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## APARCHIT SUPER CURRENT AFFAIRS 350+ WITH FACTS June, 22 SET 4 By APARCHIT EXAM WARRIORS/Kumar Kaushal Sir

- Q. Which airport has become the first airport in India to run entirely on hydro and solar power?**
- A) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
  - B) Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
  - C) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
  - D) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has become the first airport in the country to run completely on hydro and solar power.
- ✓ This is a part of the airport's goal to achieve the "Net Zero Carbon Emissions Airport" target by 2030. Around 6% of the Delhi airport's electricity requirement is met from the onsite solar power plants.
- ✓ The airport has adopted renewable energy use from the hydropower plant for its demand of the remaining 94%, thus ending its dependency on non-renewable power.
- ✓ This move will help the Delhi airport in the reduction of indirect energy emissions of up to 200,000 tonnes of CO2 every year.
- ✓ In 2015, the Cochin International Airport in Kerala became the first airport in the world to run solely using solar energy

### AIRPORT IN NEWS 2021-22

- Delhi Airport or Indira Gandhi International Airport becomes India's first to run entirely on hydro and solar energy.
- 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'.



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- 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)
  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.
- Airports Authority of India (AAI) manages a total of 137 Airports, which includes 103 Domestic Airports, 24 International Airports, and 10 Customs Airports.

**Q. ISRO has successfully launched India's communication satellite GSAT-24 from which country?**

- A) Colombia
- C) Suriname

- B) Guyana
- D) French Guiana

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully launched India's Communication satellite 'GSAT-24' from Kourou in French Guiana.
- ✓ It is built by ISRO for NewSpace India Limited and it was launched by French company Arianespace.



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- ✓ GSAT-24 is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs.
- ✓ It was the first “demand driven” communication satellite mission undertaken by NSIL post space sector reforms.
- ✓ NSIL, a Government of India company under the Department of Space, has leased the entire satellite capacity to Tata Play.
- ✓ GSAT-24 was launched on-board Ariane-V VA257 flight from the Guiana Space Centre, Europe’s spaceport in Kourou.
- ✓ NSIL is getting this satellite built by ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) and would be launching it using Ariane-5 launcher operated by Arianespace.
- ✓ GSAT-24 satellite would be owned and operated by NSIL on a commercial basis.
- ✓ NSIL envisages the launch of the GSAT-24 satellite during the first quarter of 2022

### ISRO IN NEWS 2021-22

- India's first human space mission "Gaganyaan" will be launched in 2023.
- ISRO launched India’s Communication satellite ‘GSAT-24’ from French Guiana
- ISRO successfully tested solid fuel-based booster stage of SSLV at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota at Andhra Pradesh.
- UIDAI, MeitY has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), ISRO, Hyderabad for technical collaboration
- ISRO successfully launches earth observation satellite, EOS-04, onboard the launch vehicle PSLV-C52 rocket from the First Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- ISRO has signed six agreements with four countries for launching foreign satellites during 2021-2023.
- NITI Aayog joins hand with ISRO to launch Geospatial Energy Map of India
- ISRO-NASA joint mission NISAR Satellite to be launched in 2023
- ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Sivan inaugurates ‘Health QUEST Study’ to upgrade healthcare systems standards in India
- Skyroot Aerospace becomes first Spacetech startup to formally tie-up with ISRO



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- ISRO agrees to parliamentary panel on education to help set up satellite TV classrooms
- NASA Partners ISRO to develop Earth System Observatory to address Climate Change with better Disaster Management
- ISRO Demonstrates India's First Free-Space Quantum Communication Over 300 Metres from Ahmedabad
- ISRO-NIT Rourkela sign MoU to set up Space Technology Incubation Centre
- ISRO Launches Brazil's Amazonia-1 and 18 Co-Passenger Smallsats onboard PSLV-C51
- MapmyIndia joins hand with ISRO to build 'Bhuvan', an alternative to Google Maps
- ISRO has opened its UR Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru for testing satellites developed by the private sector
- ISRO to adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Labs to promote education in the field of space technology
- ISRO successfully launches India's new communication satellite CMS-01 from Sriharikota onboard PSLV-C50.

### ISRO UPCOMING SPACE MISSION IN NEWS

- ISRO-NASA joint satellite project NISER proposed to be launched early 2023
- Gaganyaan : ISRO partners with France to launch India's first human spaceflight mission in 2023
- Lunar Polar Exploration mission (LUPEX) : ISRO's Lunar Polar Exploration Mission in collaboration with JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) will be launched in the year 2024
- Aditya-L1: It is India's first solar mission and was expected to launch in the year 2020 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the launch has been delayed and is now expected in the year 2022.
- Mars Orbiter Mission 2 (MOM 2) also called Mangalyaan 2 is expected to launch in the year 2024
- Shukrayaan-1: The inter-planetary mission is expected to launch in the year 2024 by ISRO in collaboration with CNES (National Centre for Space Studies; French Space Agency)
- Shukrayaan India plans to launch a new orbiter to Venus in 2024
- Chandrayaan-3 is likely to be launched during the third quarter of 2022.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Founded : 15 August 1969

HQ : Bangalore, Karnataka



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Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai

10th Chairman : S Somanath

- Aryabhata India's first satellites Launched on 19 April 1975
- GSAT-1 India's first commercial satellite
- SLV-3 was India's first experimental satellite launch vehicle,
- Ariane Passenger PayLoad Experiment, (APPLE) first communication satellite in India 19 June 1981
- Udupi Ramachandra Rao : satellite Man of India
- Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian to orbit in space in the year 1984.
- Kalpana Chawla, the first Indian origin woman to go to space is related to Karnal district of Haryana.
- Yuri Gagarin was the first person to go into space.
- Neil Armstrong was the first person to land on the Moon.
- Rohini (RS-1) was an experimental satellite launched by the ISRO.
- It was launched by the Satellite Launch Vehicle-3 rocket (SLV-3) on July 18, 1980.
- Satish Dhawan Space Centre is located in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- Vikram Sarabhai was the first chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from 1963 to 1972.

**Q. Which city has been ranked as the world's most liveable city in the report 'Global Liveability Index 2022'?**

- A) Zurich
- B) Copenhagen
- C) Calgary
- D) Vienna

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Austrian capital Vienna has been ranked as the most liveable city of the world among 173 global cities in the annual Global Liveability Index 2022, released by the Economist's Intelligence Unit (EIU).
- ✓ Denmark's Copenhagen is second while Switzerland's Zurich and Canada's Calgary are jointly third in the list.
- ✓ Vienna replaced New Zealand's Auckland city as the most liveable city.







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**Q. What is the name of new premises of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated by PM Modi in New Delhi?**

- A) Gramudyog Bhawan                      B) Khadi Bhavan  
C) Vigyan Bhawan                         D) Vanijya Bhawan

**Answer : D**

- ✓ PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the new premises of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 'Vanijya Bhawan' in New Delhi.
- ✓ He has also launched a new portal named NIRYAT (National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade).
- ✓ The new portal, NIRYAT (National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade), which is developed as a one-stop platform for stakeholders to get all necessary information related to India's foreign trade.
- ✓ Vanijya Bhawan will be used by the two Departments under the Ministry, Department of Commerce and Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, DPIIT.
- ✓ NIRYAT portal represent country's aspirations of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and will bring positive changes in the field of trade and commerce, especially for MSMEs.

**Q. Which state government signed an MoU with the BYJU's to provide quality education to students of government schools?**

- A) Odisha  
B) Assam  
C) Andhra Pradesh  
D) Uttarakhand

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh government has signed a MoU with BYJU's to provide quality education to government school students.
- ✓ Objective – More efficient, quality – oriented and presentable.
- ✓ The government would provide tablets to approximately 4.7 lakh class VIII students at an estimated cost of Rs 500 crore for accessing the content formulated by the ed-tech company.



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**Q. Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy has inaugurated the 'Jyotigamaya' festival at which place?**

A) Bengaluru

B) Chennai

C) New Delhi

D) Hyderabad

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated Jyotiramaya Festival in New Delhi. It was organised on the occasion of World Music Day on 21 June 2022.
- ✓ The festival aims to raise awareness among attendees of the need of preserving both the production and playing of rare musical instruments.

