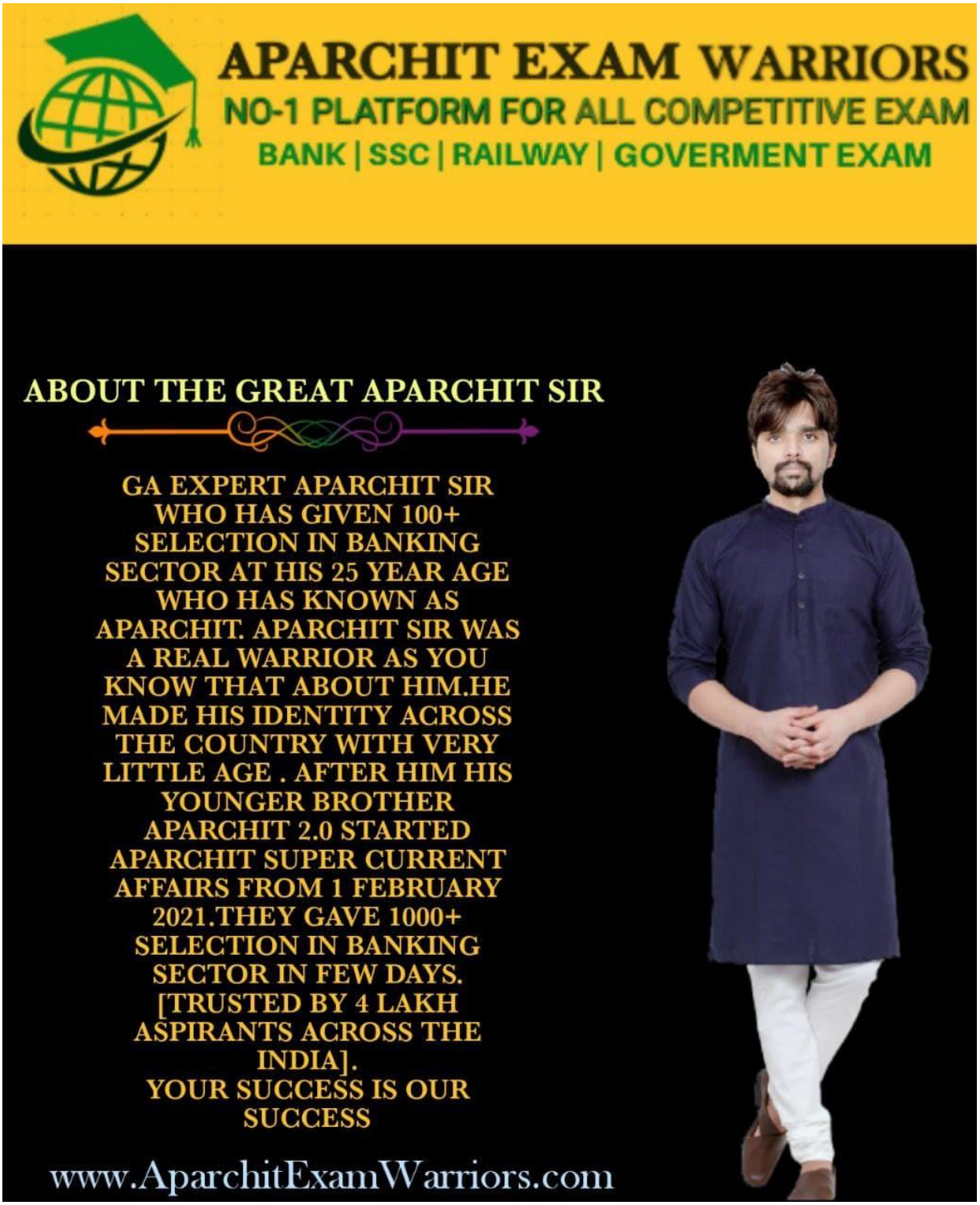
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Q. Where is India's largest solar power plant has been established?

