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Q. What is India's rank on Environmental Performance Index 2022?

A) 166

B) 170

C) 180

D) 120

Answer : C

- ✓ India has been ranked at the bottom of the 2022 Environmental Performance Index. India was ranked at 180 with a score of 18.9, which is the lowest among 180 countries in the index that evaluated the environmental performance of these countries.
- ✓ India ranked at the bottom with a total score of 18.9, while Denmark was the top scorer as the world's most sustainable country.
- ✓ India's performance has gone down by 0.6 scores in the last decade, while our neighbours have done better including Pakistan, which is ranked at 176 and Bangladesh that is at 177.
- ✓ The EPI index is developed by Yale University and Columbia University in collaboration with the World Economic Forum and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
- ✓ MOST IMPORTANT INDIA'S RANK IN VARIOUS INDEXES 2022

✓ Environmental Performance Index 2022.

Top: Denmark

2nd: United Kingdom

3rd : Finland INDIA : 180

✓ WEF's Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index 2021

Top: Japan

2nd: United States

3rd : Spain INDIA : 54

✓ World Press Freedom Index 2022

Top : Norway 2nd : Denmark



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3rd : Sweden INDIA : 150

Released By: Reporters Without Borders

✓ World Happiness Report 2022

Top: Finland
2nd: Denmark
3rd: Iceland
INDIA: 136

Published By: United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network

✓ Sustainable Development Report 2021 or Sustainable Development Index 2021

Top - Finland

2nd - Sweden

3rd - Denmark

INDIA: 120

✓ International Intellectual property (IP) Index 2022

Top : USA 2nd : UK

3rd : Germany INDIA : 43rd

Released By: Global Innovation Policy Center of U.S. Chamber of Commerce

✓ Democracy Index 2021

Top: Norway

2nd: New Zealand

3rd : Finland INDIA : 46th

Released By: Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

Q. Which country has topped the Environment Performance Index 2020?

A) Greece

B) Switzerland

C) Norway

D) Denmark

Answer : D



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Q. Which bank has collaborated with global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture to digitally transform its lending business?

A) ICICI Bank

B) HDFC Bank

C) Kotak Mahindra Bank

D) State Bank of India

Answer: B

- ✓ HDFC has done the collaboration with global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture to digitally transform its lending business.
- ✓ This collaboration will aim the HDFC's lending lifecycle paper-less and nimble.
- ✓ This will also upgrade the customer experience and will provide greater operational agility and efficiency, and drive business growth.

HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- ➤ HDFC has announced a collaboration with global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture, to digitally transform its lending business.
- > 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.
- 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.



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- 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. The military exercise 'SAMPRITI-IX' is being held between the armies of which countrie

A) India-Sri Lanka

B) India-Myanmar

C) India-Bangladesh

D) India-Nepal

Answer: C

- ✓ A joint military training exercise "Ex SAMPRITI-X" is being conducted by India & Bangladesh at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh from 5-16 June 2022.
- ✓ The aim is to strengthen interoperability between the two armies and to understand each other's tactical drills and operational techniques.

✓ BANGLADESH

Capital : Dhaka Currency : Taka

President: Abdul Hamid

Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina

SAMPRITI Exercise: India-Bangladesh

MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2022

- ➤ Indian Army participates in a multinational exercise "Ex Khaan Quest 2022" where 16 other countries also took part in Mongolia.
- ➤ India-Bangladesh bilateral defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise Ex SAMPRITI-X is being conducted at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh from 05 June to 16 June 2022.



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- ➤ 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 Yangiarik, Uzbekistan.
- > 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'.



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- 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. Which state government has launched 'Nalaya Thiran' skilling programme for students under 'Naan Mudhalvan'?

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Maharashtra

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: A

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government recently launched Naan Mudhalvan (I am the first). Under this programme Tamil Nadu government has now launched Nalaya Thiran (Tomorrow's ability).
- ✓ Under the programme, 50,000 college students will train with the knowledge in computer science, electronics and IT domains, skilling them on problem solving using technologies.
- ✓ This will help the companies to get skilled workforce.

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2021-22

- Tamil Nadu launched Nalaya Thiran skilling programme for college students.
- > Tamil Nadu Govt signed MoU with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for pensioner's digital life certificate.
- > Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin flagged off the luxury cruise liner "Empress" from Chennai port.
- > Tamil Nadu government notified the Nanjarayan lake, a bio-diversity hotspot, as the 17th bird sanctuary.
- > Tamilnadu Petroproducts became world's first LAB manufacturing company to get BIS certification
- Tamil Nadu government launched 'Kaaval Uthavi' app for public during emergency.
- Tamil Nadu govt announced breakfast scheme for primary school students.



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

Q. How much amount will ACME Group invest in Green Hydrogen Project in Karnataka?

A) Rs 73,467 crores

B) Rs 65,123 crores

C) Rs 51,865 crores

D) Rs 47,654crores

Answer: C

- ✓ ACME Cleantech Solutions Private Limited has signed an MoU with the Karnataka government to propose the investment of Rs. 51,865 crores in the state within five years for setting up a green hydrogen and ammonia plant with an associated solar power unit in Mangaluru.
- ✓ Under the first Phase the company will invest Rs. 5,300 crores and in second Phase Rs. 46,565 crores.
- ✓ From this, 1,800 jobs will be generated.



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- ✓ This will facilitate ACME to obtain all necessary permissions, registrations, approvals, clearances and incentives from the department concerned of the state government according to its prevailing policies, rules and regulations.
- Q. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Sant Kabir Academy and Research Center at Sant Kabir Nagar in which state?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Uttar Pradesh

C) Haryana

D) Maharashtra

Answer: B

- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre at Sant Kabir Nagar in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The President said during the inauguration that the life of Kabir is the perfect example of human behaviour and teachings and is still relevant after 650 years.
- Q. Which state government has declared Blue Duke as the State Butterfly on the occasion of World Environment Day?

A) Sikkim

B) Karnataka

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A

- ✓ P.S. Golay, Chief Minister of Sikkim, has declared the Blue Duke as the Butterfly of the Sikkim State during the occasion of World Environment Day.
- ✓ The event took place at Saramsa Garden near Ranipool which has been organized by the Forest Department.
- ✓ Blue Duke is a native butterfly species of Sikkim, edged past another contender Krishna Peacock.
- ✓ Blue Duke is found at an altitude below 1,500 metres in the Himalayas and is commonly found in places like Pakyong, Passingdong and Dzongu, South Sikkim and West Sikkim and closer to the State capital in places like Tadong and Ranka
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the International Aluminium Institute (IAI)?

A) Nalin Singhal

B) Satish Pai

C) Pramod Agrawal

D) Manoj Jain



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Answer: B

- ✓ MD of Hindalco Industries, Satish Pai has been appointed as the new chairman of International Aluminium Institute (IAI).
- ✓ He succeeds Ben Kahrs, Chief Innovation Officer of Alcoa Corporation.
- ✓ IAI is the global body for the primary aluminium industry.
- ✓ China is the largest producer of aluminium . India 2nd largest producer
- ✓ Odisha is the largest producer of aluminium in India
- Q. Who has been been elected as the new President of Albania?

A) Ilir Meta

B) Bajram Begaj

C) Kim Kun-hee

D) Hong Joon-pyo

Answer: B

- ✓ Albania's parliament has elected a top military official, General Major Bajram Begaj as its new president after no candidates were nominated in three rounds of voting. The outgoing President Ilir Meta signed the decree on Begaj's dismissal as Chief of General Staff of the AAF.
- ✓ ALBANIA

Capital : Tirana Currency : lek

President.: Bajram Begaj

NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2021-22		
PRESIDENT	COUNTRY	
Bajram Begaj	Albania	
Hassan Sheikh Mohamud	Somalia	
Emmanuel Macron	France	
Aleksandar Vučić	Serbia	
Serdar Berdymukhamedov	Turkmenistan	
Katalin Eva Novak	Hungary	
Gabriel Boric Font	Chile	
Yoon Suk-yeol	South Korea	



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Frank-Walter Steinmeier	Germany
Xiomara Castro	Honduras
Daniel Ortega	Nicaragua
Gabriel Boric	Chile
Adama Barrow	Gambia
Shavkat Mirziyoyev	Uzbekistan
Sandra Mason	Barbados
Hakainde Hichilema	Zambia
Ebrahim Raisi	Iran
Ukhnaa Khurelsukh	Mongolia
Isaac Herzog	Israel
Guillermo Lasso	Ecuador

Q. India has successfully tested a nuclear- capable Agni-4 ballistic missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. What is the range of this missile?

A) 4,000 kilometres

B) 5,000 kilometres

C) 6,000 kilometres

D) 2,000 kilometres

Answer: A

- ✓ India has successfully executed a nuclear- capable Agni-4 ballistic missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- ✓ Dr. Abdul Kalam Island is also known as the Wheeler Island.
- It is located off the coast of Odisha.
- ✓ The missile has the range of around 4,000 kilometres.
- ✓ Earlier, India successfully test-fired an extended range version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a Sukhoi fighter jet.
- ✓ It was the first launch of the extended range version of the BrahMos missile from a Su-30MKI aircraft.
- ✓ The Agni missile is a family of medium to intercontinental range ballistic missiles
- ✓ This missile is 20 meters long, one and a half meters wide and weighs 17 tons.
- ✓ This missile has the capability of carrying explosives up to 1000 kg weight.



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- ✓ Surface-to-surface missiles
- ✓ Agni P
- ✓ Range: 1,000 2,000 kms
- ✓ Agni-I
- ✓ Range: 700-1250 Km
- ✓ Agni-II
- ✓ Range : 2,000 -3,000 Km
- ✓ Agni-III
- ✓ Range: 3,500 -5,000 Km
- ✓ Agni-IV
- ✓ Range :3,000 -4,000 Km
- ✓ Agni-V
- ✓ Range : 5000-8000 Km
- ✓ Prithvi I
- √ Range: 150 Km
- ✓ Prithvi II
- ✓ Range : 350 Km
- ✓ Dhanush
- ✓ Range: 350 -600 Km
- ✓ Prahaar
- √ Range: 150 Km
- √ Shaurya
- ✓ Range: 750 -1,900 Km
- Q. Indian Army participated in a multinational exercise "Ex Khan Quest 2022" where 16 other countries are also conducting this exercise?
 - A) Maldives

B) Vietnam

C) Mongolia

D) Madagascar

Answer: C

✓ Indian Army participates in a multinational exercise "Ex Khaan Quest 2022" where 16 other countries also took part in Mongolia.



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- ✓ President of Mongolia, Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh inaugurated the Exercise as the host.
- ✓ Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the LADAKH SCOUTS.
- ✓ MONGOLIA

Capital : Ulaanbaatar

Currency: Tögrög

President: Ukhnaa Khurelsukh

Nomadic Elephant joint exercise between India and Mongolia

Q. How much amount has been approved by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh for the purchase of military equipment to the Armed Forces

A) Rs 76,000 crore

B) Rs 55,000 crore

C) Rs 85,000 crore

D) Rs 64,000 crore

Answer: A

- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh permitted Armed Force to purchasing Indian-made equipment's worth Rs. 76,000 crores which includes next generation corvettes for the navy, armoured fighting vehicles for the army and engines for the Su 30 MKI fleet for the air force.
- ✓ Rajnath Singh chaired Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) and supported Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals of the armed forces under 'Buy (Indian)', 'Buy & Make (Indian)' and 'Buy (Indian-IDDM)' categories.
- ✓ The estimated cost of next generation corvettes (NGC) is Rs. 36,000 crores.
- ✓ Dornier aircrafts and Su-30 MKI aero engines will be manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.
- Q. Which state will host the 2021 Khelo India Youth Games?

A) Bihar

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Haryana

D) Sikkim

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah inaugurated Khelo India Youth Games 2021 in Panchkula, Haryana.
- ✓ This is the fourth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG).
- ✓ Khelo India Youth Games is the biggest nationwide grassroots level sports competition in India, started
 by the Central Government in 2018.