LATEST FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2021-22	
STATE	FESTIVAL
Jyotiramaya Festival	New Delhi
Mango Festival	Brussels, Belgium
International literary festival 'Unmesh'	Himachal Pradesh
Baikho festival	Assam
Sital Sasthi	Odisha
4th Edition Shirui Lily Festival 2022	Manipur
Lavendar Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
India's biggest drone festival	New Delhi
Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu Festival	Assam
Sarhul Festival	Jharkhand
Gangaur festival	Rajasthan
Ishan Manthan Festival	New Delhi
Bharat Bhagya Vidhata festival	Red Fort in Delhi
Herath Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
48th Khajuraho Dance Festival	Madhya Pradesh
Medaram Jatara Festival	Telangana
Maru Mahotsav or Jaisalmer Desert Festival	Rajasthan



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Spitik Gustor Festival	Ladakh
18th Kachai Lemon Festival	Manipur
Losoong (Namsoong) Festival	Sikkim
25th National Youth Festival	Puducherry
9th edition of the North East Festival	Guwahati, Assam
International Folk Art Festival	Dubai
Losar Festival	Ladakh
World Sangeet Tansen festival	Madhya Pradesh
Jallikattu Festival	Tamil Nadu
Lord Krishna Balram Jagannath Rath Yatra	Punjab
Hornbill Festival	Nagaland
Aharbal Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Apple Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Cherry Blossom Festival	Shillong, Meghalaya
International Science Festival (IISF)	Panaji, Goa
Boita Bandana Festival	Odisha
National Tribal Dance Festival 2021	Chhattisgarh
Karthika Deepam Festival	Tamil Nadu
Wangala Festival	Meghalaya
Bathukamma Floral Festival	Telangana
Nuakhai Festival	Odisha
Bonalu Festival	Telangana
agannath Rath Yatra	Puri, Odisha
Chandan Yatra of Lord Jagannath temple	Puri, Odisha
Oktoberfest Festival	Germany
1st edition of Himalayan Film Festival 2021	Ladakh
Onam, Harvest Festival	Kerala



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Hemis Festival	Ladakh
Raja Parba Festival	Odisha
Sindhu Darshan Festival	Ladakh
Shigmo Festival	Goa
Sajibu Cheiraoba Festival	Manipur
Tulip Festival	Jammu and Kashmir

**Q. Which bank joined hands with Card91 along with RuPay to build a card management system that will allow companies to launch a variety of co-branded instruments?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ CARD91 has joined hands with RuPay and Yes Bank, to create a card management system.
- ✓ CARD91 is a global payment infrastructure powering business to business (B2B) payment announced a strategic partnership with YES BANK and RuPay, the flagship product of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ✓ CARD91 will create a card management system that will allow companies to launch a variety of co-branded card instruments as well as maintain a real-time dashboard to generate insights. This will enable CARD91 to expand its presence in the Indian payments market.
- ✓ This partnership will help us offer businesses a simple and secure way to manage their payments, compatible with a wide range of payment networks across the country.
- ✓ CARD91  
Founded – 2020  
Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ✓ YES BANK  
Founded : 2004  
HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra  
MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar  
Tagline : Experience our Expertise



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**Q. Bengaluru-based Neobanking platform Freo has launched its digital savings account 'Freo Save' in partnership with which small finance bank?**

- A) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank      B) Equitas Small Finance Bank  
C) Janalakshmi Small Finance Bank      D) ESAF Small Finance Bank

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Bengaluru-based neobanking platform Freo launched its digital savings account 'Freo Save' in partnership with Equitas Small Finance Bank
- ✓ With this launched, Freo has become the first consumer Neobank in the country to provide full stack neo banking products.
- ✓ Freo Save App is 100 percent digital with seamless Unified Payments Interface (UPI) integration which offers quick access to credit & shopping by providing up to 7 percent interest on customer savings for balances above Rs.5 lakh up to Rs.2 crore.
- ✓ The neobank is planning to open one million new accounts in the next ten months.
- ✓ Equitas Small Finance Bank

Founded : 2016

Headquarteres : Chennai

MD & CEO : Vasudevan P N

Tagline : It's Fun Banking

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

**Q. Which of the following small finance bank has launched LIT (Live-It-Today) Credit Card?**

- A) AU Small Finance Bank      B) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank  
C) Suryoday Small Finance Bank      D) Equitas Small Finance Bank

**Answer : A**

- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank has launched an innovative credit card.
- ✓ The AU Small Finance Bank LIT (Live-It-Today) Credit card offers a unique value proposition to cardholders-to choose the features they want and for the time period they want.
- ✓ LIT credit card offers five categories of features, including one or two lounge access per quarter (customer has to choose), milestone benefits, free membership to various OTT and lifestyle services,



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higher reward points for online and POS transactions and other smaller rewards, such as fuel surcharge waiver and cashback on grocery, among others

- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank Limited

Founded : 1996

Founder : Sanjay Agarwal

Headquarters : Jaipur, Rajasthan

MD & CEO : Sanjay Agarwal

Tagline : Chalo Aage Badhein

**Q. Which country has conducted its first successful satellite launch using domestic rocket 'Nuri'?**

A) Iran

B) China

D) South Korea

D) Israel

**Answer : C**

- ✓ South Korea has successfully launched satellites into orbit with its homegrown Nuri rocket.
- ✓ It was launched from the Naro Space Center.
- ✓ This is a crucial step for the country's space program expansion after a failed attempt last year.
- ✓ With this launch, South Korea becomes the 10th country to place a satellite with its own technology.
- ✓ Nuri is a three-stage rocket; more than 47 meter long and weighting 200000 kilograms.
- ✓ Development cost- USD 1.5 billion.

### SOUTH KOREA IN NEWS 2021-22

- South Korea sent its first satellite into orbit using a domestic Nuri rocket.
- South Korea won the Uber Cup 2022, defeating China.
- South Korea became the first Asian country to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (NATO CCDCOE).
- Yoon Suk Yeol elected as new South Korean President.
- Adani Group sign agreement with South Korea's POSCO to develop steel mill at Mundra, Gujarat.
- South Korea to get world's first floating city by 2025.
- World's Largest Hydrogen Fuel Cell Power Plant Inaugurated in South Korea.
- South Korea flight tests first homegrown space rocket "Nuri".



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- South Korea successfully tested an indigenously developed submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM).
- President nominates Kim Boo-kyum as new S Korean Prime Minister.
- South Korea to Build World's Largest Offshore Wind Farm
- SOUTH KOREA  
Capital : Seoul  
Currency : Won  
President : Yoon Suk-yeol  
Prime Minister : Kim Boo-kyum

**Q. Which country has launched new batch of 3 Yagon-35 remote sensing satellites recently?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ China successfully launched 3 new remote satellite from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in China's Sichuan Province.
- ✓ The satellites were launched as the second batch of the Yagon-35 family by a long March-2D carrier rocket and entered the planned orbit successfully.
- ✓ This launched marked the 424th mission for Long March series carrier rockets.
- ✓ The Long March carrier rockets series, developed by the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, is responsible for about 96.4 percent of all the launch missions in China.
- ✓ The satellites will be mainly used to conduct science experiments, land resource surveys, yield information of agriculture products and disaster prevention and reduction.

**Q. Chennai based drone start up Garuda Aerospace has partnered with which country's Drone Solution Company to set up first international drone factory?**

- A) Indonesia
- B) Singaporean
- C) Malaysia
- D) Philippines

**Answer : C**





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- ✓ Chennai based drone start up Garuda Aerospace has partnered with Malaysian Drone Solution Company to set up first international drone factory in Malaysia.
- ✓ It would be set up at an investment of Rs 115 crores.
- ✓ Garuda Aerospace is a drone-as-a-service (DaaS) startup.
- ✓ MALAYSIA  
Capital : Kuala Lumpur  
Currency : Ringgit  
Prime Minister : Ismail Sabri Yaakob  
President : Mahathir bin Mohamad

**Q. World's largest bacterium has been discovered in which country?**

- A) Indonesia
- B) Madagascar
- C) Marshall Islands
- D) France

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Scientists have discovered the world's largest known bacterium, first to be visible with the naked eye in the brackish waters of a red mangrove swamp in Guadeloupe in the Lesser Antilles.
- ✓ Guadeloupe, an island group, is a French overseas region.
- ✓ The bacteria named Thiomargarita magnifica is the first that is visible to naked eye and it in the form of white filaments, almost the size of human eyelashes

**Q. The entire capacity of the recently launched GSAT-24 satellite has been leased out to which broadcast satellite service provider?**

- A) Tata Play
- B) Airtel
- C) Dish TV
- D) Sun Direct

**Answer : A**

- ✓ NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) launched GSAT-24 aboard Ariane 5 rocket, operated by French company Arianespace, from Kourou in French Guiana (South America) on June 23, 2022. GSAT-24 is a 24-Ku band communication satellite with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs.