A) Andhra Pradesh
B) Odisha
C) Tamil Nadu
D) Telangana

Answer : D

- ✓ India's largest floating Solar Power Project became fully operational at Ramagundam in Telangana with effect from July 01, 2022, after NTPC declared Commercial Operation of the final part capacity of 20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project.
- ✓ Now the total commercial operation of Floating Solar Capacity in Southern Region has reached 217 MW.
- ✓ Prior to this, NTPC declared Commercial operation of 92 MW Floating Solar at Kayamkulam (Kerala) and 25 MW Floating Solar at Simhadri (Andhra Pradesh).
- ✓ India's largest floating Solar Power Project became fully operational at Ramagundam in Telangana (100 MW capacity)

FLOATING IN NEWS 2021-22

- NTPC Commissions India's biggest floating solar power plant with a capacity of 100 MW will be set up at Ramagundam in Telangana.
- Tata Power commissions India's largest floating solar power project in Kayamkulam, Kerala.
- South Korea to get world's first floating city by 2025.
- SBI has opened a floating ATM on Dal Lake in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
- India's largest Floating Solar PV Project commissioned in Simhadri thermal station Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh by NTPC.
- Singapore's Sunseap to build world's largest floating solar farm in Indonesia.
- Singapore unveils one of the world's biggest floating solar panel farms.
- Weddell Sea of Antarctica is the biggest iceberg floating in the world.
- Maharashtra gets India's first floating LNG storage and regasification unit.

Q. T Raja Kumar has been appointed as the New president of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). He is from which country?

A) Germany B) France

C) Singapore D) Japan

Answer : C

- ✓ T Raja Kumar of Singapore has been appointed as the president of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the anti-money laundering watchdog.
- ✓ T Raja Kumar has replaced Marcus Pleyer (Germany)
- ✓ The FATF is an intergovernmental organization set up by the G7 in 1989 to prevent and combat money laundering, terrorism, and proliferation finance. The FATF also reviews and supervises member jurisdictions to ensure that they fully and effectively apply the FATF standards.
- ✓ Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

  Founded : 1989

  Headquarters : Paris, France

  Membership : 39

  President : T Raja Kumar (Singapore)

Q. Who has sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra, after the resignation of Uddhav Thakarey?

A) Devendra Fadnavis B) Eknath Shinde

C) Ashok Chavan D) Ajit Pawaro

Answer : B

- ✓ Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde has been sworn in as the new and 20th Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- ✓ Shinde was administered the oath of office by the Governor Bhagat Singh Koshari on June 30, 2022.
- ✓ He replaces Shivsena leader Uddhav Thackeray, who served as the 19th Chief Minister of Maharashtra from November 28, 2019 to June 29, 2022.
- ✓ Shinde is a four-time MLA who has served in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly in 2004, 2009, 2014 and 2019.
- ✓ Apart from this BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis has been sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister.

- ✓ Shinde was serving previously as the Cabinet Minister of Urban Development and Public Works (Public Undertakings) in the Maharashtra state government.
- ✓ He is also an elected MLA from the Kopri-Pachpakhadi constituency of Thane

NEWLY CHIEF MINISTER IN NEWS 2021-22
➢ Eknath Shinde : 20th Chief Minister of Maharashtra [Shiv Sena Party]
➢ Manik Saha : 11th Chief Minister of Tripura [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
➢ Pushkar Singh Dhami : 2nd term and 11th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
➢ Pramod Sawant : 2nd term Chief Minister of Goa [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
➢ N Biren Singh : 2nd term and 13th Chief Minister of Manipur [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
➢ Bhagwant Mann : 18th chief minister of Punjab [Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)]
➢ Bhupendra Patel : 17th Chief Minister of Gujarat [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
➢ Basavaraj Bommai : 23rd Chief Minister of Karnataka [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
➢ Pinarayi Vijayan : 2nd term and 12th Cheif Minister of Kerala [Communist Party of India (Marxist)]
➢ Himanta Biswa Sarma : 15th Chief Minister of Assam [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)]
➢ N Rangasamy : 4th term Chief Minister of Puducherry [All India N.R. Congress party]
➢ MK Stalin : 8th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu [Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)party]
➢ Mamata Banerjee : 3rd term Chief Minister of West Bengal [All India Trinamool Congress party]

Q. Which of the following state was NOT classified as "Top Achievers" in the Ease of Doing Business ranking according to the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2022 report?