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- ✓ Khelo India youth games will continue till 13th of June and the sportspersons will compete in 25 sports for 269 gold, 269 silver and 358 bronze medals from the games.
- ✓ DON'T CONFUSED
- ✓ KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES
- ✓ 1st edition 2018 : New Delhi
- ✓ 2nd edition 2019 : Pune, Maharashtra
- √ 3rd edition 2020 : Guwahati, Assam
- √ 4th edition 2021 : Panchkula, Haryana
- ✓ KHELO INDIA UNIVERSITY GAMES
- √ 1st edition 2020 : Bhubaneswar Odisha
- ✓ 2nd edition 2021 : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ✓ KHELO INDIA WINTER GAMES
- ✓ 1st edition 2020 : Gulmarg J&K
- ✓ 2nd edition 2021 : Gulmarg J&K
- ✓ Khelo India Ice Hockey Tournament 2021 begins in Chiktan, Kargil Ladakh
- ✓ 1st Khelo India Zanskar Winter Sports Festival 2021 begins in Kargil, Ladakh
- ✓ JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) with 20 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals has won the 2nd edition of the Khelo India University Games 2021 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Q. The Indian Navy's long range Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft P8I is the first IN aircraft to take part in RIMPAC exercise. P8I has been developed by which company?

A) Airbus

B) Boeing

C) Hawker Beechcraft Corp.

D) Bombardier

Answer: B

- ✓ India has decided to participate in the world's biggest maritime exercise 'Rim of the Pacific' or RIMPAC, hosted by the US.
- ✓ Hosted by the US Indo-Pacific Command, India is sending a stealth frigate and a P-8I aircraft for this
 exercise
- ✓ As many as 26 countries will showcase their naval might from 29 June 2022 to 4 August 2022 in Honolulu and San Diego in the 28th edition of the naval wargames.



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- ✓ India first participated in RIMPAC in 2014.
- ✓ The RIMPAC started in 1971 and from 1974 it became a biennial event.
- Q. Name the Indian state which has topped the State Food Safety Index 2022 of FSSAI in the large states category?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Andhra Pradesh

D) Karnataka

Answer: B

- ✓ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya released the 4th State Food Safety Index (SFSI) on 7 June 2022.
- ✓ It has been released by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- ✓ It measures the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu was the top-ranking state, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- ✓ Goa, on the other hand, was first among the smallest states, followed by Manipur and Sikkim.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, and Chandigarh ranked top, second, and third among the UTs, respectively.
- Q. Who has become the first-ever Railway officer and also the first-ever officer from the non-uniformed Civil Services to complete 'IRONMAN' Triathlon?

A) V K Tripathi

B) Arvind kumar Srivastva

C) Rajiv Dixit

D) Shreyas Hosur

Answer : D

- ✓ Shreyas Hosur from South Western Railway has become the first-ever Railway officer and also the first-ever officer from the non-uniformed Civil Services to complete 'IRONMAN' Triathlon.
- ✓ The event included 3.8 km Swim, 180 km Cycling, and 42.2 km Running.
- ✓ Shreyas completed the event in 13 hrs 26 mins on 5th June 2022, in Hamburg, Germany.
- Q. Who has been appointment as the Managing Director of SBI for a period of 2 years?

A) Sumant Kathpalia

B) Atul Kumar Goel

C) Alok Kumar Choudhary

D) Shanti Lal Jain

Answer : C



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- ✓ The centre has approved the appointment of Alok Kumar Choudhary, Deputy Managing Director of SBI as the Managing Director for a period of 2 years.
- ✓ Choudhary, who was currently in charge of the finance portfolio, will now be in charge of corporate banking and information technology in his new role at SBI.
- ✓ He replaces former MD Ashwani Bhatia who took charge as the whole time member of SEBI.
- ✓ STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- √ Founded: 1 July 1955
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara
- ✓ Managing Director: (4) Alok Kumar Choudhary, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, and Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- ✓ 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. Who has won the Best Male actor award in the International Indian Film Academy Awards held in Abu Dhabi?

A) Akshay Kumar

B) Vicky Kaushal

C) Ranveer Singh

D) Sidharth Malhotra

Answer: B

- ✓ The International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) held in Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ This year the IIFA 2022 Awards was hosted by Salman Khan, Maniesh Paul and Riteish Deshmukh.
- ✓ List of the winners of IIFA 2022:
- ✓ Best Actor (Male): Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)
- ✓ Best Actor (Female): Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- ✓ Best Director : Vishnuvaradhan (Shershaah)



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- ✓ Best Film: Shershaah
- ✓ Best Playback Singer Female : Asees Kaur for 'Raataan Lambiyan', (Shershaah)
- ✓ Best Playback Singer Male : Jubin Nautiyal for song 'Raataan Lambiyan', (Shershaah)
- ✓ Best Male Debut: Ahan Shetty (Tadap)
- ✓ Best Female Debut: Sharvari Wagh (Bunty Aur Babli 2)
- ✓ Best Supporting Actor Female: Sai Tamhankar (Mimi)
- ✓ Best Supporting Actor Male: Pankaj Tripathi (Ludo)
- Q. Which film won the Best Film award at the IIFA Awards ceremony in 2022?

A) Shershaah

B) RRR

C) Pushpa: The Rise

D) K.G.F: Chapter 2

Answer: A

- ✓ Shershaah (Lion King) is a 2021 Indian Hindi-language biographical war film directed by Vishnuvardhan in his Hindi film debut and written by Sandeep Shrivastava.
- ✓ The film follows the life of Param Vir Chakra-awardee Captain Vikram Batra, from his first posting in the army to his death in the Kargil War.

MOST IMPORTANT FLIMFARE AWARD IN NEWS 2022

- > IIFA AWARDS 2022
- > Best Actor (Male): Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)
- Best Actor (Female) : Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- Best Director: Vishnuvaradhan (Shershaah)
- Best Film : Shershaah
- > CANNES FILM FESTIVAL 2022
- > Best Director: Park Chan-wook for Decision to Leave
- Best Actor : Song Kang-ho for Broker
- Best Actress : Zar Amir Ebrahimi for Holy Spider
- Jury Special Award (documentary): Mariupolis 2
- > Palme d'Or : Triangle of Sadness, directed by Ruben Östlund
- L'Oeil d'Or : All That Breathes, directed by Shaunak Sen (Indian)
- > 64th GRAMMY AWARDS 2022 (Music)



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- > Album Of The Year: 'We Are' by Jon Batiste
- > Record Of The Year: 'Leave the door open' by Bruno Mars and Anderson Paak
- Song Of The Year: "Leave the Door Open,"
- > Best Children's Album category : Falguni Shah
- > 94th OSCAR AWARDS 2022:(Academy Awards)
- Best Picture : CODA
- Best Actor in a Leading Role: Will Smith, "King Richard"
- Best Actress in a Leading Role: Jessica Chastain (The Eyes of Tammy Faye)
- Best Directing: Jane Campion (The Power of the Dog)
- > 75th BAFTA AWARD 2022 (British Academy Film Awards)
- Best Film : The Power of the Dog
- Best Director: Jane Campion, The Power of the Dog
- > Best Actress in Leading Role : Joanna Scanlan, After Love
- Best Actor in Leading Role : Will Smith, King Richard
- GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS 2022
- > Best Film (Drama): The Power of the Dog
- > Best Actor (Drama): Will Smith for King Richard as Richard Williams
- > Best Actress (Drama): Nicole Kidman for Being the Ricardos as Lucille Ball
- Best Director: Jane Campion for The Power of the Dog
- Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022
- > Film of the Year Award : Pushpa: The Rise
- Best Film Award : Shershaah
- Best Actor Award : Ranveer Singh for film 83
- Best Actress Award : Kriti Sanon for film Mimi
- > Nawazuddin Siddiqui honoured with Excellence in Cinema award At the prestigious French Riviera Film Festival.
- India's Tamil Flim Koozhangal (directed by P S Vinothraj) gets the best film award at Dhaka International Film Festival.
- The best actor award was given to Jayasurya for Ranjith Sankar-directed film Sunny.



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Sushmita Sen has been conferred with the International Association of Working Women Award at the Washington DC South Asian Film Festival (DCSAFF) 2021 for her show 'Aarya 2'.

Q. What is the rank of Mukesh Ambani in the latest Forbes Real-Time Billionaire index released in June 2022?

A) 6th

B) 9th

C) 12th

D) 11th

Answer: A

- ✓ Forbes Real Time Billionaires List was declared. It featured the list of the richest person around the world.
- ✓ The chairman and managing director of Reliance Industries Ltd and the chairperson of Adani Group
 are also in the list of top 10 richest persons in the world.
- ✓ In the "Bloomberg Billionaires Index", Mukesh Ambani is in eighth spot, and Gautam Adani is in ninth position. Elon Musk topped both the lists.
- ✓ Forbes Real Time Billionaires List 2022
- ✓ World's richest person : Elon Musk (\$219.4 billion) : Tesla, SpaceX
- ✓ 2nd Bernard Arnault & Family (\$156.5 Billion): LVMH
- √ 3th Jeff Bezos (\$150.5 Billion) : Amazon
- √ 4th Bill Gates \$128.1 B : Microsoft
- ✓ 5th Warren Buffett: (\$112.8 Billion) United States
- √ 6th Mukesh Ambani (\$103.2 Billion)
- √ 7th Gautam Adani & family (\$101.0 Billion)
- √ Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022
- ✓ Top : Berkshire Hathaway
- ✓ Reliance is the top-ranked Indian firm on the list, followed by State Bank of India at No. 105, HDFC Bank at No. 153 and ICICI Bank at No. 204.
- √ Forbes' highest-paid athletes list for 2022
- ✓ Top : Lionel Messi (\$130 million)
- ✓ 2nd : Lebron James (\$121.2 million)
- ✓ 3rd : Cristiano Ronaldo(\$115 million)



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- ✓ Cyrus S. Poonawalla has topped the Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022 and became the richest billionaire in the healthcare sector 2022.
- ✓ Forbes Billionaires List 2022
- ✓ Top : Elon Musk (\$219 billion)
- ✓ 2nd : Jeff Bezos (\$171 billion)
- ✓ 3rd : Bernard Arnault and family (\$158 billion)
- √ 4th : Bill Gates (\$129 billion)
- √ 5th: Warren Buffett (\$118 billion)
- ✓ Mukesh Ambani (\$90.7 billion) 10th rank
- ✓ Gautam Adani (\$90 billion) 11th rank
- ✓ HURUN Global U40 Self-Made Billionaires 2022.
- ✓ Top : USA (37 self-made billionaires)
- ✓ 2nd : China (25 billionaires)
- ✓ 3rd : United Kingdom (8 billionaires)
- √ 4th : India (6 billionaires).
- ✓ Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg is the world's richest self-made billionaire aged 40 and under with
- ✓ total wealth of \$76 billion.
- ✓ Hurun Global Rich List 2022
- ✓ Top : Elon Musk
- ✓ 2nd : Jeff Bezos
- ✓ 3rd : Bernard Arnault
- ✓ 9th : Mukesh Ambani
- Q. Who has topped the list of Forbes Real Time Billionaires from all over the world?
 - A) Bill Gates

B) Jeff Bezos

C) Elon Musk

D) Mukesh Ambani

Answer: C

- ✓ Top 5 wealthiest person in the list are:
- ✓ World's richest person : Elon Musk (\$219.4 billion) : Tesla, SpaceX
- ✓ 2nd Bernard Arnault & Family (\$156.5 Billion): LVMH
- √ 3th Jeff Bezos (\$150.5 Billion): Amazon



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√ 4th - Bill Gates \$128.1 B : Microsoft

✓ 5th - Warren Buffett: (\$112.8 Billion) United States

√ 6th - Mukesh Ambani (\$103.2 Billion)

√ 7th - Gautam Adani & family (\$101.0 Billion)

Q. RBI has kept key policy rates changed in the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held on June 6-8, 2022, Which means that the Repo Rate has been kept changed at _____ percent

A) 3.35%

B) 4.90%

C) 4.25%

D) 3.25%

Answer: B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee headed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das increased repo rate, forecasted GDP growth, MSF and Bank rate increased and other
- ✓ RBI kept its projection growth at 7.2% for the current fiscal on the back of improvement in urban demand and gradual recovery in rural India.
- ✓ RBI has increased the repo rate by 50 bps to 4.90%, due to the soar inflation.
- ✓ RBI has increased FY23 CPI inflation forecast to 6.7% from 5.7%.
- ✓ The limit of individual loans extended by co-operative banks by 100%.
- ✓ Credit cards, starting with RuPay credit cards, can now be linked to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platforms.
- ✓ Increased the limit for e-mandates/ standing instructions on cards and Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) for recurring transactions to ₹15,000, from ₹5,000 at present.