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- ✓ The Government of India hosted its first-ever National Logistics Excellence Awards in New Delhi on 23 June 2022.
- ✓ Union Minister for Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal gave away the awards in 12 categories.
- ✓ Some of the winners are:
  - 1- Best Rail Freight Service Provider – Adani Logistics Ltd.,
  - 2- Best Port Service Provider – DP World,
  - 3- Industry Excellence Award – Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

**Q. Who has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director of National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)?**

- A) Rudrendra Tandon                      B) Pratibha Parkar  
C) Gaurav Ahluwalia                      D) P Udayakumar

**Answer : D**

- ✓ P Udayakumar has assumed charge as NSIC's Chairman and Managing Director.
- ✓ He is currently the Director (PIng and Mktg) at NSIC. He assumed the charge with effect from 20th June 2022.
- ✓ National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) is a government enterprise under the Ministry of MSME.
- ✓ He will also be the Chairman of NSIC Venture Capital Fund Ltd.
- ✓ National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)  
Founded : 1955  
Headquarters : New Delhi  
Chairman & MD: P Udayakumar  
NSIC is a Mini Ratna government agency established by the Ministry of MSME

**Q. Which country has come forward to provide financial assistance of USD 50 million to Sri Lanka to meet its urgent food and health care equipment?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Australia has announced to provide USD 50 million support to Sri Lanka for meet urgent food and health care needs.



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- ✓ Australia will provide 22 million dollars to the World Food Programme (WFP) for emergency food assistance to meet their daily nutritional needs and 23 million dollars in development assistance to Sri Lanka in 2022-23
- ✓ At present, Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crises in 70 years, which leads to food short, medicine and fuel.
- ✓ **AUSTRALIA**  
Capital : Canberra  
Currency : Dollar  
Prime Minister : Anthony Albanese

### SRI LANKA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Australian government announces \$50 million support for crisis-hit Sri Lanka.
- India extended \$55 million credit line to Sri Lanka for fertiliser imports.
- UN to grant humanitarian assistance of \$48 million to Sri Lanka amid crisis.
- Ranil Wickremesinghe was sworn in as the 26th prime minister of Sri Lanka.
- World Bank provided USD 600 million in financial assistance to Sri Lanka to make payments for essential imports.
- India will provide an additional \$500 million financial assistance to Sri Lanka to buy fuel as the latter is facing worst financial crisis.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually attends 5th BIMSTEC Summit.
- The Summit was hosted by the Government of Sri Lanka.
- Asia cup 2022 to commence from August 27 in Sri Lanka.
- Sri Lanka receives a US\$1 billion line of credit from India to assist pay for crucial imports.
- 9th India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX begins Visakhapatnam.
- India has agreed to provide a grant to Sri Lanka to implement a 'Unitary Digital Identity framework', apparently modelled on the Aadhaar card.
- Exim Bank extends a \$500 million credit line to Sri Lanka for financing the purchase of petroleum products.
- India has announced financial assistance of USD 900 million loans to Sri Lanka.



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- Government of Sri Lanka has sought a USD 500 million credit line from India to pay for its crude oil purchases.
- 15th edition of the Maldives, India, and Sri Lanka biennial Trilateral Exercise 'Dosti' was conducted in the Maldives.
- World's largest star sapphire cluster has been found in Ratnapura, Srilanka.
- Sri Lanka has declared a state of emergency as the food crisis.

➤ **SRI LANKA**

Capital : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative)

Colombo (executive and judicial)

Currency : Rupee

President : Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Prime Minister : Mahinda Rajapaksa

Mitra Shakti Military Exercise : India and Sri Lanka

Slinex Navel Exercise : India and Sri Lanka

**Q. Who has been appointed as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations?**

- A) Pratibha Parkar
- B) Ruchira Kamboj
- C) Sangeeta Bahadur
- D) Neena Malhotra

**Answer : B**

Senior Diplomat Ruchira Kamboj has been appointed as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations.

She will succeed T. S. Tirumurti as the Indian ambassador to the United Nations.

She is a 1987 batch Indian Foreign Service officer.

Presently, serving as ambassador of India to Bhutan.

Kamboj, India's first woman ambassador to Bhutan, has been India's Ambassador/Permanent Representative to UNESCO



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#### INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE UNITED NATION (UN) IN NEWS 2022

- Ruchira Kamboj named as next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations
- Ramkrishna Mukkavilli becomes the first Indian to recognized by United Nations Global Compact as Global SDG Pioneer
- Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill appointed as UN Chief's envoy on technology
- Anupam Ray has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.
- Indian Economist Jayati Ghosh named as member of UN's Advisory Board
- T S Tirumurti has been appointed as the Chair of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022.
- **UNITED NATIONS (UN)**
  - Founded : 24 October 1945
  - Headquarteres : New York, US
  - Official languages : Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish
  - Membership : 193 member states & 2 observer states
  - 1st Secretary General : Trygve Halvdan Lie ( Norway)
- 7th Secretary General : Kofi Annan (Ghana)
- 8th Secretary General : Ban Ki-moon (South Korea)
- 9th Secretary-General : António Guterres (Portugal)
- Deputy Secretary-General : Amina J. Mohammed (Nigeria)
- United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24 every year.

**Q. Who has been appointed as the Director-General of New Development Bank's (NDB) India Regional Office in GIFT City?**

- A) Rudrendra Tandon                      B) DJ Pandian  
C) Gaurav Ahluwalia                      D) Pratibha Parkar

**Answer : B**

- ✓ New Development Bank (NDB) of the BRICS countries has appointed Dr. D.J. Pandian as the Director General of its India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tech-City (GIFT City).





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- ✓ The ONORC plan successfully implemented in all 36 States/UTs, making food security portable throughout the country.
- ✓ One Nation-One Ration Card scheme of the Government of India has been launched in four states on pilot basis on August 1, 2019.
- ✓ Chhattisgarh becomes the 35th state/UT to implement the One Nation One Ration Card scheme.
- ✓ **ONE NATION, ONE RATION CARD SCHEME**
- ✓ One Nation, One Ration Card scheme implemented by 1 June 2020 in India
- ✓ Government aims to One Nation, One Ration Card Scheme by 31 March 2021
- ✓ The scheme got implemented initially Telangana-Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra & Gujarat

### ASSAM IN NEWS 2021-22

- Assam becomes 36th State/UT to implement One Nation One Ration Card.
- Assam celebrates Baikho festival for good harvest and rain. It is celebrated by Rabha tribes of India.
- India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned by the Oil India Limited (OIL) at its Jorhat Pump Station in Assam.
- Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu, one of the biggest festivals of Assam, falls in the second week of April every year.
- This year Bohag Bihu is being observed from April 14 to April 16.
- Assam government has extended the contentious Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) in the state for six more months.
- Assam and Meghalaya have signed an agreement to resolve a border issue in six disputed districts.
- Assam Govt Launches India's First Night Navigation Mobile App for ferry services on the Brahmaputra River in Guwahati, Assam
- ADB approves \$112 million loan to establish Assam Skill University.
- Ratan Tata to get Assam's highest civilian award Asom Bhaibav' award.
- World Bank sanctions Rs 770 crore for Inland Water Transport department: Assam.
- Assam launches app 'Fishwaale', India's first e-fish market.
- Sojat Mehndi from Rajasthan and Judima rice from Assam wine gets GI tag.





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- Assam is setting up a tea Park at Chayygaon in Kamrup District.
- Centre signs tripartite 'Karbi Anglong' peace accord in Assam
- Assam cabinet decides to remove Rajiv Gandhi's name from Orang national park.
- Assam celebrates Wanchuwa Festival 2021.
- Kaziranga National Park becomes India's first national park with satellite phones

**Q. National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers 'NIPUN' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Hardeep Singh Puri has launched an initiative for skill training of construction workers called NIPUN.
- ✓ NIPUN refers National Initiative for Promoting of Upskilling Nirman Workers
- ✓ Objective – To train over one lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes.
- ✓ The NIPUN Project will enable the construction workers to seek better job opportunities, increase their wages and even pursue overseas placements.
- ✓ National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) will be the Implementation Partner for the project NIPUN.
- ✓ It will provide trainees with 'Kaushal Bima', a three-year accidental insurance with coverage of INR 2 lakhs, digital skills

**Q. Minister of state for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti, Bishweswar Tudu has inaugurated the 13th Krishi Fair and 20th Folk Fair 2022 in which city?**

- A) Guwahati, Assam
- B) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- C) Puri, Odisha
- D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Answer : C**