A) Andhra Pradesh **B) Gujarat**

C) Haryana **D) Maharashtra**

Answer : D

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh has topped the 5th edition of the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) ranking of states and Union Territories for 2020. It is also known as The Ease of Doing Business rankings.
- ✓ The ranking was announced by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs on June 30, 2022.
- ✓ The ranking is done by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

- ✓ The BRAP represents the Ease of Doing Business in any state.
- ✓ Till date, State Rankings have been released for the years 2015, 2016, 2017-18, 2019 and 2022.
- ✓ Business Reforms Action Plan 2020 report
- ✓ The latest edition of the ranking has grouped States and UTs in 4 categories. **These are Top Achievers, Achievers, Aspirers and Emerging Business Ecosystems.**
- ✓ Assessment of States/UTs are based on implementation of Business Reforms Action Plan for the year 2020.
- ✓ The BRAP 2020 includes 301 reform points covering 15 business regulatory areas
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh stood first in Top Achievers category with a score of 97.89 percent. There are seven states listed in this category.
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh has topped the Achievers category. This list has 6 states.
- ✓ Aspirers category has been topped by Assam. Overall 7 states are listed under this category.
- ✓ Andaman & Nicobar has topped the Emerging Business Ecosystems category. 11 states and UTs are listed under this category.
- ✓ **Category-wise ranking of states/UTs in the BRAP 2020**
- ✓ **States/UTs under the Top Achievers category in BRAP 2020 –** Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana
- ✓ **States/UTs under the Achievers category in BRAP 2020 –** Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ **States under the Aspirers category in BRAP 2020 –** Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala, Rajasthan, West Bengal
- ✓ **States under the Emerging Business Ecosystems category in BRAP 2020 –** Andaman & Nicobar, Bihar, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Puducherry, Tripura

Q. According to the Knight Frank's Asia Pacific Sustainability Index 2021, which Indian city ranked 14th in the APAC region in the Gold standard category?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ According to the 'Asia Pacific Sustainability Index 2021' released by Knight Frank, an international property consultant based in London, UK, four Indian cities made it to the top 20 of the Asia Pacific (APAC) Sustainably Led Cities Index Ranking.
- ✓ Bengaluru ranked 14th in the list of top 20 cities in the APAC region in the Gold standard category in terms of compliance with sustainability norms in the development of commercial real estate. Delhi is at 17th, Hyderabad at 18th and Mumbai 20th positions in Silver standard category.
- ✓ The top five green-rated cities in the APAC region are Singapore, Sydney (Australia), Wellington (New Zealand), Perth (Australia), and Melbourne (Australia). These five cities earned the Platinum category, the highest category of the index.
- ✓ The report also noted that India's green bond issuances increased 523% on a yearly basis, from $1.1 billion in 2020 to $6.8 billion in 2021.
- ✓ Green bond issuances that were negatively impacted by the pandemic in 2020 recovered in 2021, surpassing pre-pandemic levels and posting an increase of 116.9% from $3.1 billion raised in 2019

Q. According to QS Best Student Cities 2023, which is the highest ranked city in India to live in for students from all over the world?

A) Bengaluru

B) Hyderabad

C) Lucknow

D) Mumbai

Answer : D

- ✓ According to the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023, released by global higher education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), Mumbai ranked at 103 has emerged as India's highest-ranked student city.
- ✓ The other Indian cities in the rankings include Bengaluru at 114, Chennai at 125 and New Delhi at 129.
- ✓ London (UK) has topped the list ranked 1 followed by Munich (Germany) and Seoul (South Korea) ranked 2nd and Zurich (Switzerland) ranked 4th.
- ✓ The ranking provides students with independent data regarding a range of factors relevant to their study decisions: affordability, quality of life, the standard of university, and the views of previous students that have studied in that destination.

