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Q. What is the rank of India in the World Competitiveness Index 2022?

- A) 64
B) 53
C) 43
D) 37

Answer : D

- ✓ IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2022: India ranked 37th; Denmark topped
- ✓ India has seen the sharpest growth among the Asian economies, with a six-position jump from 43rd to 37th rank on the annual World Competitiveness Index 2022.
- ✓ The Index has been compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD).
- ✓ Denmark has moved to the top of the 63-nation list from the third position last year, while Switzerland slipped from the top ranking to the second position and Singapore regained the third spot from the fifth.
- ✓ Others in the top 10 include Sweden at the fourth position, followed by Hong Kong SAR (5th), the Netherlands (6th), Taiwan (7th), Finland (8th), Norway (9th) and the USA (10th).
- ✓ Asia : The top-performing Asian economies are Singapore (3th), Hong Kong (5th), Taiwan (7th), China (17th) and Australia (19th).
- ✓ IMD World Competitiveness Ranking
- ✓ The IMD World Competitiveness Ranking is being produced by the IMD business school based in Switzerland and Singapore every year since 1989.
- ✓ It analyzes and ranks countries according to how they manage their competencies to achieve long-term value creation.
- ✓ 2022 World Competitiveness Ranking is the 34th edition of the index.
- ✓ Factors : It measures the prosperity and competitiveness of countries by examining the Four factors (334 competitiveness criteria)
 1. Economic performance
 2. Government efficiency
 3. Business efficiency
 4. Infrastructure



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Q. Which country has topped the World Competitiveness Index 2022?

- A) Switzerland
B) Sweden
C) Denmark
D) Singapore

Answer : C

Q. The World Competitiveness Index is released by which organisation?

- A) Knight Frank
B) Reporters Without Borders (RWB)
C) World Economic Forum
D) Institute for Management Development (IMD)

Answer : D

- ✓ International Institute for Management Development (IMD) is a business education school located in Lausanne, Switzerland
- ✓ **MOST IMPORTANT INDIA'S RANK IN VARIOUS INDEXES 2022**
- ✓ **World Competitiveness Index 2022**
 - Top : Denmark
 - 2nd : Switzerland
 - 3rd : Singapore
 - INDIA : 37
 - Released By : Institute for Management Development (IMD)
- ✓ **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



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✓ **World Press Freedom Index 2022**

Top : Norway

2nd : Denmark

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)



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Q. Which bank has inked an MoU with venture capital firm 100X. VC to enhance its engagement with the start-up ecosystem in the country?

A) ICICI Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) Axis Bank

D) HDFC Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ HDFC Bank has inked an MoU with venture capital firm 100X. VC to enhance its engagement with the start-up ecosystem in the country.
- ✓ The bank has also laid the provision of its comprehensive package of specialised services and facilities customised for start-ups, branded as 'Smart-Up'.
- ✓ The bank will also assess start-ups for investment and loan extension opportunities which recommended by 100X.VC.

HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- HDFC Bank, a private sector bank, has signed a relationship with 100X.VC, a leading early-stage venture capital firm.
- 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.



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- HDFC launches 'green and sustainable' deposits programme for retail clients..
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) lends \$250 million to HDFC Ltd to boost green housing finance.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Dukandar Overdraft Scheme'.
- HDFC Bank's digital self-service credit portal for customers.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Salaam Dil Sey' initiative.
- **HDFC BANK**

Founded : 1994

Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

Tagline : We understand your world

Q. Which airport has become India's 1st airport to launch a one-of-its-kind Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid (Solar Mill) to explore the possibility of utilization of wind energy at the airport?

- A) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- B) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- C) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
- D) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai

Answer : D

- ✓ Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai has become India's 1st airport to launch a one-of-its-kind Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid (Solar Mill) to explore the possibility of utilization of wind energy at the airport.
- ✓ WindStream Energy Technologies India Pvt Ltd has developed this technology. The energy generated through this technology can be customized on a need-specific basis.
- ✓ This sustainable initiative undertaken by CSMIA reduces dependence on conventional electricity which propels its journey towards 'Net Zero' emissions.



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Q. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has recently launched an eight-day-long Mango Festival in which country to boost export of mangoes?

- A) Germany
- B) Bahrain
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) United Arab Emirates

Answer : B

- ✓ In a major boost to the export of mangoes, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) launched an eight-day-long Mango Festival in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- ✓ At the show, 34 varieties of mangoes from eastern states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha, are being displayed at eight different locations of Bahrain's Al Jazira group supermarket.
- ✓ The mango show in Bahrain is part of APEDA's new initiatives to explore international markets for Indian mangoes under the 'Mango Festival 2022'
- ✓ Mango (*Mangifera indica*) is the most important fruit of India and is known as "King of fruits". The fruit is cultivated in the largest area i.e. 2,312 thousand ha and the production is around 15.03 million tons, contributing 40.48% of the total world production of mango.
- ✓ The main mango producing states in India are Uttar Pradesh (23.86%), Andhra Pradesh (22.14%), Karnataka (11.71%), Bihar (8.79%), Gujarat (6.00%) and Tamil Nadu (5.09%).
- ✓ **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA):**
Founded : 1986
Headquarters: New Delhi
Chairman : M. Angamuthu
It is an apex body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- ✓ **BAHRAIN**
Capital : Manama
Currency : Dinar
Prime Minister : Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa



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Q. BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR) Innovation Center has signed an MoU with which financial institutions to facilitate bilateral cooperation and promote the common development of BRICS countries?

- A) New Development Bank (NDB)
- B) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- C) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Answer : A

- ✓ BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR) Innovation Center has signed an MoU with the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) to facilitate bilateral cooperation and promote the common development of BRICS countries.
- ✓ The MoU was signed at a meeting held via video link in the port city of Xiamen, East China's Fujian Province.
- ✓ Under this MoU, both sides will prioritize cooperation in fields such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), the industrial internet, energy conservation and environmental protection through joint research, personnel training and information sharing on infrastructure and sustainable programs.
- ✓ BRICS PartNIR Innovation Centre was launched in Xiamen in December 2020 which is headquartered in Shanghai, China

NDB IN NEWS 2022

- BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center has signed MoU with a BRICS bank (New Development Bank).
- BRICS' New Development Bank opened India's regional office in Gujarat's GIFT City.
- Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB.
- New Development Bank 1st multilateral agency to open office in Gift City.
- Egypt has been inducted as the fourth new member of the BRICS New Development Bank(NDB).
- New Development Bank approves UAE, Bangladesh and Uruguay as a new member
- **New Development Bank (NDB)**
Founded : 2015
Headquarters : Shanghai, China
Membership (9) : Brazil ,Russia, India, China , South Africa, Bangladesh, UAE , Uruguay & Egypt.



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President : Marcos Troyjo (Brazil)

Vice President : Anil Kishora (Indian)

- The initial authorized capital of the bank is \$100 bln divided into 1 mln shares having a par value of \$100,000 each.
- The initial subscribed capital of the NDB is \$50 bln divided into paid-in shares (\$10 bln) and callable shares (\$40 bln).

Q. 8th Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians to address climate change has been held in which country?

A) Egypt

B) Poland

C) Sweden

D) Denmark

Answer : A

- ✓ The Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians has been started in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt to address climate change.
- ✓ The two-day conference is being jointly organized by the House of Representatives and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).
- ✓ Nagaland's first woman elected as Member of Parliament to Rajya Sabha, S. Phangon Konyak is representing India at the Conference.
- ✓ **EGYPT**
Capital: Cairo
Currency : Pound
Prime Minister : Moustafa Madbouly
President : Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
Egypt is known as the "Gift of the Nile".
- ✓ Cairo is the capital of Egypt and is located on the Nile river.
- ✓ The Nile is the longest river in Africa and the drainage basin of the Nile River covers 11 countries.
- ✓ The Nile is about 6,650 km in length.
- ✓ Lake Nasser is built across the Nile river.
- ✓ The Nile is the longest river in the world.
- ✓ It flows across the eastern African region from South to North.



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✓ **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**

Founded : June 30, 1889

Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

President : Duarte Pacheco (Portugal)

Members country : 179

Q. **Which company has invested USD 5,00,000 (₹3.88 crore) in association with UN Women for the LINK Women project to create employment opportunities for women?**

A) Asos

B) LinkedIn

C) ModCloth

D) Nordstrom

Answer : B

✓ LinkedIn Corporation has invested USD 5,00,000 (₹3.88 crore) in association with UN Women for the LINK Women project to create employment opportunities for women.

✓ The pilot project will launch in Maharashtra to cultivate the digital, soft and employability skills of 2,000 women.

✓ **LinkedIn**

Founded: 2003

Headquarters: California, USA

Q. **Which bank has announced USD 250 million in lending support for high-growth, technology-led start-ups in India?**

A) HSBC Bank

B) Citibank

C) Standard Chartered Bank

D) Deutsche Bank

Answer : A

✓ Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India) has announced USD 250 million in lending support for high-growth, technology-led start-ups in India, which has the world's third largest start-up ecosystem.

✓ HSBC will administer the lending via its commercial banking division. It has also not mentioned any specific timeframe for disbursement of the amount.

✓ **HSBC Bank India**

Founded: 1853



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- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin launched the 'Ennum Ezhuthum scheme' at an event in Azhinjivakkam panchayat union middle school, Tiruvallur, TN to bridge the learning gap occurred due to COVID-19 pandemic among students aged below 8.
- ✓ The scheme aims to ensure foundational literacy and numeracy by 2025.

STATE GOVERNMENT SCHEMES IN NEWS 2022

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, MK Stalin launched Ennum Ezhuthum scheme to bridge learning gap
- Karnataka govt launched 'FRUITS' software for farmer schemes
- Andhra Pradesh govt launched YSR Yantra Seva scheme
- Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann launched 'Lok Milni' scheme for redressal of public complaints
- Haryana Govt Launches 'e-Adhigam' Scheme to distribute tablets to students
- Haryana launched 'Chaar-Bijae Yojana' for fodder cultivating farmers
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister launched Ladli Laxmi scheme 2.0
- Telangana govt extends insurance coverage under 'Nethanna Bima' scheme
- Maharashtra's 'Jivhala' scheme to offer credit to jail inmates
- Chhattisgarh launched 'Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana'
- Uttarakhand to launch "Him Prahari" scheme for ex-servicemen & youngsters
- Madhya Pradesh government launched Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana.
- Haryana govt launched crop insurance portal of 'Mukhya Mantri Bagwani Bima Yojana'
- Tripura Govt announced "Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa" scheme
- Haryana's CM announced 'Sushma Swaraj Award' for women
- Haryana govt announced Matrushakti Udaymita Scheme
- Sikkim State Government will launch Aama Yojna & Bahini Scheme

Q. Who has been named as the new Chairperson of Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) for 2022-23?

- A) Pramod K Mittal
- B) Ravinder Takkar
- C) Parag Agrawal
- D) Shantanu Narayen

Answer : A



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- ✓ Industry body Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) named Pramod K Mittal, President of Reliance Jio Infocomm, as the new Chairperson of the association for 2022-23.
- ✓ Mittal was previously the Vice Chairperson of the COAI, whose members include Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea (VIL). Mittal will replace Ajai Puri as the COAI Chairperson.
- ✓ P Balaji, Chief Regulatory and Corporate Affairs Officer of Vodafone Idea (VIL), will be the Vice Chairperson of the association for 2022-23.
- ✓ **Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI)**
Founded : 1995
Headquarters: New Delhi
Director General : S.P. Kochhar

Q. India has successfully test-launched Short-Range Ballistic Missile, Prithvi-II from an integrated test range in Chandipur, Odisha. What is the range of Prithvi-II?

- A) 350 km-450km B) 250 km-350km
C) 400 km-500km D) 150 km-200km

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, India successfully conducted the night trial of surface-to-surface nuclear-capable short-range ballistic missile Prithvi-II
- ✓ Prithvi-II is an indigenously developed Surface-to-Surface Missile Short-Range Ballistic Missile (SRBM), which has a range of around 250 km-350km and can carry a one tonne payload.
- ✓ Prithvi II class is a single-stage liquid-fueled missile that has warhead mounting capability of 500 kg-1000kg
- ✓ Developed by: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) of India under its Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).
- ✓ **Five Missiles Developed under the IGMDP.**
- ✓ PRITHVI (Short range surface-to-surface ballistic missile)
- ✓ AGNI (Medium to intercontinental surface-to-surface missile)
- ✓ TRISHUL (Short range low-level surface-to-air missile)
- ✓ AKASH (Surface-to-air missile having a range of up to 25 Km and multi-target handling system)
- ✓ NAG (Third generation "fire & forget", "top attack" anti-tank missile)



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Q. Who has won the men's singles title (2022 BOSS Open) at 44th Stuttgart Open 2022 tennis tournament held in Stuttgart, Germany?

- A) Rafael Nadal
B) Novak Djokovic
C) Matteo Berrettini
D) Alexander Zverev

Answer : C

- ✓ 44th edition of Stuttgart Open 2022 tennis tournament held in Stuttgart, Germany.
- ✓ 2022 BOSS Open was a men's tennis tournament played on outdoor grass courts and 2022 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, is a women's tennis tournament played on Clay courts at the Porsche Arena in Stuttgart, Germany.
- ✓ 2022 BOSS Open
- ✓ Men's singles title Matteo Berrettini (Italy) defeated Andy Murray (Britain)
- ✓ 2022 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- ✓ Women's singles title Iga Swiatek (Poland) defeated Aryna Siarhiejeŭna Sabalenka (Belarus)
- ✓ **Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)**

Founded: 1972

Headquarters: London, UK

CEO: Massimo Calvelli

Chairman : Andrea Gaudenzi

Q. Who has won the women's singles title (2022 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix) at Stuttgart Open 2022 tennis tournament?

- A) Iga Świątek
B) Ashleigh Barty
C) Emma Raducanu
D) Barbora Krejčíková

Answer : A

- ✓ **2022 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix**
Women's singles title Iga Swiatek (Poland) defeated Aryna Siarhiejeŭna Sabalenka (Belarus)

Q. Name the renowned Urdu scholar, linguist, theorist, literary critic, and former Chairperson of Sahitya Akademi, who has passed away recently.

- A) Nagarjuna Mandly
B) Showkat Hussain
C) Syed Ali Karim
D) Gopi Chand Narang



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Answer : D

- ✓ Renowned Urdu scholar, linguist, theorist, literary critic, and former Chairperson of Sahitya Akademi Professor Gopi Chand Narang has passed away at 91.
- ✓ He was a Professor Emeritus at the University of Delhi and Jamia Millia Islamia. He has been honoured with the Padma Bhushan (2004) and Sahitya Akademi Awards (1995).