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#### NEPAL IN NEWS 202-22

- First Bharat Gaurav tourist train connecting places associated with the Ramayana Circuit in India and Nepal was flagged off from the Safdarjung Railway Station in New Delhi.
- Nepal's legendary climber Kami Rita Sherpa has climbed Mt Everest, the tallest peak in the world for the 26th time to set a new world record.
- Indian Railway Catering and Ticketing Corporation (IRCTC) will launch its maiden Bharat Gaurav Tourist train, with a stop in Nepal's Janakpur.
- Nepal will become 1st country to deploy India's UPI platform.
- Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve in Erode district of Tamil Nadu and Bardia National Park in Nepal have jointly won the prestigious TX2 Award for 2022, for doubling their tiger populations since 2010.
- Four agreements and launch multiple projects signed between India- Nepal.
- After Bhutan, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates, Nepal is now the fourth country outside of India to accept RuPay.
- Nepal becoming the 105th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- Rail link from Jayanagar (Bihar) to Kurtha (Nepal) was operationalised.
- Double circuit transmission line connecting Tila (Solukhumbu) to Mirchaiya (Siraha) close to the Indian border.
- President of India confers honorary rank of 'General of Indian Army' on Nepal Army Chief Gen Prabhu Ram Sharma.
- Sher Bahadur Deuba becomes Nepal's Prime Minister for 5th time.
- Nepal has signed a USD 1.3 billion deal with India's hydro power major Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) to develop a 679-megawatt hydropower project in eastern Nepal.
- Nepal's Mingma Tenji Sherpa sets world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time.
- World's highest mountain peak 'Mount Everest' has become taller by 0.86m, as per a survey conducted jointly by Nepal and China.
- **NEPAL**  
Capital : Kathmandu



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Currency : Rupee

President : Bidhya Devi Bhandari

Prime Minister : Sher Bahadur Deuba

Flower : Rhododendron Arboretum

Bird : Himalayan Monal (danphe)

Animal : Cow

Tree : Rhododendron

- Swayambhunath temple in Nepal is also known as the 'Monkey Temple.'
- Pashupatinath Temple, Barashetra Temple & Buddasubba Temple.

**Q. According to the 'Gold Refining and Recycling' report, India emerged as the world's fourth largest gold recycler by recycling how many tonnes in 2021?**

A) 95 tonnes

B) 65 tonnes

C) 85 tonnes

D) 75 tonnes

**Answer : D**

- ✓ According to World Gold Council Report, India has emerged as the 4th largest recycler in the world and country has recycled 75 tonnes in 2021.
- ✓ China topped the global gold recycling report as it recycled 168 tonnes of the yellow metals.
- ✓ Followed by Italy in 2nd position with 80 tonnes and USA in 3rd position with 78 tonnes.
- ✓ WGC report title – Gold Refining and Recycling.
- ✓ World Gold Council (WGC) in its 'Gold Demand Trends 2021' Report has informed that the global gold demand rose 10 percent in 2021 to 4,021.3 tonnes. ( In News January 2022)
- ✓ China is the largest gold producer in the world for many years and accounts for 11% of the world production. It is followed by Australia (at Rank 2) and Russia (the third-largest producer).
- ✓ India is one of the largest consumers of gold in the world. India gets its gold from Kolar Gold Fields (KGF), Lava Gold Mines in Jharkhand, Sonbhadra Mines in UP, Parasi mines in Jharkhand etc.
- ✓ Karnataka is the largest producer of gold in India. Kolar gold fields (KGF) and Hutti goldfields are two major goldfields located there.
- ✓ The first gold mine in India was Kolar Gold Fields.
- ✓ The largest gold ore reserves are found in Bihar, followed by Rajasthan.
- ✓ **World Gold Council (WGC)**









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- ✓ The world's largest freshwater fish, a giant stingray, has been caught in the Mekong River in Cambodia.
- ✓ The stingray, almost 13 feet snout to tail and weighed slightly under 300 kilograms.

✓ **CAMBODIA**

Capital : Phnom Penh

Currency : Riel

Prime Minister : Samdech Hun Sen

Angkor Wat is a Buddhist temple complex located in northern Cambodia.

**Q. Union Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the India pavilion at the technology exhibition Vivatech 2020. This exhibition was held in which city?**

- A) New York, United States                      B) Paris, France  
C) Brussels, Belgium                              D) Geneva, Switzerland

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India recognized as 'country of the year' by Europe's biggest startup conference 'Vivatech 2020'
- ✓ Europe's biggest startup conference – Vivatech 2020 has recognized India as the "country of the year."
- ✓ This is due to the contribution of the Indian startups to the world. This is the recognition of Indian startups.
- ✓ Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the India pavilion at the technology exhibition Vivatech 2020, held in Paris, France. Around 65 start-ups from India are participating in Vivatech 2022 with government support.

**Q. Which of the following has bagged a deal to drive business process transformation at Aadhar Housing Finance?**

- A) Infosys                                              B) Adani Group  
C) Reliance Industries                              D) Tata consultancy services (TCS)

**Answer : D**

- ✓ TCS bagged deal from Aadhar Housing Finance to improve business operation
- ✓ TCS has bagged a deal to drive business process transformation at Aadhar Housing Finance.
- ✓ The Aadhar Housing Finance will be deploying the Tata group company's lending and securitization platform for market expansion.
- ✓ The partnership with TCS is for an end-to-end business process transformation using the integrated and collaborative block chain-based cloud platform.



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- ✓ The Indian market constitutes around 5 per cent of the revenues for the TCS, which depends on the export markets for revenues.

## TCS IN NEWS 2021-22

- TCS was the most valuable brand coming out of India, which sat on the 46th spot of the list, As per Kantar Brandz.
- Rajesh Gopinathan re-appointed as MD and CEO of TCS for five years
- TCS partnered with IIT Madras to launch M.Tech in Industrial Artificial Intelligence
- Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has signed an agreement with Tata Consultancy Services Limited (TCS) for the second phase of the Passport Seva Programme .
- TCS holds its tenth place among global business process management (BPM) providers in 2021
- SBI Cards tie-up with TCS to boost digital transformation
- TCS Becomes Title Sponsor and Technology Partner of Toronto Waterfront Marathon Through 2026
- TCS to become the title partner of London Marathon from 2022
- TCS extends title sponsorship of New York City Marathon to 2029
- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**  
Founded : 1968  
Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra  
Chairman : Natarajan Chandrasekaran  
MD & CEO : Rajesh Gopinathan

**Q. Which former captain of the Indian women's cricket team recently announced her retirement from all forms of the game?**

- A) Tanya Bhatia                      B) Rumeli Dhar  
C) Smriti Mandhana                D) Harmanpreet Kaur

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India Player Rumeli Dhar Announced Retirement from All Forms of Cricket
- ✓ Former India women's team captain Rumeli Dhar announced her retirement from all forms of the game.





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2032 : Brisbane, Australia

2048 : New Delhi, India

✓ **WINTER OLYMPICS GAMES**

2022 : Beijing, China

2026 : Milan & Cortina, Italy

✓ **SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPICS**

2024 : Gangwon Province, South Korea

2026 : Dakar, Senegal

✓ **SUMMER PARALYMPIC GAMES**

2032 : Brisbane, Australia

✓ **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OLYMPICS GAMES**

- The first modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece, in 1896
- Olympic Day was celebrated on 23 June
- 5 Olympic ring colors represent each continent
- Blue for Europe, yellow for Asia, black for Africa, green for Oceania, and red for America
- Abhinav Bindra became the first Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal.
- Bindra had achieved the feat during 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 10 metre air rifle shooter
- Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra becomes first Indian to win Olympic Gold in Athletics (track and field events).
- Neeraj Chopra threw a best attempt of 87.58m to win the Olympic gold at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- Neeraj Chopra also became the second Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal after Abhinav Bindra.
- PV Sindhu became 2nd Indian after Sushil Kumar to win 2 individual Olympic medals.
- PV Sindhu became the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals.
- She had won the silver medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics and Bronze medal 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- Saina Nehwal became the first Indian to win a medal in Badminton at the Olympics, by winning the bronze medal at the London Olympics 2012
- India's first individual medal at the Olympics came at the 1952 Games in Helsinki when Khashaba Jadhav won the bronze in freestyle wrestling



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- First Indian woman to win an Olympic medal Weightlifter Karnam Malleswari gave Indian women at the Sydney Games in 2000
- India first participated at the Olympic Games in 1900
- India's hockey team is the most successful team ever in the Olympics, having won eight gold medals
- In 1928, the Indian Hockey team won its first Olympic gold medal
- Nilima Ghose first Indian woman to participate in the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952
- Women competed for the first time at the 1900 Games in Paris
- India has won 35 medals (10 Gold + 9 Silver + 16 Bronze) at the Olympics since the 1900 edition.
- India made its first appearance in the Summer Olympics in the year of 1920
- India finished the Games with its best-ever Olympic medal tally of 7 in Tokyo Games 2020.