✓ Repo Rate : 4.90%

✓ Reverse Repo Rate : 3.35%

✓ Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate: 5.15%

✓ Bank Rate : 5.15%

✓ Cash Reserve Ratio: 4.50%

✓ Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR): 18%

✓ Standing Deposit Facility Rate: 4.65%



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Q. What is the current Marginal Standing Facility Rate?

A) 3.55%

B) 5.15%

C) 3.35%

D) 4.25%

Answer : B

Q. What is the Cash reserve Ratio (CRR) as per RBI Monetary Policy?

A) 4.65%

B) 4.50%

C) 4.45%

D) 3.65%

Answer: B

✓ MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE (MPC)

- ✓ The Monetary Policy Committee is a statutory and institutionalized framework under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for maintaining price stability, while keeping in mind the objective of growth.
- ✓ An RBI-appointed committee led by the then deputy governor Urjit Patel in 2014 recommended the establishment of the Monetary Policy Committee.
- ✓ The Governor of RBI is ex-officio Chairman of the committee.
- ✓ The committee comprises six members (including the Chairman) three officials of the RBI and three external members nominated by the Government of India.
- ✓ The MPC determines the policy interest rate (repo rate) required to achieve the inflation target (4%).
- ✓ Six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) .
- √ 3 (RBI) + 3 (Govt of India) = 6
- ✓ Three members from RBI Side are Rajiv Ranjan, Debabrata Patra and Shri Shaktikanta Das.
- ✓ Three members from Govt of India Side: Ashima Goyal, Jayanth R Varma and Shashanka Bhide
- ✓ Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has been constituted by the Central Government under Section 45ZB of RBI Act, 1934.
- ✓ Goals of monetary policy
- ✓ The main objective of the Monetary Policy is to maintain price stability while keeping in mind the objective of growth.
- ✓ Another objective is to keep the inflation target in control. (Inflation is a general rise in the price level of an economy over a period of time.)



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- ✓ The Inflation target is determined by the Central Government, in consultation with the Reserve Bank of
- ✓ It is defined in terms of the Consumer Price Index, once in every five years.
- ✓ Central Government has decided the Inflation target for the 5-year period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2026 with the upper tolerance limit of 6 percent and the lower tolerance limit of 2 percent.
- ✓ This means that inflation should not go below 2% and should not go above 6%. In other words, the inflation can be in the range of 4 (+/- 2)%.
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the Reserve Bank of India, to ensure that inflation remains in this band of 2% to 6%.
- ✓ Meetings of Monetary Policy Committee
- ✓ To achieve the objective of Monetary Policy, the MPC conducts meetings. As per the RBI Act, 1934, RBI has to conduct at least four meetings of the Monetary Policy Committee in a year.
- ✓ Presently, the Monetary Policy Committee meeting is conducted once in every 2 months i.e. 6 times in a year.
- ✓ The quorum for the meeting of this Monetary Policy Committee shall be four Members.
- ✓ Minutes of MPC meet: The Reserve Bank of India shall publish, on the fourteenth day after every meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee the minutes of the meeting.
- Q. What is the increased limit for the e-mandate/ standing instruction on cards and Prepaid Payment Instruments for recurring transactions?

A) Rs 20,000

B) Rs 25,000

C) Rs 15,000

D) Rs 10,000

Answer: C

- ✓ Increased the limit for e-mandates/ standing instructions on cards and Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) for recurring transactions to Rs 15,000, from Rs 5,000 at present.
- Q. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has announced an increase in the repo rate by what percentage on 08 June 2022?

A) 0.10%

B) 0.50%

C) 0.90%

D) 0.20%

Answer: B



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- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently announced to increase the repo rate once again (Repo Rate Hike). Now the repo rate has increased by 0.50 percent to 4.90 percent.
- Q. Which Indian cricketer announced retirement from all forms of cricket?

A) Jhulan Goswami

B) Mithali Raj

C) Smriti Mandhana

D) Harmanpreet Kaur

Answer: B

- ✓ Veteran Indian cricketer Mithali Raj announced her retirement from all forms of International Cricket on June 8, 2022.
- ✓ With the announcement, the former skipper has brought down the curtain on her glittering career since her debut in 1999.
- ✓ Mithali Raj has played 12 Tests, 232 ODIS, and 89 T20Is for India in her 19-year career.

MITHALI RAJ IN NEWS

- Mithali Raj announced retirement from International cricket
- ➤ Mithali Raj Record: Mithali Raj created history, became the highest run-scorer woman batsman in international cricket, 10337 runs
- Mithali Raj Becomes First Indian Woman Cricketer to Score 10,000 Runs
- ➤ Mithali Raj becomes first woman cricketer to complete 7,000 ODI runs; 7,000-run milestone in her 213th match
- Indian Cricketer Mithali Raj Becomes 1st Women to Play 200 ODIs
- "Unguarded" : An Autobiography
- Book by Mithali Raj
- Mithali Raj became the first Indian woman to reach the landmark of 2000 T20 runs
- > Previously in September 2019, Mithali Raj Announces Retirement from T20Is
- ➤ He won the Arjuna Award in the year 2003 and the Padma Shri in the year 2015 and Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2021
- Mithali Dorai Raj from Jodhpur Rajasthan
- Mithali Raj made her International debut in the ODI against Ireland at Milton Keynes in 1999.



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Q. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the newly built National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) at which city?

A) Mumbai

B) Pune

C) Nagpur

D) New Delhi

Answer: D

- ✓ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the newly built National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in New Delhi.
- ✓ This institute is to promote and preserve the tribal heritage and culture and the nerve centre of tribal research issues and matters in academic, executive and legislative fields.
- ✓ Tribal Research Institute (TRI) is the research body of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at the state level.

 There are 26 Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) supported by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Q. Who has won gold in 10m air rifle standing SH1 event at Para Shooting World Cup 2022?

A) Bhavina Patel

B) Avani Lekhara

C) Mariyappan Thangavelu

D) Krishna Nagar

Answer: B

- ✓ Avani Lekhara, the Tokyo Paralympics winner, won gold in the Para Shooting World Cup in Chateauroux, France, with a world record score of 250.6 in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1
- ✓ With the win, she has become the first Indian paralympic shooter to secure a spot in the 2024 Paris Paralympics.
- ✓ The SH1 category is for athletes competing in rifle events who have a lower limb handicap

AVANI LEKHARA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Avani Lekhara won gold in the Para Shooting World Cup in Chateauroux, France, with a world record score of 250.6 in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1
- Avani Lekhara from Rajasthan won 'Best Female Debut' honour at 2021 Paralympic Sport Awards
- Avani Lekhara became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the Paralympics,10m Air Rifle
- > Avani Lekhara becomes first Indian woman to win two medals Paralympics (Gold 10m air rifle
 - + Bronze 50m rifle)



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- Rajasthan government has nominated shooter Avani Lekhara, who won a gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympics as the brand ambassador of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign in the state.
- Q. The centre has approved proposal between India and which country for cooperation in industries and advanced technologies?

A) Qatar

B) UAE

C) Saudi Arabia

D) Omam

Answer: B

- ✓ Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi on June 8, 2022 approved a proposal for signing a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on cooperation in the field of industries and advanced technologies.
- Q. Which automobile company has set up Asia's largest 20 MWp1 solar power plant at its Manesar facility in a bid to maximises the utilisation of renewable energy?
 - A) Tata Motors
 - B) Maruti Suzuki
 - C) Mahindra & Mahindra
 - D) Hero MotoCorp

Answer: B

- ✓ Maruti Suzuki has set up Asia's largest 20 MWp1 solar power plant at its Manesar facility in a bid to maximises the utilisation of renewable energy.
- ✓ It will contribute 28,000 MWH2 annually to the group's manufacturing unit and which is equivalent to the energy required for the production of more than 67,000 units.
- ✓ The company's combined solar power generation capacity is around 26.3 MWp.
- ✓ Maruti Suzuki
- √ Founded: 1981
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman: R. C. Bhargava
- ✓ Managing Director & CEO : Hisashi Takeuchi (Japan)



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Q. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and its contractors have entered the Guinness World Record for laying how many km long continuous bituminous concrete road in a record 5 days.

A) 75 Km

B) 100 Km

C) 150 Km

D) 200 Km

Answer : A

- ✓ National Highways Authority of India NHAI and its contractors have entered Guinness World Records for laying 75 km long continuous Bituminous Concrete Road in record 5 days.
- ✓ The work has been completed in a record time of 105 hours and 33 minutes.
- ✓ The Amravati to Akola section is part of National Highway-53 and an important East-West corridor.
- ✓ NHAI
- √ Founded: 1995
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman : Alka Upadhyaya
- Q. India has signed with which country a Joint Vision Statement on defence partnership towards 2030?
 - A) Laos
 - **B) Vietnam**
 - C) Cambodia
 - D) Singapore

Answer: B

- ✓ India and Vietnam have signed a Joint Vision Statement on defence partnership towards 2030.
- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held bilateral talks with Vietnam's Minister of National Defence General Phan Van Giang in Hanoi on 7 June 2022.
- ✓ India and Vietnam share a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership since 2016 and defence cooperation is a key pillar of this partnership.
- ✓ VIETNAM

✓ Capital : Hanoi

✓ Currency : Dong

✓ Prime Minister : Pham Minh Chinh



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Q. Which day is observed as the World Oceans Day as recognised by UN?

A) 07 June

B) 05 June

C) 06 June

D) 08 June

Answer: D

- ✓ World Oceans Day is marked annually on the 8 June to celebrate the role of the oceans in our everyday life and inspiring action to protect the ocean and sustainably use marine resources.
- ✓ The theme of UN World Oceans Day 2022 is Revitalization: collective action for the ocean.
- ✓ World Oceans Day was officially recognised by the United Nations in 2008.
- ✓ The concept was originally proposed in 1992 by Canada's International Centre for Ocean Development
 (ICOD) and the Ocean Institute of Canada (OIC) at the Earth Summit UN Conference on Environment
 and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Q. What is the theme of UN World Oceans Day 2022?
 - A) The Ocean: Life & Livelihoods
 - B) Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean
 - C) Gender and Oceans
 - D) Revitalization: collective action for the ocean

Answer: D

Q. The World Tumor Day is observed since 2000 on____

A) 08 June

B) 06 June

C) 07 June

D) 05 June

Answer: A

- ✓ World Tumor Day is observed on June 8 every year to spread awareness about this deadly disease, ensure its early diagnosis, as well as as pay tribute to brain tumor patients and their families.
- ✓ The day was first initiated by the German Brain Tumor Association (GBTA) in 2000.
- ✓ Theme 2022: 'Together We Are Stronger
- Q. When is the World Food Safety Day celebrated?

A) 05 June

B) 06 June

C) 07 June

D) 04 June



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Answer: C

- ✓ World Food Safety Day is celebrated every year on June 7 to remind people of the need to have safer and healthy food for disease-free life.
- ✓ Theme 2022 : 'Safer food, better health'
- ✓ The day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018.
- ✓ The first World Food Safety Day (WFSD) was held on 7 June 2019.
- ✓ Purpose: WFSD aims to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, agriculture, market access, tourism and sustainable development.
- ✓ Global Network Against Food Crises (GNAFC) has released the Global Report on Food Crisis, where it has highlighted the acute food insecurity globally.
- ✓ According to the report, around 193 million people in 53 countries or territories experienced acute food insecurity at crisis or worse levels in 2021.
- ✓ The World Food Day is celebrated every year around the world on 16 October.
- Q. What is the theme of the World Food Safety Day 2022?
 - A) Food Safety is intrinsic to good health
 - B) Safer food, better health
 - C) Healthy Food, Healthy Mind, Healthy Body
 - D) Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow

Answer : B

- Q. Which University has topped the QS World University Rankings 2023?
 - A) University of Oxford
 - **B) Stanford University**
 - C) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - D) Harvard University

Answer: C

✓ Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was at top position followed by the University of Cambridge, Stanford University.



