (9.69%)

Gas Authority of India Limited(5.45%)

Indian Oil Corporation (5.45%)

Q. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the chairmanship of who has constituted a committee to review Customer Service Standards in RBI Regulated Entities (REs)?

A) B P Kanungo

B) M. D. Patra

C) M. Rajeshwar Rao

D) T. Rabi Sankar

Answer : A

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the chairmanship of Former Deputy Governor B.P. Kanungo has constituted a committee to review Customer Service Standards in RBI Regulated Entities (REs) and for examining and reviewing the state of customer service in the REs and adequacy of customer service regulations.
- ✓ The mandate of the committee is also to suggest measures to improve customer service. The Committee will submit its report within three months from the date of its first meeting.
- ✓ The members of the committee include A. K. Goel, Chairman IBA and MD & CEO, PNB; A. S. Ramasastry, former Director, IDRBT; Amitha Sehgal, Secretary, All India Bank Depositors Association (AIBDA); Rajeshri N. Varhadi, Professor, Department of Law, University of Mumbai and Anil Kumar Sharma, Executive Director, RBI.

Q. Which bank has announced the launch of Real Time Xpress Credit on its internet banking platform, which allows eligible customers to get personal loans of up to ₹35 lakh?

A) State Bank of India

B) Kotak Mahindra Bank

C) Punjab National Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the launch of Real Time Xpress Credit on its YONO platform which allows eligible customers to get personal loans of up to ₹35 lakh.
- ✓ It is a flagship personal loan product for salaried customers (Xpress Credit), now has a digital avatar and customers can now avail of it through YONO.



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- ✓ Under Real Time Xpress Credit, central, state government and defence salaried customers of SBI will no longer be required to visit the branch for availing a personal loan. It would be a 100% paperless and digital experience and an end-to-end eight step journey.
- ✓ **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. Which company has launched 'Loan Against Shares', an end-to-end integrated digital financial offering?

A) Tata Capital

B) Tech Mahindra

C) Larsen & Toubro Ltd

D) HCL Technologies

Answer : A

- ✓ Tata Capital Ltd has launched 'Loan Against Shares' an end-to-end integrated digital financial offering.
- ✓ Customers can avail loans up to ₹5 crores by simply pledging their dematerialised shares online, facilitated by NSDL.
- ✓ The entire process, after the required approvals by the respective Depository Participant, is completed in the same day.
- ✓ The loan amount is customized based on the value of shares in the portfolio of the customer, as per the statement shared by the firm.



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Q. Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi?

- A) Vinai Kumar Saxena** **B) Rajiv Mehrishi**
C) Sushil Chandra **D) Rakesh Asthana**

Answer : A

- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind accepted Anil Bajjal's resignation and appointed Vinai Kumar Saxena as the next Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.
- ✓ On May 18, Bajjal had put in his papers citing personal reasons. The 1969-batch IAS officer was appointed as the 21st Lieutenant Governor of the Union territory in December 2016 after the sudden resignation of Najeeb Jung.
- ✓ Born on March 23, 1958, Saxena is currently the chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). He was appointed in the post in 2015.

Q. Who has been awarded the Sangita Kalanidhi award for the year 2021 by Music Academy?

- A) Bhimsen Joshi** **B) Ghagge Nazir Khan**
C) Kishori Amonkar **D) Tiruvarur Bhakthavathsalam**

Answer : D

- ✓ Music Academy has announced the Sangita Kalanidhi and other awards for various artistes from the years 2020-22.
- ✓ The Sangita Kalanidhi award will be given to: Renowned vocalist Neyveli R Santanagopalan (2020), eminent mridangam artiste Tiruvarur Bhakthavathsalam (2021) and violin duo Lalgudi GJR Krishnan and Vijayalakshmi (2022).
- ✓ The Music academy also announced other awards including Nritya Kalanidhi for three recipients in the dance segment. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin will give away the awards at a ceremony later.

Q. Which Ministry has launched Single National Portal 'BioRRAP' for Biotech researchers and Start-ups?

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology**
B) Ministry of Finance
C) Ministry of Home affairs
D) Ministry of Defence

Answer : A



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Q. Which country is hosting Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD), Summit 2022?

- A) India
B) Japan
C) Australia
D) United States

Answer : B

- ✓ The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD), a strategic security dialogue between India, Australia, Japan, and the United States, will be hosted by Japan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is currently on a two-day visit to Japan to attend the QUAD Summit.
- ✓ The summit is aimed at further bolstering cooperation among the member nations of the influential grouping and discussing developments in the Indo-Pacific region

Q. Which country has become the first country to introduce compulsory monkeypox quarantine?

- A) Germany
B) Denmark
C) Belgium
D) Spain

Answer : C

- ✓ Belgium has become the first country in the world to make 21-day quarantine compulsory for the Monkeypox patients

Q. Recently 10 year old girl Rhythm Mamania from which state has climbed Everest Base Camp?

- A) Telangana
B) Maharashtra
C) Chhattisgarh
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ A little 10-year-old champion skater from Worli, Rhythm Mamania, has become one of the youngest Indian mountaineers to summit the Everest Base Camp (EBC) in the Himalayan ranges in Nepal.
- ✓ She has joined young Indian climbers to climb the base camp.
- ✓ Rhythm has achieved a rare feat by completing the climb to the base camp at an altitude of 5,364 meters in 11 days
- ✓ Rhythm went to base camp with Nepal-based company Satori Adventures.



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Q. The World Turtle Day is observed on which day?

A) 20 May

B) 23 May

C) 22 May

D) 21 May

Answer : B

- ✓ World Turtle Day is observed on May 23 every year by American Tortoise Rescue, a non-profit organization.
- ✓ Theme 2022 : "Shellebrate".
- ✓ The day is celebrated to raise awareness among people to protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats around the world. Tortoises and turtles play an important role in the ecological design of Earth.
- ✓ American Tortoise Rescue (ATR), a non-profit organisation was established in 1990 and it started marking World Turtle Day in 2001. This is the 22nd International World Turtle Day that they are celebrating.

Q. Shirui Lily Festival is organized in which state?

A) Goa

B) Assam

C) Manipur

D) Meghalaya

Answer : C

- ✓ In Manipur, the 4th Edition of State-Level Shirui Lily Festival 2022 has begun.
- ✓ This annual festival is organised by the Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur with an aim to create and raise awareness of the Shirui Lily flower which is also the State Flower of Manipur.
- ✓ The four-day-long festival has inaugurated by the Governor of Manipur La Ganesan and the Chief Minister N Biren Singh at Shirui Village Ground in Ukhrul district.
- ✓ The festival is held around April and May as it is the blooming season of Shirui Lily. The flower is found in the Ukhrul district of Manipur only and cannot be replanted anywhere in the world.
- ✓ Important Festivals of Manipur
- ✓ Lai Haraoba
- ✓ Sangai Festival
- ✓ Lui Ngai Ni
- ✓ Ningol Chakouba



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LATEST FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2021-22

STATE	FESTIVAL
4th Edition Shirui Lily Festival 2022	Manipur
Lavendar Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
India's biggest drone festival	New Delhi
Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu Festival	Assam
Sarhul Festival	Jharkhand
Gangaur festival	Rajasthan
Ishan Manthan Festival	New Delhi
Bharat Bhagya Vidhata festival	Red Fort in Delhi
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
Spitik 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



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Cherry Blossom Festival	Shillong, Meghalaya
International Science Festival (IISF)	Panaji, Goa
Boita Bandana Festival	Odisha
National Tribal Dance Festival 2021	Chhattisgarh
Karthika Deepam Festival	Tamil Nadu
Wangala Festival	Meghalaya
Bathukamma Floral Festival	Telangana
Nuakhai Festival	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

MANIPUR IN NEWS 2021-22

- 4th edition of state-level Shirui Lily Festival 2022 begins in Manipur.
- In Manipur, the Indian Army will open a coaching center Bishnupur district for poor pupils.
- Manipur's Pournami Naga Areas declared 'drug Free Zone'.
- Indian Army Red Shield Division signs MoU for 'Manipur Super 50'.
- Manipur govt tie-up with Samsung to start Sports Digital Experience Centre.
- Manipur to host the highest Indian national flag at Indian National Army (INA) complex.
- N Biren Singh takes oath as Chief Minister of Manipur for 2nd term.