✓ **Indian Medal Winners List**

✓ **GOLD MEDAL**

Neeraj Chopra – Men's Javelin

The men's javelin must weigh at least 800g and be 2.6m-2.7m long.

✓ **SILVER MEDAL**

Mirabai Chanu – Women's 49kg Weightlifting

Ravi Dahiya – Men's Freestyle 57kg Wrestling

✓ **BRONZE MEDAL**

Lovlina Borgohain – Women's Welterweight boxing

PV Sindhu – Women's Singles Badminton

Bajrang Punia – Men's 65kg Freestyle Wrestling .

Indian Men's Hockey Team Beats Germany To Win Bronze at Tokyo Olympics

**Q. The International Widows Day is an annual celebration, held on \_\_\_\_**

A) 21 June

B) 23 June

C) 20 June

D) 22 June

**Answer : B**

- ✓ International Widows' Day is observed across the world on 23 June.
- ✓ The day aims to gather support for widows and to spread awareness about their situation.



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- ✓ For several women, the hurtful loss of a partner is magnified by a long-term struggle for their basic rights and dignity.
- ✓ The Loomba Foundation, an NGO based in the United Kingdom, established International Widows Day in 2005.
- ✓ Theme 2022 – Invisible Women, Invisible Problem
- ✓ The day was first observed by the Loomba Foundation in 2005.
- ✓ On this day in 1954, founder Rajinder Paul Loomba's mother Shrimati Pushpa Wati Loomba became a widow

**Q. Which bank launched a digital platform 'Campus Power', first-of-its-kind to address the needs of the students aspiring to pursue higher education in India and abroad?**

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank                      B) ICICI Bank  
C) HDFC Bank                                      D) Canara Bank

**Answer : B**

- ✓ ICICI Bank launched a digital platform 'Campus Power', first-of-its-kind to address the needs of the students aspiring to pursue higher education in India and abroad. The platform caters to the varied needs of the entire student ecosystem comprising students, parents, and institutes.
- ✓ The first branch has been set up at IIT Kanpur and seven more will be added to the campuses of top institutes across India

#### ICICI BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- ICICI Bank launched a digital platform 'Campus Power' for the student ecosystem.
- ICICI Bank Partners with ZestMoney to Expand 'Cardless EMI' Facility.
- ICICI Bank and Santander UK Partner for business ease between India and UK.
- ICICI Bank launched India's 'open-for-all' digital ecosystem for MSMEs.
- ICICI Bank, GIFT SEZ join hands to attract global investors.
- Chennai Super Kings and ICICI Bank partners for co-branded credit card.
- ICICI Bank's Sandeep Bakhshi named Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21.
- ICICI Bank launches online platform 'Trade Emerge' for exporters and importers.
- ICICI Bank surpasses HUL to occupy 5th spot in m-cap.
- RBI approves re-appointment of Sandeep Bakhshi as ICICI Bank MD & CEO.





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- ✓ Founded on 26 September 1999, G20 is an intergovernmental forum that addresses global economic issues such as financial stability, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development.
- ✓ The aim of G20 is to "bring together systematically important industrialised and developing economies to discuss key issues in the global economy".
- ✓ **G20 or Group of Twenty**  
19 countries + 1 {European Union (EU)} = 20  
Formation : 1999  
Chairman : Joko Widodo.
- ✓ It is an informal group of 19 countries and the European Union (EU), with representatives of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.
- ✓ The membership comprises a mix of the world's largest advanced and emerging economies, representing about two-thirds of the world's population, 85% of global gross domestic product, 80% of global investment and over 75% of global trade
- ✓ **LIST OF G20 SUMMIT**  
1st G20 Summit 2008 : USA  
15th G20 summit 2020 : Saudi Arabia  
16th G20 summit 2021 : Italy  
17th G20 summit 2022 : Indonesia  
18th G20 summit 2023 : India  
19th G20 summit 2024 : Brazil  
20th G20 Summit 2025 : South Africa
- ✓ Easy Tricks to Remember or Memorize Members of G-20 Countries
- ✓ TRICKS : "GURU JI SITA AB SSC FCI ME" job karti hai (only capital letters)





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2.	U	USA
3.	R	Russia
4.	U	United Kingdom
5.	J	Japan
6.	I	India
7.	S	Saudi Arabia
8.	I	Indonesia
9.	T	Turkey
10.	A	Australia

11.	A	Argentina
12.	B	Brazil
13.	S	South Africa
14.	S	South Korea
15.	C	Canada
16.	F	France
17.	C	China
18.	I	Italy
19.	M	Mexico
20.	E	European Union

**Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog, replacing Amitabh Kant?**

A) Sindhushree Khullar

B) V. K. Saraswat

C) V. K. Paul

D) Parameswaren Iyer

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Former Drinking and water Sanitation Secretary Parameswaren Iyer has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog for 2 years.
- ✓ He will succeeded Amitabh Kant.
- ✓ Sindhushree Khullar as the first CEO of the NITI Aayog.
- ✓ Planning Commission was replaced by a new institution – NITI Aayog on 1st January, 2015 with emphasis on 'Bottom –Up' approach to envisage the vision of Maximum Governance, Minimum Government, echoing the spirit of 'Cooperative Federalism'.
- ✓ **It has two Hubs.**
- ✓ Team India Hub acts as interface between States and Centre.
- ✓ Knowledge and Innovation Hub builds the think-tank acumen of NITI Aayog
- ✓ **COMPOSITION:**
  - **Chairperson** : Prime minister
  - **Vice-Chairperson:** To be appointed by Prime-Minister



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- **Governing Council** : Chief Ministers of all states and Lt. Governors of Union Territories.
  - **Ex-Officio membership** : Maximum four from the Union council of ministers to be nominated by the Prime Minister.
  - **Chief Executive Officer** : Appointed by the Prime-minister for a fixed tenure, in the rank of Secretary to Government of India
- ✓ The 65 year-old Planning Commission had become a redundant organization. It was relevant in a command economy structure, but not any longer.
- ✓ **Initiatives of NITI Aayog**
- ✓ SDG India Index
  - ✓ Composite Water Management Index
  - ✓ Atal Innovation Mission
  - ✓ SATH Project.
  - ✓ Aspirational District Programme
  - ✓ School Education Quality Index
  - ✓ District Hospital Index
  - ✓ Health Index
  - ✓ Agriculture Marketing And Farmer Friendly reform Index
  - ✓ India Innovation Index
  - ✓ Women Transforming India Awards
  - ✓ Good Governance Index
- ✓ **Parameswaran Iyer**
- ✓ **Parameswaran Iyer is an Indian civil servant and the current CEO of NITI Aayog.**
  - ✓ Iyer was born in Srinagar and his father was an Indian Air Force officer.
  - ✓ As a student of St Stephen's college he represented India at the Junior Davis Cup in Tennis.
  - ✓ He led the Swachh Bharat Mission, the country-wide sanitation campaign initiated by the Government of India in 2014.
  - ✓ He served as the Global Lead for Strategic Initiatives in the World Bank's Water Global Practice.
  - ✓ In 2016, he returned to India and was appointed by the government to head the drinking and sanitation department, and lead the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- ✓ **Book by Parameswaran Iyer**



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1. The Swachh Bharat Revolution: Four Pillars of India's Behavioural Transformation
2. Method in the Madness: Insights from My Career as an Insider Outsider Insider

### NITI AAYOG IN NEWS 2021-22

- Parameswaran Iyer appointed as CEO of NITI Aayog.
- National Data and Analytics Platform launched by NITI Aayog.
- NITI Aayog released draft battery swapping policy 2022.
- Dr. Suman K Bery has been appointed new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog
- NITI Aayog's releases Export Preparedness Index 2021, Gujarat again tops.
- NITI Aayog released draft battery swapping policy 2022.
- Rajiv Kumar, Niti Aayog's vice chairman resigns from his post
- NITI Aayog is in the process to develop a National Gender Index
- NITI Aayog and UNICEF India collaborated to develop India's first report on State of India's Children.
- NITI Aayog has launched the State Energy & Climate Index (SECI) Round I; Gujarat tops.
- NITI Aayog and USAID announces tie-up under SAMRIDH initiative.
- NITI Aayog, in collaboration with PhonePe, AWS and EY, has organized a three-week-long virtual summit, 'Fintech Open', from 7–28 February.
- NITI Aayog & RMI India releases report 'Banking on Electric Vehicles in India'.
- NITI Aayog tie-up with UN WFP to diversify food basket.
- NITI Aayog launched the 'e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition'.
- NITI Aayog and Bharti Foundation announce the launch of 'Convoke 2021-22'.
- NITI Aayog to establish 1,000 Atal Tinkering Labs in J&K.
- NITI Aayog has released the fourth edition of the State Health Index for 2019–20; Kerala Tops.
- NITI Aayog released the report 'Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution: The ODR Policy Plan for India'.
- Niti Aayog's Poverty Index: Bihar poorest in multidimensional poverty.
- NITI Aayog ( National Institution for Transforming India)  
Founded : 1st January 2015  
Preceding : Planning Commission ( 15th March 1950)