Q. How much amount has been by the World Bank to support and enhance the health sector of India?

A) USD 4 billion
B) USD 1 billion
C) USD 2 billion
D) USD 3 billion

Answer : B

- ✓ World Bank approved USD 1 billion to support India's health sector
- ✓ Two complementary loans totaling $500 million each were authorized by the World Bank Board of Executive Directors to help and develop the health sector in India.
- ✓ Through this combined financing of $1 billion, the World Bank is looking to assist the Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), which was launched by the government in October 2021 for the development the public healthcare infrastructure across the country.
- ✓ Along with the involvement at the national level, one of the loans is meant to provide priority to the states of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh for the improvement of their current medical infrastructure.
- ✓ Under health, two loans-Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Programme (PHSPP) and Enhanced Health Service Delivery Programme (EHSDP) are designed to be complementary and transformational in impact.
- ✓ PHSPP and EHSDP loans have a combined final term of 18.5 years, including a 5-year grace period.

Q. Who has been sworn in as the new Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra?

A) Eknath Shinde
B) Devendra Fadnavis
C) Narhari Sitaram Zirwal
D) Ramraje Naik Nimbalkar

Answer : B

- ✓ Eknath Shinde took oath as the new chief minister of Maharashtra at the Raj Bhavan. Bharatiya Janata Party leader Devendra Fadnavis was sworn in as the deputy chief minister.
- ✓ Shinde has served as the urban development minister in the previous Maha Vikas Aghadi government.
- ✓ Devendra Fadnavis became the Chief Minister of Maharashtra in 2014. He was the 18th Chief Minister of Maharashtra and became the second youngest Chief Minister after Sharad Pawar.
- ✓ MAHARASHTRA

  Capital : Mumbai

  Chief MInister : Eknath Sindhe

Governor : Bhagat Singh Koshyari

Vidhan Sabha Seats : 288

Lokshabha Seats : 48

Rajyasabha Seats : 19

Q. Who has become the first Black woman judge to serve on the US Supreme Court?

A) Ketanji Brown Jackson **B) Patricia Tolliver Giles**

C) Karen M. Williams **D) Angel Kelly**

Answer : A

- ✓ Ketanji Brown Jackson has been sworn in to the Supreme Court, shattering a glass ceiling as the first Black woman on the nation's highest court.
- ✓ He replaced Justice Stephen Breyer's. The 51-year-old Jackson is the court's 116th justice

Q. Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the purchase of how much stake of Google International LLC of the equity capital of Bharti Airtel Limited?

A) 2.54% **B) 1.28%**

C) 3.67% **D) 1.98%**

Answer : B

- ✓ Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved Google's proposed acquisition of a minority stake in telecom major Bharti Airtel.
- ✓ Google International LLC and Airtel have entered into an investment agreement to buy a minority and non-controlling stake of 1.28 per cent of equity share capital in the telecom player.
- ✓ Google has already partnered with Reliance Jio to launch of low cost smartphone – JioNext with an optimized Android OS, as part of Google's investment into Jio last year. Jio Platforms, the holding company of Reliance Jio, has also received a $5.7 billion investment from Facebook, now Meta, for a 9.99% stake.
- ✓ Competition Commission of India (CCI)

  Founded : 2003

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  Chairmam : Ashok Kumar Gupta
- ✓ Bharti Airtel

Founded : 1995

Founder : Sunil Bharti Mittal

Headquarters : New Delhi

Chairman : Sunil Bharti Mittal

MD & CEO : Gopal Vittal

Q. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi participated in the 'Udyami Bharat' programme and launched RAMP program. What is the full form of RAMP?