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- Khongjom Day was observed in Manipur at the Khongjom War Memorial Complex; Every year on the 23rd of April.
- 18th Kachai Lemon Festival begins in Manipur
- Manipur wins Senior Women's National Football Championship.
- Indian Railways Constructs Country's Tallest Pier Bridge in Manipur at a height of 141 metres.
- Home Minister Amit Shah lays foundation for 'Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum' in Manipur.
- Manipur's Sirarakhong Chilli and Tamenglong Orange gets GI tag.
- Beryl Thanga has received the 12th Manipur State Award for Literature 2020 for his book – Ei Amadi Adungeigi Ithat' (I and the then island).
- Manipur enters India's railway map as first passenger train reaches the state.
- Manipur CM launches Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA) Market' for vegetable.

Q. What is the theme of the 8th edition of the Swachh Survekshan (SS), launched by the government for the year 2023?

- A) People First
- B) Citizen Participation
- C) Waste to Wealth
- D) Sustainable Living

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Government has launched the 8th edition of Swachh Survekshan – 2023 under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0.
- ✓ Theme 2023 : 'Waste to Wealth'
- ✓ The survey would give priority to the principle of 3 Rs- Reduce, Recycle and Reuse. Swachh Survekshan- 2023 is curated towards achieving circularity in waste management.
- ✓ Swachh Survekshan was introduced by MoHUA in 2016 as a competitive framework to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation.
- ✓ Swachh Survekshan is the world's largest urban cleanliness survey and is conducted by Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U).
- ✓ Swachh Survekshan launched by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.



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Q. Who among these do not feature on the Time Magazine's 100 most influential people of 2022 list?

- A) Khurram Parvez B) Karuna Nundy
C) Gautam Adani D) Adar Poonawalla

Answer : D

- ✓ TIME Magazine has recently announced its list of 100 most influential people for the year 2022. Three Indians have found their names on the list.
- ✓ Supreme Court lawyer Karuna Nundy, business tycoon Gautam Adani and prominent Kashmiri human rights activist Khurram Parvez have been named among the world's 100 most influential people of 2022 by TIME magazine.
- ✓ The list has been divided into six categories: Icons, Pioneers, Titans, Artists, Leaders and Innovators. While Adani has been named under the Titans category along with the likes of Apple CEO Tim Cook and American host Oprah Winfrey, Nundy and Parvez found their place under the Leaders category along with Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Ukraine counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

TIME MAGAZINE'S IN NEWS 2021-22

- Gautam Adani, Karuna Nundy, Khurram Parvez among Time's 100 most influential people 2022.
- Deepika Padukone gets inaugural TIME100 Impact Award 2022.
- TIME magazine has named Elon Musk, the CEO of Tesla, as the "2021 Person of the Year."
- USA Gymnastics Simone Biles was named Time magazine's 2021 Athlete of the Year.
- Rashmika Mandanna Tops List Of Forbes Most Influential Actors.
- New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern Tops Fortune's World's 50 Greatest Leaders 2021, Adar Poonawalla Only Indian in Top 10 .
- Jio Platforms, Byju's in Time Magazine's First-ever List of 100 Most Influential Firms.

Q. World Health Organization has re-appointed Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as Director-General of WHO for the second term. Tedros Adhanom is from which country?

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

Answer : A



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- ✓ World Health Organization has re-appointed Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as Director-General of WHO for the second term with effect from 16th August 2022.
- ✓ His re-election was confirmed during the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. He was the sole candidate. Dr Tedros was first elected in 2017.
- ✓ Before joining the WHO, Dr Tedros was served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Minister of Health in Ethiopia.
- ✓ World Health Organisation was founded on 7th April 1948 and its founding countries are United States, United Kingdom, Canada, France, Brazil, Turkey, Australia, etc.

✓ **World Health Organization (WHO)**

Formation : 7 April 1948

Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

First President : Andrija Štampar

Director General : Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)

Deputy Director General : Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)

Member Countries : 194

Q. Which state has become the first Indian state to roll out drone in healthcare sector?

A) Uttarakhand

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Himachal Pradesh

D) Chhattisgarh

Answer : A

- ✓ Uttarakhand became 1st Indian state to roll out drone in healthcare
- ✓ Redcliffe Labs, a unit of Redcliffe Lifetech in the U.S., has come up with its first commercial drone flight in the country's healthcare sector.
- ✓ The company has recently opened its commercial drone corridor between Uttarkashi and Dehradun.
- ✓ Uttarkashi to Dehradun by road is 144 km, 6-8 hours by road and 12 hours during a landslide. But using drone technology this distance was covered in 88 minutes with one battery swap in between.
- ✓ The project was a part of Redcliffe and Skye Air tie-up and in the past three months they have done 40 successful trials in North India.

Q. Where is the 75th edition of the World Health Assembly being organized?

A) Paris, France

B) Brussels, Belgium

C) Geneva, Switzerland

D) New York, United States



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Answer : C

- ✓ 75th edition of World Health Assembly is being held in Geneva, Switzerland from 22nd to 28th May 2022. This is the first in-person Health Assembly since the COVID-19 pandemic began.
- ✓ Minister of Health Mansukh Mandaviya addressed at the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. He emphasized the need of creating a robust global supply chain to provide fair access to vaccines and medicines.
- ✓ Theme of this year's health assembly: "Health for peace, peace for health".

Q. Who has been appointed as a part-time Chairman of the IDBI Bank for a tenure of 3 years?

- A) TN Manoharan B) T S Ramakrishnan
C) Siddhartha Mohanty D) Bishnu Charan Patnaik

Answer : A

- ✓ T N Manoharan has been appointed as a part-time Chairman of the IDBI Bank for a tenure of 3 years with effect from 9th May 2022, as approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ M R Kumar will no longer continue to be the non-executive non-whole time Chairman of the bank with effect from 8th May 2022.
- ✓ In terms of the Articles of Association of the bank, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has nominated Raj Kumar, Managing Director of LIC as LIC nominee director on the board of the bank.
- ✓ Kumar's appointment is being separately processed under Section 161 (3) of the Companies Act, 2013. As of March 2022, LIC holds 49.24% shares of IDBI Bank
- ✓ The central government and LIC together own 94.72 per cent of the equity of IDBI Bank {Government (45.48%) + LIC (49.24%)}
- ✓ **Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) Bank**
Founded : 1964
Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chairman : M. R. Kumar
MD & CEO : Rakesh Sharma

Q. Who has been appointed as chairperson of Committee B at 75th World Health Assembly?

- A) Pramesh Aurora B) Pallonji Mistry
C) Rajesh Bhushan D) Cyrus S. Poonawalla



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Answer : C

- ✓ Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has been appointed as the chairperson of the Committee B at the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA).
- ✓ The Committee B primarily discusses administrative and financial matters of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✓ Each year, the World Health Assembly has a long and complex list of health challenges and responses to review and the Assembly functions through two committees — A and B.