Q. The central government has increased the upper age limit of 'Agnepath' scheme from 21 years to how many years for the first year?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The central government has increased the upper age limit of 'Agnepath' scheme from 21 years to 23 years for the first year. However, the youth will get this benefit of two years relaxation in the maximum age of service only in the first year.
- ✓ According to the Ministry of Defense, due to the absence of army recruitment for two years due to Corona, this important decision has been taken to give a chance to the youth who have crossed the age limit.
- ✓ The Central Government has recently issued a clarification saying that Agniveer who retires after four years of planning, will be given assistance from the government to pursue business, education and other jobs etc.

Q. According to the Union Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, when will 5G services be launched in India?

- A) April 2024 B) March 2025
C) December 2022 D) March 2023

Answer : D

- ✓ According to Union Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, 5G services will be launched in India by March 2023.
- ✓ He said that by March 2023, India will start getting 5G service, which will be 10 times faster than 4G.
- ✓ Earlier, he approved the proposal of DoT to auction 5G spectrum a day ago.



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- ✓ He said that the auction of a total of 72 GHz spectrum with a validity of 20 years would be completed by the end of July.

Q. Aarti Prabhakar has been appointed as the Science Advisor to the President of which country?

- A) China
- B) Russia
- C) United States
- D) United Kingdom

Answer : D

- ✓ Aarti Prabhakar has been appointed as the Science Advisor to the President of America

Q. Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will attend the NATO summit 2022 in which city?

- A) Paris, France
- B) Madrid, Spain
- C) Brussels, Belgium
- D) New York, US

Answer : B

- ✓ Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will attend this month's NATO summit in Madrid, becoming the country's first leader to join a top meeting of the transatlantic alliance.
- ✓ Sweden and Finland, which have applied to join NATO, are sending delegations to the summit, and South Korea's new President Yoon Suk-yeol will also be the first leader from his country to attend

NATO IN NEWS 2021-22

- Japanese Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida will attend this month's NATO summit in Madrid, becoming the country's first leader to join a top meeting of the transatlantic alliance.
- NATO Exercises' Defender Europe 2022 & Swift Response 2022 began in Poland and 8 other countries.
- Cyber defense exercises called Locked Shields were conducted by NATO in Estonia.
- NATO extends tenure of Jens Stoltenberg as Secretary-General by one year.
- NATO military exercise 'Cold Response 2022' begins in Norway.
- NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg to head Norway central bank.
- NATO member countries will be conducting a 12-day maritime exercise "Neptune Strike '22" Mediterranean Sea.
- NATO's highest Military Authority, the Military Committee, will meet virtually on 12-13 January 2022, in Brussels, Belgium.



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- NATO Conduct Steadfast Defender 21 war Games.
- US Army-led Massive NATO Joint Military Exercise DEFENDER-Europe 21 Begins in Albania.
- NATO plans to set up new space center in Germany.
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Formation : 4 April 1949
- Headquarters : Brussels, Belgium
- Secretary General : Jens Stoltenberg
- Total Member : 30 (North Macedonia)

Q. RBI has raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit of e-mandates for transactions from Rs. 5,000 to ____.

- A) Rs 10,000 B) Rs 20,000
C) Rs 15,000 D) Rs 25,000

Answer : C

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction for e-mandates on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions.
- ✓ It implies, additional authentication will not be need for payment of ₹15,000 per transaction.
- ✓ Under e-mandate, an individual can give standing instruction to the bank to debit a specific amount automatically on a recurring basis.

Q. NPCI International has signed an MoU with which country's Lyra network for acceptance of UPI & Rupay Card?

- A) Nepal B) France
C) Germany D) Saudi Arabia

Answer : B

- ✓ NPCI International signed an MoU with France's Lyra Network for acceptance of UPI & Rupay Card in France



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- ✓ As part of the MoU, Lyra Networks will allow Indians to pay using UPI and Rupay cards at terminals and machines offered by Lyra Networks, making it easier especially for students and tourists from India to make payments.
- ✓ This comes just two months after NPCI International had announced a partnership with NeoPay, a payments subsidiary of UAE's Mashreq Bank, allowing Indians in the UAE to make payments using UPI on the company's terminals across the country.
- ✓ UPI is already accepted in UAE, Singapore and Bhutan.
- ✓ **NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL):**
Founded : 2020
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
CEO : Ritesh Shukla

FRANCE IN NEWS 2021-22

- France signs agreement to accept UPI payments and RuPay cards from India.
- Elisabeth Borne was appointed France's new Prime Ministe.
- India's participated as the Guest of honour at the Paris Book Festival 2022.
- 20th edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise between the Indian Navy and French Navy named 'VARUNA' is being conducted in the Arabian Sea.
- 20th India-France Joint Staff Talks Took Place in Paris.
- India and France sign Roadmap on Blue Economy and Ocean Governance.
- France announces military withdrawal from Mali after nine years.
- India receives three more Rafale Fighter Jets from France.
- Noted Kathakali dancer Milena Salvini of France has passed away.
- India, France sign MoU with scope for cooperation in health research.
- France takes over EU Presidency for six months 2022.
- Covid-19 new variant 'IHU' discovered in France.
- France launched Military Communications Satellite "Syracuse 4A" by Ariane 5 rocket from Kourou, in French Guiana.
- **FRANCE**
Capital : Paris



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Currency : Euro

President : Emmanuel Macron

Prime Minister : Elisabeth Borne

Q. The three-day international literary festival 'Unmesh' held in which state?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Telangana

C) Chhattisgarh

D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Three-day international literary festival 'Unmesh' began at Gaiety Theater at Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The festival was formally inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal.
- ✓ The festival is organised by the Union Ministry of Culture and the Sahitya Akademi with the support of the Himachal Pradesh Department of Art and Culture as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'

Q. What amount of fund has been approved by USA for top three Indian medical research institutions prevent avoidable epidemics?

A) USD 122 million

B) USD 155 million

C) USD 133 million

D) USD 144 million

Answer : A

- ✓ United States has announced a funding of USD 122 million to top three Indian medical research institutions to prevent avoidable epidemics, early detection of disease threats, and rapid and effective response.
- ✓ The total funding of USD 122,475,000 from Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will, over a period of five years, be distributed to the top three Indian health research institutions – Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), National Institute of Virology (NIV) and National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE).
- ✓ **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
Headquarters: Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Q. Hamza Abdi Barre has been appointed as the prime minister of which country?

A) Somalia

B) Ethiopia

C) Vietnam

D) Nigeria



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Answer : A

- ✓ Somalia's President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud appointed a former chairman of the Jubbaland state election commission, Hamza Abdi Barre as the Prime Minister.
- ✓ The 48-year-old Hamza Abdi Barre from the semi-autonomous state of Jubaland replaced Mohamed Hussein Roble.
- ✓ Hassan Sheikh Mohamud won the presidency for the 2nd time in May 2022, having previously served from 2012 to 2017.
- ✓ **SOMALIA**
Capital: Mogadishu
Currency: Shilling
President: Hassan Sheikh Mohamud
Prime Minister : Hamza Abdi Barre

NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS 2021-22

PRIME MINISTER	COUNTRY
Hamza Abdi Barre	Somalia
Anthony Albanese	Australia
Emmanuel Macron	France
Robert Golob	Slovenia
Patrick Achi	Ivory Coast
Shehbaz Sharif	Pakistan
Viktor Orban	Hungary
Robert Abela	Malta
Antonio Costa	Portugal
Mia Mottley	Barbados
Alikhan Smailov	Kazakhstan
Petr Fiala	Czech Republic
Jonas Gahr Store	Norway
Fumio Kishida	Japan



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Justin Trudeau	Canada
Aziz Akhannouch	Morocco
Ismail Sabri Yaakob	Malaysia
Sher Bahadur Deuba	Nepal
Najib Mikati	Lebanon
Abiy Ahmed	Ethiopia
Naftali Bennett	Israel
Nikol Pashinyan	Armenia
Moctar Ouane	Mali
Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou	Niger
Mark Rutte	Netherlands
Irakli Garibashvili	Georgia
Mario Draghi	Italy
Kaja Kallas	Estonia
Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid	Kuwait
Jacinda Ardern	New Zealand
Mohamed Hussein Ruble	Somalia
Mikhail Mishustin	Russia

Q. India's largest private hospital Amrita Hospital with 2,400 beds will be opened in which city?

- A) Hyderabad, Telangana B) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
C) Faridabad, Haryana D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer : C

- ✓ India's biggest private hospital 2,400-bed Amrita Hospital is all set to open in Faridabad
- ✓ The first phase of the 2,400 bed Amrita Hospital in Sector 88, Faridabad, Haryana, a jumbo facility across 133 acres of land and being touted as India's largest private hospital, is set to get operational this August, with 500 beds.
- ✓ The total project cost for the jumbo facility is estimated at more than Rs 2,000 crore.



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- ✓ This would be the second large-scale Amrita Hospital in India after the iconic 1,200-bed Amrita Hospital in Kochi, Kerala, which was established 25 years ago by the Mata Amritanandamayi Math.

Q. Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022 in which city?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated 'Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022' (IDS-2022) – Road Map for Carbon Neutrality by 2070 in New Delhi.
- ✓ He emphasized on maintaining balance between ecology, environment and development. The government is giving the priority to green hydrogen and using biotechnology to increase the productivity of Biomass.

Q. In June 2022, RBI has lifted restrictions on which payments technology company over onboarding of new domestic customers?

- A) VISA
- B) RuPay
- C) American Express
- D) MasterCard

Answer : D

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lifted restrictions on US-based payments technology major MasterCard that was imposed on July 14, 2021, from issuing new credit, debit, and prepaid cards.
- ✓ The restrictions were put in place because of the company's failure to comply with local data storage norms that require payments companies to store data related to Indian customers only in the country.
- ✓ **MASTERCARD**
Founded : 1966
Headquarteres : New York, U.S
Executive Chairman : Ajay Banga
President and CEO : Michael Miebach



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Q. Who among the following has been appointed as the President of the Press Council of India (PCI)?

A) Suresh Nambath

B) Narasimhan Ravi

C) Jaideep Bhatnagar

D) Ranjana Prakash Desai

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Supreme Court judge Justice (Retd) Ranjana Prakash Desai has been appointed as chairperson of the Press Council of India, the self-regulatory watchdog for print media.
- ✓ She replaced Justice (retd) Chandramauli Kumar Prasad who vacated office in November 2021.
- ✓ Justice Desai recently served as the chairman of the Delimitation Commission on Jammu and Kashmir, which was established to redesign the Union Territory's assembly constituencies

Q. Who among the following has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank?

A) Rajeev Yadav

B) PN Vasudevan

C) Sanjay Agarwal

D) Govind Singh

Answer : B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved a proposal of Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB) to reappoint P.N. Vasudevan as managing director and chief executive officer for a period of one year from July 23.
- ✓ The bank had earlier this month received SEBI approval for the Scheme of Amalgamation of Equitas Holdings with the bank.
- ✓ Vasudevan, who founded Equitas in 2007 as a microfinance institution (MFI), announced his decision on May 19 to move on from the SFB to work for his trust going ahead.

✓ **Equitas Small Finance Bank**

Founded : 2016

Headquarteres : Chennai

Tagline : It's Fun Banking

Rani Rampal & Smriti Mandhana : Brand ambassador of Equitas Small Finance Bank



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Q. Which Indian-American has been nominated by US President Joe Biden to a top Pentagon post?

- A) Radha Iyengar Plumb B) Shanti Sethi
C) Mahindra Tuck D) Pramila Jayapal

Answer : A

- ✓ U.S. President Joe Biden has nominated Indian-American security expert Radha Iyengar Plumb to a top Pentagon position to the post of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.
- ✓ She is currently serving as the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Q. Which Indian umpire has been retained in the ICC Elite Panel?

- A) Nitin Menon B) Anil Chaudhary
C) Ranjan Madugalle D) Srinivas Venkatraghavan

Answer : A

- ✓ India's Nitin Menon has retained his place in the ICC Elite Panel. He is the only Indian in the 11-member Elite Panel.
- ✓ Menon first made it to the Elite Panel in 2020, becoming only the third Indian umpire after S Venkataraghavan and S Ravi to be on the list.

Q. Which airport has been named the best regional airport in India and South Asia at 2022 Skytrax World Airport Awards?

- A) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
B) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
C) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
D) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai

Answer : B

- ✓ Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru has bagged the Best Regional Airport in India and South Asia title in the 2022 Skytrax World Airsport Awards.
- ✓ According to a global survey of air passengers said it had the best customer service, from check-in to departures, arrivals, and transfers, and from security and immigration, to shopping, the survey evaluates consumer experience across airport service.



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- ✓ Qatar's Hamad International Airport has been named the World's Best Airport for the second year running.
- ✓ The announcement took place at the Skytrax 2022 World Airport Awards, held at Passenger Terminal EXPO in Paris, France.
- ✓ **Other major winners include:**
- ✓ Singapore Changi Airport (World's Best Airport Staff Service and World's Best Airport Dining).
- ✓ Istanbul Airport (World's Best Airport Shopping and Most Family-Friendly Airport).
- ✓ Tokyo Haneda Airport won awards as the World's Cleanest Airport
- ✓ King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh secured the award as the World's Most Improved
- ✓ Nagoya's Chubu Centrair International Airport was named the World's Best Regional Airport.
- ✓ Zurich Airport repeated its success by winning the World's Best Airport Security Processing award.
- ✓ **Skytrax World Airport Awards**
- ✓ The Skytrax World Airport Awards list is compiled by UK-based Skytrax, a consultancy firm which runs an airline and airport review and ranking site, featuring 100 airports.
- ✓ The Skytrax World Airport Awards are voted for by customers in a global airport customer satisfaction survey.

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2021-22

- Qatar's Hamad International Airport has been named the World's Best Airport.
- Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru was named the finest regional airport in India and South Asia.
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai launched Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid System.
- Government set the target to create 220 new airports by 2025.
- Chennai International Airport ranks 8th in Global List for 'On-Time Performance'.
- Cochin International Airport bags 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022.
- Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru won two the 'Best Airport' under the General Category, and the 'Aviation Innovation' Award.
- Six Indian Airports named the ACI World's ASQ Awards 2021.
 1. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)



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2. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
 3. Rajiv Gandhi International airport, Hyderabad
 4. Cochin International Airport, Cochin
 5. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
 6. Chandigarh Airport, Chandigarh
- Kochi Airport to become power-positive with new solar plant.
 - Airport Council International recognises Mangaluru International Airport with the 'Voice of the Customer' Award.
 - Chennai International Airport ranks 8th in Global List for 'On-Time Performance' for 2021 by Cirium.
 - GMR Hyderabad International Airport wins the National Energy Conservation Awards 2021.
 - PM Modi lays foundation stone of Noida International Airport at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh.
 - Hisar Airport renamed as Maharaja Agrasen International Airport, Haryana.
 - PM Modi inaugurates Kushinagar International Airport in Uttar Pradesh.