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UNIVERSITY RANKING IN NEWS 2022

- QS World University Rankings 2023
- Top : Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Cambridge, United States
- 2nd : University of Cambridge
- > Cambridge, United Kingdom
- > 3rd : Stanford University
- Stanford, United States
- > Top Indian Institute : IISc Bangalore (155th Rank)
- > 2nd : IIT Bombay (172 Rank)
- > 3rd : IIT Delhi (174 Rank)
- > THE Asia University Rankings 2022
- Top: Tsinghua University, China
- 2nd : Peking University, China
- > Top Indian Institute: Indian Institute of Science Bangalore (42nd Rank)
- QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022
- Top : Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- 2nd : University of Oxford
- Top Indian Institute : IIT-Bombay ranked 65th
- 2nd : IIT- Delhi ranked 72nd
- Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022
- Top: Western Sydney University (Australia)
- 2nd : Arizona State University (US)
- > Top Indian Institute: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham claiming (41st Rank)
- 2nd : Lovely Professional University (74th Rank)
- Q. Name the Indian University which has been adjudged as the best University of the country in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2023?

A) IIT Bombay

B) IISc Bengaluru

C) IIT Madras

D) IIT Guwahati



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Answer: B

- ✓ QS World University Rankings 2023: IISc, Bengaluru topped among research varsity globally and among Indian institutes, MIT got 1st rank overall
- ✓ Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), London-based global higher education has released the 19th edition of the world's most consulted international university ranking.
- √ 41 Indian varsities have been found place in the rankings. Among QS World University Rankings top
 200 varsities, The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (155th) topped among Indian
 universities, followed by IIT Bombay (172nd) and IIT Delhi (174th).
- ✓ IISc ranked as the top research university in the world with a perfect score of 100 in the citation per faculty parameter.
- ✓ Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was at top position followed by the University of Cambridge, Stanford University.

Q. Baikho festival is celebrated in which state?

A) Odisha

B) Assam

C) Manipur

D) Tamil Nadu

Answer: B

- ✓ The Baikho festival is celebrated in the state of Assam, which is called as gateway to northeast India.

 It is celebrated by Rabha tribes of India. For celebration in 2022, locals in Gamerimura village gathered on June 4 to celebrate the festival.
- ✓ Rabhas are a Tibeto-Burman community. They reside in Lower Assam in Garo hills and Dooar region of West Bengal. They are among the plains tribe in state. They are an agriculture-based community.
- ✓ The Baikho festival is celebrated annually. It is celebrated to bring in auspicious harvest season and to
 fill it with abundant crops and good health. This is a celebration of good harvest.

LATEST FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2021-22		
STATE	FESTIVAL	
Baikho festival	Assam	
Sital Sasthi	Odisha	
4th Edition Shirui Lily Festival 2022	Manipur	



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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
Spituk Gustor Festival	Ladakh
18th Kachai Lemon Festival	Manipur
Losoong (Namsoong) Festival	Sikkim
25th National Youth Festival	Puducherry
9th edition of the North East Festival	Guwahati, Assam
International Folk Art Festival	Dubai
Losar Festival	Ladakh
World Sangeet Tansen festival	Madhya Pradesh
Jallikattu Festival	Tamil Nadu
Lord Krishna Balram Jagannath Rath Yatra	Punjab
Hornbill Festival	Nagaland
Aharbal Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Apple Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Cherry Blossom Festival	Shillong, Meghalaya
International Science Festival (IISF)	Panaji, Goa
Boita Bandana Festival	Odisha



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National Tribal Dance Festival 2021	Chhattisgarh
Karthika Deepam Festival	Tamil Nadu
Wangala Festival	Meghalaya
Bathukamma Floral Festival	Telangana
Nuakhai Festival	Odisha
Bonalu Festival	Telangana
agannath Rath Yatra	Puri, Odisha
Chandan Yatra of Lord Jagannath temple	Puri, Odisha
Oktoberfest Festival	Germany
1st edition of Himalayan Film Festival 2021	Ladakh
Onam, Harvest Festival	Kerala
Hemis Festival	Ladakh
Raja Parba Festival	Odisha
Sindhu Darshan Festival	Ladakh
Shigmo Festival	Goa
Sajibu Cheiraoba Festival	Manipur
Tulip Festival	Jammu and Kashmir

Q. Who has been appointed as brand ambassador of Garuda Aerospace?

- A) Virat Kohli
- **B) Rohit Sharma**
- C) Ishan Kishan
- D) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Answer : D

- ✓ Drone startup Garuda Aerospace has appointed cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the company's firm's brand ambassador. The cricketer will also be one of their shareholders.
- ✓ The Chennai-based startup had recently announced its plans to support agriculture. The company is working on a model to sell drones to village-level entrepreneurs or pesticide and fertilisers retailers



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LATEST BRAND A	AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2022
AMBASSADOR	BRAND
Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Garuda Aerospace
A. R. Rahman	India/UK Together Season of Culture
Deepika Padukone	Louis Vuitton
obin Uthappa	Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)
Amir Khan	PharmEasy, a consumer healthcare "super app,"
Shubman Gill & Ruturaj Gaikwad	My11Circle
Mary Kom	Lupin
Vidya Balan	Bharti AXA Life Insurance
Shahrukh Khan	Thums Up
Rishabh Pant	Dish TV India
Tanishka Kotia & Riddhika Kotia	'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme for the
	Gurugram, Haryana
Shah Rukh Khan	Gaming app A23
Manoj Tiwari	Khadi and other handicrafts of Bihar
Pankaj Tripathi	Krishi Network
Akshay Kumar	Uttarakhand ahead of the 2022 Assembly Elections.
Disha Patani	Bata India
Amitabh Bachchan	MediBuddy
Neeraj Chopra	GoodDot
Vijay Shekhar Sharma	Universal Acceptance Steering Group
RajKummar Rao	RenewBuy
Jhulan Goswami	All Women Match Official Team
Vijay Raaz & Varun Sharma	EaseMyTrip
Rishabh Pant	Uttarakhand's brand ambassador
Jasprit Bumrah	Unix
Ravindra Jadeja	Kinara Capital



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Neeraj Chopra	Disney Byju's early learn app
Smriti Mandhana	IIT Madras incubated startup, GUVI
Sanjay Dutt	Arunachal Pradesh
Saurav Ganguly	Century LED
Salman Khan	Maharashtra Govt Covid vaccination ambassador
MC Mary Kom	TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav
Rahul Dravid	PLAETO

Q. Who is the author of India's 1st sports marketing book "The Winning Formula for Success"?

A) Sundeep Mishra

B) Vinit Karnik

C) Navdeep Singh Gill

D) Shashi Tharoor

Answer: B

- ✓ India's leading sports and Management institute, the International Institute of Sports & Management (IISM) in Mumbai, Maharashtra, launched India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing titled "Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success" authored by noted Sports author Vinit Karnik.
- ✓ This is the first book in a series to be launched as a part of a knowledge series. The book has been published by Popular Prakashan Pvt. Ltd. The book was released by Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, the Governor of Maharashtra in the presence of Nilesh Kulkarni Founder & Director of IISM.
- Q. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has increased the amount per project under the Technology Development Fund of the Defense Ministry from Rs 10 crore to which of the following?

A) Rs 10 crore

B) Rs 20 crore

C) Rs 30 crore

D) Rs 50 crore

Answer: D

- ✓ Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has approved to increase the funding of each project from Rs 10 crore to Rs 50 crore under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme. This will promote self-reliance in the defense sector of the country.
- ✓ One-fourth of the amount allocated for defense research and development in the budget for the financial year 2022-23 was earmarked for private industry, start-ups and academia.



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- ✓ According to the ministry, the increased funding under the TDF is in line with the budget announcement and will boost the objective of self-reliance in defence.
- Q. Who is the chairman of the restructured advisory committee on mutual funds by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

A) Usha Thorat

B) Neeraj Choksi

C) Sunil Gulati

D) Vinay Tonse

Answer: A

- ✓ Markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has restructured its advisory committee on mutual funds.
- ✓ The 25-member advisory committee will be chaired by former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Usha Thorat. Earlier, the panel had 24 members.

SEBI IN NEWS 2021-22

- SEBI restructured its Mutual Funds Advisory Committee; chaired by Usha Thorat.
- Ashwani Bhatia has taken charge as a whole-time member (WTM) at the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- > SEBI formed Advisory Committee for Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)-related matters; chaired by Navneet Munot.
- > SEBI restructured Secondary Market Advisory Committee; headed by Gurumoorthy Mahalingam.
- > SEBI reconstituted its advisory committee for leveraging regulatory and technology solutions; Advisory Committee for ALeRTS will now be led by Sunil Bajpai.
- > SEBI announces Ideathon 'Manthan' to promote innovation in securities markets
- SEBI raises UPI limit for investing in debt securities to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 2 lakh previously.
- Madhabi Puri Buch named as first woman chief of SEBI
- ➤ SEBI launches Saa₹thi mobile app on investor education
- > SEBI makes provision of separation of chairperson & MD/CEO roles voluntary
- > SEBI reconstitutes advisory panel for alternative investment policy; Headed By N R Narayana Murthy.
- SEBI reconstitutes its 8-member advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund; Headed By: G Mahalingam



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- > SEBI formed 4-Member Advisory Committee on Settlement Orders; Headed By : Jai Narayan Patel
- > SEBI reconstitutes its primary market advisory committee; Headed By: S Sahoo
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Founded: 1988

Act: 1992

Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

> First Women Chairmam : Madhabi Puri Buch

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

Q. Who has been appointed as Director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD) of International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

A) Krishna Srinivasan

B) Sunil Subramaniam

C) Prathit D Bhobe

D) Swarup Mohanty

Answer: A

- ✓ Krishna Srinivasan appointed as Director of IMF's Asia and Pacific Department
- ✓ International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva announced the appointment of Indian national Krishna Srinivasan as Director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD). Srinivasan will succeed Changyong Rhee.
- ✓ He is currently a Deputy Director in APD where he oversees the department's surveillance work on a number of large and systemically important countries such as China and Korea, and smaller states in the Pacific such as Fiji and Vanuatu

IMF IN NEWS 2021-22

- > India's Krishna Srinivasan has been appointed as the director of the Asia and Pacific Department of the International Monetary Fund.
- ➤ IMF cuts India's GDP growth forecast for FY23 to 8.2% in its latest World Economic Outlook report.



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- ➤ IMF approved \$1.4 billion emergency support for Ukraine.
- > Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas from France has been named as the next chief economist of the IMF.
- Gita Gopinath is set to become the first Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund.
- Andorra Joins IMF as its 190th Member.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Founded: 1945
- Headquarters: Washington, D.C.
- Managing Director : Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria)
- > First Deputy MD : Gita Gopinath
- Chief Economist : Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas (France)
- Member countries : 190 (Andorra)
- > IMF Released Report
- Global Financial Stability Report
- World Economic Outlook

Q. Who has become the first Indian to have 200 million followers on Instagram?

A) PM Modi

B) Virat Kohli

C) Priyanka Chopra

D) Shah Rukh Khan

Answer: B

- ✓ Former Indian skipper Virat Kohli has become the first Indian to have 200 million followers on Instagram.
- ✓ Kohli is one of the most followed celebrities on social media with over 49 million followers on Facebook and over 48 million followers on Twitter.
- ✓ He had scripted history by becoming the first Asian celebrity to achieve 150 million followers on Instagram earlier in 2021.
- ✓ He is also the first cricketer in the world to reach this figure of followers. He is also the third most followed player in all sports overall.
- ✓ The most followed on Instagram worldwide is Portugal's star footballer Cristiano Ronaldo (451 million) and then Argentine footballer Lionel Messi (334 million)



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Q. What is the new MSP for Cotton Crop (long staple) in Market Season 2022-23?