Q. Who has received the VASVIK (Vividhlaxi Audyogik Samshodhan Vikas Kendra) Industrial Research Award in the category of Agricultural Sciences and Technology for the year 2020?

- A) Balram Bhargava B) A Gopalakrishnan
C) Jagdish Rajesh D) Ramnath Krishnan

Answer : B

- ✓ Director of the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) A Gopalakrishnan has received the VASVIK (Vividhlaxi Audyogik Samshodhan Vikas Kendra) Industrial Research Award in the category of Agricultural Sciences and Technology for the year 2020.
- ✓ The award includes a cash prize of 1.51 lakh and a citation. The VASVIK research award is given to scientists and researchers who have demonstrated excellence in eight categories each year

Q. Who has received WHO Global Health Leaders Award-2022 at the 75th World Health Assembly?

- A) Pratham B) Amar Seva Sangam
C) ASHA workers D) Akshaya Patra Foundation

Answer : C

- ✓ ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers received the Global Health Leaders Award-2022 in the backdrop of the 75th World Health Assembly.
- ✓ World Health Organization (WHO) said that ASHA workers were honoured for their key role in linking the community with health care, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. They were one of the six recipients of the award.



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- ✓ ASHA workers are community health workers, who connect the marginalized communities to India's health care system. The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) first established the role of ASHA workers in 2005.
- ✓ **The other five recipients are:**
- ✓ Eight volunteer polio workers who were shot and killed by gunmen in Afghanistan in February this year.
- ✓ Dr. Paul Farmer for his contribution to providing services for marginalized people.
- ✓ Dr. Ahmed Hankir for his anti-stigma program that blends storytelling with psychiatry.
- ✓ Volleyball player Ludmila Sofia Oliveira Varela for facilitating access to sports as an alternative to risky behavior in youth.
- ✓ Yohei Sasakawa for his global fight against leprosy and the associated stigma.

Q. PM Modi recently launched mega projects worth Rs 31,400 crore in which city?

- A) Patna
- B) Chennai
- C) Jaipur
- D) Lucknow

Answer : B

- ✓ PM Modi recently launched mega projects worth Rs 31,400 crore in Chennai. These projects include major infrastructure sectors such as railways, petroleum, housing and roads. These works will boost commerce and connectivity. These projects also include the Bangalore-Chennai Expressway.
- ✓ Let us inform that, PM Modi also inaugurated 1,152 houses constructed under 'Light House Project-Chennai' at a cost of Rs 116 crore under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban.

Q. Which day of the year is celebrated as the World Thyroid Day?

- A) 23 May
- B) 25 May
- C) 24 May
- D) 26 May

Answer : B

- ✓ The World Thyroid Day is celebrated every year on May 25 to promote awareness and understanding of thyroid health and the advances made in treating thyroid diseases.
- ✓ The World Thyroid Day was established in 2008 by the European Thyroid Association and the American Thyroid Association.
- ✓ The thyroid gland is the largest endocrine gland in the human body.
- ✓ The thyroid gland secretes thyroxine and calcitonin.



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- ✓ Under secretion of thyroxine causes Hypothyroidism.
- ✓ Over secretion of thyroxine causes Hyperthyroidism.

Q. When is the International Missing Children's Day (IMCD) commemorated?

- A) 25 May
- B) 24 May
- C) 23 May
- D) 22 May

Answer : A

- ✓ International Missing Children's Day is an international day celebrated on May 25, the same day as the United States' National Missing Children's Day designated by Ronald Reagan in 1983.
- ✓ The day aims to place a spotlight on the issue of child abduction, educate parents on safeguarding measures to protect their children and also honour those who have never been found and celebrate those who have.

Q. What is the rank of India in Travel & Tourism Development Index 2021, released by the World Economic Forum's (WEF)?

- A) 46
- B) 54
- C) 85
- D) 74

Answer : B

- ✓ WEF's Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021; India ranked 54; Japan topped
- ✓ World Economic Forum's (WEF) has released the Travel & Tourism Development Index 2021 which comprises 117 countries.
- ✓ India is the top scorer in South Asia and placed at 54th position. In 2019, India had ranked at 46th position.
- ✓ The top place has been grabbed by Japan. The country is followed by the United States, Spain, France, and Germany respectively. The bottom position (117) is occupied by the country Chad.
- ✓ The theme of the WEF's Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021 is "Rebuilding for a Sustainable and Resilient Future".
- ✓ This index is the Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index's direct evolution, having been published biennially for the last 15 years.



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Q. Which country has topped the WEF's World Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index 2021?

- A) Spain
B) Germany
C) France
D) Japan

Answer : D

✓ **Top 5 countries:**

- 1st : Japan
2nd : United States
3rd : Spain
4th : France
5th : Germany

Q. The World Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index is published by which organisation?

- A) World Bank
B) World Economic Forum
C) Transparency International
D) International Trade Union Confederation

Answer : B

✓ **World Economic Forum (WEF)**

- Founded : 1971
Founder : Klaus Schwab
Headquarters : Cologne, Switzerland
Executive Chairman : Klaus Schwab

Q. The Bilateral Navy Exercise Bongosagar is being conducted between the Indian Navy with the Navy of which country?

- A) Bhutan
B) Nepal
C) Bangladesh
D) Thailand

Answer : C

- ✓ The third edition of Indian Navy (IN) – Bangladesh Navy (BN) Bilateral Exercise 'Bongosagar' commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh on 24 May 2022.
- ✓ The Harbour Phase of the exercise begins from 24-25 May which will be followed by a Sea Phase in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 26-27 May.



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- ✓ Exercise Bongosagar is aimed at developing a high degree of interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of a wide spectrum of maritime exercises and operations between the two navies.
- ✓ Indian Naval Ships Kora, an indigenously built Guided Missile Corvette, and Sumedha, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel are participating in the Exercise. Bangladesh Navy is being represented by BNS Abu Ubaidah and Ali Haider, both Guided Missile Frigates
- ✓ **BANGLADESH**
Capital : Dhaka
Currency : Taka
President : Abdul Hamid
Prime Minister : Sheikh Hasina
SAMPRITI Exercise : India-Bangladesh

MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2022.

- Third edition of Indian Navy – Bangladesh Navy Bilateral Exercise ‘Bongosagar’ commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh.
- 4th edition of India-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) commenced in the northern Bay of Bengal .
- Trishakti Corps conducts EX KRIPAN SHAKTI in Siliguri, West Bengal
- 9th India – Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Concludes at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- 20th India-France Bilateral Naval Exercise ‘VARUNA -2022’ kicks-off in Arabian Sea.
- first edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22) concludes in Goa and Arabian Sea.
- US and Philippines military begins their largest combat drills ‘Balikatan 2022’ will take place across Luzon in Philippines.
- Indian Navy’s Western Naval Command conducts offshore security exercise, ‘Prasthan’ off Mumbai.
- Malaysia to host 4 nations namely, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and the United Kingdom for Bersama Shield 2022 military exercise.
- 3rd edition of the joint training exercise named EX-DUSTLIK between the Indian army and Uzbekistan armies to be held at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan.