Q. Name the airport which has topped the prestigious 2022 Skytrax World Airport Awards list, as the Best Airport in the World

- A) Haneda Airport in Tokyo B) Changi Airport in Singapore
C) Incheon International Airport D) Hamad International Airport, Doha

Answer : D

- ✓ Qatar's Hamad International Airport has been named the World's Best Airport for the second year running.
- ✓ The World's Top 2 Airports for 2022.
1st - Hamad International Airport
2nd - Tokyo International Airport (Haneda)
3rd - Singapore Changi Airport

Q. What is India's rank in terms of money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss bank in 2021, as per the data released by Swiss National Bank (SNB)?

- A) 51 B) 44
C) 60 D) 72

Answer : B



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- ✓ Indian's funds in Swiss banks jump 50 per cent to over Rs 30 lakh crore in 2021, customer deposit up to
- ✓ Funds parked by Indian individuals and firms in Swiss banks, including through India-based branches and other financial institutions, jumped to a 14-year-high of 3.83 billion Swiss francs (over Rs 30,500 crore) in 2021, according to annual data from Switzerland's central bank
- ✓ The rise in aggregate funds of Indian clients with Swiss banks, from 2.55 billion Swiss francs (Rs 20,700 crore) at the end of 2020, marks the second consecutive year of increase.
- ✓ In terms of assets (or funds due from customers), Indian clients accounted for CHF 4.68 billion at the end of 2021, up nearly 10 per cent. This included dues from Indian customer's worth about CHF 323 million after a rise of 25 per cent during the year.
- ✓ The UK has topped the charts for foreign clients' money in Swiss banks at CHF 379 billion, followed by the US (CHF 168 billion) at the second place – the only two countries with 100-billion-plus client funds.
- ✓ India was placed at 44th place, ahead of countries like Poland, South Korea, Sweden, Bahrain, Oman, New Zealand, Norway, Mauritius, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Hungary and Finland.
- ✓ In BRICS nations, India stood below Russia (15th place) and China (24th), but above South Africa and Brazil.
- ✓ Swiss Bank
Founded : 1854
Headquarters : Base, Switzerland
Chairman : Thomas Jordan

Q. Which country has topped the list by Swiss National Bank (SNB), which evaluates amount of funds held by individuals and firms in Swiss banks in 2021?

- A) United States
- B) China
- C) United Kingdom
- D) France

Answer : C

- ✓ The UK has topped the charts for foreign clients' money in Swiss banks at CHF 379 billion, followed by the US (CHF 168 billion) at the second place – the only two countries with 100-billion-plus client funds.



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Q. Which state has become the largest state in terms of the outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans?

- A) Kerala
C) Karnataka

- B) Telangana
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : D

- ✓ Tamil Nadu replaced Bihar and West Bengal to become the largest state in terms of outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans.
- ✓ It followed by Bihar with Rs 35,941 crore and West Bengal with Rs 34,016 crore.
- ✓ The gross loan portfolio of Tamil Nadu as of March stood at Rs 36,806 crore, as per the MFIN Micrometer Institution Network
- ✓ A microfinance loan is defined as a collateral-free loan given to a household having an annual household income up to Rs. 3,00,000.
- ✓ RBI has fixed the fixed obligation to income ratio (FOIR) for NBFC-MFIs at - 50%
- ✓ What is the minimum requirement of microfinance loans for NBFC-MFIs - 75% of total assets
- ✓ What is the maximum limit on microfinance loans for NBFCs other than NBFC-MFIs - 25% of total assets

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2021-22

- Tamil Nadu pips West Bengal to become the largest State in terms of outstanding microfinance loan portfolio.
- Tamil Nadu launched Ennum Ezhuthum scheme to bridge learning gap.
- 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



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

Q. Los Angles, Toronto, and Mexico City have been named among the host cities for the FIFA World Cup 2026 in the US, Canada and Mexico respectively. How many teams participate in the World Cup 2026?

A) 32

B) 40

C) 48

D) 44

Answer : C

- ✓ Los Angles, Toronto, and Mexico City have been named among the host cities for the FIFA World Cup 2026 in the US, Canada and Mexico.
- ✓ This is the first in when the tournament will be shared by three different countries



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- ✓ The 2026 men's World Cup will be the first edition to feature 48 teams and it is the first time matches will be played in three countries
- ✓ FIFA WORLD CUP
 - 2022 : Qatar (32 Teams)
 - 2026 : Canada, Mexico, US (48 teams)
- ✓ FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup
 - 2022 : Costa Rica
- ✓ FIFA U-17 World Cup
- ✓ 2022- Women's : India
- ✓ 2023 - Women's : Australia and New Zealand
- ✓ Most successful team(s) Men's : Brazil (5 titles)
- ✓ Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
 - Founded : 21 May 1904
 - Founded : Paris, France
 - Headquarters : Zürich, Switzerland
 - Membership : 211
 - Languages : English, French, German, Spanish & Italian
 - First President : Robert Guérin
 - President : Gianni Infantino (Switzerland)
 - Secretary General : Fatma Samoura

Q. Which State/UTs has recently signed a tripartite agreement with LAHDC Leh and Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) to set up India's first dark sky reserve?

- A) Ladakh
- B) Jammu and Kashmir
- C) Puducherry
- D) Lakshadweep

Answer : A

- ✓ Tripartite MoU signed to set up India's first dark sky reserve at Hanle in Ladakh
- ✓ The tripartite agreement was signed between the UT administration, LAHDC Leh and Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) in presence of Lt Governor R K Mathur.
- ✓ The dark sky reserve at Hanley will prove beneficial to the scientific community and also contribute to the economy of the people of Changthang.



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- ✓ A dark sky sanctuary promotes proper illumination where and when it is needed without wasting energy and polluting other areas, especially the night sky, which does not require illumination.
- ✓ This is not India's first astro tourism spot. We have the renowned Jantar Mantar in Jaipur but Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR) will surely be India's first designated dark sky reserve.

Q. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated National Yoga Olympiad 2022 and quiz competition in New Delhi. What is the theme of National Yoga Olympiad 2022?

- A) Yoga for All B) Yoga for Health
C) Yoga for Health Care D) Yoga for Humanity

Answer : D

- ✓ Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated National Yoga Olympiad 2022 and quiz competition in New Delhi.
- ✓ Theme of this year – Yoga for Humanity
- ✓ The National Yoga Olympiad is being organised jointly by the Ministry of Education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training.
- ✓ The Olympiad 2022 will be participated by about 600 students from 26 states/UTs and Demonstration Multipurpose Schools of Regional Institutions of Education.

Q. India and European Union resume negotiations for India-EU free trade agreement after 9 years. How many members are in the European Union?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ India and European have re-launched negotiations for India-EU Free Trade Agreement after a gap of 9 year.
- ✓ The negotiations have at an event held at the European Union headquarters in Brussels.
- ✓ Among the most significant FTAs for India as the EU is its 2nd largest trading partner.
- ✓ India –EU merchandise trade registered and all time high value of 116.36 billion dollars in 2021-22 with a year on growth of 43.5 percent.
- ✓ European Union (EU)
Foundation : 1958



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Headquarters : Brussels, Belgium

Membership : 27 Countries

President of the Commission : Ursula von der Leyen

President of the European Council : Charles Michel

Presidency of the Council of the EU : Slovenia

Q. Which country has launched its third aircraft named Fujian which is the most advanced as well as the first fully domestically built naval vessel of the country?

- A) Japan B) China
C) South Korea D) Iran

Answer : B

- ✓ China launched its third aircraft carrier, named “Fujian” in a bid to extend the range of its navy in Indo-Pacific region
- ✓ The newly launched aircraft carrier is most advanced and first “fully domestically built” naval vessel.
- ✓ It was launched at a brief ceremony, at Shanghai’s Jiangnan Shipyard.
- ✓ It is the first domestically designed and built catapult aircraft carrier.
- ✓ The 3rd aircraft carrier has been built by China State Shipbuilding Corporation Limited.
- ✓ Fujian has a displacement of over 80,000 tonnes.
- ✓ Liaoning was the first aircraft carrier of China. It was a refit of Soviet-era ship commissioned in 2012. This launch was followed by indigenously built 2nd aircraft carrier named ‘Shandong’, which was launched in 2019.

Q. Canara HSBC Life has renamed itself after the decision to exit from its third partner Punjab National Bank?

- A) Canara HSBC Lite Insurance B) Canara HSBC Digital Insurance
C) Canara HSBC YONO Insurance D) Canara HSBC Life Insurance

Answer : D

- ✓ Canara HSBC Life has renamed itself as Canara HSBC Life Insurance following its third partner Punjab National Bank decision to exit.
- ✓ PNB had acquires a stake in the company following the amalgamation of the Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC).



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Q. Who has won the gold medal at the ongoing Kuortane Games in Finland ?

- A) Neeraj Chopra
- B) Johannes Vetter
- C) Jakub Vadlejch
- D) Julian Weber

Answer : A

- ✓ Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal at the ongoing Kuortane Games in Finland on 18 June 2022.
- ✓ Chopra took the top spot with a best throw of 86.69m.
- ✓ Keshorn Walcott finished a close second with a throw of 86.64m while Anderson Peters was third with a best attempt of 84.75m.
- ✓ On 14 June 2022, Chopra also broke his own national record with a throw of 89.30m at the Paavo Nurmi Games 2022.
- ✓ Neeraj Chopra has set a new national record of 89.30 metres at Paavo Nurmi Game sin Finland.

Q. Indian Women's Hockey Team has won FIH Women's Hockey Pro-League Tournament after defeating which country's team?

- A) Netherlands
- B) Australia
- C) Argentina
- D) Brazil

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Women's Hockey Team has won FIH Women's Hockey Pro-League Tournament after defeating Argentina by four goal to three.
- ✓ First match of the tournament was played at Rotterdam in the Netherlands.
- ✓ International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- ✓ Founded :1924, (Paris France)
- ✓ Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland
- ✓ President: Narinder Dhruv Batra (Indian)
- ✓ CEO: Thierry Weil (France)
- ✓ FIH World Rankings men's Top : Australia, (INDIA - 4th)
- ✓ FIH World Rankings women's Top : Netherlands (INDIA - 6th)
- ✓ Rani Rampal is the present captain of Women's hockey team of India.
- ✓ Manpreet Singh is captain the Indian men's hockey team.



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Q. The Union Home Ministry announced to reserve what percentage of vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles for 'Agniveers'?

- A) 15%
- B) 12%
- C) 10%
- D) 20%

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Home Ministry announced to reserve 10 percent vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles for 'agniveers' .
- ✓ The Center had recently announced the 'Agnepath' scheme for the recruitment of jawans on contract basis for short duration in the armed forces.
- ✓ This step has been taken by the central government with the aim of reducing the average age of the army.
- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs also decided to grant 3 years age relaxation to Agniveers in the CAPFs and Assam Rifles who are between the ages of 17.5 and 21.
- ✓ Assam Rifles
Formed : 1835
Headquarters : Shillong, Meghalaya
21st Director General : Lt Gen Pradeep Chandran Nair
Minister responsible : Ministry of Home affairs

Q. In India, which day is celebrated as the National Reading Day by CBSE?

- A) 17 June
- B) 18 June
- C) 19 June
- D) 16 June

Answer : C

- ✓ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) celebrates National Reading Day annually on 19 June.
- ✓ The Day is celebrated to honour the father of the 'Library Movement in Kerala', the late P.N. Panicker, whose death anniversary falls on June 19.



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Q. Which Operation was launched by Indian Navy for safe passage of Indian-flagged merchant vessels in the Strait of Hormuz?

- A) Operation Saksham B) Operation Sankalp
C) Operation Samudra Setu D) Operation Maitri

Answer : B

- ✓ Stealth Frigate of Indian Navy, INS Talwar, is currently deployed for “Op Sankalp”.
- ✓ The frigate is commemorating the 3rd continuous year of presence of Indian Navy in the Gulf for protection of Maritime Interests of India.
- ✓ Indian Navy has launched the Operation Sankalp in the Gulf region on June 19, 2019 in the aftermath of deteriorating security situation in the region, following attacks on merchant ships in Gulf of Oman.
- ✓ It was started to ensure safe passage of Indian Flag Vessels passing through Strait of Hormuz.
- ✓ Indian Navy’s stealth Frigate, INS Talwar is presently deployed in the Gulf region.
- ✓ INS Talwar (F40) is the lead ship of the Talwar-class frigates of the Indian Navy. Its name means "Sword" in Hindi.
- ✓ Built in Russia, commissioned into the Indian Navy in June 2003
- ✓ **The Persian Gulf** : Also called the Arabian Gulf, it is a shallow marginal sea of the Indian Ocean that lies between the Arabian Peninsula and the southwestern Iran.
- ✓ Its length is around 990 km and its width varies from a maximum of around 340 km to a minimum of 55 km in the Strait of Hormuz.
- ✓ **The Gulf of Oman** : The Gulf of Oman, northwest arm of the Arabian Sea, lies between the eastern portion of the Arabian Peninsula (Oman) and Iran.
- ✓ It is 560 km long and connects with the Persian Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz.

IMPORTANT OPERATION & CODE NAME IN NEWS 2021-22

- OPERATION SANKALP
Indian Navy’s stealth Frigate, INS Talwar is presently deployed for Op-Sankalp commemorating the 3rd continuous year of Indian Navy’s presence in the Gulf.
- OPERATION SATARK
Railway Protection Force (RPF) has recently started “Operation Satark” taking action against illicit liquor, fake currency circulation, etc.



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➤ OPERATION GANGA

India launches mission named Operation Ganga to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine

➤ OPERATION AAHT

Indian Railway Protection Force has launched a nationwide operation to curb human trafficking

➤ OPERATION DEVI SHAKTI

India's complex mission of evacuating its citizens from war-torn Afghanistan.

➤ OPERATION BLUE FREEDOM

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar flags off 'Operation Blue Freedom' to create a World Record at Siachen Glacier.

➤ OPERATION PARAVAAH

Cochin airport launches 'Operation Paravaah' for flood control.

➤ OPERATION CO-JEET

Launched by armed forces to fight COVID-19 in day.

➤ OPERATION SAMUDRA SETU-II

Indian Navy launches for Speedy Shipment of Oxygen-filled Containers to India From Other Nations.

➤ OPERATION SARD HAWA

Border Security Force (BSF) launched to the western international border of Rajasthan.