A) 6560

B) 6380

C) 6000

D) 5600

Answer: B

- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 8, 2022 approved an increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all major Kharif Crops in India for Marketing Season 2022-23.
- ✓ The MSP for Cotton (medium staple) has been increased from 5726 to 6080 and MSP for Cotton (Long Staple) has been increased from 6025 to 6380 in Kharif Crop 2021-22 season.
- ✓ Kharif Crop (June-October) : Rice, Cotton, Bajra, Jowar, Sugarcane, Soybean etc
- ✓ Rabi Crop (October-March): Barley, Mustard, Banana, Almond, Pulses and various Vegetables
- ✓ Zaid Crop (March-June) Corn, Cucumber, Melon, Pepper, Tomato, Bitter Gourd etc
- ✓ Minimum Support Price (MSP) is recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
- ✓ MSP is a price set by the Indian government at which it purchases crops directly from the farmer.
- ✓ It is an important part of the agricultural policy of India.
- ✓ Minimum Support Price (MSP) is a form of market intervention by the Government of India to insure agricultural producers against any sharp fall in farm prices

Q. In which state of India is the Sital Sasthi, a sacred Hindu festival celebrated?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Uttarakhand

C) Jharkhand

D) Odisha

Answer: D

- ✓ Sital Sasthi, a sacred Hindu festival is being celebrated in Odisha. This week-long special festival highlights the marriage of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati.
- ✓ According to the Hindu calendar, Sital Sasthi is observed on the sixth day of the Jyestha month during the Shukla Paksha.
- ✓ During the week-long festival, devotees in large numbers take part in the most famous Sitala Sasthi Yatra that is conducted at Sambalpur in Western Odisha.



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ODISHA IN NEWS 2021-22

- 'Sital Sasthi' festival being celebrated in Odisha.
- Odisha to host India's first tribal health observatory.
- Odisha Day or Utkal Divas is celebrated on 1st April 2022.
- > Bank of Maharashtra has tied up with Mahagram to roll out the 'Bank Sakhi' project in Odisha.
- > Odisha's Ganjam has declared itself a child marriage free district, the first in the State.
- According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, Odisha became the top state in the list of full immunizations in India with 90.5% coverage under Mission Indradhanush.
- > Odisha CM inaugurated Odisha's longest bridge 'T-Setu' in Cuttack.
- Unnati Hooda and Kiran George wins 2022 Odisha Open at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha.
- Odisha's first tribal CM Hemananda Biswal passes away.
- India successfully tests 'Pralay' missile off Odisha coast With a range of 150 to 500 km.
- Odisha launched Digital Life Certificate system for pensioners 2022.
- Odisha's Ganjam district is now child marriage free 2022.
- Cyclone Jawad to hit Odisha, Andhra and West Bengal; named by Saudi Arabia.
- India's first National Yogasana Sports Championships organised in Bhubaneswar.
- Odisha government launches road safety initiative 'Rakshak'.
- Nuakhai, harvest festival celebrated in Odisha.
- Odisha will host the Men's Hockey Junior World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium.
- Odisha to become 1st Indian state to Provide Smart Health Cards.
- > INS Khanjar becomes first Indian Navy ship to call at heritage coastal port of Gopalpur in Odisha.
- > Odisha Government has launched 'Ashirvad scheme' for children.
- > Odisha government Launched e-learning methods for students: e-Pathshala, e- Mulyankan.
- Raja Parba festival celebrated in Odisha.
- Odisha to sponsor Indian Hockey teams for 10 more years.



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- Q. What is the rank of India in terms of recipient of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in the year 2021, as per the World Investment Report 2022 by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)?
 - A) 3rd
 - B) 5th
 - C) 7th
 - D) 6th

Answer: C

- ✓ UNCTAD's World Investment Report: India ranked 7th among recipients of FDI in CY 2021; US topped
- ✓ India jumped one position to 7th among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the last calendar year (2021) despite FDI inflows into the country declining, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ✓ In its latest World Investment Report, UNCTAD said FDI inflows into India declined to \$45 billion in 2021 from \$64 billion in the preceding year. Outward FDI from India rose 43 per cent to \$15.5 billion in 2021.
- ✓ While the United States (\$367 billion) remained the top recipient of FDI, China (\$181 billion) and Hong Kong (\$141 billion) also retained second and third position respectively.
- ✓ In News January 2022
- ✓ The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows to India fell by 26 percent in 2021, compared to 2020, as per the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Investment Trends Monitor published on January 19, 2022.
- ✓ In 2020, FDI to India was recorded at USD 64 billion. This was 27 percent more compared to USD 51 billion FDI in 2019. For 2021, the FDI in India is \$47.36 billion.
- ✓ The global FDI flows increased by 77 percent to an estimated USD 1.65 trillion in 2021, from USD 929 billion in 2020.
- ✓ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- ✓ Founded: 1964
- ✓ Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- ✓ Secretary-General : Rebeca Grynspan (Costa Rica)
- ✓ Total members: 190



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Q. Which country was the largest recipient of FDI inflows in 2021 according to World Investment Report 2022 by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)?

A) United States

B) Germany

C) China

D) United Kingdom

Answer: A

Q. According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report, FDI inflows have come down by USD 19 billion to USD billion in 2021.

A) 55

B) 65

C) 45

D) 75

Answer: C

- ✓ India remains among the top 10 economies of the world that receives Foreign Direct Investment.
- ✓ FDI inflows have declined by USD 19 billion to USD 45 billion in 2021.
- ✓ According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report, flows of foreign direct investment recovered to pre-pandemic levels in 2021, hitting nearly USD 1.6 trillion.
- Q. Which city hosts the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe)?

A) Bengaluru

B) Pune

C) Hyderabad

D) Ahmedabad

Answer: D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) on June 10, 2022 in Bopal, Ahmedabad.
- ✓ INSPACe is an independent nodal agency under Department of Space for allowing space activities and using of Department of Space-owned facilities by non-government private entities and ensuring greater private participation in the sector.
- ✓ The establishment of IN-SPACe was announced in June 2020
- ✓ "IN-SPACe is for space, IN-SPACe is for pace, IN-SPACe is for ace", the regulator for India's space industry.
- ✓ Pawan Goenka appointed as chairperson of In-SPACe



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✓ The IN-SPACe is an independent nodal agency under the Department of Space (DOS), ISRO, set up in 2020

Q. What is the name of India's first COVID-19 vaccine for animals?

A) Anocovax

B) Covovax

C) Novovax

D) Panovax

Answer: A

- ✓ India's first indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine for animals, Anocovax, was launched by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on June 9, 2022.
- ✓ The Covid-19 vaccine for animals neutralizes both Delta and Omicron Variants. It is safe for dogs, lions, leopards, mice and rabbits.
- ✓ Covaxin is an inactivated virus-based COVID-19 vaccine developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech
- ✓ Covidshield vaccine, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII)
- ✓ ZyCoV-D is the world's first plasmid DNA vaccine against coronavirus
- ✓ World's first DNA-plasmid vaccine by Zydus Cadilla which has been Made in India.
- ✓ The Indian m-RNA vaccine which can be stored at temperature 2 to 8 Degree Celsius.
- Q. Who has become the first Indian to be recognized as Global SDG Pioneer for Water Stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)?

A) Anupam Ray

B) Jayati Ghosh

C) T.S. Tirumurti

D) Ramkrishna Mukkavilli

Answer: D

- ✓ For the first time in the world, an Indian Ramkrishna Mukkavilli has been recognised as a Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for Water Stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).
- ✓ The United Nations Global Compact has named ten new SDG Pioneers, who are corporate leaders who are excelling in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by implementing the UN Global Compact Ten Principles on human rights, environment, labour, and anti-corruption.
- ✓ Ramkrishna Mukkavilli, the Founder and Managing Director of Maithri Aquatech, a Make-In-India company, was previously selected as India's SDG Pioneer by the UN Global Compact Network India



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(GCNI) earlier this year, for his work in building water security with nature-based water solutions across India and 27 countries spanning South East Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

✓ Following this, he was recognized as one of the 10 new SDG Pioneers for 2022. The company's unique solution – MEGHDOOT, is based on an alternative water concept known as Atmospheric Water Generation (AWG) that taps into a vast, renewable water resource – AIR, which contains six times as much freshwater as all the rivers on the planet combined.

INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE UNITED NATION (UN) IN NEWS 2022

- Ramkrishna Mukkavilli becomes the first Indian to recognized by United Nations Global Compact as Global SDG Pioneer
- Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill appointed as UN Chief's envoy on technology
- Anupam Ray has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.
- > Indian Economist Jayati Ghosh named as member of UN's Advisory Board
- > T S Tirumurti has been appointed as the Chair of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022.
- > T.S. Tirumurti as the next Ambassador or Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations.
- Q. India is the host country of FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022. What is the muscat of this game?

A) Swiftlet

B) Parrot

C) Thambi

D) Green turtle

Answer: C

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has launched the official logo and mascot of the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad. The international event will be held at Mamallapuram near Chennai from 28th July to August 10.
- ✓ The mascot is named as 'Thambi' and is a knight dressed in the traditional Tamil attire Veshti (Dhoti) with a shirt and is seen with folded hands, apparently extending the Tamil greeting 'Vanakkam'.
- ✓ 'Thambi' in Tamil means younger brother. Chess Believe is written on its shirt.



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- ✓ It is the 2nd major international chess event to be hosted by Chennai, after World Championship match in 2013.
- ✓ This is the first time that India will host the FIDE Chess Olympiad since its inception in 1927, will be held in India for the first time and in Asia after 30 years.
- ✓ International Chess Federation (FIDE) headquarter: Lausanne, Switzerland
- Q. Who has been appointed as ambassador of British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture'?

A) Arijit Singh

B) A R Rahman

C) Sonu Nigam

D) Mohit Chauhan

Answer: B

- ✓ Music Composer AR Rahman has been appointed as ambassador of British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture', which aims to boost collaboration among emerging artistes from the two nations.
- ✓ It was officially launched, by Britain's Deputy High Commissioner to India Jan Thomson and Director (India) of the British Council Barbara Wickham. The Season of Culture aims to strengthen India-UK collaboration in the areas of arts, English and education.
- ✓ The 'Season of Culture' intends to build on the British Council's work in India and strengthen partnerships between India and the UK in the arts, English, and education
- ✓ A.R. Rahman is an Indian music composer and producer, he mostly works in Tamil and Hindi movies.
- ✓ Indian Government awarded him with the Padma Bhushan in the year 2010.
- ✓ AR Rahman (from Tamil Nadu) was announced as the ambassador for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts 'Breakthrough Initiative'.
- ✓ A.R. Rahman was also awarded Japan's 'Fukuoka prize-2016' for outstanding contribution towards South Asian traditional fusion music
- ✓ Oscar-winning composer A.R. Rahman has become the official brand ambassador of Sikkim state.
- Q. Which district has topped in 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning (DSDP)?

A) Rajkot, Gujarat

B) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

C) Mumbai, Maharashtra

D) Hyderabad, Telangana



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Answer: A

- ✓ The 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning (DSDP) was organised at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, where the top 30 districts were awarded for their innovative best practices in skill development in the region.
- ✓ Rajkot in Gujarat, Cachar in Assam and Satara in Maharashtra ranked top three among all participating districts. Out of 700 districts across the country, 467 districts participated in DSDP Awards.
- ✓ DSDP Awards were instituted under the Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) Scheme by MSDE in June 2018 to promote decentralised planning, acknowledge and reward the extraordinary and innovative work done by districts in the field of skill development. The first DSDP Awards were held in 2018-19, with 228 districts from 19 states participating in the initiative.
- Q. Who is the author of the book 'Fearless Governance'?

A) Jhumpa Lahiri

B) Dr Kiran Bedi

C) Anita Desai

D) Shashi Deshpande

Answer: B

- ✓ The Book titled 'Fearless Governance' authored by Dr Kiran Bedi has been released.
- ✓ The Hindi edition of the book called 'Fearless Governance' by former Puducherry Lt Governor Kiran Bedi was released on June 9, 2022. Kiran Bedi is the first woman to join the Indian Police Service (IPS).
- ✓ Dr. Kiran Bedi is the former Lt Governor of Puducherry and IPS (retd).
- ✓ This book is based on the ground realities of nearly five years of service of Dr. Bedi as Lt. Governor of Puducherry and her vast experience of 40 years in the Indian Police Service.
- ✓ Kiran Bedi is the first female Indian police officer and started her service in 1975
- Q. The Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers Meeting (SAIFMM) will be held in which city?