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- 9th India-Seychelles Joint Military Exercise 'LAMITIYE-2022' to begin from March 22 at Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA), Seychelles.
- NATO Begins military exercise 'Cold Response 2022' in Norway
- 9th India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX to be held at Visakhapatnam..
- Indian Air Force (IAF) will conduct the Exercise Vayu Shakti that will take place at Pokharan range in Jaisalmer
- Indian Navy's multilateral exercise Milan-2022 begins in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3rd edition of the joint military exercise "EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022" between India and Japan will be conducted at Belagavi (Belgaum), Karnataka.
- Indian Air Force will be taking part in a multi nation air exercise named 'Exercise Cobra Warrior 22' at Waddington, in United Kingdom.
- Sixth edition India and Oman begins Eastern Bridge-VI Air Exercise in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- US-Bangladesh to conduct joint air exercise 'Cope South 22'.
- Russia-China-Iran conducts joint naval exercise CHIRU-2Q22 in Gulf of Oman.
- India and Japan conducts Maritime Partnership Exercise in the Bay of Bengal
- Indian Navy and Russian Navy undertake PASSEX Exercise on 14 January 2022 at the port of Cochin, in the Arabian Sea.
- India participates in US-led six nations Exercise Sea Dragon 22 at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam in the Western Pacific

Q. What was the rank of Indian Air Force (IAF) in the World Air Powers Ranking of 2022 released by World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)?

- A) 3rd
- B) 2nd
- C) 4th
- D) 1st

Answer : A

- ✓ World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) has released the World Air Powers Ranking of 2022.
- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at the third position on the World Air Power Index in terms of the total fighting strength of the various air services of different nations of the world.



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- ✓ This report has placed the Indian Air Force (IAF) above the Chinese Aviation based armed forces (PLAAF), Japan Air Self-Preservation Power (JASDF), Israeli Aviation based armed forces, and French Air and Space Power. The report says that the Indian Air Force (IAF) currently counts 1,645 total units in its active aircraft inventory.
- ✓ The Global Air Powers Ranking (2022) report has given the highest TvR score to the United States Air Force (USAF). The highest attainable TvR score is 242.9 held by the United States Air Force (USAF)

Q. Who is the author of the book titled 'Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure'?

- A) Chetan Bhagat B) Ruskin Bond
C) Shashi Tharoor D) Amartya Sen

Answer : B

- ✓ A book titled 'Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure'; authored by Ruskin Bond
- ✓ A new book titled "Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure" authored by Ruskin Bond, was published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI) on Ruskin Bond's 88th birthday (19th May 2022).
- ✓ His first novel, The Room on the Roof gained immense popularity when it was released. The novel was also awarded the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize in 1957.
- ✓ For his contribution to literature, Bond received the Sahitya Akademi Award for Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra in the year 1992. In 1999 and 2014, he was conferred with the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan, respectively.

RUSKIN BOND IN NEWS 2021-22

- A book titled 'Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure'; authored by Ruskin Bond.
- A book titled 'A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 Years of Independence' authored by Ruskin Bond.
- A new book titled "It's a Wonderful Life" authored by Ruskin Bond.
- A new book titled "All Time Favourites for Children" was authored by Ruskin Bond.
- Ruskin Bond conferred with Tata Literature Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Ruskin Bond's new book titled 'Hop On: My Adventures on Boats, Trains and Planes' released on his 86th Birthday.
- A book titled 'A Song of India' authored by Ruskin Bond



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- 5 popular books by Ruskin Bond
 1. The Room on the Roof
 2. The Blue Umbrella
 3. A Flight of Pigeons
 4. Rusty, the Boy from the Hills
 5. A Handful of Nuts

Q. India will enter into the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), along with 12 other countries to strengthen economic cooperation as a geostrategic counter to China's growing clout in the region. Which country will lead the IPEF?

- A) Australia
- B) Indonesia
- C) Singapore
- D) United States

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has formalised India's entry into the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), along with 12 other countries to strengthen economic cooperation as a geostrategic counter to China's growing clout in the region.
- ✓ USA clarified that the IPEF is not a free trade agreement (FTA). Thus, it neither seeks to replace the 11-nation CPTPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) nor the RCEP.
- ✓ The other 13 countries that joined the IPEF: The US, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The 13 countries together account for 40% of world GDP.

Q. Which state government has launched 'SAMBHAV' portal to monitor the grievances, schemes, programmes and policies related to energy?

- A) Kerala
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh launched 'SAMBHAV' portal to monitor grievances, schemes related to energy
- ✓ Minister for energy and urban development, Uttar Pradesh, Arvind K Sharma has launched 'SAMBHAV' (Systemic Administration Mechanism for Bringing Happiness and Value) portal to monitor the grievances, schemes, programmes and policies of the departments.



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- ✓ SAMBHAV is a multi-modal platform; it helps to dispose public grievances swiftly and effectively and provide good governance and make the public service delivery transparent and accountable.
- ✓ SAMBHAV will work as an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) platform for flagging grievances received from the public to the concerning officers who have been provided login IDs.

UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS 2021-22

- Uttar Pradesh launches 'Sambhav' (Systemic Administration Mechanism for Bringing Happiness and Value) portal for disposal of public grievances related to energy
- India's 1st Amrit Sarovar established in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh.
- Agra, Uttar Pradesh has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewer systems.
- CM of Uttar Pradesh has launched the 'School Chalo Abhiyan' initiative.
- Yogi Adityanath take Oath as UP Chief Minister for 2nd Term.
- Uttar Pradesh wins best state tableau of Republic Day parade 2022
- Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary near Jamnagar in Gujarat and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh listed as Ramsar sites.
- Uttar Pradesh won 11th Hockey India junior national championship
- Uttar Pradesh bags Best State award in 3rd National Water Awards for 2020.
- Haiderpur wetland in Uttar Pradesh recognised as 47th Ramsar Site.
- Uttar Pradesh is now home to 9 Ramsar wetlands.
- PM Modi lays foundation stone of Ganga Expressway in Shahjahanpur Uttar Pradesh.
- Ganga Expressway is a 594 Km long Expressway. It will be built at a cost of over Rs 36,200 crore
- PM Modi lays foundation stone of International Airport at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh.
- UP's Jhansi Railway Station renamed as 'Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station'
- Uttar Pradesh holds the top position in Total Registered Electric Vehicles (EV) in India.
- Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh is set to launch the ambitious 'Free Smartphone Yojana
- Uttar Pradesh cabinet approves Atma Nirbhar Krishak development scheme
- Varanasi a city in Uttar Pradesh became 1st Indian city to start Ropeway Service
- Uttar Pradesh's first Anti-Air Pollution Tower inaugurated in Noida



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- Uttar Pradesh government has decided to rename the Faizabad Junction to Ayodhya Cantt railways station.
- Kangana Ranaut becomes brand ambassador of UP's ODOP Scheme
- Uttar Pradesh Government to set up 'Electronic Park' in Noida.
- UP govt to set up Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) training centre in Saharanpur's Deoband
- Uttar Pradesh population draft bill proposes two-child policy; Population Policy 2021-2030.
- Ghaziabad issues India's first municipal green bonds. GNN raised ₹150 crores at a cost of 8.1 per cent.
- Uttar Pradesh government was organised a 'Banana Festival' in Kushinagar

Q. Singapore's sovereign wealth fund, GIC has acquired 7.5% equity stake in Aditya Birla Fashion & Retail (ABFRL) for what amount?

- A) Rs. 4617 crores B) Rs. 1765 crores
C) Rs. 3476 crores D) Rs. 2195 crores

Answer : D

- ✓ Singapore's sovereign wealth fund, GIC is acquiring a 7.5% equity stake in Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail (ABFRL) for Rs 2,195 crore.
- ✓ The investment will be made by way of preferential equity and warrants. In the first tranche, the GIC will invest Rs 770 crore, while the rest amount of Rs 1,425 crore would be infused within 18 months.
- ✓ After the investment, Aditya Birla Group will hold a controlling stake of 51.9% in the company.