➤ OPERATION MY SAHELI

South Eastern Railway launches to ensure security of women passengers

Q. 'Gaia Mission', which was found in the news recently, is associated with which space agency?

A) ESA

B) NASA

C) JAXA

D) CNSA

Answer : A

- ✓ The Gaia Space Observatory of European Space Agency recently detected several "starquakes", which were similar to tsunami-like earthquakes.
- ✓ Gaia Space Mission was launched in 2013. It studies the Milky Way.
- ✓ The mission has created a map of galaxy.



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- ✓ It has revealed new information regarding stars and their chemical composition including the colour, temperature, age, and brightness level of stars.
- ✓ Gaia mission further revealed that, largest chemical map of Milky way galaxy coupled to 3D motions from solar neighbourhood to smaller galaxies.
- ✓ Gaia space mission spotted large scale tsunamis, called starquakes, which changes the shape of stars.
- ✓ Gaia is a space observatory by European Space Agency (ESA). It was launched in 2013.
- ✓ The mission is likely to operate until 2025. It is designed for astrometry, in a bid to measure positions, motions, and distances stars with unprecedented precision. It aims to construct the largest and most precise 3D space catalogue, totalling around 1 billion astronomical objects, mainly stars, comets, planets, asteroids and quasars.

ESA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Gaia is a space observatory of the European Space Agency (ESA), launched in 2013 and expected to operate until 2025.
- European Space Agency (ESA) has launched the world's first commercial re-programmable satellite 'Eutelsat Quantum'.
- European Space Agency (ESA) to launch first disabled astronaut in space.
- European Space Agency (ESA) will launch world's first satellite, WISA Woodsat from New Zealand by the end 2021.
- European Space Agency (ESA) to Launch 'EnVision' Mission to Venus in 2030.
- World's largest iceberg named A-76 discovered in Weddell Sea of Antarctica as per the information by European Space Agency (ESA).
- **European Space Agency (ESA)**
Founded : 1975
Headquarteres : Paris , France
Administrator : Josef Aschbacher

Q. Which of the following entity released a report titled 'Payments Vision 2025'?

- A) RBI
- B) NPCI
- C) SEBI
- D) SIDBI

Answer : A



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- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its vision on architecture of digital finance, in a document for payments systems. Payment Vision 2025 document The document includes: Regulations for BigTechs and fintechs in payments Guidelines on payments along with “Buy Now Pay Later” (BNPL) services Introducing central bank digital currency (CBDC) ; and linking credit cards and credit components of banking products to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- ✓ RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)
- ✓ Founded : 1 April 1935
- ✓ RBI Nationalised : 1 January 1949
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ RBI set up : Hilton Young Commission
- ✓ 1st Governor : Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)
- ✓ 1st Indian Governor : CD Deshmukh
- ✓ 25th Governor : Shaktikanta Das
- ✓ **RBI Deputy Governor (4)**
 1. Tavarana Rabi Sankar
 2. Mukesh Kumar Jain
 3. Michael D Patra
 4. M Rajeshwar Rao
- ✓ **FIVE SUBSIDIARIES OF RBI :**
 1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
 2. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
 3. Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
 4. Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS).
 5. Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- ✓ India has four currency note printing presses.
- ✓ Nashik in Maharashtra and Dewas in Madhya Pradesh owned by govt of India.
- ✓ Mysuru in Karnataka and Salboni in West Bengal owned by RBI.
- ✓ Coins are minted in four mints owned by the Government of India.
- ✓ Mumbai, Hyderabad, Calcutta and Noida



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Q. Which country proposed to organise a joint border operation named 'Solidarity-2023' for SCO member countries?

- A) Kazakhstan B) Uzbekistan
C) Kyrgyzstan D) China

Answer : D

- ✓ India and other members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) have extended their support to China-led initiative "Solidarity-2023", in a bid to organise a joint border operation in 2023.
- ✓ This was announced by Director of Border Security Force (BSF) General Pankaj Kumar Singh after concluding the eighth meeting of heads of border authorities of SCO member states.
- ✓ This meeting was held in Delhi, under the chairmanship of India.
- ✓ Member States supported the initiative of China to conduct a joint border operation of the border services of the competent authorities of the SCO member states Solidarity 2023 next year under its organizing role.

Q. Which of the following country has been retained in the 'Grey List' of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Pakistan will still remain in the Monitoring List (Grey List) of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) set up to prevent international funding of terrorist organizations and terrorists. In the review meeting of FATF in Paris, the steps taken by Pakistan to stop terrorist funding have been praised.
- ✓ The decision was announced after the conclusion of the 4 day FATF plenary in Berlin.
- ✓ According to the rules of FATF, the decision to remove any country from the gray list is taken by the team of top officials after physical examination i.e. visiting the said country. Pakistan has been on the watch list of FATF since June 2018. It is the longest-serving country on this list.
- ✓ FATF removed Malta from its "grey list" but added Gibraltar.
- ✓ **FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (FATF)**
- ✓ The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 during the G7 Summit in Paris



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- ✓ The objectives of the FATF are to set standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system
- ✓ **FATF has two lists:**
- ✓ **Grey List** : Countries that are considered safe haven for supporting terror funding and money laundering are put in the FATF grey list. This inclusion serves as a warning to the country that it may enter the blacklist.
- ✓ **Black List** : Countries known as Non-Cooperative Countries or Territories (NCCTs) are put in the blacklist. These countries support terror funding and money laundering activities. The FATF revises the blacklist regularly, adding or deleting entries
- ✓ **Impact on Pakistan** : By remaining on the “Grey List”, it would be difficult for Pakistan to get financial aid from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank and European Union, making its financial condition more precarious.
- ✓ The FATF had issued the 27-point action plan after placing Pakistan on the ‘Grey List’ in June 2018. The action plan pertains to curbing money laundering and terror financing.
- ✓ India became the member of FATF in 2010
- ✓ **Financial Action Task Force (on Money Laundering) (FATF)**
Founded : 1989
Headquarters : Paris, France
Membership : 39
President : T. Raja Kumar (Singapore)

Q. Which country has become the Largest Importer of Indian Broken Rice?

- A) China
- B) Russia
- C) Egypt
- D) Philippines

Answer : A

- ✓ China has become the largest importer or buyer of broken rice.
- ✓ It has surpassed African countries as the leading importer of broken rice in India.
- ✓ During the pandemic, China took the lead as the largest importer of broken rice in India.
- ✓ 7.7 percent has been imported to China which is 16.34 lakh metric tonnes, and India’s total export is 212.10 Lakh metric tonnes in the year 2021-2022



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- ✓ China, India, and Indonesia are the top three rice-producing countries in the world.
- ✓ India occupies the next position in rice production after China.
- ✓ West Bengal is the largest rice producing State in India.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh is the second highest rice producing state, while Punjab is the third highest.
- ✓ The district Karnal is called as the 'Dhan Ka Katora' of Haryana since most of the rice production of Haryana takes place here. The district is also known for the production of Basmati rice.
- ✓ Chhattisgarh is called the bowl of rice, in this bowl most of the rice comes from Dhamtari, because here paddy is cultivated twice a year.

CHINA IN NEWS 2021-22

- China has emerged as the largest importer or buyer of broken rice from India.
- United States overtook China to become India's top trading partner in 2021-22.
- 'Fujian,' China's third most advanced domestically built aircraft carrier launched.
- China successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite Gaofen-3 03 on April 07, 2022, from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre on board a Long March-4C rocket.
- World's longest Metro line opened in China.
- China launches 5-year plan to become a hub of world robotics innovation by 2025.
- China launched world's 1st Earth Science Satellite named "Guangmu".
- China launches new camera satellite with 5m resolution. The satellite, called "Ziyuan-1 02E" or "Five Meter 02 Optical Satellite".
- China launches "Shijian-6 05" satellites for Space Exploration launched by a Long March-4B rocket.
- China successfully launched a new satellite named Shijian-21.
- Yahoo Inc. stops its services in China ended its 22-year presence.
- China's Yang Qian wins 1st gold of Tokyo Olympics in air rifle.
- China has launched the world's largest emission trading system.
- China recently harvested its first crop of 'Space Rice',.
- China is constructing world's first onshore commercial modular small reactor 'Linglong One' at the Changjiang Nuclear Power Plant.



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- China turns on world's 2nd-biggest hydropower dam; The Baihetan Dam is set up on the Jinsha River.
- China space station: Shenzhou-12 delivers first crew to Tianhe module.
- China sent the cargo craft Tianzhou-2 into space.
- India emerges as second-largest insurance technology market in Asia-Pacific region after China.
- China successfully launches new ocean observation satellite Haiyang-2D.
- China's First Mars Rover 'ZhuRong' Successfully Lands on the Red Planet.
- China becomes the world's first country to ban synthetic cannabinoids.
- China successfully launches Yaogan-34 remote sensing satellite.
- Chinese firm 'Ping An Insurance' emerged as the world's most valuable insurance brand.
- China launches core module of its space station.
- China Launches Robot Prototype 'NEO-01' Clear Space Debris.
- China names its first-ever Mars rover "Zhurong" .
- China launches its 1st independent mission to Mars
- **CHINA**
Capital : Beijing
Currency : Renminbi (yuan)
President : Xi Jinping
India and China 'Hand-in-Hand' Exercise
Table tennis is the national sport of China

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated ₹920-crore Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor in which city?

- A) Delhi
- B) Varanasi
- C) Lucknow
- D) Gorakhpur

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates ₹920-crore Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor in Delhi.



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- ✓ The project includes a tunnel and five underpasses and aims to provide relief from heavy traffic in the national capital.
- ✓ The 1.6-km-long tunnel, which will be Delhi's first, will allow commuters travelling to India Gate and other central Delhi areas from east Delhi, Noida, and Ghaziabad to ditch traffic snarls at ITO, Mathura Road, and Bhairon Marg.

Q. With which country India has held the first Physical Joint Consultative Commission Meeting in New Delhi?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ India & Bangladesh have the first Physical Joint Consultative Commission Meeting in New Delhi.
- ✓ The meeting has co-chaired by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Bangladeshi counterpart AK Abdul Momen.
- ✓ It will review the entire meeting of bilateral relations, including cooperation in the wake of Covid19, border security, trade and investment, connectivity, energy, water resources, development partnership and regional-multilateral issues

Q. Which two banks have been declared as 'Protected System' of computer resources of UPI Management Unit NPCI under the IT Act, 2000?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The government has declared computer resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and UPI managing entity NPCI to be 'protected systems' under the IT Act, 2000.
- ✓ Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), in the notification declared the IT resources of the private sector lender as critical infrastructure under Section 70 of the IT Act, 2000.
- ✓ This implies that any harm to these resources can have an impact on national security, economy, public health or safety.



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- ✓ Further, any unauthorised person accessing these resources may be jailed for up to 10 years.

Q. What was the net direct tax collection of India for the financial year 2022-23 up to June 2022?

- A) Rs 3,39,225 crore
- B) Rs 2,14,478 crore
- C) Rs 5,26,546 crore
- D) Rs 4,55,136 crore

Answer : A

- ✓ India's direct tax collections for the Financial Year 2022-23, as on June 2022, showed net collections at Rs 3,39,225 crore compared with Rs 2,33,651 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding year, representing an increase of 45%.
- ✓ Net collection in the current financial year has registered a growth of 171% over the corresponding period of financial year 2020-21.

✓ DIRECT TAX

- ✓ Definition :- Direct taxes are those which usually levied on a person's income is paid directly by taxpayers or an organization to tax authorities of the Government of India
- ✓ Example : Income tax, corporation tax, property tax, Wealth tax, inheritance tax.

✓ INDIRECT TAX

- ✓ When a seller collects the tax from the buyer first and then pays the same to the government.
- ✓ Examples : Sales tax, entertainment tax, Stamp & Registration fees, State excise duty, Service tax, and Excise duty.

Q. Which Indian-origin architect has been named Commissioner of England history preservation body?

- A) Nairita Chakraborty
- B) Bharat Ramamurti
- C) Gautam Raghavan
- D) Mala Adiga

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian-origin architect and design advocate Nairita Chakraborty has been appointed to the prestigious role of Commissioner of Historic England.



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✓ She is already a member of Historic England's Advisory Committee and will start her new role as Commissioner from July 1 for a term of four years until June 2026.

Q. Which country's Divyang cricket team defeated Nepal to win the Lifebuoy Cup 2022 T20 series?

- A) England
B) India
C) Sri Lanka
D) South Africa

Answer : B

- ✓ India Divyang Cricket Team won Lifebuoy Cup 2022 T20 series against Nepal
- ✓ Indian Divyang Cricket team lifted Lifebuoy Cup 2022 by winning a series against Nepal, being organised by Wheelchair Cricket Association Nepal at Mulpani International Cricket Stadium Kathmandu.
- ✓ The Indian Divyang cricket team ensured their series win by winning the first and second matches. Nepal won the last match.
- ✓ Indian cricket team captain – Sayed Shah Aziz
- ✓ Nepal cricket team captain – Ramprakash Kharel

Q. Who has won the men's singles title of Indonesia Open 2022?

- A) Alexander Zverev
B) Dominic Thiem
C) Viktor Axelsen
D) Anders Antonsen

Answer : C

- ✓ World number one Viktor Axelsen won Indonesia Open for the second consecutive year after defeating China's Zhao Jun Peng 21-9, 21-10
- ✓ Viktor Axelsen is a Danish (Denmark) badminton player.

Q. Who has won the women's singles title of Indonesia Open 2022?

- A) Carolina Marin
B) Naomi Osaka
C) Sofia Kenin
D) Tai Tzu Ying

Answer : D

- ✓ Tai Tzu Ying defeated Asian champion Wang ZhiYi of China to win her third women's singles title at Indonesia Open 2022.



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- ✓ Notably, this is Tai Tzu's second consecutive title on the BWF World Tour after the Thailand Open.
- ✓ Tai Tzu-ying is a Taiwanese badminton player
- ✓ INDONESIA OPEN 2022 (BADMINTON)
Men's singles :Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
Women's singles :Tai Tzu-ying (Taiwan)

Q. Who among the following has launched the torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad at the Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex in Delhi?

- A) Anurag Thakur B) Narendra Modi
C) Amit Shah D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad at Delhi's Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex.
- ✓ It is for the first time that a Chess Olympiad torch relay has been instituted.
- ✓ It is also the first time India is hosting this competition
- ✓ India has been picked as the host nation for the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022.
- ✓ The 44th edition of the Olympiad is scheduled to be held in Chennai. from 26th July 2022 to 8th August 2022.
- ✓ This is the first time that India will host the FIDE Chess Olympiad since its inception in 1927.
- ✓ International Chess Federation (FIDE) headquarter: Lausanne, Switzerland

Q. World Refugee Day is observed on which day?

- A) 18 June B) 20 June
C) 19 June D) 17 June

Answer : B

- ✓ World Refugee Day is celebrated every year on 20 June. World Refugee Day was designated as an International Day by the UN (United Nations).
- ✓ The day is being celebrated to honour the refugees around the world. Refugees are people who are being forced to leave their homeland due to terror, conflicts, wars, prosecutions, or any other crises.
- ✓ World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.