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NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Q. Who has been appointed as Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB)?**

A) Dinesh Bhatia

B) Sanjay Rana

C) Pankaj Saran

D) Tapan Kumar Deka

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Central Government appointed senior IPS officer Tapan Lumar Deka as Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB).
- ✓ He will succeed incumbent Intelligence Bureau Director Arvind Kumar.
- ✓ Deka is currently head of the Operations Desk of the IB.
- ✓ RAW & IB Both agencies are the internal and external intelligence agencies of our country respectively
- ✓ Raw operates operations in India's neighbouring countries for the Indian government.
- ✓ IB operates within the country
- ✓ Intelligence Bureau (IB)

Founded : 1887

Headquarters : New Delhi

Motto : Always Alert

First Director : T. G. Sanjeevi Pillai

28th Director : Tapan Lumar Deka

Minister responsible : Home affairs

**Q. RBI appointed Venkat Nageswar Chalasani as a member of Seri Infrastructure Finance (SIFL) and Seri Equipment Finance (SEFL).He is from Deputy MD of which bank?**

A) State Bank of India

B) Punjab National Bank

C) Kotak Mahindra Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ RBI appointed Venkat Nageswar Chalasani as a member of Seri Infrastructure Finance (SIFL) and Seri Equipment Finance (SEFL).
- ✓ He was roped in after R Subramaniakumar resigned from the advisory committee.
- ✓ He is from Deputy MD of the State Bank of India (SBI).

**Q. Who has been re-appointed as chief of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW)?**

- A) Manpreet Vohra                      B) Ajay Bisaria  
C) Samant Kumar Goel                 D) Rahul Kulshreshth

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Government extended the tenure of current Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) chief Samant Kumar Goel for another one year, till June 2023. Goel is a 1984-batch IPS Officer of the Punjab Cadre.
- ✓ The Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) is the foreign intelligence agency of India
- ✓ Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW)  
Founded : 1968  
Headquarteres : New Delhi  
Founder : R. N. Kao  
First Director : Rameshwar Nath Kao  
23rd Director : Samant Goel  
Minister responsible : Prime Ministry of India

**Q. Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed an agreement with which of the following for collaborative development of end-to-end 5G Radio Access Network products?**

- A) Cisco Network                         B) JIO Network  
C) Galore Network                        D) Airtel Network

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed an agreement with Galore Network for the collaborative development of end-to-end 5G Radio Access Network products & solutions. C-DOT is an Indian Government owned telecommunications technology development center.
- ✓ This agreement will help in the manufacturing of the indigenous design, development and manufacturing of 5G products & solutions.



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**Q. The Indian Air Force conducted the first Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Program (WASP) culminating with a Capstone Seminar at Air Force Auditorium. Air Force Auditorium situated in which city?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Indian Air Force conducted the first Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Program (WASP) culminating with a Capstone Seminar at Air Force Auditorium, New Delhi.
- ✓ The Seminar conducted under the aegis of College of Air Warfare & Centre for Air Power Studies. This seminar aims to showcase the learning objectives of WSAP

**Q. Which state has become has become the first state in the country to launch 'Balika Panchayat'?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Gujarat has become the first state in the country to launch 'Balika Panchayat'.
- ✓ It is a panchayat of girls which aims to promote the social and political development of the girls and ensure their active participation in politics.
- ✓ It is managed by the girls in the 11-21 age group.
- ✓ It was first started in Kunaria, Maska, Motagua, and Vadsar villages of the Kutch district of Gujarat.

**Q. Renewable Energy 2022: Global Status Report' was published by REN21, what is the rank of India in renewable energy installations in 2021?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India ranked 3rd in renewable energy installations in 2021, after China & Russia, according to a report released on 15 June '22.
- ✓ The report titled 'Renewable Energy 2022: Global Status Report' was published by REN21 (Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century).



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- ✓ India installed 15.4 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy projects in 2021.
- ✓ It also ranked 4th in total solar installations.

**Q. India has approved setting up of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Center in which city?**

- A) New Delhi, India                      B) Colombo, Sri Lanka  
C) Kathmandu, Nepal                      D) London, England

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Union Cabinet has approved a 'Memorandum of Association' (MoA) by India for setting up of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Center in Colombo. This was signed by the member countries of the 'Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation' (BIMSTEC) during the fifth BIMSTEC summit held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on March 30, 2022.
- ✓ The main objective of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility (TTF) is to strengthen coordination and cooperation among BIMSTEC member countries by promoting transfer of technologies, sharing of experiences and capacity building.
- ✓ Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
- ✓ Establishment : 6 June 1997
- ✓ Headquarters : Dhaka, Bangladesh
- ✓ Membership : 7 (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka & Thailand)
- ✓ Chairmanship : Sri Lanka
- ✓ Secretary General : Tenzin Lekhpel (Bhutan)
- ✓ **Trick to remember BIMSTEC Countries**
- ✓ **TRICK :- MBBS NIT**  
M - Myanmar                      B - Bangladesh  
B - Bhutan                      S - Sri Lanka  
N - Nepal                      I - India  
T - Thailand

**Q. Which of the following regulatory body has set up an advisory committee on hybrid securities?**

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









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#### WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2022

- World Bank approved USD 245 million loan to modernize India's railway logistics infra.
- World Bank approved USD 250 million loan for India's road safety programme.
- World Bank has approved additional financing of USD 250 million for Outcomes for Accelerated Learning.
- World Bank has approved a Rs 1,000 crore project to take rainfed farming to new heights in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand.
- World Bank has slashed its growth forecast for India for the current financial year to 7.5 percent.
- Global Economic Prospects report released, the World Bank
- World Bank announces up to \$30 bn to address food security crisis.
- World bank sanctioned USD 350 million for SRESTHA-G project of Gujarat.
- World Bank approved \$47 million program for India's Mission Karmayogi program.
- World Bank provided USD 600 million in financial assistance to Sri Lanka to make payments for essential imports.
- World bank Report States Extreme Poverty in India Decline by 12.3% between 2011-2019.
- World Bank cuts global economy growth forecast to 3.2% for 2022.
- Gujarat Govt to receive Rs 7,500 Cr Loan from World Bank, AIB.
- Junaid Ahmad World Bank's India Director, appointed as vice president of operations.
- India and World Bank inks US\$125 million loan to support access to Social Protection Services in West Bengal.
- WORLD BANK  
Founded : 1944  
Headquarters : Washington Dc  
President : David Malpass  
MD&CFO : Anshula Kant  
Chief Economist : Carman Reinhart  
Executive Director : Rajesh Khullar  
Member Countries :189
- World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID).



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

**Q. India's largest floating solar power project has been commissioned by Tata power solar in which state?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India's largest floating solar power project commissioned by Tata power solar in Kerala
- ✓ Tata Power Solar Systems, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, has commissioned India's largest floating solar power project in Kayamkulam, Kerala.
- ✓ The solar project is spread over 350 acre water body, backwaters area, having an installed capacity of 101.6 Megawatt (MWp).
- ✓ This installation was completed within the stipulated period, despite the arduous challenges of variable water depths, high sea tides, and severe water salinity concerns faced throughout the project's construction duration.
- ✓ This project is the first in the Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV) through power purchase agreement category
- ✓ A power purchase agreement has been signed with a PSU client, wherein the entire power generated from this plant will be used by Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB)
- ✓ The project reinforces Tata Power Solar's commitment to leading India's transition towards a greener future and achieving the collective vision of realizing 500 GW of energy through solar power by 2030

**Q. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is set to launch 'One Health' Pilot project in which city?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) will be launched the One Health pilot in Bengaluru.



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- ✓ The programme is aimed at bringing stakeholders from animal, human and environment health on a common platform to address challenges.
- ✓ DAHD in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as implementation partner is implementing the One-Health Framework undertaking project in the states of Karnataka and Uttarakhand, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying

**Q. RBI extended the Card on File (CoF) tokenisation deadline to \_\_\_ from 30 June 2022 for all Payment System Providers & Payment System Participants.**

- A) 30 September 2022                      B) 30 December 2022  
C) 30 October 2022                        D) 30 November 2022

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the extension of the deadline for tokenisation of debit and credit cards by another three months to September 30, 2022 from June 30, 2022.
- ✓ This direction was issued by RBI under Section 10 (2) read with Section 18 of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (Act 51 of 2007).
- ✓ Tokenisation is a process by which card details are replaced by a unique code or token, allowing online purchases to go through without exposing sensitive card details.