A) Rating and Accelerating MSME Performance

B) Rural and Accelerating MSME Performance

C) Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance

D) Revenue and Accelerating MSME Performance

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister, Narendra Modi participated in the 'Udyami Bharat' programme and launched key initiatives like 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP) scheme, 'Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters' (CBFTE) scheme and new features of the 'Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme' (PMEGP) to ramp up the MSME sector.
- ✓ He also digitally transferred assistance to beneficiaries of PMEGP for 2022-23; announced results of the MSME Idea Hackathon, 2022; distributed National MSME Awards, 2022; and issued Digital Equity Certificates to 75 MSMEs in the Self Reliant India (SRI) Fund.
- ✓ 'Udyami Bharat' is reflective of the continuous commitment of the government, right from day one, to work towards empowerment of MSMEs.
- ✓ Government has launched several initiatives from time to time like MUDRA Yojana, Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme, and Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) etc. to provide necessary and timely support to the MSME sector, which has helped benefit crores of people across the country.
- ✓ Prime Minister has launched the 'Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters' (CBFTE) scheme, which aims to encourage MSMEs to offer products and services of international standards for the global market. This will enhance the participation of Indian MSMEs in the global value chain and help them realize their export potential.

- ✓ PM has also launched new features of the 'Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme' (PMEGP). These include increase in the maximum project cost to ₹50 lakhs (from ₹25 lakhs) for manufacturing sector and ₹20 lakhs (from ₹10 lakhs) in the service sector and inclusion of applicants from Aspirational districts & Transgenders in the Special Category applicants for availing higher subsidies. Also, handholding support is being provided to applicants/entrepreneurs through engagement of banking, technical & marketing experts.

Q. As per the UN-Habitat's "World Cities Report 2022: Envisaging the Future of Cities seeks", India's Urban Population is projected to be 675 million in which year?

A) 2025 B) 2035

C) 2030 D) 2040

Answer : B

- ✓ According to United Nations-Habitat's World Cities Report 2022- India's urban population is estimated to stand at 675 million in 2035, 2nd highest behind China's one billion. The report also noted that after the Covid-19 pandemic, the world's urban population is once again on track to increase by another 2.2 billion people by the year 2050.
- ✓ By 2035, percentage of urban residing population in India at mid-year will be 43.2%.
- ✓ China's urban population in 2035 is projected at 1.05 billion

Q. Which of the following organization has launched 'Project Surya' along with ReNew Power and Self-Employed Women's Association of India (SEWA) to train low-income women salt pan workers?

A) World Economic Forum (WEF)

B) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

C) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

D) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Answer : C

- ✓ ReNew Power Limited, a subsidiary of ReNew Energy Global Plc., in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Self-Employed Women's Association of India (SEWA) launched a one-of its-kind, transformative initiative 'Project Surya' to train low-income women salt pan workers to work in the renewable industry.

- ✓ Objective – To train 1,000 low-income women salt-pan workers to work in the renewable industry.
- ✓ The project kicks off in Gujarat to address multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including No Poverty, Gender Equality, Affordable and Clean Energy, Decent Work and Economic Growth and Climate Action.
- ✓ The programme will be supported by the government's National Skill Development Corporation
- ✓ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- ✓ Formation : 5 June 1972
- ✓ Headquarters : Nairobi, Kenya
- ✓ Executive Director : Inger Andersen (Denmark)
- ✓ Member countries : 193

Q. What is the GST rate that will be levied on fees charged by banks for the issue of cheques?

A) 18% **B) 14%**

C) 10% **D) 16%**

Answer : A

- ✓ The 47th GST council meeting under the Chairmanship of Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in Chandigarh.
- ✓ In the meeting, the GST on LED Lamps, lights and fixtures, and their metal printed circuits board is raised from 12 per cent to 18 per cent. In the case of the Solar Water Heater system GST was raised from 5 to 12 per cent whereas in the Works contract for roads, bridges, railways, metro, effluent treatment plant, crematoriums, etc. The tax was raised by 12 to 18 percent.
- ✓ Works contract supplied to central and state governments, local authorities for historical monuments, canals, dams, pipelines, plants for water supply, educational institutions, hospitals, etc. & sub-contractor from 12 to 18 percent.
- ✓ GST rate on Tetra Packaging has been raised from 12 to 18 percent. Cut and Polished diamonds are up from 0.25 per cent to 1.5 percent.
- ✓ Pre –packed & labelled food item like meat, fish, curd, paneer and honey will now attracts 5% GST.
- ✓ 18% GST will be levied on fee charged by banks for issue of cheques.
- ✓ All rate changes recommended by the 47th GST Council will be made effective from 18th July, 2022.
- ✓ The GST Council, formed in 2016 after inserting Article 279A (1) of the Constitution to implement the goods and services tax (GST), is the highest decision-making body for the indirect tax regime in the

country. It is headed by the Union finance minister (currently Nirmala Sitharaman) and comprises finance ministers or other representatives of all states and Union Territories. The revenue secretary is the ex-officio secretary to the GST Council and the secretariat office is situated in New Delhi.