A) Bali

B) New Delhi

C) Brunei

D) Jakarta

Answer : B

✓ India will host Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting (SAIFMM) on the 16th and 17th June to mark the 30th anniversary of its relations with the 10-nation grouping.



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- ✓ It will be the first meeting hosted by India in New Delhi and will be accompanied by 12th Edition of Delhi Dialogue.
- ✓ It will be attended by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and ASEAN's Ministers. S Jaishankar and his Singaporean counterpart Vivian Balakrishnan will co-chair the meeting.
- ✓ The year 2022 has been designated as the ASEAN-India friendship year. Theme of the Delhi Dialogue 2022: Building Bridges in the Indo-Pacific.
- ✓ ASEAN SUMMIT & KEY FACTS
- ✓ 1st Summit 1976: Bali, Indonesia
- √ 36th & 37th Summit 2020 : Vietnam
- ✓ 38th & 39th Summit 2021 : Brunei
- √ 40th & 41st Summit 2022 : Cambodia
- ✓ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- ✓ Founded: 1967
- √ Headquarteres : Jakarta, Indonesia
- ✓ Secretary General : Lim Jock Hoi
- ✓ Member : 10 (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand & Vietnam)
- ✓ Trick to Remember Countries of ASEAN
- ✓ Trick: TV CLIP of MBBS
- √ T Thailand
- √ V Vietnam
- √ C Cambodia
- √ L- Laos
- ✓ I Indonesia
- ✓ P Philippines of silent
- √ M Malaysia
- ✓ B Burma (Myanmar)
- ✓ B Brunei
- √ S Singapore



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- Q. Who has unveiled India's largest educational metaverse 'Polyversity' & Academic Blockchain Consortium 'Bharat Blockchain Network (BBN)'?
 - A) Narendra Modi

B) Amit Shah

C) Dharmendra Pradhan

D) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: C

- ✓ Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education launched India's largest educational metaverse 'Polyversity' & Bharat Blockchain Network
- ✓ Michigan, USA-based IT Services & IT Consulting company Information Data Systems (IDS) has unveiled the Bharat Blockchain Network (BBN) (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & Polyversity (Educational Metaverse).
- ✓ Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India (GoI) launched the initiatives in the presence of officials from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) at an event held at the AICTE Auditorium in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ✓ The Bharat Blockchain Network (BBN), India's first nationwide hybrid blockchain network, is built by IDS. Polyversity, a virtual university, is India's Largest Educational Metaverse, with over 100 Academic Partners establishing virtual campuses, including the AICTE's campus
- Q. What is the name of India's first-ever banking metaverse launched by Kiya. ai?

A) RazorpayX

B) Kiyaverse

C) FamPay

D) OcareNeo

Answer: B

- ✓ Kiya.ai launched India's 1st banking metaverse Kiyaverse
- ✓ Kiya.ai, a digital solutions provider serving financial institutions and governments globally, announced the launch of India's first-ever banking metaverse Kiyaverse.
- ✓ Through Kiyaverse, Kiya.ai wants to enable consumers to transact, access banking information and avail various banking products virtually from the comfort of their homes.
- ✓ In the first phase, banks will be allowed to roll-out their own metaverse for clients, partners and employees through service offerings that include relationship manager, peer avatars and robo-advisors. Kiyaverse plans to have tokens as NFTs and support CBDC to enable open finance in a Web3.0 environment.



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Who has been appointed as ombudsman under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Q. **Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA)?**

A) N J Ojha

B) P. N. Haksar

C) Pramod Kumar Misra D) Anil Kumar Gupta

Answer: A

- ✓ Ex-registrar of MS University, N J Ojha has been appointed as ombudsman under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) for 2-year term.
- ✓ He will now have the power to investigate allegations by MGNREGA staff, consider them, pass awards within 30 days of receipt of the complaint and issue direction for conducting spot investigation.
- ✓ MGNREGA was launched in 2005 to augment employment generation and social security in India. It is a demand-driven wage employment scheme under Ministry of Rural Development.
- ✓ 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.
- Which bank has partnered with ZestMoney to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for Q. purchases at retail and e-commerce platforms?

A) ICICI Bank

B) HDFC Bank

C) Kotak Mahindra Bank

D) State Bank of India

Answer: A

- ✓ ICICI Bank has partnered with ZestMoney to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases at retail and e-commerce platforms.
- ✓ The partnership enhances the affordability of millions of customers of the bank who can use preapproved cardless credit to instantly buy products/ services using ZestMoney and take care of the cost into Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs).
- ✓ Customers can convert transactions up to Rs 10 lakh into EMIs by simply putting their registered mobile. number, PAN and OTP (received on registered mobile number) at the check-out of the e-commerce website/app or at the PoS machine in retail outlets, without using cards.



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- ➤ ICICI Bank Partners with ZestMoney to Expand 'Cardless EMI' Facility.
- ICICI Bank and Santander UK Partner for business ease between India and UK.
- ➤ ICICI Bank launched India's 'open-for-all' digital ecosystem for MSMEs.
- ICICI Bank, GIFT SEZ join hands to attract global investors.
- Chennai Super Kings and ICICI Bank partners for co-branded credit card.
- ➤ ICICI Bank's Sandeep Bakhshi named Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21.
- > ICICI Bank launches online platform 'Trade Emerge' for exporters and importers.
- ➤ ICICI Bank surpasses HUL to occupy 5th spot in m-cap.
- > RBI approves re-appointment of Sandeep Bakhshi as ICICI Bank MD & CEO.
- > ICICI Bank, HSBC and Standard Chartered enters India's 1st swaption deal.
- > ICICI Bank has partnered with HPCL to launch 'ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver' co-branded credit card.
- > ICICI Bank launches 'Salute Doctors', comprehensive banking solution for medical personnel.
- ➤ ICICI Bank launches a digital banking solution for corporate companies named 'ICICI STACK for Corporates'.
- Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) BANK
- > Founded: 1994
- > HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- > MD & CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi
- > Tagline : Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka
- Q. In which state the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the National Museum of Customs and GST 'Dharohar'?

A) Goa

B) Bihar

C) Chhattisgarh

D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: A



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- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman dedicated to the nation 'Dharohar', the National Museum of Customs and GST in Goa. 'Dharohar' is housed in Panaji's famous Blue Building on the banks of the Mandovi River.
- ✓ Dharohar is one of its kind museums in the country that showcases not only the artefacts seized by Indian Customs across the country but also depicts basic Customs procedures for the knowledge of the general public.

MUSEUM IN NEWS 2021-22.

- Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated National Museum of Customs and GST in Goa.
- International Museum Day 2022 Observed on 18th May.
- > This year, the theme for International Museum Day is 'The Power of Museums'.
- > The wax museum Madame Tussauds is returning to India. The museum will be located in a Noida mall.
- Museum of all former Prime Ministers of India to be inaugurated on April 14 in Delhi at the Teen Murti Bhavan complex which was the residence of ex-PM Jawaharlal Nehru.
- Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH has inaugurated Nikarshan Sadan" The Dredging Museum at DCI campus in Vishakhapatnam.
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurates India's first open rock museum in Hyderabad.
- Amit Shah lays foundation stone of Rani Gaidinliu museum Tamenglong district of Manipur.
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurates India's first food museum in Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur.
- India's first Labour Movement Museum to be set up in Kerala.
- India's First Sandalwood Museum to come up in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- India's first maritime museum coming up at Lothal in Gujarat.
- India's first oil museum to come up in Guwahati.
- World's First Museum on Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Inaugurated in Kolkata.
- India's first Dinosaur Museum opens in Gujarat.
- International Museum Day: 18 May
- International Council of Museums (ICOM): Headquarteres: Paris, France



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GOA IN NEWS 2021-22

- ➤ Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the National Museum of Customs and GST "Dharohar" in Goa.
- ➤ Goa CM Pramod Sawant Launches 'Beach Vigil App' for Holistic Management of beaches
- Pramod Sawant takes oath as Chief Minister of Goa for 2nd term
- > Goa became the 1st state to achieve ODF and Electricity for each household
- > Goa becomes first state to go rabies free
- Goa Liberation Day is observed on 19 December every year in India
- ➤ Goa observed Goa Day on May 30. It was on this day in 1987 when Goa became 25th State of the Indian Union.
- Q. Which country has NOT been elected to the UN Security Council as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 term?

A) Ecuador

B) Japan

C) Malta

D) Mexico

Answer: D

- ✓ United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) elected Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland to serve as non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for a two-year term beginning January 01, 2023.
- ✓ The newly elected countries will replace India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, and Norway, which will vacate
 their seats at the end of 2022. The UNSC is a United Nations (UN) organisation tasked with maintaining
 global peace and security.
- ✓ India's two-year stint as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council will finish in December 2022, when it will simultaneously hold the Presidency of the powerful UN body.
- ✓ India has been elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for a two-year term during the 2020 UNSC elections held on 17 June 2020.
- ✓ India's two year term for the 2021-22 will begin on January 1, 2021.
- ✓ The country won 184 votes out of 192 valid votes polled in 193 member UN General Assembly.
- ✓ India was the sole candidate from the Asia-Pacific category.



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✓ This is the eighth time that India has been elected as a non-permanent member of the Council. Its previous terms are 1950—1951, 1967—1968, 1972—1973, 1977—1978, 1984—1985, 1991—1992 and 2011—2012.

✓ United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

Formation : 24 October 1945

Headquarteres: New York, US

India Permanent Representative : T. S. Tirumurti
India to become UNSC President for August, 2021

- ✓ UNSC has 15 members of which 5 are permanent and 10 are non-permanent members.
- ✓ Non-permanent members elected for two-year terms by the UN General Assembly.
- ✓ Five permanent members are- US, UK, France, Russia, and China.
- Q. 25th Founding Day of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) was celebrated in which city.

A) New Delhi, India

B) Dhaka, Bangladesh

C) Colombo, Sri Lanka

D) Kathmandu, Nepal

Answer : B

- ✓ The 25th Founding Day of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) was celebrated in Dhaka.
- ✓ The evolution of BIMSTEC over the last 25 years from the signing of the Bangkok Declaration on June
 6 in 1996, and highlighted milestones such as the establishment of the Secretariat in Dhaka in 2014
 and the signature of the BIMSTEC Charter during the Fifth Summit in Colombo on March 30, 2022.
- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the 5th Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Summit on March 30, 2022 through virtual mode.
- ✓ The Summit was hosted by the Government of Sri Lanka, which was the chair nation of BIMSTEC.
- ✓ The theme of the Summit was "Towards a Resilient Region, Prosperous Economies, Healthy People"
- ✓ Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
- ✓ Establishment :6 June 1997
- ✓ Headquarteres: Dhaka, Bangladesh
- ✓ Membership: 7 (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka &Thailand)
- ✓ Chairmanship: Sri Lanka



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- ✓ Secretary General : Tenzin lekhpel (Bhutan)
- ✓ Trick to remember BIMSTEC Countries
- ✓ TRICK -: MBBS NIT
- √ M Myanmar
- √ B Bangladesh
- √ B Bhutan
- √ S SriLanka
- √ N Nepal
- ✓ I India
- √ T Thailand
- Q. Which city was the host city of the Ninth Summit of the Americas 2022?

A) Los Angeles

B) Tokyo

C) Beijing

D) London

Answer: A

- ✓ The Ninth Summit of the Americas 2022 was held from June 6 to June 10, 2022. It is an international conference and was held in Los Angeles, United States.
- ✓ Summit of the Americas 2022 was held under the theme of "Building a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future".
- ✓ In January 2022, the White House had announced that, Los Angeles would serve as the host city.

 United States selects the site of this summit as a host and its attendees.
- ✓ Summit of the Americas 2022 was skipped by the President of Mexico, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. The president of Honduras, Xiomara Castro, also boycotted the summit. Similarly, the President of Bolivia, President of Guatemala, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent did not attend the summit
- Q. Which company has bought stake worth USD 264 million in Flipkart?