Q. Who among the following has become the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a Combat Aviator?

- A) Captain Abhilasha Barak B) Captain Komal Singh
C) Captain Jaya Trivedi D) Captain Sonam Agnihotri

Answer : A

- ✓ Haryana's Captain Abhilasha Barak has become the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator after successfully completing her training.
- ✓ She was awarded the coveted wings along with 36 other army pilots by the DG and Colonel Commandant of Army Aviation in Nashik.



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- ✓ She has been assigned to the second flight of 2072 Army Aviation Squadron.
- ✓ She was commissioned into the Indian Army from the Officers Training Academy, Chennai in 2018.
- ✓ Captain Abhilasha Barak hails from Haryana

Q. Who has received an honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Her Majesty The Queen, British Deputy High Commission.

- A) Vivek Murthy
B) Vidur Sharma
C) Reema Shah
D) Kishore Jayaraman

Answer : D

- ✓ Kishore Jayaraman, President, India and South Asia for Rolls-Royce, has received an honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Her Majesty The Queen, British Deputy High Commission.
- ✓ Jayaraman is a board member of the U.K.-India Business Council, which supports U.K. businesses set up in India.

Q. Which country has topped medal tally of 2022 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships held at Başakşehir Youth and Sports Facility, Istanbul, Turkey?

- A) Turkey
B) Italy
C) Russia
D) Belgium

Answer : A

- ✓ The 12th edition of 2022 International Boxing Association (IBA) Women's World Boxing Championship was held at Başakşehir Youth and Sports Facility, Istanbul, Turkey from May 8 to May 20, 2022.
- ✓ Turkey topped the medal tally with five gold and two bronze medals, was honoured as the best team of the Championships.
- ✓ India for the first time in the past four years, had won a total medal tally of 3, which includes one Gold and two Bronze.
- ✓ Indian Boxer Nikhat Zareen, who hails from Nizamabad city of Andhra Pradesh (now Telangana), won the gold in flyweight (52kg) division with 5-0 points against Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas.

Q. PM Modi has inaugurated World's first Nano Urea Liquid Plant constructed by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO) at which place?

- A) Bengaluru, Karnataka
B) Mumbai, Maharashtra
C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu



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Answer : C

- ✓ PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated World's first Nano Urea Liquid Plant constructed by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO) at Kalol, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ Prime Minister dedicated the Ultramodern Nano Urea Liquid Fertilizer plant to the Nation at a ceremony held at Gandhinagar.
- ✓ Nano Urea Liquid Plant has been built at the cost of around Rs 175 crore to boost productivity and increase farmers income. It will produce about 1.5 lakh bottles of 500 ml.
- ✓ IFFCO Nano Urea is the only Nano fertilizer approved by Government and included in the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO).
- ✓ IFFCO has set up additional manufacturing facilities for production of Nano Fertilisers at Aonla, Phulpur, Kalol (Expansion), Bengaluru and Paradeep, Kandla, Deoghar and Guwahati.
- ✓ Urea, also known as carbamide, is an organic compound with the chemical formula NH_2CONH_2 or $\text{CH}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}$
- ✓ **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO)**
Founded : 1967
Headquarteres : New Delhi
Chairmam : Dileep Sanghani
MD & CEO : U.S Awasthi

GANDHINAGAR IN NEWS 2022

- PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated World's first Nano Urea Liquid Plant constructed by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO) at Kalol, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Government of India & Ministry of AYUSH organised its first Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit (GAIIS) 2022 held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- PM Narendra Modi dedicates Rashtriya Raksha University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Nation's first portable solar rooftop system unveiled in Gandhinagar.
- India's first maritime arbitration centre to be set up in Gandhinagar.
- PM Modi will open the Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit 2022 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat



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Q. Which country's MUFG Bank has been granted permission to open a branch at Gujarat International Financial Tech City (GIFT City) in a bid to offer a wide range of banking services to both domestic and global clients?

- A) France
B) Germany
C) Japan
D) Netherlands

Answer : C

- ✓ MUFG Bank becomes the first Japanese bank to open a branch at Gujarat International Financial Tech City (GIFT City) in a bid to offer a wide range of banking services to both domestic and global clients.
- ✓ MUFG Bank has already taken all necessary approvals from the International Financial Services Centre Authority (India) and the Financial Services Agency (Japan) to set up a branch at GIFT City.
- ✓ MUFG had opened its first branch in Mumbai in 1953. MUFG plans to open this branch for operations by the first half of FY 2022.

JAPAN IN NEWS 2021-22

- MUFG Bank of Japan receives approval to open a branch at GIFT City.
- 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.
- 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



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Emperor : Naruhito

Prime Minister : Fumio Kishida

Q. The findings of the Reserve Bank of India's consumer banknote survey showed that how many rupees was the most preferred banknote?

A) ₹50

A) ₹100

C) ₹500

D) ₹2,000

Answer : B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India's Banknote Survey of Consumers findings has revealed that ₹100 was the most preferred banknote while ₹2,000 was the least preferred denomination.
- ✓ Among coins, ₹5 denomination was the most preferred whereas ₹1 was the least preferred. Watermark of Mahatma Gandhi's image followed by windowed security thread was the most recognized security feature as per the survey.
- ✓ Survey took the sample of 11,000 respondents from rural, semi-urban, urban and metropolitan areas.

S.No	Date	Notes Demonetised	Then Prime Minister	Then RBI Governor
1	12 January 1946	Rs 500, Rs 1,000 and Rs 10,000	– (India was ruled by Britain)	C. D. Deshmukh
2	16 January 1978	Rs 1,000, Rs 5,000 and Rs 10,000	Morarji Desai	I. G. Patel
3	08 November 2016	Rs 500 and Rs 1,000	Narendra Modi	Urjit Patel



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Q. RBI has eased norms for non-bank entities to set up Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units by reducing the net worth requirement to Rs.

- A) Rs. 30 crores B) Rs. 25 crores
C) Rs. 50 crores D) Rs. 20 crores

Answer : B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased the norms for non-bank entities to set up Bharat Bill Payment operating units by reducing the net-worth requirement to Rs 25 crores.
- ✓ Presently, the minimum net worth of Rs 100 crore is required to obtain authorisation for a non-bank BBPOU.
- ✓ To increase participation, the RBI had decided to align the net worth requirement of non-bank BBPOUs with that of other nonbank participants who handle customer funds (like payment aggregators) and have a similar risk profile.
- ✓ Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is an interoperable platform for bill payments and the scope and coverage of BBPS extends to all categories of billers who raise recurring bills.

Q. Which state government has decided to adopt the Electric Vehicle Policy 2022 to promote electric vehicles to convert 10% of state's vehicles to electric mode in 5 years?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Tripura government has decided to adopt the Electric Vehicle Policy 2022 to promote electric vehicles to convert 10% of state's vehicles to electric mode in 5 years.
- ✓ Electric vehicles would reduce air pollution and would be helpful in promoting eco-friendly tourism.
- ✓ The electric vehicles policy is already existing in 14 states of the country. If it is implemented, then Tripura would become the 15th state and third in the Northeast region after Assam and Meghalaya to adopt the electric vehicle policy.
- ✓ Tripura adopted EV policy 2022, to convert 10% of state's vehicles to electric mode in 5 years

Q. Union Minister Jitendra Singh has inaugurated North India's first Industrial Biotech Park at which city?

- A) Nainital, Uttarakhand B) Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir
C) Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh D) Leh, Ladakh



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Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister Jitendra Singh has inaugurated North India's first Industrial Biotech Park at Ghatti, Kathua, Jammu.
- ✓ Biotech Park will act as hub for incubation of new ideas and will act as a robust platform to support Agri-entrepreneurs, Startups, farmers, scholars, and students.
- ✓ It has a potential to produce 25 startups in a year which will be among its great contributions to this region. Biotech Parks of J&K are among 9 Biotechnology Parks supported by DBT.