Q. State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank has acquired what percent of stake in Perfios Account Aggregation Services Private Limited?

A) 8.75% B) 7.85%

C) 9.54% D) 6.78%

Answer : C

- ✓ State Bank of India, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank has acquired a 9.54 per cent stake each in Perfios Account Aggregation Services Private Limited.
- ✓ The three banks acquired 8, 05,520 equity shares each by paying Rs 4.03 crore each for the stakes. The investments will be subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ The lenders bought the shares at a price of Rs 50 apiece, according to regulatory filings

Q. Who has been elected as the 14th Prime Minsiter of Israel?

A) Naftali Bennett B) Benjamin Netanyahu

C) Yair Lapid D) Shelly Rachel Yachimovich

Answer : C

- ✓ Leader of Yesh Atid Party, Yair Lapid has been officially became the 14th prime minister of Israel, after replacing the Naftali Benett.
- ✓ He is a former journalist who serving as PM of Israel since 1 July 2022.

ISRAEL IN NEWS 2021-22
➢ Yair Lapid takes over as 14th Prime Minister of Israel.
➢ Israel, Haryana sign declaration on integrated water resources management.
➢ India, Israel, UAE And US Form New I2U2 Grouping.
➢ The new grouping is known as “I2U2,” with “I” standing for India and Israel and “U” standing for the USA and the UAE.
➢ Israel and the United Arab Emirates signed the first Arab free trade deal.
➢ Israel successfully tests ‘Iron Beam’ new laser-based air defence system.

- Israel successfully tests new naval air defence system 'C-Dome'.
- Israel became first country to allow drones in civilian airspace.
- Israel completed a successful flight test of the Arrow-3.
- India tie-up with Israel to convert 150 villages into 'Villages of Excellence'.
- India, Israel, UAE, U.S. decide to launch quadrilateral economic forum.
- IAF participated in International Exercise 'Blue Flag 2021along with IAF's Mirage 2000 aircraft squadron at Israel's Ovda Airbase.
- Israeli defense technology company, Rafael Unveils New Long Range Guided Missile System 'Sea Breaker' for the US Navy.
- Israel Becomes The 'First Country' To Use Laser Weapons To Shoot Down Hostile Drones.
- Isaac Herzog Elected as 11st President of Israel.
- ISRAEL

  Capital : Jerusalem

  Currency : New Shekel

  President : Isaac Herzog

  Prime Minister : Yair Lapid

Q. Who has been conferred with CII Quality Ratna Awards 2021?

A) Ashok Soota **B) Sandeep Bakhshi**

C) Rajesh Gopinathan **D) Rahul Srivatshav**

Answer : A

- ✓ Ashok Soota, founder and Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies, has been conferred with CII Quality Ratna Award 2021.
- ✓ The Annual CII Quality Ratna Award constituted in the year 2019 is in recognition of outstanding leadership, contribution, and distinguished service to the Quality Movement in India.
- ✓ The CII Awards Committee unanimously concurred to bestow the 2021 Award to Mr. Soota considering his significant contribution to building the competitiveness of the Indian industry through quality Initiatives

Q. Name the javelin thrower who won the gold medal with the best throw of 90.31m at the prestigious 2022 Diamond League Meet in Stockholm?