**Q. World Bank has approved a loan of 250 million US dollars for the India State Assistance Program for road safety of how many states?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The World Bank approved USD 250 million loan for the Indian government's road safety programme that addresses the high road accident fatality rate in the country.
- ✓ The India State Support Program for Road Safety, financed by the World Bank, will be implemented in the states of Andhra Pradesh (AP), Gujarat, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal
- ✓ The programme is aimed to help participating states reduce road crash fatalities and injuries through improved road safety management and institutional reform, and results-based interventions on high-





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- ✓ Mundra will replace the current chairman Justice Vikramajit Sen.
- ✓ Mundra has held several important positions, including Executive Director of Union Bank of India, Chief Executive of Bank of Baroda (European Operations), amongst others.
- ✓ He also served as RBI's nominee on the Financial Stability Board (G20 Forum) and its various committees. He was also the Vice-chair of OECD's International Network on Financial Education.
- ✓ Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- ✓ Founded : 1875
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai Maharashtra
- ✓ Chairman : Subhash Sheoratan Mundra
- ✓ MD & CEO : Ashish kumar Chauhan
- ✓ Premchand Roychand founded the Bombay Stock Exchange(BSE)
- ✓ BSE became the first stock exchange to be recognized by the Government of India in 1956.
- ✓ The BSE is established in 1875, it is the oldest stock exchange of Asia, and also the tenth oldest in the world.
- ✓ Bombay Stock Exchange became the first stock exchange in India to launch commodity derivatives contracts in gold and silver.
- ✓ SENSEX(SENSitive indEX) is a free-float market-weighted stock market index of 30 well-established and financially sound companies listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

**Q. Who has been appointed as CEO of India Debt Resolution Company Limited (IRDCL)?**

- A) Sachin Chaturvedi                      B) Avinash Kulkarni  
C) T. Rabi Sankar                          D) Revathy Iyer

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Chief Executive of India Resurgence Asset Reconstruction Company (IRARC), Avinash Kulkarni, has been selected to head the India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL) for a period of 3 year.
- ✓ He succeeds Manish Makharia.
- ✓ IDRCL is a private sector company controlled by private sector banks that own a 51% share. Its seven-member board is chaired by former SBI executive Diwakar Gupta.
- ✓ The government has set up an asset management company (AMC) named India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL) with a paid-up capital of Rs. 80.5 lakh on an authorized capital of Rs 50 crore.











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- ✓ The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of notified single-use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022
- ✓ What is single-use plastic?
- ✓ It refers to plastic items that are used once and discarded.
- ✓ Highest Shares of Plastic Manufactured and Used:
- ✓ Single-use plastic has among the highest shares of plastic manufactured and used — from packaging of items, to bottles (shampoo, detergents, cosmetics), polythene bags, face masks, coffee cups, cling film, trash bags, food packaging etc
- ✓ According to a 2021 report of the Minderoo Foundation, an Australian philanthropic organization, single-use plastics account for a third of all plastic produced globally, with 98% manufactured from fossil fuels
- ✓ On the current trajectory of production, it has been projected that single-use plastic could account for 5-10% of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
- ✓ Data for India:
- ✓ The report found that India features in the top 100 countries of single-use plastic waste generation – at rank 94 (the top three being Singapore, Australia and Oman).
- ✓ With domestic production of 11.8 million metric tonnes annually, and import of 2.9 MMT, India's net generation of single-use plastic waste is 5.6 MMT, and per capita generation is 4 kg.
- ✓ The choice for the first set of single-use plastic items for the ban was based on the difficulty of collection, and therefore recycling.
- ✓ When plastic remains in the environment for long periods of time and does not decay, it turns into microplastics – first entering our food sources and then the human body, and this is extremely harmful.
- ✓ The ban will be monitored by the CPCB from the Centre, and by the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) that will report to the Centre regularly.
- ✓ Those found violating the ban can be penalised under the Environment Protection Act 1986 – which allows for imprisonment up to 5 years, or a penalty up to Rs 1 lakh, or both.
- ✓ Bangladesh became the first country to ban thin plastic bags in 2002
- ✓ New Zealand became the latest country to ban plastic bags in July 2019.
- ✓ Eight states in the US have banned single-use plastic bags, beginning with California in 2014. Seattle became the first major US city to ban plastic straws in 2018.



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- ✓ In July, 2021, the Directive on Single-Use Plastics took effect in the European Union (EU)

**Q. Which country has announced to transfer “Iskander-M Missile System” to Belarus?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Russia has announced the transfer of the "Iskander-M missile system" to Belarus. This missile system can use ballistic or cruise missiles in its nuclear and conventional versions.
- ✓ The Iskander-M missile system is codenamed as "SS-26 Stone" by NATO. The Iskander-M missile has a range of 500 km.
- ✓ It is capable of carrying a payload of up to 700 kg.

## RUSSIA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Russia overtakes Saudi Arabia to become India's 2nd biggest oil supplier.
- Russia test-fired the “RS-28 SARMAT,” world's “most powerful” nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile.
- Russia destroyed the largest plane in the world ‘Mriya’.
- Russia successfully tests fired Hypersonic Cruise Missile ‘Zircon’.
- Indian Navy stealth frigate Tushil launched in Kaliningrad, Russia.
- Russian filmmaker Klim Shipenko becomes first to shoot film in space.
- Russian film director Klim Shipenko and actress Yulia Peresild spent 12 days in the ISS for filming 30 minutes duration scenes for the film “The Challenge”.
- Imtiaz Ali appointed as Ambassador of Russian Film Festival in India.
- 101 member Indian Army contingent to participate in International Army Games 2021 in Russia.
- 12th INDRA NAVY Exercise between India & Russia held in Baltic Sea .
- Indo-Russia Joint Military Drill ‘Exercise INDRA 2021’ to be held in August 2021 at Volgograd in Russia.
- Russia successfully test-fires S-500 missile system.
- India ties with Russia as 4th largest forex reserves holder.
- Russia 'building first fully stealth warship' .



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- Russia says it will launch own space station in 2025.
- Russia to revisit Moon after 45 years, Luna 25 set to launch in October 2021.
- Russia Registers World's First Covid-19 Vaccine For Animals named 'Carnivac-Cov'.
- Russia Launches 38 Satellites From 18 Countries Into Space on Soyuz Rocket .
- Russia launches first Arctic-monitoring Satellite 'Arktika-M' .
- China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station.
- India to procure 21 MiG-29 and 12 Sukhoi-30MKI fighter aircraft from Russia.
- Russia successfully test-fires Tsirkon hypersonic missile.
- Russia Becomes World's 1st Country to Register COVID-19 Vaccine, 'Sputnik V' .
- Russia first regiment of S-400 anti-air system will be delivered to India .
- India-Russia to sign MoUs on AK-203 assault rifles.

#### ➤ RUSSIA

Capital : Moscow

Currency : Ruble

PM : Mikhail Mishustin

President : Vladimir Putin

'Roscosmos' Space Agency : Russia

AVIAINDRA Air Exercise : India and Russia

INDRA Military Exercise : India and Russia

**Q. Who has been declared the winner of the Miss India Worldwide 2022?**

A) Rashi Chandel

B) Khushi Patel

C) Shinata Chauhan

D) Rubal Shekhawat

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Khushi Patel, a biomedical student from the United Kingdom, has been declared the winner of the Miss India Worldwide 2022.
- ✓ Vaidehi Dongre from the US was declared the first runner up while Shrutika Mane was adjudged the second runner-up.
- ✓ It is the longest-running Indian pageant outside of India and is organised by India Festival Committee (IFC).