Q. Which state is the first state in India to institutionalise health accounts with the help of World Health Organisation (WHO) to estimate the amount spent on the health sector and its impact?

- A) Odisha B) Assam
C) Gujarat D) Rajasthan

Answer : D

- ✓ Rajasthan is the first state in India to institutionalise health accounts with the help of World Health Organisation (WHO) to estimate the amount spent on the health sector and its impact.
- ✓ Because the health accounts would be easy to estimate the amount spent on the health sector. Efforts are now made to create health accounts in Rajasthan with sufficient capacity with the aid from The WHO.
- ✓ Rajasthan's State Government allocates more than 7 percent of the total budget for health, which is higher than the national average.

✓ **World Health Organization (WHO)**

Formation : 7 April 1948

Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

First President : Andrija Štampar

Director General : Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)

Deputy Director General : Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)

Member Countries : 194

RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2021-22

- Rajasthan adopts revised criteria for IG Shehri Rozgar Guarantee Yojana.



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- According to Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, Rajasthan became the first state in India to reach 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations.
- Rajasthan has become India's first state to install an L-Route server to provide uninterrupted internet access.
- Gangaur festival is celebrated in Rajasthan and some parts of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and West Bengal.
- Rajasthan Diwas is observed on March 30th every year; 73rd foundation day 2022.
- 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.
- BSF launches Operation 'Sard Hawa' at Rajasthan border.

Q. 3rd Global Organic Expo 2022 was held in which city?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ 3rd Global Organic Expo 2022 held in New Delhi



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- ✓ 3rd Global Organic Expo 2022 is poised to be a major platform for Organic Producers, Aggregators, Processors, Value Chain Integrators, and the Industry Partners by offering Global level conference, with an apt theme “Profitability for Humanity”.
- ✓ Reducing cost and achieving sustainable productivity through certified organic products and capacity development of organic production systems. 3rd Global Organic Expo 2022 is organized by ShesPro and managed by iCONEX.

Q. India has signed an MoU With which country to establish a framework to facilitate and enhance bilateral cooperation on climate action?

- A) Saudi Arabia B) Singapore
C) Kazakhstan D) United Arab Emirates

Answer : D

- ✓ India and United Arab Emirates have signed an MoU to establish a framework to facilitate and enhance bilateral cooperation on climate action.
- ✓ The agreement was signed between Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav and UAE Climate Envoy and Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology Dr Sultan Al Jaber in New Delhi.

Q. Which country’s led First Movers Coalition has been joined by India to clean up carbon-intensive industry?

- A) France B) Germany
C) Australia D) United States

Answer : D

- ✓ India recently joined a global public-private partnership initiative called the First Movers Coalition. The initiative was launched by President of the USA Joe Biden and the World Economic Forum (WEF) at COP26.
- ✓ It was joined by 50 new corporate members with a collective market capitalization of USD 8.5 trillion.
- ✓ The First Movers Coalition aims to decarbonize the most carbon-intensive sectors such as the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors, which are responsible for 30% of global emissions.



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- ✓ Apart from India, Denmark, Italy, Japan, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, and the UK joined the First Movers Coalition as government partners. India, Japan, and Sweden also joined the steering board of the First Movers Coalition.

Q. Who has been elected as IBA's Athletes' Committee Chair?

- A) PV Sindhu
- B) Lovlina Borgohain
- C) Mirabai Chanu
- D) Ravi Dahiya

Answer : B

- ✓ Tokyo Bronze Medallist, Lovlina Borgohain was elected as IBA's Athletes' Committee Chair.
- ✓ International Boxing Association (IBA) announced that Indian boxer and Tokyo Olympics Bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain has received the highest number of votes during the election held at the 2022 Women's World Championships and thus has been elected as the chair and a voting member on the Board of Directors for the IBA's Athletes' Committee.
- ✓ Further, Indian boxer Shiva Thapa has also been elected as a member of the IBA Athletes Committee following the election held during the 2021 IBA Men's World Championships.
- ✓ Lovlina Borgohain from Assam, scripted history by clinching the bronze medal in the women's boxing (69kg) category at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. She is also a recipient of the prestigious Arjuna Award
- ✓ International Boxing Association (IBA) Headquarters : United States

Q. Who has won the Excellence in Cinema award at the French Riviera Film Festival for his contribution to cinema?

- A) Nawazuddin Siddiqui
- B) Ayushmann Khurrana
- C) Rajkummar Rao
- D) Sonu Sood

Answer : A

- ✓ Bollywood actor, Nawazuddin Siddiqui became the proud recipient of the Excellence in Cinema award at the French Riviera Film Festival for his contribution to cinema.
- ✓ Nawazuddin was bestowed the honour by two-time Emmy winner American actor-producer, Vincent De Paul.

Q. Which of the following company has launched Indian Navy's survey vessel 'INS Nirdeshak'?

- A) Cochin Shipyard
- B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers



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Answer : D

- ✓ GRSE launched Indian Navy's survey vessel 'INS Nirdeshak'
- ✓ Nirdeshak, the second of the four Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) projects being built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) in collaboration with L&T shipbuilding for the Indian Navy was launched, at Kattupalli, Chennai.
- ✓ The ship has taken its name from erstwhile Nirdeshak which was also an Indian Naval Survey ship and was decommissioned after 32 years of glorious service in December 2014.
- ✓ Part construction of three out of four ships of SVL is being undertaken at L&T, Kattupalli as part of a collaborative approach between GRSE and L&T shipbuilding.
- ✓ The contract for building four SVL ships was signed between MoD and GRSE, Kolkata on October 30, 2018. The first of class ship 'Sandhayak' was launched in December 2021 at GRSE, Kolkata.
- ✓ The new SVL ships will replace the existing Sandhayak Class survey ships with new generation hydrographic equipment to collect oceanographic data.
- ✓ **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)**
Founded : 1884
Headquarters : Kolkata
Chairman & MD : PR Hari

Q. Who has won The Chessable Masters 2022 Tournament?

- A) Magnus Carlsen
- B) Ding Liren
- C) Alireza Firouzja
- D) Fabiano Caruana

Answer : B

- ✓ World No.2 Grandmaster Ding Liren of China won the tournament against India's teenaged Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa in the final of Meltwater Champions Chess Tour Chessable Masters 2022 online tournament.
- ✓ The Indian GM had defeated the highly-rated Dutchman Anish Giri in the semi-final to become the first Indian player to reach the final of a Meltwater Champions Chess Tour event.
- ✓ He had beaten world No.1 Magnus Carlsen for a second time during the preliminary phase in which he finished fourth.



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Q. Which team has won the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 ?