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Q. Which brand has emerged as the world's most valuable brand in 2022 according to the Kantar Brandz Most Valuable Global Report?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Apple was the most valuable brand in the world, with a brand value of \$947 billion. It was followed by other tech giants Google, Amazon and Microsoft, in the same order. Facebook, which recently changed its name to Meta, stood at the eight position as its brand value was nearly a fifth of Apple's.

APPLE IN NEWS 2021-22

- Apple was the most valuable brand in the world, with a brand value of \$947 billion, according to the Kantar Brandz report.
- Apple to help protect and conserve mangroves in Maharashtra.
- Apple retained the title as world's valuable brand in Brand Finance 2022.
- Apple becomes world's first company to hit \$3 trillion M-Cap.
- Apple is the world's most valuable company (USD 2,443 billion) according to the Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2021; Reliance top Indian.
- Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak launches space start-up Privateer.

➤ **APPLE**

Founded : April 1, 1976

Headquarteres : California, US

Chairman : Arthur D. Levinson

CEO : Tim Cook



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World's most valuable brands

Rank 2022	Brand	Country of origin	Brand value 2022 (\$B)	Brand value 2021 (\$B)	Brand value change 2022 vs 2021
1	Apple	U.S.	\$947.06	\$611.99	55%
2	Google	U.S.	819.57	457.99	79
3	Amazon	U.S.	705.64	683.85	3
4	Microsoft	U.S.	611.46	410.27	49
5	Tencent	China	214.02	240.93	-11
6	McDonald's	U.S.	196.52	154.92	27
7	Visa	U.S.	191.03	191.28	0
8	Facebook	U.S.	186.42	226.74	-18
9	Alibaba	China	169.96	196.91	-14
10	Louis Vuitton	France	124.27	75.73	64

MOST IMPORTANT BRAND REPORT IN NEWS 2022

➤ **As per Kantar Brandz, 2022 'Most Valuable Global Brands report**

Most valuable brand : Apple (USD 947 billion)

2nd : Google (USD 819 billion)

3rd : Amazon (USD 705 billion)

TOP Indian Companies : TCS (46 Rank) : USD 50 billion

➤ **According to the Brand Finance 2022 Global 500 report**

Most valuable brand : Apple (\$355.1 billion)

2nd : Amazon

3rd : Google

Top Indian brand : Tata Group (78 Rank) : US\$23.9 billion

➤ **Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022**

TOP : Berkshire Hathaway



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Indian firm top : Reliance (53 Rank)

2nd : State Bank of India (105 Rank)

- **Brand Finance report**
- World's most valuable insurance brand : Ping An Insurance, China
- Life Insurance Corporation has been ranked at 10th

Q. Which is the most valuable Global Brand from India, as per the Kantar Brandz report 2022?

- A) Infosys
B) Reliance
C) HDFC Bank
D) Tata Consultancy Service (TCS)

Answer : D

- ✓ According to Kantar Brandz 2022 Most Valuable Global Report, four Indian company Tata Consultancy Service (TCS), Infosys, Life Insurance Company (LIC) , and HDFC Bank were featured among the top 100 global biggest brands.
- ✓ Apple retains its first position to become the first trillion dollar brand value of 947. 1 billion US dollar followed by Google, Amazon, and Microsoft.
- ✓ TCS has the most valuable brand coming out of India with 46th position.
- ✓ TCS has the second biggest brand in Asia Pacific region. Samsung has the second position with 54 billion US dollar brand value and HDFC Bank and Infosys stood at third and fourth position on the list respectively
- ✓ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**
Founded : 1968
Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chairman : Natarajan Chandrasekaran
MD & CEO : Rajesh Gopinathan

Q. Tata Consultancy Service (TCS) has topped from India as the most valuable brand 2022, according to the Kantar Brandz Most Valuable Global Report . What is the global rank of the brand?

- A) 65
B) 82
C) 78
D) 46

Answer : D



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- ✓ TCS was the most valuable brand coming out of India, which sat on the 46th spot of the list. The company's brand value is estimated to be \$50 billion by Kantar Brands 2022, the author of the 'Most Valuable Global Brands' report.

Top 4 Indian Companies:

Rank	Brand	Value (in USD)
46	TCS	50
61	HDFC Bank	35
64	Infosys	33
92	LIC	23

Q. Which country hosted the 14th BRICS Summit 2022?

- A) India
- B) Brazil
- C) China
- D) Russia

Answer : C

- ✓ China's President Xi Jinping will host the 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on June 23.
- ✓ Theme: Foster High Quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development.
- ✓ China took over the rotating chairmanship of BRICS on January 01, 2022, from India and will host a series of activities including the 14th BRICS Summit
- ✓ India's BRICS Sherpa of 2022 Sanjay Bhattacharyya represented Indian delegation.
- ✓ BRICS comprise of five major emerging economies, which includes Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- ✓ **LIST OF BRICS SUMMIT**
- ✓ 1st Bric summit 2009 : Russia
- ✓ 4th Bric summit 2012 : India
- ✓ 8th Bric summit 2016 : India
- ✓ 11th Bric summit 2019 : Brazil
- ✓ 12th Bric summit 2020 : Russia



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- ✓ 13th Brics summit 2021 : India
- ✓ 14th Brics summit 2022 : China
- ✓ **BRICS KEY FACTS:-**
- ✓ Establishment: 2006
- ✓ BRICS : Brazil, India, Russia, China and South Africa
- ✓ Members: 5 (Brazil, India, Russia, China and South Africa).
- ✓ First summit: 16 June 2009 in Russia (Yekaterinburg) .
- ✓ Global exposure: Comprises 43% of the world population, 17% share in the world trade.
- ✓ The term "BRIC" was coined by then-chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, Jim O'Neill in 2001
- ✓ This organisation has a very prominent role in the world economy because it represents around 43% of the world's population and 30% of the world's GDP

Q. 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) of World Trade Organization concluded which country?

A) Denmark B) Sweden
C) Norway D) Switzerland

Answer : D

- ✓ The 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) of World Trade Organization concluded at Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ The Conference was co-hosted by Kazakhstan.
- ✓ The ministers from across the world attended the meeting to review the functioning of the multilateral trading system, make general statements and to take action on the future work of the WTO.
- ✓ **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. Khuvsul Lake National Park has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserve of UNESCO. Khuvsul Lake National Park is located in which country?

- A) Brazil
B) Maldives
C) Mongolia
D) South Africa

Answer : C

- ✓ Khuvsul Lake National Park of Mongolia has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserve of UNESCO.
- ✓ The decision was made during the 34th session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme taking place in Paris, France.
- ✓ Khuvsgul Lake is located in the northern Mongolian province of Khuvsgul near the Russian border.
- ✓ It is the largest fresh water lake of Mongolia, by volume. In terms of area, it is the second largest lake in Mongolia. The lake is located at about 200 km west of Lake Baikal. It is nicknamed as “Younger sister” of two “sister lakes”. It freezes over completely in winter.
- ✓ The Man and Biosphere Programme is an intergovernmental scientific program. It was set up in early 1970s by UNESCO.
- ✓ The primary aim of the programme is to establish a scientific basis for enhancing relationship between people and their environments.
- ✓ Khuvsgul Lake is surrounded by several mountain ridges. The highest of them is Burenkhaan or Monk Saridag. Its peak lies exactly on Russian-Mongolian border

MONGOLIA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Khuvsul Lake National Park of Mangolia has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserve of UNESCO.
- Holy Relics of Lord Buddha to be taken from India to Mongolia for an 11-day exposition on occasion of Mongolia’s Buddha Purnima on 14th June, 2022.
- Indian Army participates in a multinational exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2022” where 16 other countries also took part in Mongolia.
- The armed force of the country China, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand will take part in a multinational peacekeeping exercise named “Shared Destiny-2021”.



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- RK Sabharwal has been honoured with the highest civilian award of Mongolia 'The Order of Polar Star' by his excellency.
- ICC welcomes Mongolia, Tajikistan and Switzerland as new members.
- **MONGOLIA**
Capital : Ulaanbaatar
Currency : Tögrög
President : Ukhnaa Khurelsukh
Nomadic Elephant joint exercise between India and Mongolia

Q. Who has won the Women's Prize for fiction this year for novel "The Book of From and Emptiness"?

A) Ruth Ozeki

B) Toni Morrison

C) Margaret Atwood

D) Louise Erdrich

Answer : A

- ✓ US-Canadian, film-maker, author and Zen Buddhist priest, Ruth Ozeki has won the Women's Prize for fiction this year for novel "The Book of From and Emptiness".
- ✓ This novel "The Book of From and Emptiness" tells the story of a 13 year old boy who after the tragic death of his father, starts to hear voice of objects speaking to him.
- ✓ She was announced as the winner of the 30,000 euro prize at ceremony of London,UK.

Q. Who has written the Biography of Gautam Adani, titled "Gautam Adani- The Man Who Changed India"?

A) Vijay Gokhale

B) Kaveree Bamzai

C) R N Bhaskar

D) Vishram Bedekar

Answer : C

- ✓ The biography of billionaire, industrialist Gautam Adani will be released in October, announced by Penguin Random House.
- ✓ The book written by Journalist-author R N Bhaskar, "Gautam Adani- The Man Who Changed India", claims to bring first time, the unknown aspects of one of the richest men in the world.



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Q. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Center for Brain Research (CBR) set up at a cost of Rs 280 in which institute?

- A) IISc Bengaluru B) IIT Madras
C) IIT Kharagpur D) IIT Hyderabad

Answer : A

- ✓ PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Center for Brain Research (CBR) set up at a cost of Rs 280 crore at the Indian Institute of Science campus (IISc) Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ✓ He also laid the foundation stone for Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispecialty Hospital at IISc Bengaluru.
- ✓ The Centre for Brain Research is developed as one of its kind research facility and focuses on conducting vital research to provide evidence based public health interventions to manage age related brain disorders.

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the redeveloped Shree Kalika Mata temple atop the Pavagadh hill in the Panchmahal district of which state?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the redeveloped Shree Kalika Mata temple atop the Pavagadh hill in the Panchmahal district of Gujarat.
- ✓ Addressing the gathering the Prime Minister said that this temple also symbolizes 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas
- ✓ About kalika Mata temple
- ✓ Kalika Mata Temple is a Hindu goddess temple complex and pilgrim centre at the summit of Pavagadh Hill in Panchmahal District, India, with in the Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park.
- ✓ It dates from the 10th or 11th centuries.
- ✓ The temple is the site of one of the Great holy Shakti Peethas.
- ✓ The temple complex is part of the Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ✓ Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park It is located in the Panchmahal District of Gujarat State in north-western India, features a concentration of archaeological, historical, and living cultural heritage properties cradled in an impressive landscape.



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GUJARAT IN NEWS 2021-22

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the renovated Shree Kalika Mata temple at Pavagadh Hill in Gujarat's Panchmahal district.
- India's first 'Balika Panchayat' constituted in five villages of Gujarat.
- Gujarat to host the National Education Ministers' Conference.
- Tata Motors Inks Pact For Potential Acquisition Of Ford India's Plant In Gujarat.
- PM has launched the country's first liquid nano urea plant at Kalol, Gujarat.
- World bank sanctioned USD 350 million for SRESTHA-G project to Gujarat.
- India's first steel road featured in Gujarat.
- Gujarat government inked an agreement with Isha Outreach to conserve soil.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi used video conferencing to address the Utkarsh Samaroh in Bharuch, Gujarat.
- The country is set to get its first high-speed rail training center at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Exide and Switzerland's Leclanché's joint venture Nexcharge begins production in Gujarat.
- Maharashtra and Gujarat celebrated their statehood day on 1st May 2022.
- PM Modi inaugurated development projects worth Rs 22,000 crores in Dahod, Gujarat.
- India's first steel road featured in Gujarat.
- India and the WHO have agreed to establish a global traditional medicine centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- Gujarat Govt to receive Rs 7,500 Cr Loan from World Bank, AIIB.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel unveils new Biotechnology Policy 2022-27 to strengthen innovation ecosystem.
- Adani Group inks MoU with South Korea's largest steelmaker POSCO to develop steel mill in Gujarat.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0
- Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and GAIL (India) Limited team up to establish bioethanol plant in Gujarat.
- SBI to acquire 9.95% stake in GIFT-IFSC-based Clearing Corp.
- Gujarat became India's Largest Manufacturing Hub, according to data from the RBI



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- Gujarat CM launches 'Aatmanirbhar Gram Yatra' from Mahemdabad near Ahmedabad
- Gujarat launches e-Sarkar app on pilot basis for paperless administration
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched 'Go Green' Scheme
- India's first 'test tube' Banni buffalo calf born in Gujarat
- Bhupendra Patel has been chosen as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat
- PM Modi addresses Investor Summit in Gujarat virtually and launches 'Vehicle Scrappage Policy'
- DefExpo-2022 is scheduled to be held in Gujarat's Gandhinagar from March 2022.
- Dholavira, the Harappan City in Gujarat's Rann of Kutch inscribed as India's 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- India's first maritime arbitration centre to be set up in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Amazon has launched its first Digital Kendra in India in Surat, Gujarat.
- Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani e-launches Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021.
- Gujarat CM has launched a web portal named "e-Nirman".
- Gujarat Maritime Board to Set-up India's First International Maritime Services Cluster at GIFT City.

Q. Gustavo Petro has become the President of which country?

- A) Mexico
- B) Peru
- C) Argentina
- D) Colombia

Answer : D

- ✓ Gustavo Petro has become Colombia's President after winning the country's Presidential Elections on 19 June 2022.
- ✓ He won against Rodolfo Hernandez and will take office in August 2022.
- ✓ Francia Marquez will become the country's first black woman Vice President.
- ✓ She had won the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize in 2018 for opposing gold mining in Suarez..
- ✓ **COLOMBIA**
Capital : Bogotá
Currency : Peso



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NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2021-22

PRESIDENT	COUNTRY
Gustavo Petro	Colombia
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
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. **Satish Chandra Sharma has been appointed as the chief justice of which High Court?**
- A) Rajasthan High court B) Delhi High court
C) Guwahati High court D) Telangana High Court

Answer : B



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Q. Who has been appointed as the chief justice of Telangana High Court?