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- ✓ The Mission provides Central Assistance to the implementing agencies through States/Union Territories (UTs) and Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) for providing houses to all eligible families/ beneficiaries against the validated demand for houses for about 1.12 cr
- ✓ As per PMAY(U) guidelines, the size of a house for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) could be up to 30 sq. mt. carpet area, however, States/UTs have the flexibility to enhance the size of houses in consultation and approval of the Ministry

**Q. According to NASSCOM Report, Artificial Intelligence can add USD 500 billion to GDP by which year?**

A) 2023

B) 2025

C) 2030

D) 2028

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Artificial Intelligence will add USD 500 billion to India's GDP by 2025: Nasscom Report
- ✓ The adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and data utilization strategies can add USD 500 billion to India's GDP by 2025, according to a report by the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM).
- ✓ The AI adoption in 4 key sectors, BFSI, consumer packaged goods (CPG) and retail, healthcare, and industrials/automotive, can contribute 60% of the total \$ 500 billion opportunity
- ✓ The current rate of AI investments in India is growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 30.8% and poised to reach USD 881 million by 2023, it will still represent just 2.5% of the total global AI investments of USD 340 billion.
- ✓ For India to achieve its \$1 trillion GDP goal by FY 2026-2027, it needs to have a strong correlation to the maturity of AI adoption. India currently is the second largest global hub in training and hiring AI talent.
- ✓ India currently is the second largest global hub in training and hiring AI talent.
- ✓ National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)

Founded : 1988

Headquarteres : New Delhi

Chairmam : Krishnan Ramanujam

President : Debjani Ghosh













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**Q. Uranium Mining Reserves have been found recently in which state?**

A) Rajasthan

B) Odisha

C) Chhattisgarh

D) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Huge reserves of Uranium have been found at Rohil (Khandela Tehsil) in Rajasthan's Sikar district.
- ✓ The reserve has been located around 120 km from state capital Jaipur.
- ✓ After Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand, Rajasthan has become the third Indian state where Uranium has been found
- ✓ With the issuance of Letter of Intent (LoI) for uranium mining in the state on June 26, 2022, Rajasthan has entered the field of uranium mining.
- ✓ The LOI has been issued for mining lease to Uranium Corporation of India for mining of uranium ore at Rohil in Khandela tehsil near Sikar.
- ✓ It may be recalled that huge reserves of uranium have been found in an area of 1086.46 hectares at Rohil in Khandela tehsil of Sikar district.
- ✓ According to initial estimates, the reserves of about 12 million tonnes of uranium are likely to be in the region.
- ✓ Uranium is currently being excavated in the country in Jajagoda of Singhbhum in Jharkhand and andhra pradesh.
- ✓ The highest uranium production globally takes place in Kazakhstan, Canada and Australia. Apart from this, uranium minerals have also been found in Russia, Namibia, Uzbekistan, USA and Ukraine.
- ✓ Uranium is mainly used to make electricity. However, apart from nuclear energy, uranium is also used in medicine, defense equipment, photography among others.
- ✓ Uranium, with the atomic number 92, is a silvery-white metallic chemical element in the periodic table. It is denoted by the chemical symbol U. A uranium atom contains 92 protons and 92 electrons, with 6 of them being valence electrons.
- ✓ Uranium 238 accounts for 99.3 percent of natural uranium and has the longest lifetime: 4.5 billion years or roughly the age of the Earth
- ✓ Uranium 235 is the only fissile nucleus found in natural uranium and is used as a nuclear fuel in reactors and as a nuclear weapon explosive.
- ✓ Uranium 234 is the uranium-238's first long-lived descendant.



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- ✓ Uranium-235 Used in nuclear reactors for the production of energy

**Q. Which union minister launched 'Dak Karmayogi', an e-learning portal of the Department of Posts?**

- A) Nirmala Sitharaman                      B) Dharmendra Pradhan  
C) Ashwini Vaishnaw                      D) Narendra Modi

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Dak Karmayogi, which is an e-Learning portal of the department of posts was launched by Shri Ashwini Vaishnav minister of communication, railways, electronics, and IT, and Shri Devusinh Chauhan minister of state for communications.
- ✓ To recognise the good performance of employees of Department of Posts, Meghdoot Awards were also conferred in eight different categories.
- ✓ Meghdoot Award was introduced in the year 1984. This is the highest award of Department of Posts at National level for overall performance and excellence.
- ✓ This portal has been developed 'In-House' under vision of 'Mission Karmayogi', which was conceptualized by Prime Minister with a view to bring efficiency efficiency of bureaucracy with 'Minimum Government' and 'Maximum Governance.
- ✓ The Portal will enable the trainees to access the uniform standardized training content online or in blended campus mode to enable them to effectively deliver a number of G2C (Government to Citizen) services for enhanced customer satisfaction.
- ✓ Objective : To provide better services by upgrading employees and Gramin Dak Sevaks

**Q. National Highways Excellence Awards (NHEA) were instituted to felicitate which category?**

- A) Public                                      B) Companies  
C) Bureaucrats                              D) Employees

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla along with Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari gave away National Highways Excellence Awards-2021.
- ✓ Awards were given to the stakeholders and companies engaged in the highway construction and maintenance of road assets in New Delhi.





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- ✓ Ministry of Education on 27 June 2022 released the first-ever Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) for 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- ✓ It assesses the performance of the school education system at the District level by creating an index for comprehensive analysis.
- ✓ Sikar, Jhunjhunu and Jaipur of Rajasthan have emerged as the best performers in the index.

**Q. Which space agency has successfully launched a rocket from Australia's Arnhem Space Centre?**

- A) European Space Agency (ESA)
- B) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- C) China National Space Administration (CNSA)
- D) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

**Answer : D**

- ✓ National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on 27 June 2022 successfully launched a rocket from Australia's Arnhem Space Centre.
- ✓ It was NASA's first-ever commercial launch outside of the United States.
- ✓ It was also the first commercial space launch in Australia's history.
- ✓ It was the first of three launches, with a further two planned for the 4th and 12th of July, 2022.
- ✓ National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

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**Q. According to the latest SBI Ecowrap research report, India's poverty ratio has declined to \_\_\_ percent in 2020-21 from 21.9 percent in 2011-12.**

- A) 19.4%
- B) 18.5%
- C) 17.9%
- D) 16.4%

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Inequality of income in India has declined significantly since Financial Year 2017, according to the latest SBI Ecowrap research report.



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- ✓ It also says that the income inequality in the country has also declined during the Covid-19.
- ✓ India's poverty ratio has also declined to 17.9 percent in 2020-21 from 21.9 percent in 2011-12.
- ✓ The report highlighted that poverty in some states including Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, J&K, Uttarakhand and Sikkim has increased, while it has declined in states including Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, MP, UP, Odisha and West Bengal.
- ✓ The SBI ecowrap report highlighted that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated global income inequality, partly reversing the decline of the previous two decades.

**Q. For which banks, EASE 5.0 — Enhanced Access and Service Excellence — a common reform agenda aimed at institutionalising clean and smart banking was launched recently?**

- A) Public Sector Banks (PSBs)                      B) Regional Rural Banks (RRB)  
C) Commercial Banks                                      D) Small Finance Banks

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the EASE 5.0 “Common reforms agenda” of EASE Next program.
- ✓ Enhanced Access and Service Excellence-EASE evolved for four annual editions from Financial Year 2019 to Financial Year 2022.
- ✓ It has also catalysed reforms in diverse areas in Public Sector Banks
- ✓ EASE 5.0 ‘Common reforms agenda’ has been developed for Public Sector Banks
- ✓ PSB Manthan, 2022 was organised in April 2022. This program paved the way for broader program “EASENext”. The EASENext will comprise of two initiatives
  1. EASE 5.0 (common PSB reforms agenda) and
  2. Bank specific strategic 3-year roadmap (on the basis of individual bank’s business priorities).
- ✓ Agenda of EASE 5.0
- ✓ Under EASE 5.0, PSBs will be investing in new-age capabilities. It will also deepen the ongoing reforms for responding to evolving customer needs, technology environment and changing competition.
- ✓ EASE Agenda was launched by government in collaboration with PSBs in January 2018. It was authored by Boston consulting Group and commissioned through Indian Banks’ Association.

**Q. The National Statistics Day is observed by the Government of India on which day?**

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



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**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Government of India celebrates Statistics Day on June 29 every year since 2007 to popularize the use of Statistics in everyday life and sensitize the public as to how Statistics helps in shaping and framing policies.
- ✓ The day marks the birth anniversary of Father of Indian Statistics, Prof. P C Mahalanobis, in recognition of his invaluable contribution in establishing the National Statistical System.
- ✓ The theme of Statistics Day, 2022 is Data for Sustainable Development.

**Q. What is the theme of the National Statistics Day 2022?**

- A) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG-2)
- B) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG-7)
- C) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG-5)
- D) Data for Sustainable Development

**Answer : D**

**Q. National Statistics Day in India is celebrated to commemorate which statistician's birth anniversary?**

- A) C.R. Rao
- B) Srinivasa, Ramanujan
- C) V.S. Huzurbazar
- D) PC Mahalanobis

**Answer : D**

- ✓ National Statistics Day is marked on June 29 in India to celebrate the notable contribution in the fields of economic planning and the statistical development made by Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis. The National Statistics Day 2022 theme is 'Data for Sustainable Development'





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