- A) Royal Challengers Bangalore B) Kolkata Knight Riders
C) Rajasthan Royals D) Gujarat Titans

Answer : D

- ✓ Gujarat Titans beat Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets to win their debut IPL tournament at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on May 29, 2022.
- ✓ **TATA IPL 2022**
- ✓ IPL 2022 : 15th edition
- ✓ Winner : Gujarat Titans
- ✓ Runner up : Rajasthan Royals
- ✓ Opening Match : Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai
- ✓ Final Match : Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad Gujarat
- ✓ IPL 2022 winning team prize money : ₹20 crore
- ✓ IPL 2022 runner-up team Prize Money : ₹13 crore
- ✓ Tata Group is title sponsor for 2022 and 2023 editions of IPL
- ✓ Most expensive Player IPL 2022 : Ishan Kishan sold to Mumbai Indians for Rs 15.25 crore
- ✓ 2nd Most expensive Player IPL 2022 : Deepak Chahar sold to Chennai Super Kings for Rs 14 crore
- ✓ Gujarat Titans (GT)
- ✓ Captain : Hardik Pandya
- ✓ Coach : Ashish Nehra
- ✓ Owner : CVC Capital Partners (Luxembourg-based private equity)
- ✓ IPL wins : 1 (2022)
- ✓ Rajasthan Royals (RR)
- ✓ Captain : Sanju Samson
- ✓ Coach : Kumar Sangakkara
- ✓ Owner : Manoj Badale (65%) Lachlan Murdoch (13%) RedBird Capital Partners (15%)
- ✓ IPL wins : 1 (2008)
- ✓ Important IPL 2022 Award Winners
- ✓ Highest Run Scorer (ORANGE CAP): Jos Buttler (863 Runs) Rajasthan Royals
- ✓ Highest Wicket Taker (PURPLE CAP): Yuzvendra Chahal (27 Wickets) Rajasthan Royals



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- ✓ Emerging Player Of The Season : Umran Malik (Sunrisers Hyderabad)
- ✓ Upstox Most Valuable Player Of The Season : Jos Buttler
- ✓ Dream 11 Game Changer Of The Season: Jos Buttler (England)
- ✓ Tata IPL Catch Of The Season: Evin Lewis
- ✓ **Indian Premier League (IPL)**

Administrator : BCCI

First edition : 2008

Founder : Lalit Modi

Number of teams : 10 (2022 Season)

Most successful : Mumbai Indians (5 titles)

Most runs : Virat Kohli (6624)

Most wickets : Dwayne Bravo (183)

Q. Which player bagged the Orange Cap title at the 2022 Indian Premier League (IPL)?

- A) KL Rahul
- B) Jos Buttler
- C) Hardik Pandya
- D) Quinton de Kock

Answer : B

- ✓ IPL 2022 Orange Cap: Rajasthan's Jos Buttler (From England) becomes highest scorer with 863 runs

Q. The Purple Cap has been won by which player in IPL 2022?

- A) Kuldeep Yadav
- B) Wanindu Hasaranga
- C) Kagiso Rabada
- D) Yuzvendra Chahal

Answer : D

- ✓ Yuzvendra Chahal is the winner of the Purple Cap in IPL 2022 after taking a total of 27 wickets in 17 matches.

Q. Which film won the Jury Prize at Cannes Film Festival 2022?

- A) Close
- B) Stars at Noon
- C) Triangle of Sadness
- D) Joyland

Answer : D

- ✓ Pakistani film 'Joyland', written and directed by the debutant Saim Sadiq, won the Jury Prize in the Un Certain Regard Section of the 75th Cannes Film Festival on May 28, 2022.



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- ✓ Joyland has become the first every film from the subcontinent to bag the prestigious award at Cannes.

Q. Which documentary won the L'Oeil d'Or 2022?

- A) Writing with Fire B) All That Breathes
C) The Social Dilemma D) Ladies First

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian filmmaker Shaunak Sen's 'All That Breathes', India's only entry at the 75th Cannes Film Festival, won L'Oeil d'Or 2022, the top prize for documentary films.
- ✓ The film revolves around the lives of two brothers Mohammad Saud and Nadeem Shehzad, who rescue and treat injured birds especially black kites in a basement near Delhi's Wazirabad.
- ✓ The 90-minute film had recently premiered at Cannes in the special screening segment.

Q. Which country has successfully test fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile from the Barents Sea and target the hit of about 1,000 km?

- A) Israel B) China
C) Russia D) North Korea

Answer : C

- ✓ Russia conducts test-launch of Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile Russian frigate Admiral Gorshkov successfully test-fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile from the Barents Sea.
- ✓ The missile hit a naval target about 1,000 km away in the White Sea and the flight of the projectile corresponded to the designed parameters.
- ✓ The Tsirkon missile has been test-fired several times from the Admiral Gorshkov frigate and a nuclear-powered submarine

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- Russia conducts test-launch of Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile.
- Russia test-fired the "RS-28 SARMAT," world's "most powerful" nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile.
- Russia destroyed the largest plane in the world 'Mriya'.
- Russia successfully tests fired Hypersonic Cruise Missile 'Zircon'.
- Indian Navy stealth frigate Tushil launched in Kaliningrad, Russia.



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- Russian filmmaker Klim Shipenko becomes first to shoot film in space.
- Russian film director Klim Shipenko and actress Yulia Peresild spent 12 days in the ISS for filming 30 minutes duration scenes for the film "The Challenge".
- Imtiaz Ali appointed as Ambassador of Russian Film Festival in India.
- 101 member Indian Army contingent to participate in International Army Games 2021 in Russia.
- 12th INDRA NAVY Exercise between India & Russia held in Baltic Sea .
- Indo-Russia Joint Military Drill 'Exercise INDRA 2021' to be held in August 2021 at Volgograd in Russia.
- Russia successfully test-fires S-500 missile system.
- India ties with Russia as 4th largest forex reserves holder.
- Russia 'building first fully stealth warship' .
- Russia says it will launch own space station in 2025.
- Russia to revisit Moon after 45 years, Luna 25 set to launch in October 2021.
- Russia Registers World's First Covid-19 Vaccine For Animals named 'Carnivac-Cov'.
- Russia Launches 38 Satellites From 18 Countries Into Space on Soyuz Rocket .
- Russia launches first Arctic-monitoring Satellite 'Arktika-M' .
- China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station.
- India to procure 21 MiG-29 and 12 Sukhoi-30MKI fighter aircraft from Russia.
- Russia successfully test-fires Tsirkon hypersonic missile.
- Russia Becomes World's 1st Country to Register COVID-19 Vaccine, 'Sputnik V' .
- Russia first regiment of S-400 anti-air system will be delivered to India .
- India-Russia to sign MoUs on AK-203 assault rifles.

➤ **RUSSIA**

Capital : Moscow

Currency : Ruble

PM : Mikhail Mishustin

President : Vladimir Putin

'Roscosmos' Space Agency : Russia

AVIAINDRA Air Exercise : India and Russia

INDRA Military Exercise : India and Russia



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Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 31 May released the 11th installment of how much rupees under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme to more than 10 crore farmers in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh?

- A) Rs 23,000 crore B) Rs 25,000 crore
C) Rs 21,000 crore D) Rs 20,000 crore

Answer : C

- ✓ PM Modi to Release 11th Instalment of PM-KISAN Benefits on May 31, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 11th instalment of Rs 21,000 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme to more than 10 crore farmers on May 31 in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. The fund is transferred directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.
- ✓ Under the PM-KISAN, financial benefit of Rs 6,000 per year is provided to the eligible farmer families, payable in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000.
- ✓ 10th instalment was also released on January 1st, 2022 to more than 10 crore beneficiary farmer families of over Rs. 20,000 crores
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- ✓ Objective – Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is a Central Sector Scheme to provide income support (Rs.6000 per annum per family) to all Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) families to supplement their financial needs for procuring various inputs related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs.
- ✓ Date of Effectiveness : The scheme is effective from December 01, 2018 for transfer of benefit to eligible beneficiaries. The first instalment to eligible beneficiaries during this financial year 2018-19 shall be for the period from 01.12.2018 to 31.03.2019.
- ✓ Date of Launch : February 24, 2019 (By PM Modi In Gorakhpur, UP)
- ✓ The cut-off date for determining the eligibility of beneficiaries is February 1, 2019.
- ✓ The Scheme to be implemented as Central Sector Scheme with 100% financial support by Government of India (GoI).
- ✓ Benefits : Under this scheme, landholder farmer families having total cultivable land holding upto 2 hectare will get direct income support of Rs 6000 per year per family.
- ✓ This amount will be paid in three equal instalments of Rs 2000. (at each 4 months)



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- ✓ Implementation Strategy : The amount will be paid in three equal instalments of Rs 2000 at an interval of every 4 months

Q. North India's first Industrial Biotech Park has been set up in which state/UT to tackle the challenges of climate change?