A) Ujjal Bhuyan

B) Vipin Sanghi

C) S S Shinde

D) Rashmin M Chhaya

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Law and Justice notified the appointment to six high courts namely Delhi, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and Guwahati.
- ✓ Chief justice of Delhi High Court – Satish Chandra Sharma
- ✓ Chief justice of Uttarakhand High Court – Vipin Sanghi
- ✓ Chief justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court – Amjad A Sayed
- ✓ Chief justice of Rajasthan High Court – S S Shinde
- ✓ Chief justice of Guwahati High Court – Rashmin M Chhaya
- ✓ Chief justice of Telangana High Court – Ujjal Bhuyan
- ✓ Calcutta High court is the oldest high court in India, it was established in the year 1862.
- ✓ In the same year, Bombay and Madras High court were established.
- ✓ Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta are the three chartered high courts in India.
- ✓ There are currently 25 high courts in India as of September-2020.
- ✓ Telangana and the Andhra Pradesh high courts are the newly-formed high courts of India, which were formed in the year 2019.
- ✓ In India, the Chief Justice of the High Court is appointed by President.
- ✓ Articles 214-231 deal with the provisions of the High Courts in India.
- ✓ Article 217 of the Indian Constitution states that the Judge of a High Court shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Chief Justice of India, and the Governor of the State
- ✓ According to Article 222, the President may after consultation with the chief justice of India transfer a judge from one High Court to any High Court.
- ✓ High Court Judge sends his letter of resignation to the President.
- ✓ The High Court has the jurisdiction under Article 226 to issue directions, orders or writs for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights.
- ✓ Leila Seth was the first woman Chief Justice of a state high court in India.
- ✓ She became the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in 1991.
- ✓ She was also the first woman Judge of the Delhi High Court



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- ✓ **Bombay High Court** : The high court's jurisdiction extends to the states of Goa and Maharashtra, as well as the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
- ✓ **Calcutta High Court** : West Bengal and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are under the jurisdiction of the Calcutta High Court.
- ✓ **Madras High Court** : Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry are under the jurisdiction of the High Court.
- ✓ **Gauhati High Court** : Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, and Nagaland are the four states that the High Court has jurisdiction over.
- ✓ **Kerala High Court** : Kerala and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep are under the jurisdiction of the High Court
- ✓ **Punjab and Haryana High Court** : Punjab and Haryana, as well as the Union Territory of Chandigarh, are under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

Q. Who has won the Formula One (F1) 2022 Canadian Grand Prix?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Red Bull driver Max Verstappen won Canadian Grand Prix 2022
- ✓ It was Verstappen's first Canadian victory in his 150th career start, his sixth this year and the 26th of his career.

FORMULA ONE RACE IN NEWS 2022

- Red Bull driver Max Verstappen won Canadian Grand Prix 2022 (his sixth victory of the season)
- Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Azerbaijan Formula One 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.



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➤ Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco) has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2022

Q. Who is the author of the book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan –Ankani Kahani'?

- A) Salman Khurshid B) Ram Bahadur Rai
C) Chidanand Rajghatta D) Nirupama Rao

Answer : B

- ✓ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi released Ram Bahadur Rai's book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani'.
- ✓ The book, along with the history of independence and the untold chapters of our constitution will give a new thinking to the youth of the country.
- ✓ Ram Bahadur Rai is a senior Hindi journalist. He is Former news editor of Hindi daily Jansatta

Q. International Day of Yoga is celebrated on which day?

- A) 20 June
B) 23 June
C) 21 June
D) 22 June

Answer : C

- ✓ International Yoga Day was first recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014.
- ✓ The 8th edition of International Yoga Day is being observed on 21 June.
- ✓ Theme 2022 – Yoga for Humanity
- ✓ Union Ministry of Ayush has confirmed the observance of the 8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) on June 21 at Mysuru city, which is known as the cultural capital and major historic destination of Karnataka state.
- ✓ United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, in his Yoga message for 2022, said that this year's theme reminds everyone "how yoga is truly universal." On how yoga has helped people during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ Aim – To raise awareness worldwide of many benefits of practicing yoga.
- ✓ The first International Day of Yoga was observed in 2015 at Rajpath in New Delhi



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

- A) Yoga for Peace
B) Yoga for well-being
C) Yoga for Humanity
D) Yoga for Climate Action

Answer : C

Q. The World Hydrography Day is marked every year on ___

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Every year the World Hydrography Day is observed on 21 June to make the public aware about the hydrography and the essential role that it plays in everyone's life.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly accepted a resolution to celebrate World Hydrography Day on every June 21 in 2005.
- ✓ The day is organised by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) since 2006 to publicise the work of hydrographers and the importance of hydrography.

Q. The World Humanist Day is observed annually on ___

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

Answer : D

- ✓ The World Humanist Day is celebrated every year around the world on the June solstice, which usually falls on June 21.
- ✓ The day aims to spread awareness of Humanism as a philosophical life stance and means to effect change in the world.
- ✓ The day has been organised by the International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU), since 1980.
- ✓ IHEU is the global federation for Humanist, atheist, rationalist, ethical culture, secularist and other freethought groups.

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

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



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Answer : C

- ✓ World Music Day (Fête de la Musique, as called in French) takes place on 21 June every year to honor the amateur and professional musicians, and to encourage them to showcase their work to the world.
- ✓ The first ever music day took place in 1982 in Paris.

Q. Who has won the men's singles title at 2022 Indonesia Masters badminton tournament?

- A) Dominic Thiem
- B) Alexander Zverev
- C) Viktor Axelsen
- D) Anders Antonsen

Answer : C

- ✓ BWF Indonesia Masters 2022: Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) and Chen Yufei (China) won men's and women's singles titles
- ✓ The 2022 Indonesia Masters badminton tournament (officially known as the Daihatsu Indonesia Masters) took place at the Istora Gelora Bung Karno, Jakarta, Indonesia.
- ✓ Olympic champions Viktor Axelsen and Chen Yufei clinched the respective men's and women's singles titles at the BWF Indonesia Masters 2022.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP IN NEWS 2021-22

- BWF INDONESIA MASTERS 2022 (BADMINTON)
Men's singles : Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
Women's singles : Chen Yufei (China)
- UBER CUP 2022 (WOMEN'S BADMINTON)
Winner : South Korea
Runner up : China
- THOMAS CUP 2022 (MEN'S BADMINTON)
Winner : India
Runner up : Indonesia
- SWISS OPEN 2022 (BADMINTON)
Women's singles : P.V. Sindhu defeated Busanan Ongbamrunphan (Thailand)
Men's singles : Jonatan Christie (Indonesia) defeated HS Prannoy
- ALL ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 (BADMINTON)
Men's Singles : Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) defeated Lakshya Sen (India)



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Women's Singles : Akane Yamaguchi (Japan) defeated An Se-young (South Korea)

➤ GERMAN OPEN 2022 (BADMINTON)

Men's singles – Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand) beat Lakshya Sen (India)

Women's singles – He Bingjiao (China) beat Chen Yufei (China)

➤ ODISHA OPEN 2022 (BADMINTON)

Men's Single – Kiran George

Women's Single – Unnati Hooda

➤ SYED MODI INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT 2022 (BADMINTON)

Women's singles : PV Sindhu defeated Malvika Bansod

➤ MAIDEN SUPER 500 TITLE, 2022 INDIA OPEN (BADMINTON)

Men's Single : Lakshya Sen (India)

Women's Single : Busanan Ongbamrunghan (Thailand)

➤ BWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

Men's Singles : Loh Kean Yew (Singapore)

Runner : Srikanth Kidambi (India)

Women's Singles : Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)

➤ BWF WORLD TOUR FINALS 2021

Women's Singles : An Se Young (South Korea) defeated PV Sindhu (India)

Men's Single : Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)

➤ TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020 (BADMINTON)

Men's singles - Viktor Axelsen

(Denmark) defeated Chen Long (China)

Women's singles : Chen Yufei (China) defeated Tai Tzu-ying (China)

Q. Who has won the women's singles title at 2022 BWF Indonesia Masters badminton tournament?

A) PV Sindhu

B) Chen Yufei

C) Yamaguchi Akane

D) Busanan Ongbamrunghan

Answer : B

✓ BWF Indonesia Masters badminton Championship 2022



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- ✓ Men's singles : Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
- ✓ Women's singles : Chen Yufei (China)

Q. In June 2022, Indian and Indonesian Navy undertook which edition of the Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) exercise in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca?

- A) 37th
- B) 40th
- C) 38th
- D) 34th

Answer : C

- ✓ The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Navy Units of Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC) and Indonesian Navy is being conducted from June 13 to 24 2022 in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca.
- ✓ The 38th CORPAT is the first post pandemic Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two countries.
- ✓ It includes a visit by the Indonesian Navy units to ANC at Port Blair from June 13 to 15, 2022 followed by a Sea Phase in the Andaman Sea and visit by IN Units to Sabang (Indonesia) from June 23 to 24, 2022.
- ✓ The two Navies have been carrying out CORPAT along their International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) since 2002.
- ✓ Indonesia will host the Summit of the G20 Group in 2022
- ✓ **INDONESIA**
- ✓ Capital : Jakarta
- ✓ New Capital : Nusantara
- ✓ Currency : Rupiah
- ✓ President : Joko Widodo
- ✓ Samudra Shakti Naval Exercise : India and Indonesia
- ✓ Garuda Shakti Military Exercise : India and Indonesia
- ✓ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) : Headquarters : Jakarta, Indonesia

Q. Which state's team has won the 4th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021 title?

- A) Haryana
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Karnataka
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : A



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- ✓ Haryana won the 4th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021 title. This was Haryana's second KIYG title. Haryana won the inaugural title in 2018 but finished second to Maharashtra in the next two seasons.
- ✓ Haryana grabbed the top position in the medal tally with 137 medals (52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze).
- ✓ Maharashtra got second position by winning 125 medals including 45 gold, 40 silver and 40 bronze medals. Karnataka remained at third place with 22 gold, 17 silver and 28 bronze medals.
- ✓ Karnataka swimmer Aneesh Gowda won the highest number of medals (6 Gold)
- ✓ Sports Ministry has approved the inclusion of four indigenous Games to be a part of Khelo India Youth Games 2021, which is scheduled to be held in Haryana. The four new games are, Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba
- ✓ It is worth noting that the Khelo India Youth Games were held from June 4 to June 13, 2022 in Chandigarh, Delhi, Shahabad and Ambala, including the Tau Devilal Stadium in Panchkula.
- ✓ Haryana won the maximum 38 medals in wrestling, including 16 gold, 10 silver and 12 bronze.
- ✓ Haryana became the overall champion in boxing by winning the most gold medals in boxing competitions. Haryana players won 10 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals in Boxing.
- ✓ This was the fourth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games. Some 4,700 athletes including 2,262 women from all 36 states and union territories of India participated in KIYG 2021.
- ✓ Host Haryana fielded the largest contingent with 398 athletes, followed by Maharashtra with 357. A total of 33 states won at least one medal in KIYG 2021 while 28 won at least one gold.
- ✓ The mascot, official logo, theme song, and the official jersey of the Fourth Khelo India Youth Games were launched on 7th May 2022 at Panchkula, Haryana by Anurag Thakur, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. The name of the mascot is 'Dhakad.'



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RANK	STATE				TOTAL
1	Haryana	52	39	46	137
2	Maharashtra	45	40	40	125
3	Karnataka	22	17	28	67
4	Manipur	19	4	5	28
5	Kerala	18	19	18	55
6	Delhi	15	15	49	79
7	Tamil Nadu	14	14	24	52
8	Madhya	12	11	15	38
9	Punjab	11	15	16	42

Q. Indian government has introduced the Agnipath Military recruitment scheme, a 4-year tenure scheme for the defense troops. The scheme is being implemented by which department?

- A) Department of Defence
- B) Department of Defence Production
- C) Department of Military Affairs
- D) Department of Defence Research and Development

Answer : C

- ✓ The Indian government has introduced the Agnipath Military recruitment scheme, a 4-year tenure scheme for the defense troops.
- ✓ The scheme will facilitate the induction of more troops for shorter-term tenures. The scheme has been planned and is being implemented by the Department of Military Affairs.
- ✓ Under the scheme, candidates will join the defense forces and continue for a period of four years only. The scheme also aims to induct younger candidates.



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- ✓ Recently, the government has unveiled Agnipath scheme for recruiting soldiers across the Three services (Army, Navy and Airforce).
- ✓ **What is the Agnipath Scheme?**
- ✓ It allows patriotic and motivated youth to serve in the Armed Forces for a period of four years.
- ✓ Under this scheme, the youth joining the army will be called Agniveer. Youth will be able to be recruited into the army for a short duration.
- ✓ Under the new scheme, around 45,000 to 50,000 soldiers will be recruited annually, and most will leave the service in just four years.
- ✓ However, after four years, only 25% of the batch will be recruited back into their respective services, for a period of 15 years.
- ✓ **Eligibility Criteria**
- ✓ It is only for personnel below officer ranks (those who do not join the forces as commissioned officers).
- ✓ Commissioned officers are the army's highest ranked officers.
- ✓ Commissioned officers hold an exclusive rank in the Indian armed forces. They often hold a commission under the president's sovereign power and are officially instructed to protect the country.
- ✓ Aspirants between the ages of 17.5 years and 21 years will be eligible to apply.
- ✓ **Objectives:**
- ✓ It aims at providing an opportunity to the patriotic and motivated youth with the 'Josh' and 'Jazba' to join the Armed Forces.
- ✓ It is expected to bring down the average age profile of the Indian Armed Forces by about 4 to 5 years.
- ✓ The scheme envisions that, the average age in the forces is 32 years today, which will go down to 26 in six to seven years
- ✓ **Benefits for Agniveers:**
- ✓ Upon the completion of the 4-years of service, a one-time 'Seva Nidhi' package of Rs 11.71 lakhs will be paid to the Agniveers that will include their accrued interest thereon.
- ✓ They will also get a Rs 48 lakh life insurance cover for the four years.
- ✓ In case of death, the payout will be over Rs 1 crore, including pay for the unserved tenure.
- ✓ The government will help rehabilitate soldiers who leave the services after four years. They will be provided with skill certificates and bridge courses.
- ✓ **Difficult to Find Another Job:**



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- ✓ The 'Agnipath' scheme opens the way for recruitment of about 45,000 soldiers into Army, Navy and Air Force in the first year but on a short-term contract of four years. After the completion of the contract, 25% of them will be retained and the rest will leave the forces.
- ✓ Our four years of service will mean other jobs will be out of reach after that, and we will be left behind our peers.
- ✓ **No Pension Benefit:**
- ✓ Those hired under the 'Agnipath' scheme will be given a one-time lumpsum of a little more than Rs 11 lakh when they end their four-year tenure.
- ✓ However, they do not receive any pension benefits. For most, seeking a second job is essential to support themselves and their families.

Q. Which state has scored overall highest in national e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA) report 2021?