A) Twitter

B) Tencent

C) Meta

D) Microsoft

Answer: B

✓ Chinese technology conglomerate Tencent has bought stake worth USD 264 million (about ₹2,060 crore) in Flipkart from its co-founder Binny Bansal through its European subsidiary.



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- ✓ Singapore-headquartered e-commerce firm Flipkart has operations in India only.
- ✓ Bansal holds around 1.84 per cent stake in Flipkart after selling part of his stake to Tencent Cloud Europe BV.
- ✓ Post the transaction, Tencent arm holds 0.72 per stake in Flipkart which is valued at around USD 264 million, as per last valuation of USD 37.6 billion disclosed by the e-commerce firm in July 2021.
- **✓ FLIPKART**

Founded: 2007

Founder: Sachin Bansal and

Binny Bansal

Headquarters : Bengaluru
CEO : Kalyan Krishnamurthy

Walmart stake (81.3%)

Q. RBI has raised the limits for individual housing loans being extended by Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) and Rural Cooperative Banks (RCBs). The limits have been increased from to _ for RCBs with assessed net worth less than ₹100 crore.

A) Rs 50 Lakh

B) Rs 75 Lakh

C) Rs 25 Lakh

D) Rs 85 Lakh

Answer: A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the limits for individual housing loans being extended by Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) and Rural Cooperative Banks (RCBs) by over 100%.
- ✓ RBI has also permitted the Rural Cooperative Banks (RCB) for financing residential real estate projects, in a bid to support affordable housing and inclusive growth.
- ✓ The limits for Tier I /Tier II UCBs have been revised from ₹30 lakh/ ₹70 lakh to ₹60 lakh/ ₹140 lakh, respectively.
- ✓ The limits have been increased from ₹20 lakh to ₹50 lakh for RCBs with assessed net worth less than
 ₹100 crore, and from ₹30 lakh to ₹75 lakh for other RCBs
- Q. Who has been appointed as UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' envoy on technology to coordinate programmes for international digital cooperation?

A) Anupam Ray

B) Amandeep Singh Gill

C) Rabab Fatima

D) Pankaj Sharma. Sharma



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Answer: B

- ✓ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed senior Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill as his envoy on technology to coordinate programmes for international digital cooperation.
- ✓ Amandeep Singh Gill has been India's permanent representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva from 2016-to 2018.
- ✓ He is now the chief executive officer of the International Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence Research Collaborative (I-DAIR) project at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of RBL Bank for three years?

A) Murali M. Natrajan

B) V. Vaidyanathan

C) G.V. Nageswara Rao

D) R Subramaniakumar

Answer: D

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed R Subramaniakumar as the MD & CEO of RBL Bank. Subramaniakumar has been appointed at RBL for three years from the date of taking charge.
- ✓ Subramaniakumar is a former managing director and chief executive director of state-run Indian Overseas Bank. He was appointed the administrator of Dewan Housing Finance Co Ltd after the mortgage financier's board was superseded
- ✓ RBL BANK

√ Founded: 1943

✓ Headquarters: Mumbai

✓ MD & CEO : R Subramaniakumar

✓ Tagline : Apno ka Bank

- Q. Name the Indian Grandmaster who has won the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament.
 - A) Mitrabha Guha
 - B) Bharath Subramaniyam
 - C) R Praggnanandhaa
 - D) Rahul Srivatshav P

Answer: C



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- ✓ Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa won Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament.
- ✓ The 16-year-old GM, the top-seed, was in fine form and remained unbeaten through the nine rounds. He finished the tournament with a win over fellow Indian V Praneeth, an International Master.
- ✓ Praggnanandhaa (From Tamil Nadu) finished a full point ahead of second-placed IM Marsel Efroimski (Israel) and IM Jung Min Seo (Sweden).
- Q. Who has won the gold medal at the Chateauroux 2022 World Cup in June 2022?

A) Avani Lekhara

B) Devendra Jhajharia

C) Bhavina Patel

D) Deepa Malik

Answer: A

- ✓ Avani Lekhara has won the gold medal at the Chateauroux 2022 World Cup. The Tokyo Paralympian has won in the R8 event- women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1 with a score of 458.3.
- ✓ She beat Veronika Vadovicova of Slovakia to won this title and gold for India. She scripted history last year as she became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the Paralympics in Tokyo.
- Q. Which entity has collaborated with India's space agency ISRO which will enhance the quality of its 3D maps

A) Google Maps

B) Bing Maps

C) Jawg Maps

D) MapmyIndia

Answer: D

- ✓ MapmyIndia has collaborated with India's space agency ISRO which will enhance the quality of its 3D maps.
- ✓ The company is developing new maps as part of its foray into the metaverse.
- ✓ Users will be able to see vegetation maps or heat maps, air quality maps, and other information on exact locations that are searched by people or on routes of their interest, through the collaboration with ISRO.
- Q. Which university has conffered Tata Group Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata with honorary Doctor of Literature?

A) HSNC University

B) Amity University

C) DRMLAU Avadh University

D) Manipal Academy of Higher Education

Answer: A



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- ✓ Tata Group Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata has been conferred honorary D.Litt. by Maharashtra's second state cluster university, HSNC University.
- ✓ He has been conferred with it as a mark of appreciation towards his unparalleled contribution to society.
- ✓ The Governor of Maharashtra and the Chancellor of the university Bhagat Singh Koshyari awarded the degree to him on 11 June 2022.
- ✓ Assam has conferred its highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav' for the year 2021 on industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata.
- Q. Who has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director of Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd.(GRSE)?

A) AK Agarwal

B) P R Hari

C) Anil Manibhai Naik

D) S N Subrahmanyan

Answer: B

- ✓ Commodore P R Hari has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director of Defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd.
- ✓ He has been in charge of production planning of all new construction ships built at the shipyard since
 2016 and became director (personnel) of the warship builder in October 2019.
- ✓ He served for over 28 years in the Indian Navy prior to this.
- ✓ Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd, abbreviated as GRSE, is one of India's leading shipyards, located in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ✓ Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE)

√ Founded: 1884

✓ Headquarters : Kolkata

✓ Chairman & MD : PR Hari

Q. To which country, the Four Holy Relics of Lord Buddha are being taken from India for an 11day exposition in June 2022?

A) Vietnam

B) Thailand

C) Mongolia

D) Madagascar

Answer: C

✓ Four Holy Relics of Lord Buddha are being taken from India to Mongolia for an 11-day exposition as part of celebrations of Mongolian Buddha Purnima falling on the 14 June 2022.



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- ✓ A 25-member delegation will be led by Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju.
- ✓ The Holy Buddha relics are known as the 'Kapilvastu Relics' since they are from a site in Bihar first discovered in 1898.
- **✓ MONGOLIA**

✓ Capital : Ulaanbaatar

✓ Currency : Tögrög

✓ President : Ukhnaa Khurelsukh

✓ Nomadic Elephant joint exercise between India and Mongolia

Q. When is the World Day Against Child Labour observed?

A) 11 June

B) 12 June

C) 13 June

D) 10 June

Answer: B

- ✓ The United Nations observes June 12 each year as the 'World Day Against Child Labour' to bring attention to the evil practices of child labour across the world.
- ✓ International Labour Organization (ILO) launched this day in 2002 to tackle this global issue against child labour.
- ✓ Theme 2022: "Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour."
- Q. Who became the 74th Chess Grandmaster of India?

A) Mitrabha Guha

B) Rahul Srivatshav P

C) Karthik Subramaniyan

D) Bharath Subramaniyam

Answer: B

- ✓ Telangana's Rahul Srivatshav P has become India's 74th Grandmaster, achieving the title after breaking the 2500 (Elo points) barrier in live FIDE ratings during the 9th Cattolica Chess Festival 2022 in Italy.
- ✓ The 19-year-old player reached the 2500 Elo live rating mark after drawing his 8th round game against Grandmaster Levan Pantsulaia in the Cattolica event. His current Elo rating is 2468.
- ✓ Srivatshav had already secured five GM norms and achieved the title when he crossed the rating threshold of 2500. To become a GM, a player has to secure three GM norms and cross the live rating of 2500 Elo points.



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GRAND MASTER IN NEWS 2021-22.

- Rahul Srivatshav P of Telangana has become India's 74th Grandmaster.
- > Young Indian Grandmaster, R Praggnanandhaa won Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament.
- ➤ 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.
- ➤ Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh wins Sunway Formentera Open chess tournament.
- > Indian GM D Gukesh won 48th La Roda International Open chess tournament title.
- World's oldest chess grandmaster Yuri Averbakh (Russia) passes away.
- R Praggnanandhaa wins prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament.
- India's S L Narayanan wins Grandiscacchi Cattolica International Open Chess Tournament.
- ➤ India's R Praggnanandhaa becomes youngest player to beat World No 1 Magnus Carlsen.
- Priyanka Nutakki becomes the 23rd Woman Grandmaster of India.
- > Tata Steel Chess 2022: Magnus Carlsen beats Fabiano Caruana.
- > Tamil Nadu's Bharath Subramaniyam became India's 73rd chess Grandmaster.
- Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan), won the World Rapid Chess Championship 2021.
- Norway's Magnus Carlsen wins FIDE World Chess Championship in Dubai.
- ➤ Kolkata-based player Mitrabha Guha has become India's 72nd chess Grand Master.
- Sankalp Gupta from Nagpur Becomes India's 71st Grandmaster.
- Indian-origin chess player from New Jersey, USA, Abhimanyu Mishra became the youngest grandmaster in chess history. At 12 years-4 months and 25 days.
- World Chess Federation
- > Founded: 1924
- HQ Lausanne, Switzerland
- President : Arkady Dvorkovich.
- Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu) became India's first grandmaster in 1988.
- > S Vijaylakshmi is India's first woman grandmaster in chess. Abhimanyu Mishra has become the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster in the world



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Q. India's first human space mission "Gaganyaan" will be launched in which year?

A) 2025

B) 2023

C) 2024

D) 2026

Answer: B

- ✓ India will launch first human space mission & first human ocean mission in 2023
- ✓ Union Minister of State (MoS) (I/C), Ministry of Earth Sciences; and Ministry of Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh announced that India is set to simultaneously launch the first Human Space Mission "Gaganyaan" as well as the first manned Human Ocean Mission in 2023.
- ✓ The announcement was made during the event organised as a part of World Ocean Day 2022 (8th June) at Prithvi Bhawan, Delhi.
- ✓ He also announced that the government is set to unveil the Blue Economy Policy and more than 40 million people will be employed by ocean-based industries by 2030.
- ✓ Two uncrewed Gaganyan missions will be launched in 2022 and the final crewed Gaganyaan mission will be launched in 2023.
- ✓ India's first human space mission "Gaganyaan" will be launched in 2023.
- ✓ This was informed by Union of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh, on 9 December 2021.
- ✓ Two uncrewed missions of Gaganyaan will also take place in 2022.
- ✓ The second mission will carry "Vyommitra", a spacefaring human-robot developed by ISRO, at the end
 of 2022.
- ✓ India will become the fourth nation in the world to launch a Human Spaceflight Mission after USA, Russia and China.
- ✓ Mission cost: Rs 10,000 crore.
- ✓ Launch vehicle: GSLV Mk III, the three-stage heavy-lift launch vehicle.
- ✓ ISRO UPCOMING SPACE MISSION
- ✓ ISRO-NASA joint satellite project NISER proposed to be launched early 2023
- √ Gaganyaan: ISRO partners with France to launch India's first human spaceflight mission in 2023.
- ✓ Lunar Polar Exploration mission (LUPEX): ISRO's Lunar Polar Exploration Mission in collaboration with JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) will be launched in the year 2024