A) Johannes Vetter
B) Anderson Peters
C) Neeraj Chopra
D) Andreas Thorkildsen

Answer : B

- ✓ Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has clinched his first-ever silver medal at the prestigious Diamond League meet in Stockholm.
- ✓ Chopra finished 2nd at the Stockholm Diamond League with a massive throw of 89.94 meter. Anderson Peters won gold medal with a best throw of 90.31 meter.
- ✓ Chopra broke his own national record of 89.30m that he set at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku.
- ✓ Anderson Peters MBE is a Grenadian javelin thrower and the current world champion in the event.
- ✓ Grenada is an island country in the West Indies in the Caribbean Sea

Q. Which of the following sports company has become an official partner with the Indian Olympics Association (IOA) for the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and Paris Olympic Games 2024?

A) Paragon Sports
B) Essen Sports
C) Adani Sportsline
D) Supra Sports

Answer : C

- ✓ Adani Sportsline, the sports arm of the Adani Group, has become an official partner with the Indian Olympics Association (IOA) for the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and Paris Olympic Games 2024.
- ✓ This is the second time that the Adani Group has come on board with IOA. The earlier association was in 2021 when the group sponsored the Indian Contingent during the Tokyo Olympics.
- ✓ The partnership is an extension of the Adani Group's sports portfolio that focuses on building a world-class ecosystem to nurture sporting talent, accelerate the sports economy, and play the role of an enabler in India's journey to becoming a leading sporting nation.
- ✓ Adani Sportsline has supported over 28 athletes through its athlete support initiative, #GarvHai, across a variety of sports. Six of these athletes represented India at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, and among them was wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya, who brought home a silver medal in the 57 kg division. Dahiya has been a part of the #GarvHai Initiative since 2019.

- ✓ Birmingham, England will host 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Australia's Victoria to Host the 2026 Commonwealth Games

Q. When is the International Plastic Bag Free Day observed?

A) 02 July
B) 01 July
C) 03 July
D) 04 July

Answer : C

- ✓ International Plastic Bag Free Day is held on July 3 around the world to spread awareness that a plastic bag free world is possible and that sound environmental alternatives to single use plastic bags are available.
- ✓ 2022 is the 13th edition of the celebrations.
- ✓ The day is an initiative by Bag Free World for the purpose of getting rid of the single-use of plastic bags around the world and promoting environmental conservation by encouraging us all to stay away from the use of plastic bags and instead look for more eco-friendly alternatives.
- ✓ The India Plastics Pact's targets to be achieved by 2030
- ✓ Single-Use Plastic use To Banned by Union Govt. From 1st July, 2022

Q. Who has been crowned Femina Miss India World 2022?

A) Sini Shetty
B) Rubal Shekhawat
C) Shinata Chauhan
D) Manasa Varanasi

Answer : A

- ✓ Sini Shetty from Karnataka has been announced the winner of Femina Miss India World 2022 at the Grand Finale of VLCC Femina Miss India 2022 in Mumbai.
- ✓ Rajasthan's Rubal Shekhawat has emerged as Femina Miss India 2022 first runner-up and Shinata Chauhan from Uttar Pradesh has named Femina Miss India 2022 second runner-up.
- ✓ She will represent India at the prestigious 71st Miss World pageant.
- ✓ 21-year-old Sini Shetty was born in Mumbai and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance. Currently, she is pursuing a professional course called CFA (chartered financial analyst). She is also a trained Bharatanatyam dancer.

MISS WORLD / UNIVERSE IN NEWS 2021-22

- Sini Shetty from Karnataka has won the title of Femina Miss India 2022.
- Khushi Patel from UK is crowned Miss India Worldwide 2022.
- Karolina Bielawska from Poland has won the title of Miss World 2021.
- Shaylyn Ford from USA was crowned as the winner of Mrs World 2022 beauty pageant.
- India's Harnaaz Sandhu, hailing from Chandigarh, has been crowned 70th Miss Universe 2021.
- **List of Miss World winners from India**

  1. Reita Faria : 1966
  2. Aishwarya Rai : 1994
  3. Diana Hayden : 1997
  4. Yukta Mookhey : 1999
  5. Priyanka Chopra : 2000
  6. Manushi Chhillar : 2017
- **List of Miss Universe winners from India**