A) Odisha

B) Kerala

C) Karnataka

D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ The National e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA) report 2021 was published recently. The report was released on June 13, 2022.
- ✓ In this edition, Jammu and Kashmir was assessed for the first time. It has been ranked at 1st position among Union Territories, with overall compliance of around 90 per cent for national e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA).
- ✓ Meghalaya and Nagaland were ranked at top in State Portals with overall compliance of over 90 per cent on all assessment parameters among northeast and hill states.
- ✓ Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Karnataka, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh had a compliance of over 85 per cent among Remaining States category. Kerala topped in this category. Among Services Portals for North-East and Hill States, Meghalaya and Tripura were ranked highest.
- ✓ NeSDA was constituted in 2019, by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under its mandate for boosting e-government endeavours and driving digital government excellence. NeSDA 2021 Portal was officially launched in June 2021 for conducting entire assessment process online.



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KERALA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Kerala will launch India's 1st state-owned over-the-top (OTT) Platform named 'CSpace'
- Kerala signed MoU with Netherlands for "Cosmos Malabaricus" Project to illustrate Kerala's history
- Kerala Becomes First State To Introduce Carbon-Neutral Farming.
- Kerala signed an MoU with Social Alpha to develop clean energy tech
- Kerala got its first-ever scientific bird atlas
- India's first graphene innovation center to be established in Kerala
- Kerala College researchers develop 5G microwave absorber
- Kerala Tourism launched STREET project for experiential tourism
- Bihar has highest level of multidimensional poverty while Kerala is least poor state: NITI Aayog's Multi-dimensional Poverty Index
- India's first Drone Forensic Lab comes up in Kerala
- Perumkulam, in Kollam District, has been bestowed with the title Kerala's first 'Book Village'.
- Kerala removes upper age limit for transgenders seeking admission in State universities
- Pinarayi Vijayan sworn in as Kerala chief minister for second time
- Snakepedia' mobile app launched in Kerala to help treat snake bites
- Kerala Government sanctions Rs. 9 crore to build 48 'Smart' Anganwadis
- Kerala becomes 8th State to complete ease of doing business reforms
- Kerala's first Human Milk Bank (HMB), a state-of-art facility will be opened at the Ernakulam general hospital
- India's First 'Gender Park' to be inaugurated in Kozhikode, Kerala
- India's first Labour Movement Museum to be set up in Alappuzha, Kerala
- Kerala becomes 8th State to complete ease of doing business reforms
- UN Women collaborates with Kerala Government to set up India's first Gender Data Hub
- Kerala best-governed state while Chandigarh top union territory: PAC Report
- Kerala becomes the first state to fix floor price for vegetables
- Kerala becomes 1st state to have completely digital, hi-tech classrooms
- India's 1st solar-powered miniature train launched in Kerala



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- Kerala tops 'The State of young Child in India'
- Kerala launches 'Parivarthanam' scheme for better livelihood of Fishing Community
- Kerala Govt commissioned 1st Marine Ambulance 'PRATHEEKSHA'
- Kerala tops India's literacy chart at 96.2%, Andhra Pradesh worst performer

Q. The first ever India-European Union (EU) security and defense consultation was held in which city?

- A) Paris, France B) London, United Kingdom
C) Brussels, Belgium D) Indonesia, Jakarta

Answer : C

- ✓ First-ever India-European Union (EU) Security and Defence Consultations held in Brussels, on June 10, 2022. The consultations were held in accordance with the decision taken at India-EU Summit in July 2020.
- ✓ Consultations were co-chaired by Joint secretary of Ministry of Defence Somnath Ghosh and Joint Secretary (Europe West) of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Sandeep Chakravorty from India and Director Security and Defence Policy, from European Union.
- ✓ The Maritime Security Dialogue met in February 2022, for the second time. First-ever joint naval exercises between India and EU were held in June 2021
- ✓ European Union (EU)
- ✓ Foundation : 1958
- ✓ Headquarteres : Brussels, Belgium
- ✓ Membership : 27 Countries
- ✓ President of the Commission : Ursula von der Leyen
- ✓ President of the European Council : Charles Michel
- ✓ Presidency of the Council of the EU : Slovenia

Q. What is India's Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation in May 2022?

- A) 7.04% B) 8.12%
C) 6.78% D) 7.56%

Answer : A



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- ✓ India's Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation eased marginally to 7.04% in May from the nearly eight-year high of 7.79% in April.
- ✓ Inflation faced by rural consumers fell from 8.38% in April to 7.01% in May, but for households in urban areas, the pace of price rise was virtually flat month-on-month, moving from 7.09% in April to 7.08% in May.
- ✓ Food price inflation, which had hit a 17-month high of 8.31% in April, eased a little to 7.97% in May thanks to a decline in rural food inflation from 8.5% to 7.76%. However, the Consumer Food Price Index surged further for urban India from 8.09% in April to 8.2% in May.
- ✓ Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- ✓ May 2022 - 7.04%
- ✓ April 2022 - 7.79%
- ✓ March 2022 - 6.95%
- ✓ February 2022 - 6.7%
- ✓ January 2022 - 6.1%
- ✓ Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
- ✓ May 2022 - 15.88%
- ✓ April 2022 - 15.8%
- ✓ March 2022 - 14.55%
- ✓ February 2022 - 13.11%
- ✓ January 2022 - 12.96%
- ✓ **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)**
- ✓ Consumer price index (CPI) is a detailed measure used for the estimation of price changes in a basket of goods and services representative of consumption expenditure in an economy.
- ✓ The CPI is released by The National Statistical Organisation (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- ✓ CPI base year 2012.
- ✓ The WPI is calculated for only goods and CPI is calculated for both goods and services.
- ✓ The WPI is published on a weekly basis for primary articles and fuel and power and is published monthly for the rest of the items, whereas the CPI is released on a monthly basis.



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Q. Which bank has launched its KCC Digital Renewal scheme, enabling eligible customers to renew their Kisan Credit Card accounts via digital modes?

- A) Canara Bank B) Indian Bank
C) Kotak Mahindra Bank D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Bank launched its KCC Digital Renewal scheme, enabling eligible customers to renew their Kisan Credit Card accounts via digital modes.
- ✓ The initiative is part of the bank's digital transformation under project 'WAVE' – World of Advanced Virtual Experience. The account renewals can be done using Indian Bank's IndOASIS mobile app and internet banking.
- ✓ Out of the total agriculture portfolio of ₹88,100 crores, KCC constitutes ₹22,300 crores with 15.84 lakh customers.

Q. Bharat FIH has received market regulator SEBI's approval for an Initial Public Offering (IPO) aggregating to ₹__.

- A) Rs. 4,000 Crore B) Rs. 5,000 Crore
C) Rs. 6,000 Crore D) Rs. 3,000 Crore

Answer : B

- ✓ Bharat FIH has received market regulator SEBI's approval for an Initial Public Offering (IPO) aggregating to ₹5,000 crores.
- ✓ Bharat FIH is a subsidiary of FIH Mobile a leading manufacturing services provider for the mobile handset industry, which is a part of Foxconn Technology Group. The company makes devices for Xiaomi and Nokia.
- ✓ The IPO size comprises a fresh issue worth ₹2,501.9 crore and an offer for sale up to ₹2,501.9 crore by Wonderful Stars.

Q. Which payment solution provider has become the first RBI licensed PPI to launch cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country?

- A) HappyNest B) Cashfree
C) PayUmoney D) OmniCard

Answer : D



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- ✓ Payment solution provider OmniCard became the first RBI licensed PPI to launch cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country.
- ✓ The move came in after RBI permitted the non-bank licensed entities to enable cash withdrawals from the digital wallets.
- ✓ OmniCard users can withdraw cash from any ATM at their convenience with full security from frauds like card theft, card cloning, and PIN skimming. The company is working with NPCI to enable the facility

Q. Who has won the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Players of the Month for May 2022?

A) Tuba Hassan

B) Bismah Maroof

C) Javeria Khan

D) Diana Baig

Answer : A

- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that Sri Lanka's batting star Angelo Mathews and Pakistan's debutante spin sensation Tuba Hassan have been voted the ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month for May 2022.
- ✓ Mathews becomes the first Sri Lankan player to be named the Player of the Month since its inception in January 2021. Tuba is the first female player from Pakistan to win in the award.

ICC PLAYER OF THE MONTHS IN NEWS 2022

- ICC Player of the Month for May 2022
Men's : Angelo Mathews (Sri Lanka)
Women's : Tuba Hassan (Pakistan)
- ICC Player of the Month for April 2022
Men's : Keshav Maharaj (South Africa)
Women's : Alyssa Healy (Australia)
- ICC Player of the Month for March 2022
Men's - Babar Azam (Pakistan)
Women's - Rachael Haynes (Australia)
- ICC Player of the Month for February 2022
Men's - Shreyas Iyer (Indian)
Women's - Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)



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- ICC Player of the Month for January 2022
Men's - Keegan Petersen (South Africa)
Women's - Heather Knight (England)

Q. Which player is named as ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2022

- A) Babar Azam
- B) Ben Stokes
- C) Angelo Mathews
- D) Pat Cummins

Answer : C

- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC)
- ✓ Formation : 15 June 1909
- ✓ Headquarters : Dubai, UAE
- ✓ Chairman : Greg Barclay (New Zealand)
- ✓ New CEO : Geoff Allardice (Australia)
- ✓ Membership : 106 members
- ✓ Deputy Chairman : Imran Khwaja (Singapore)

Q. Which country has become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind Iraq?

- A) Russia
- B) Kuwait
- C) Qatar
- D) Iran

Answer : A

- ✓ Russia in May 2022, has overtaken Saudi Arabia to become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind Iraq.
- ✓ India bought about 25 million barrels of Russian oil in May 2022 or over 16 per cent of all their oil imports.
- ✓ After the US and China, India is the world's third-largest consumer of oil, over 85 per cent of which is imported.

Q. Which telecom company has launched India's first Multiplex in Metaverse in June 2022?

- A) Reliance Jio
- B) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
- C) Vodafone Idea Limited
- D) Bharti Airtel Limited



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Answer : D

- ✓ Bharti Airtel has launched Xstream multiplex.
- ✓ It will be a 20-screen platform with access to content portfolios from leading OTT partners available on the application.
- ✓ Users will be able access the multiplex service on a metaverse platform called Partynite Metaverse.
- ✓ It is India's first multiplex in the metaverse
- ✓ Bharti Airtel
- ✓ Founded : 1995
- ✓ Founder : Sunil Bharti Mittal
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman : Sunil Bharti Mittal
- ✓ MD & CEO : Gopal Vittal

Q. Which university has partnered with Infosys to offer free digital and life skills courses?

- A) Princeton University B) Columbia University
C) Yale University D) Harvard University

Answer : D

- ✓ Infosys has announced a partnership with Harvard University subsidiary, Harvard Business Publishing.
- ✓ It will offer free digital and life skills courses through the former's digital corporate education platform, Springboard.
- ✓ Infosys' Springboard will now host free articles, videos and podcasts from Harvard Business Review (HBR), as well as 10 courses offered under Harvard Manage Mentor.
- ✓ INFOSYS
- ✓ Founded : 1981
- ✓ Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka
- ✓ Chairman : Nandan Nilekani
- ✓ MD & CEO : Salil Parekh

Q. World Blood Donor Day is observed every year on_____

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



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Answer : B

- ✓ World Blood Donor Day is celebrated every year on 14 June to raise awareness as well as thank the various blood donors around the world who do their bit to save a life.
- ✓ This day was first organized by the World Health Organization on June 14, 2005.
- ✓ The host nation for World Blood Donor Day 2022 is Mexico.
- ✓ Theme 2022: "Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives".
- ✓ The day marks the birthday of Karl Landsteiner who discovered the ABO blood group system in 1901.

Q. Which country is the host nation for 2022 World Blood Donor Day?

- A) Sweden B) Japan
C) Italy D) Mexico

Answer : D

Q. Neeraj Chopra has broken his own national record by setting a new record by throwing how many meters to win a silver medal at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland.

- A) 89.30 m B) 87.58 m
C) 90.23 m D) 88.30 m

Answer : A

- ✓ India's ace javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra broke his own national record to set a new one as he threw 89.30 metres, putting him on the second spot in a star-studded field at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland.
- ✓ Chopra's earlier national record was 88.07m which he had set in Patiala in March last year. On August 7, 2021, he won the Tokyo Olympics gold with a throw of 87.58m.
- ✓ The Paavo Nurmi Games, a gold event in the World Athletics Continental Tour, is one of the biggest track-and-field competitions outside the Diamond League and this year's event had a super stacked field.

NEERAJ CHOPRA IN NEWS 2021-22

- India javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal at the ongoing Kuortane Games in Finland.
- Neeraj Chopra took the top spot with a best throw of 86.69m.



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- India's ace javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra set a new national record as he threw 89.30 metres at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to build a stadium in Olympic gold-medallist Neeraj Chopra's native village Khandra, Panipat.
- Neeraj Chopra wins Sportsman of the Year award: Sportstar Aces 2022.
- Neeraj Chopra honoured with Param Vishisht Seva Medal.
- Neeraj Chopra to be conferred with Padma Shri 2022.
- GoodDot ropes in Neeraj Chopra as its brand ambassador.
- Disney Byju's early learn app signs Neeraj Chopra as brand ambassador.
- Neeraj Chopra's javelin gets highest bid of ₹1.5 crore during e-auction of PM Modi's gifts.
- Tata AIA Life Insurance appoints Neeraj Chopra as Brand Ambassador.
- Rajnath Singh names Army Sports Institute, Pune as "Neeraj Chopra Stadium".
- Neeraj Chopra achieves number 2 spot in World Athletics rankings (top : German athlete Johannes Vetter).
- Neeraj Chopra wins Olympic gold medal in Javelin throw.
- The men's javelin must weigh at least 800g and be 2.6m-2.7m long while the women's javelin must weigh 600g and be 2.2m-2.3m long.
- Neeraj Chopra Wins First-Ever Gold in Athletics For India in Olympics.
- RBI appoints Neeraj Chopra for banking fraud awareness campaign.
- 7th August to be named "Javelin Throw Day" to honour Neeraj Chopra.
- Neeraj Chopra jumps 14 places to 2nd in world Athletics rankings after historic gold medal at Tokyo Olympics.
- Neeraj Chopra presently holds the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army.
- Neeraj Chopra is from Khandra village, Panipat district, Haryana

Q. Which four countries have formed the I2U2 grouping?

A) Israel, India, UAE, US

B) US, India, UK, Canada

C) US, India, Canada, UK

D) US, UK, Japan, Israel

Answer : A

- ✓ As part of I2U2 initiatives, India, Israel, UAE, and the US will hold its first virtual summit in July 2022.