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- ✓ Aditya-L1: It is India's first solar mission and was expected to launch in the year 2020 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the launch has been delayed and is now expected in the year 2022. located at a distance of 1.5 million km from Earth
- ✓ Mars Orbiter Mission 2 (MOM 2) also called Mangalyaan 2 is expected to launch in the year 2024
- ✓ Shukrayaan-1: The inter-planetary mission is expected to launch in the year 2024 by ISRO in collaboration with CNES (National Centre for Space Studies; French Space Agency)
- ✓ Shukrayaan India plans to launch a new orbiter to Venus in 2024
- ✓ Chandrayaan-3 is likely to be launched during the third quarter of 2022.
- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation[a] (ISRO)
- ✓ Founded: 15 August 1969
- ✓ HQ : Bengalore, Karnataka
- ✓ Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai
- √ 10th Chairman : S Somanath
- Q. Indian government has finalized deals with South Africa and Namibia to introduce cheetahs into the wild at Kuno Palpur National Park by the end of 2022. In which states the Kuno National Park is situated?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Maharashtra

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Gujarat

Answer: A

- ✓ Indian government has finalised deals with South Africa and Namibia to get the planet's fastest animals, cheetahs that became extinct in India and will be released into the wild at Kuno Palpur, Madhya Pradesh, by the end of 2022.
- ✓ Initially, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed for 10 years, which can be extended for another five years.
- ✓ There will be 12 cheetahs from South Africa and 8 from Namibia and more will be followed in subsequent years.
- ✓ Asiatic cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952.
- ✓ IUCN Status Vulnerable (African Cheetah)
- ✓ IUCN Status Critically Endangered (Asiatic Cheetah)



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- ✓ The cheetah is one of the oldest of the big cat species, with ancestors that can be traced back more than five million years to the Miocene era.
- ✓ The cheetah is also the world's fastest land mammal that lives in Africa and Asia
- ✓ Recently, the Union Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change has launched the 'Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India' under which 50 of these big cats will be introduced in the next five years
- ✓ Reintroduction Action Plan:
- ✓ With help from the Wildlife Institute of India and the Wildlife Trust of India, the ministry will be translocating around 8-12 cheetahs from South Africa, Namibia and Botswana.
- ✓ About Kuno-Palpur NP
- ✓ Located in the Chambal region of MP, it currently has leopards, jackals, spotted deer, sambhar, nilgai, chinkara, wild boar, and the four-horned antelope.
- Q. The Indian government has extended a Line of Credit (LOC) of how much amount to Sri Lanka for the procurement of Urea Fertiliser?

A) USD 55 million

B) USD 45 million

C) USD 65 million

D) USD 75 million

Answer: A

- ✓ The Indian government has decided to extend a Line of Credit (LOC) of USD 55 million to Sri Lanka for the procurement of Urea Fertiliser.
- ✓ This credit line was extended in response to an urgent request from the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL), amid the ongoing economic crisis.
- ✓ An LOC agreement was signed between GOSL and the Export-Import Bank of India on June 10, 2022 at Colombo, in the presence of the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe, the Minister of Agriculture Mahinda Amaraweera, and the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay.

SRI LANKA IN NEWS 2021-22

- India extended \$55 million credit line to Sri Lanka for fertiliser imports.
- UN to grant humanitarian assistance of \$48 million to Sri Lanka amid crisis.
- Ranil Wickremesinghe was sworn in as the 26th prime minister of Sri Lanka.



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- World Bank provided USD 600 million in financial assistance to Sri Lanka to make payments for essential imports.
- ➤ India will provide an additional \$500 million financial assistance to Sri Lanka to buy fuel as the latter is facing worst financial crisis.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually attends 5th BIMSTEC Summit.
- > The Summit was hosted by the Government of Sri Lanka.
- ➤ Asia cup 2022 to commence from August 27 in Sri Lanka.
- > Sri Lanka receives a US\$1 billion line of credit from India to assist pay for crucial imports.
- > 9th India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX begins Visakhapatnam.
- India has agreed to provide a grant to Sri Lanka to implement a 'Unitary Digital Identity framework', apparently modelled on the Aadhaar card.
- > Exim Bank extends a \$500 million credit line to Sri Lanka for financing the purchase of petroleum products.
- India has announced financial assistance of USD 900 million loans to Sri Lanka.
- Government of Sri Lanka has sought a USD 500 million credit line from India to pay for its crude oil purchases.
- ➤ 15th edition of the Maldives, India, and Sri Lanka biennial Trilateral Exercise 'Dosti' was conducted in the Maldives.
- World's largest star sapphire cluster has been found in Ratnapura, Srilanka.
- Sri Lanka has declared a state of emergency as the food crisis.
- > SRI LANKA
- Capital : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative)
- Colombo (executive and judicial)
- Currency : Rupee
- President :Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- Prime Minister : Mahinda Rajapaksa
- Mitra Shakti Military Exercise : India and Sri Lanka
- Slinex Navel Exercise : India and Sri Lanka



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Q. Who has won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022?

A) Lewis Hamilton

B) Sebastian Vettel

C) Max Verstappen

D) Charles Leclerc

Answer: C

✓ Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022 (his fifth victory of the season).

FORMULA ONE RACE IN NEWS 2022

- Max Verstappen (Red Bull-Netherlands) won Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2022
- Red Bull racing driver Sergio Pérez (Mexican) has won the Formula 1 (F1) Grand Prix (GP) De Monaco 2022
- > F1 world champion Max Verstappen has won the inaugural Miami Grand Prix
- Max Verstappen wins Spanish Grand Prix
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull-Netherlands) won the Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix in Italy.
- Max Verstappen wins 2022 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix
- Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco) has won the Formula One (F1) 2022 Australian Grand Prix.
- Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco) has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2022.

Q. Who has become India's first weightlifter to win a gold at the IWF Youth World Championships?

A) Akansha Kishor

B) Saanapathi Gurunaidu

C) Vijay Prajapati Vyavhare

D) Sathish Sivalingam

Answer: B

- ✓ Indian weightlifter Saanapathi Gurunaidu has clinched Gold medal in men's 55 kilogram event at IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico.
- ✓ He lifted a total of 230-kilogram, 104 kilogram in Snatch winning Silver and 126 kilogram lifting in Clean and Jerk to finish on the top to grab the gold medal.
- ✓ Apart from him, Vijay Prajapati and Akansha Kishor Vyavhare clinched silver medals on the opening day. Akanksha won the medal in Women's 40-kilogram category.



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- Q. Who has won the Best Actor (Musical) award at the Tony Awards 2022?
 - A) George Furth

B) Myles Frost

C) Moulin Rouge

D) Stephen Sondheim

Answer: B

- ✓ Tony Awards took place on June 12, 2022 in New York City.
- ✓ Best Actor (Musical) was won by Myles Frost for "MJ".
- ✓ Best Actress (Musical) was won by Joaquina Kalukango for "Paradise Square".
- ✓ Best Director (Musical) was won by Marianne Elliott for "Company".
- ✓ The Antoinette Perry Award for Excellence in Broadway Theatre, more commonly known as the Tony Award, recognizes excellence in live Broadway theatre
- Q. Which state government has launched 'The Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System' or FRUITS software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the farmer schemes?

A) Odisha

B) Karnataka

C) Telangana

D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ The Karnataka government has launched 'The Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System' or FRUITS software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the schemes.
- ✓ FRUITS software will facilitate single registration using an Aadhar card and Karnataka's Bhoomi digitised land record system for authenticating ownership.
- ✓ Through the creation of single digital identification through FRUITS, farmers can access benefits of hosts of schemes such as Direct Benefit Transfer under PM Kisan, payment for Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for crops, special financial assistance, caste certificate authentication and ration cards.
- Q. India's first electronic-display plant will be set up by Rajesh Exports with \$3 billion investment in which of the following state?

A) Kerala

B) Haryana

C) Gujarat

D) Telangana

Answer : D

✓ India's 1st display plant will be set up by Rajesh Exports with \$3 billion investment in Telangana



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- ✓ Jeweller Rajesh Exports will invest \$3 billion to set up the country's first electronic-display plant in Telangana, the state government said.
- ✓ India and many governments around the world have raced to subsidise the construction of semiconductor and display factories as a shortage has hobbled the auto and electronics industries and highlighted the world's dependence on a few sources, such as Taiwan, for vital supplies.

TELANGANA IN NEWS 2021-22

- India's 1st display plant will be set up by Rajesh Exports with \$3 billion investment in Telangana.
- ➤ Telangana Formation Day 2022 is observed on 02nd June.
- ➤ Telangana, India's 28th state, was founded on 2nd June 2014.
- ➤ Telangana topped the Country in terms of Per Capita Net State 2022.
- > Hyderabad hosts India's first-ever unique kind of Flow Chemistry Technology Hub.
- > Telangana govt extends insurance coverage under 'Nethanna Bima' scheme
- ➤ Biliti Electric Inc, a California-based company to set up the World's largest electric 3-wheeler making plant will set up in Telangana.
- > Telangana govt tie-up with British Council to expand higher education.
- > Telangana and Google have inked a MOU on Digital Economy for Young and Women entrepreneurs.
- > Telangana topped the country in terms of Per Capita Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices.
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs allocates Rs. 2.26 Crores for Telangana's Medaram Jatara Festival 2022.
- Telangana govt tie-up with British Council to expand higher education.
- > Telangana tops in highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages.
- ➤ Telangana's Pochampally village named among Best Tourism Villages by UNWTO.
- > Telangana's Bhadrachalam added as destination in IRCTC's Ramayana Circuit train.
- Telangana invited to participate in International Seed Conference.
- Mohd Azharuddin unveils world's largest cricket bat in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ➤ India's first Indigenously Designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant inaugurated at BHEL R&D Centre, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ➤ Telangana develops India's first smartphone-based eVoting solution.



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- Bathukamma festival begins in Telangana.
- Rudreswara Temple (Ramappa Temple) of Telangana inscribed as India's 39th UNESCO World Heritage List.
- Q. The twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference took place on 12-15 June 2022 at Geneva, Switzerland. The Conference has been co-hosted by which country?

A) Uzbekistan

B) Tajikistan

C) Kazakhstan

D) Kyrgyzstan

Answer: C

- ✓ The twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference took place on 12-15 June 2022 at WTO headquarter in Geneva, Switzerland after a gap of almost 5 years.
- ✓ The Conference will be co-hosted by Kazakhstan and chaired by Mr Timur Suleimenov, Deputy Chief
 of Staff of Kazakhstan's President.
- ✓ Indian delegation will be led by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. India is a founding member of the WTO since 1 January 1995 and a member of GATT since 8 July 1948.
- ✓ KAZAKHSTAN

✓ Capital: Nur-Sultan

✓ Currency : Tenge

✓ President : Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

✓ Prime Minister : Alikhan Smailov

✓ World Trade Organization (WTO)

√ Formation: 1 January 1995

√ Headquarters: Geneva Switzerland

✓ 1st Director General : Peter Sutherland

✓ Director General : Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria)

✓ Member Countries: 164

✓ World Trade Organization (WTO) was earlier known as GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade)



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Q. Rabab Fatima has been appointed as the Under Secretary General or Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations. She is the Permanent Representative of which country to the United Nations?

A) Afghanistan

B) Bangladesh

C) Saudi Arabia

D) United Arab Emirates

Answer: B

- ✓ United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres appointed Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh as the Under Secretary General or Assistant Secretary General of the UN.
- ✓ She succeeds Courtenay Rattray of Jamaica who was appointed as the Chef de Cabinet.
- ✓ She has been also appointed as High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS).
- ✓ António Guterres appointed Navid Hanif of Pakistan as Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
- Q. Manpreet Kaur broke National record in Inter-State Athletics Meet, Chennai. She is associated with which sports?

A) Shot Put

B) Javelin Throw

C) Swimming

D) Pole vault

Answer: A

- ✓ Shot put athlete Manpreet Kaur from Haryana broke the 18m barrier on her fourth attempt, setting a new National Record of 18.06m in the 61st National inter-state senior athletics championship in Chennai.
- ✓ She held the previous record of 17.96m. Manpreet has previously thrown the iron ball 18.86m at the Asian GP in 2017. Manpreet Kaur has qualified for the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
- Q. Which country has proposed a plan to launch a solar power plant in space?

A) Japan

B) China

C) India

D) United States

Answer: B



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- ✓ China recently proposed a plan to launch a solar power plant in space to get inexhaustible power in 2028, two years before the original schedule. China had initially planned to set up a solar power plant of 1 megawatt capacity in space by 2030.
- ✓ As per the latest update, China will launch a satellite to establish the same in 2028.





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