- A) Ladakh B) Uttarakhand
C) Himachal Pradesh D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : D

- ✓ North India's first Industrial Biotech Park inaugurated at Kathua in J&K Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Union minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated the north India's first Industrial Biotech Park constructed at Ghatti near Kathua.
- ✓ This will transform the economy and enable scientists to tackle challenges of climate change.
- ✓ It will provide Start-ups, Young Entrepreneurs and SMEs the tools that can make production cheaper, manageable and environmentally sustainable.
- ✓ The new Industrial Development Scheme has enabled J&K to fetch investment of more than Rs 38,800 crore, which also includes the proposals of 338 industrial units associated with the biotech sector.
- ✓ Kathua is famous for Mahabilvakeshwar Temple and the Shiv Temple.

J&K IN NEWS 2022

- North India's first Industrial Biotech Park inaugurated at Kathua in J&K
- Jitendra Singh inaugurates India's first 'Lavendar Festival' in Baderwah, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Jammu & Kashmir has become the first Union Territory to integrate with the National Single Window System (NSWS)
- J&K Bank bagged National Award for SHG Bank Linkage 2022
- Central Government launched the "Janbhagidari Empowerment" portal in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Village Palli: India's 1st carbon-neutral panchayat in J&K
- J&K's First National Film Festival, DIPR and NFDC sign a Memorandum of Understanding
- J&K launched 'Jan Nigrani' app to help people lodge complaints
- India's 1st ever GI-tagged Kashmir carpets flagged off to Germany
- Jerri hamlet declared as first 'Milk Village' of J&K



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- J&K lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha launched QR code-based mechanism for certification
- Doda district in J&K is the birthplace of India's Purple Revolution or the cultivation of Lavender.
- Herath Festival celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir 2022
- Asia's largest Tulip Garden is located in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Jammu and Kashmir Police has bagged 115 Police Medals for Gallantry (PMG), out of a total of 189 awarded this year

Q. The 2022 Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation films (MIFF-2022). It will be which edition of the annual event?

- A) 10th B) 25th
C) 17th D) 12th

Answer : C

- ✓ India's foremost documentary film festival MIFF 2022 to begin in Mumbai .
- ✓ The 17th Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation films began in Mumbai.The festival was inaugurated by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.
- ✓ The opening ceremony held at the weeklong biennial film festival at the Nehru Centre.MIFF 2022 has received 808 film entries from 30 countries with the great response.
- ✓ Out of 808 films, 102 will be screened under the Competition Category, 35 in international competition, 67 in the national competition and 18 Films will be screened under 'MIFF Prism Category'.

Q. Which of the following state / UTs below has not achieved 100 per cent household water connections?

- A) Bihar B) Telangana
C) Puducherry D) Daman and Diu

Answer : A

- ✓ India achieved the milestone to provide tap water connection India has achieved the milestone of 50 per cent of rural households (nine crore fifty lakh) having access to tap water connections.
- ✓ States like Telangana, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Puducherry and Haryana have already achieved 100 per cent household water connections.



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- ✓ Punjab, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Bihar have covered more than 90 per cent of the households and moving towards attaining the status of 'Har Ghar Jal'.

Q. Which company has launched INS Gomati which has been commissioned from the naval dockyard in Mumbai?

- A) Cochin Shipyard
- B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers

Answer : B

- ✓ The INS Gomati was decommissioned from the naval dockyard in Mumbai.
- ✓ The ship was discharged under the command of Captain Sudip Malik.
- ✓ INS Gomati derives her name from the vibrant river Gomti and was commissioned on 16 April 1988 by then defence minister, KC Pant, at Mazagon Dock Limited (Mumbai).
- ✓ The third ship of the Godavari class guided-missile frigates.
- ✓ INS Gomati was also the oldest warrior of the western fleet when decommissioned.
- ✓ IMS Gomati was twice awarded the coveted Unit Citation, in 2007-08 and again in 2019-20, for remarkable spirit and stellar contribution to national maritime security

Q. Ministry of Coal has prepared a national mission document to achieve how many metric tonnes of coal gasification by 2030?

- A) 200 metric tons
- B) 300 metric tons
- C) 400 metric tons
- D) 100 Metric tons

Answer : D

- ✓ Coal Ministry has prepared a National Mission document to achieve 100 MT coal gasification by 2030.
- ✓ Coal gasification is a process in which coal is partially oxidized with air, oxygen, vapor or carbon dioxide to produce a 'fuel gas'. This gas is used to obtain energy in place of piped natural gas, methane and others.
- ✓ Jharkhand has the first rank in coal reserves and its production.
- ✓ Odisha has the second-largest coal reserves in the country.
- ✓ Chattisgarh has the third largest coal reserve in India.



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- ✓ China is the world's largest coal producer.
- ✓ India being the world's second-largest coal producer

Q. The World Health Organization has selected the state for the 'World No Tobacco Day Award-2022' in view of efforts to control tobacco consumption in which state?

- A) Jharkhand B) Bihar
C) Punjab D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : A

- ✓ Jharkhand has been selected by the World Health Organisation for the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022 in recognition of its efforts in controlling tobacco consumption.
- ✓ The award will be received by the State Tobacco Control Cell of the Health Department on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day.

Q. International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is observed on ____

- A) 26 May B) 27 May
C) 29 May D) 28 May

Answer : C

- ✓ International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on 29 May annually.
- ✓ Theme 2022: "People Peace Progress: The Power of Partnerships".
- ✓ This day is celebrated for paying tribute to the contributions of uniformed and civilian personnel to the organisation's work. It aims to honour nearly 4,200 peacekeepers who had lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948. The first UN peacekeeping mission was called the 'United Nations Truce Supervision Organization' or UNTSO began operations in Palestine on 29 May 1948. UN Peacekeeping operations observe the day to strengthen bonds with the local populations that have been deployed to serve.

Q. Hindi Journalism Day is celebrated on which of the following days?

- A) 29 May B) 30 May
C) 31 May D) 28 May

Answer : B



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- ✓ Hindi Journalism Day is celebrated every year on 30 May. Actually, the main reason for celebrating it is that on this day in the year 1826, the first Hindi language newspaper 'Udant Martand' started being published.
- ✓ Let us tell you that it was published from the then city of Calcutta and it was started by Pandit Jugal Kishore Shukla.

Q. International Everest Day is celebrated on which of the following days?

- A) 27 May
- B) 28 May
- C) 29 May
- D) 30 May

Answer : C

- ✓ International Everest Day is observed on 29 May every year.
- ✓ It was on this day in 1953 that Nepalese Tenzing Norgay and New Zealand's Edmund Hillary had climbed the Mt. Everest, becoming the first humans to achieve the feat.
- ✓ The International Everest Day is held since 2008, when the legendary climber Hillary passed away



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