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- ✓ **Background:** I2U2 was initially formed in October, 2021 following the Abraham Accords between Israel and the UAE, to deal with issues concerning maritime security, infrastructure and transport in the region
- ✓ At that time, it was called the 'International Forum for Economic Cooperation'.
- ✓ That was referred as the 'West Asian Quad'.
- ✓ I2U2 initiative is a new grouping of India, Israel, USA and UAE.
- ✓ In the grouping's name, 'I2' stands for India and Israel, whereas 'U2' stands for USA and the UAE.
- ✓ This is a great achievement which tells the geopolitical changes that happen in the region.
- ✓ This will not only revitalize and re-energize the system of alliances and partnerships around the world, but also stitch together partnerships that did not exist previously or were not utilized to their full extent.
- ✓ **Advantage from Abraham Accords :** India will get advantage of the Abraham Accords to deepen engagement with Israel without risking its ties with the UAE and the other Arab states.
- ✓ **Benefit Market:** India is a massive consumer market. It's a massive producer of high-tech and highly sought-after goods as well. India will benefit from this grouping.
- ✓ **Alliances :** It will help India in building alliances — political alliances, social alliances.

Q. Which country is hosting FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022?

- A) India
- B) South Africa
- C) Japan
- D) South Korea

Answer : A

- ✓ India is all set to host its first-ever FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup from October 11 and October 30, 2022. The tournament will see 16 teams competing against each other. The semifinals will be played in Goa, while the final will be played at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai.

FIFA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Adidas Unveils Official Al Rihla FIFA World Cup Ball for Qatar 2022.
- Byju's named as official sponsor of FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar.
- Chelsea wins 2021 FIFA Club World Cup Champions..
- FIFA U-17 women's World Cup to be held in India in October 2022.
- Best FIFA Men's Player Robert Lewandowski (Bayern Munich, Poland).
- Best FIFA Women's Player Alexia Putellas (Barcelona, Spain).



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- FIFA Ranking 2021: India ranked 104th.
- FIFA Rankings, Belgium is at 1st position. Brazil holds 2nd position, France holds 3rd position
- FIFA unveils 'Ibha' as official mascot for U-17 2022 Women's World Cup to be held in India.
- FIFA WORLD CUP
- 2022 : Qatar (32 Teams)
- 2026 : Canada, Mexico, US (48 teams)
- FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup
- 2022 : Costa Rica
- FIFA U-17 World Cup
- 2022- Women's : India
- 2023 - Women's : Australia and New Zealand
- Most successful team(s) Men's : Brazil (5 titles)
- Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
- Founded : 21 May 1904
- Founded : Paris, France
- Headquarters : Zürich, Switzerland
- Membership : 211
- Languages : English, French, German, Spanish & Italian
- First President : Robert Guérin
- President : Gianni Infantino (Switzerland)
- Secretary General : Fatma Samoura

Q. Under the 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme of Indian Railways, India's first private train was flagged off for Shirdi from which place?

- A) Varanasi
- C) New Delhi

- A) Coimbatore
- D) Katra

Answer : B

- ✓ India's 1st private train service between Coimbatore and Shirdi flagged off under 'Bharat Gaurav Scheme'



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- ✓ Under the 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme of the Indian Railways, the first train to be operated between Coimbatore and Shirdi by a private operator has been flagged off.
- ✓ Ministry of Tourism has informed that the first ever Bharat Gaurav Train has been flagged off on Coimbatore north to Sainagar Shirdi route. The train will cover several historical destinations on the route while giving the passengers an insight into the cultural heritage of the country.
- ✓ Indian Railways had launched the operation of theme-based Bharat Gaurav train in the month of November 2021. The objective of this theme is to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and the world, through Bharat Gaurav Trains.

Q. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for development of Phase 1 of new greenfield airport in which state at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,305 crores?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the proposal for development of Phase 1 of new greenfield airport in Dholera, Gujarat at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,305 crores. The project is estimated to be completed by 2025-26.
- ✓ Dholera International Airport Company Limited, a joint venture company comprising Airports Authority of India, Government of Gujarat and National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust, holding equity in the ratio of 51:33:16, is implementing the project.

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the first national conference of chief secretaries. The conference of chief secretaries will be held in which state?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Uttarakhand
D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the first national conference of chief secretaries at Dharamshala to prepare a common development agenda for higher economic growth, ahead of the Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog later in the year.



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- ✓ The conference of chief secretaries will be held at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association stadium with more than 200 people in attendance, representing the central government, all states/Union Territories and domain experts.
- ✓ Three themes have been identified for detailed deliberations in the conference: implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP), urban governance, and crop diversification and achieving self-sufficiency in oilseeds, pulses and other agri-commodities.

Q. What is the rank of Bengaluru in the Global Startup Ecosystem ranking, released by Startup Genome?

- A) 33
- B) 22
- C) 44
- D) 28

Answer : B

- ✓ As per the report released by the policy advisory and research firm Startup Genome, the city of Bengaluru has moved up to number 22 in the Global Startup Ecosystem ranking.
- ✓ Bengaluru's tech ecosystem value is at \$105 billion which is higher than that of Singapore at \$89 billion and Tokyo at \$62 billion, report showed.
- ✓ In 2021, Bangalore also beat out both Beijing and Shanghai in the amount of venture capital raised and number of rounds, according to London & Partners and Dealroom.
- ✓ Kerala has been ranked first in Asia in Affordable Talent in Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER). The State has also been ranked fourth in global ranking.

Q. Which Indian state has been ranked at the first position in Asia's Global Start-up Ecosystem Report 2022?

- A) Odisha
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Kerala
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : C

- ✓ Kerala has been ranked at first position in Asia's Global Start-up Ecosystem Report, which was released on June 14, 2022. Kerala has also been ranked at fourth position in terms of Affordable Talent.
- ✓ The startup ecosystem report recognises creative steps taken by Kerala Start-up Mission (KSUM) to position it as a start-up power house.



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Q. Which tech giant has announced a startup accelerator program for women founders in India?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Google announced a startup accelerator program for women founders. The program will help them address challenges such as fundraising and hiring. Google for Startups Accelerator India – Women Founders will run from Jul-2022 to Sep-2022.
- ✓ The inaugural batch of the 'Google for Startups Accelerator – India Women Founders' will accept up to 20 women-founded / co-founded startups in the country, and support them through a three-month program.

Q. Inflation based on the wholesale price index (WPI) in India has rose to __ in May 2022.

- A) 13.67%
B) 15.88 %
C) 14.89%
D) 12.45%

Answer : B

- ✓ Wholesale price inflation spiked to 15.88% in May, the highest since September 1991 as a surge in price pressure in food and fuel overwhelmed a moderation in the dominant manufactured product segment. In April, the WPI inflation was recorded at 15.08%.
- ✓ Inflation based on the wholesale price index (WPI) has remained in double digits for 14 months now, mirroring elevated global commodity prices, especially of oil, according to the official data released.
- ✓ Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
- ✓ May 2022 - 15.88%
- ✓ April 2022 - 15.8%
- ✓ March 2022 - 14.55%
- ✓ February 2022 - 13.11%
- ✓ January 2022 - 12.96%
- ✓ Wholesale price index (WPI)
- ✓ WPI is an index that measures and tracks the changes in the price of goods in the stages before the retail level.



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- ✓ The base year for the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) is 2011-12
- ✓ The WPI is published by the Economic Adviser of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Q. Trade data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry showed how much India's May trade deficit widened.

- A) \$17.30billion B) \$32.15 billion
C) \$24.29 billion D) \$13.68 billion

Answer : C

- ✓ Trade data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry showed that India's May trade deficit widened to \$24.29 billion from \$6.53 billion a year ago.
- ✓ May's trade deficit was pushed up by a surge in imports, which rose 62.83% year-on-year to \$63.22 billion, while exports rose 20.55% to \$38.94 billion.
- ✓ India's merchandise exports in the month of May rose by 20.55% to \$38.94 billion. Imports grew by 62.83% to \$63.22 billion. The trade deficit stood at \$6.53 billion on May 2021. Cumulative exports in April-May 2022-23 rose by about 25% to \$78.72 billion. Imports in April-May 2022-23 rose 45.42% to \$123.41 billion.

Q. Which Financial wellness platform has launched an industry-first credit line service using its AI-powered chat capability on WhatsApp?

- A) Kredit Bee
B) PaySense
C) Early Salary
D) CASHe

Answer : D

- ✓ Financial wellness platform CASHe has launched an industry-first credit line service using its AI-powered chat capability on WhatsApp to provide customers with a fast, seamless and convenient way to access instant credit line by merely typing their name.
- ✓ CASHe's WhatsApp chat service is built on the WhatsApp Business Platform, an enterprise solution that allows businesses to communicate with new and existing customers on WhatsApp in a simple, secure, and reliable way.



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Q. Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of how much percent stake in IIFL Wealth Management (IIFLWM) by BC Asia Investments?

- A) 21.23% B) 17.76%
C) 24.98% D) 30.56%

Answer : C

- ✓ Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 24.98% stake in IIFL Wealth Management (IIFLWM) by BC Asia Investments X Ltd.
- ✓ IIFL Wealth Management Ltd is a wealth management subsidiary of IIFL Holdings Ltd.
- ✓ BC Asia Investments X Ltd is indirectly held by Bain Capital Investors LLC (Bain Private Equity). Bain Private Equity is a private equity firm that invests in companies across many industries.

✓ **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**

Headquarteres : New Delhi

President : T. V. Narendran

Director General : Chandrajit Banerjee

Q. Adani Transmission Limited's revolving loan facility has been tagged as ' Green Loan ' by Sustainalytics . What is the amount of this revolving loan facility being implemented in Gujarat and Maharashtra ?

- A) \$400 million B) \$700 million
C) \$500 million D) \$600 million

Answer : B

- ✓ Adani Transmission Limited's \$700 million revolving loan facility has been tagged as 'green loan' by Sustainalytics. This provides assurance on the green loan framework for the revolving facility.
- ✓ A revolving loan facility is a flexible financing tool that provides the borrower with the ability to draw down or withdraw, repay, and withdraw again.
- ✓ The projects associated with the USD 700 million revolving facility are being implemented in Gujarat and Maharashtra

Q. Name the Indian-American who will be appointed as science adviser to the President of United States (head of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy).

- A) Arati Prabhakar B) Neera Tanden
C) Vivek Murthy D) Vanita Gupta



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Answer : A

- ✓ US president Joe Biden is expected to name Arati Prabhakar as the head of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).
- ✓ Arati also served in top roles during the presidential tenures of Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. The Clinton administration picked her to lead the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Obama administration picked her to lead the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

Q. Who has become the joint fifth highest goalscorer in international football history?

- A) Sunil Chhetri
- B) Sandesh Jhingan
- C) Jeje Lalpekhlua
- D) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian men's football team captain Sunil Chhetri has become the joint fifth highest goalscorer in international football history. He achieved the feat when he scored his 84th goal during India's AFC Asian Cup Qualifier match against Hong Kong on June 14. He has now equaled the number of goals by legendary Real Madrid and Hungarian player Ferenc Puskas.
- ✓ Highest International Goal Scorers
 1. Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) 117 goals
 2. Ali Daei (Iran) 109 goals
 3. Mokhtar Dahari (Malaysia) 89 goals
 4. Lionel Messi (Argentina) 86 goals
 5. Ferenc Puskas (Hungary) & Sunil Chhetri (India) 84 goals
- ✓ Sunil Chhetri is associated with football.
- ✓ Sunil Chhetri was the captain of the Indian Football Team.
- ✓ He is popularly known as 'Captain Fantastic'.
- ✓ He was awarded Arjuna Award in 2011 by the Government of India.
- ✓ He was awarded Padma Shri in 2019, India's fourth-highest civilian award.
- ✓ Sunil Chhetri is from Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh.



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Q. Which country has proposed a plan to start a solar power plant in space in 2028 to get continuous electricity?

- A) India
- B) China
- C) Russia
- D) United States

Answer : B

- ✓ China has announced to start trial launch for its Solar Power Plant Space Station.
- ✓ The first phase of this ambitious project will be started two years ahead of its schedule i.e. in 2028

Q. After how many years has Microsoft recently discontinued its web browser Internet Explorer?

- A) 10 years
- B) 15 years
- C) 27 years
- D) 12 years

Answer : C

- ✓ Microsoft has recently closed its web browser Internet Explorer after 27-years.
- ✓ The reason for the closure of Internet Explorer is being told that this web browser is not able to stand in front of today's browser.
- ✓ Microsoft launched Internet Explorer on 16 August 1995. At that time people used to work on this web browser in cyber cafes.

Q. Which state government has recently launched Suraksha-Mitra Project?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The Suraksha-Mitra project has become operational in the state of Kerala. Suraksha-Mitra Project is a vehicle monitoring system.
- ✓ It sends distress message in case of any mishap. The Motor Vehicles Department has started this project under the 'Nirbhaya Scheme'.
- ✓ In case of any untoward incident during the journey, the system will send a distress message to the mobile phones of the owners.



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Q. Which day of the year is marked as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ World Elder Abuse Awareness Day came into existence in June 2006. It is a social issue that affects the mental well-being of millions of senior citizens across the globe. To spread awareness on the issue, world elder abuse day is observed on June 15.
- ✓ Theme 2022 : "Digital Equity for All Ages"
- ✓ In the year 2011, the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

Q. The Global Wind Day is marked annually on ____

- A) 13 June
- B) 14 June
- C) 15 June
- D) 16 June

Answer : C

- ✓ Global Wind Day which is also known as World Wind Day is observed every year on June 15 to realize, address and execute the wind energy and the possibilities that it brings along for the future.
- ✓ World Wind Day 2022 highlights the significance of clean energy and how it should be on priority when it comes to keeping the civilization alive and intact.
- ✓ European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) announced the first Global Wind Day in 2007. The Association had joined hands with the Global Wind Energy Council in 2009 and since then it has been celebrated as a global event.
- ✓ Theme 2022: 'We are #InWithWind, are you?'
- ✓ Global Wind Report for 2022 was published by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC).
- ✓ What is the Scope of the Wind Energy Sector in India?
- ✓ In India, more than 1.4 GW of wind was installed in 2021, exceeding the 1.1 GW of installations during the previous year.
- ✓ The Government has set a target of installing 5 GW of offshore capacity by 2022 and 30 GW by 2030.
- ✓ India is yet to develop its offshore wind energy facility.
- ✓ India can generate 127 GW of offshore wind energy with its 7,600 km of coastline.



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- ✓ Onshore wind energy refers to turbines that are located on land and use wind to generate electricity.
- ✓ Offshore wind energy is the energy generated from the wind at sea.
- ✓ The Indian wind market outlook for 2022 and 2023 is projected at 3.2 GW and 4.1 GW of onshore wind installations, respectively.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu is the greatest producer of wind energy in India, according to the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) reports 2020.
- ✓ China boasts the world's largest capacity for wind energy



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