  1. Sushmita Sen : 1994
  2. Lara Dutta : 2000
  3. Harnaaz Sandhu : 2021
- Reita Faria is the first Indian to win the Miss World in 1966
- Sushmita Sen first Indian to win the Miss Universe title in 1994
- Nicole Faria became the first Indian to win the 'Miss Earth' in 2010

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

A) Carlos Sainz
B) Sergio Perez
C) Lewis Hamilton
D) Max Verstappen

Answer : A

- ✓ Ferrari driver, Carlos Sainz claimed his maiden Formula One win on his 150th start in a thrilling British Grand Prix at Silverstone.
- ✓ He beat Red Bull driver Sergio Perez and Lewis Hamilton for Mercedes.
- ✓ World champion, Max Verstappen has finished at the 7th spot for Red Bull

FORMULA ONE RACE IN NEWS 2022
➢ Ferrari racing driver Carlos Sainz (Spain) won maiden F1 British Grand Prix 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.
➢ Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco) has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2022

Q. PM Modi has inaugurated Digital India Week 2022 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. What is the theme of Digital India Week 2022?

A) Digital India a New Era
B) Catalyzing New India's Techade
C) Make the Digital
D) Transform India into Digital

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Digital India Week 2022 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ The theme of this Digital India Week is 'Catalyzing New India's Techade' to transform the nation into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.
- ✓ He has also launched 'Digital India GENESIS' a National Deep tech Startup Platform, to discover, support, grow and make successful startups in TIER-II and TIER-III cities of India.
- ✓ He has launched 'indiastack global', 'MyScheme'- a service discovery platform facilitating access to government schemes.
- ✓ The total budget of 750 crore rupees has been envisaged for these schemes

Q. Tata Power has signed an MoU with which state to invest about Rs 3,000 crore to set up solar cell, and module manufacturing unit in the state?

A) Rajasthan
B) Tamil Nadu
C) Telangana
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Tata Power has signed an MoU with the Tamil Nadu Government to invest about Rs 3,000 crore for setting up a greenfield 4GW Solar Cell and 4GW Solar Module manufacturing plant in Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The investment in the plant will be made for 16 months and will directly or indirectly create over 2,000 employment opportunities with a majority of them being women employees.
- ✓ Tata Power also has a manufacturing unit in Bangalore, which has a production capacity of 635 megawatts of modules and 500 megawatts of cells.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu facility will be the second manufacturing unit of the company after Bangalore.

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2021-22

- Singapore-based IGSS signs MoU to set up 300-acre semiconductor park in Tamil Nadu.
- Tata Power signed an MoU with Tamil Nadu government to setup solar manufacturing plant.
- 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
- 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. Which state government has signed an MoU with IGSS Ventures for establishing a semiconductor park?

A) Tamil Nadu
B) Telangana
C) Karnataka
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Singapore-based IGSS Ventures (a leading player in the semiconductor technology space) has proposed to invest ₹25,600 crores in Tamil Nadu over the next five years to set up a semiconductor fab unit and a semiconductor high-tech park.
- ✓ The project will come up over a 300-acre area and the location for the same will be worked out.

- ✓ IGSS Ventures has proposed to set up the facility under "Project Suria" and submitted an application under the "Scheme for Setting up of Semiconductor Fabs in India" under India Semiconductor Mission.
- ✓ Semiconductor mission – The Semicon India programme, with a total outlay of ₹76,000 crore for the development of the semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem in India, seeks to provide financial incentives to investors in semiconductors, display manufacturing and design ecosystem

Q. Which company has partnered with Avanse Financial Services to provide travel insurance to Indian students going abroad for higher education?

A) Oriental Insurance Company
B) Edelweiss General Insurance
C) Reliance General Insurance
D) Bharti AXA General Insurance

Answer : B

- ✓ Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) has partnered with Avanse Financial Services (an education-focused NBFC) to provide travel insurance to Indian students going abroad for higher education.
- ✓ It offers complete coverage against medical, stay, travel inconvenience-related covers, emergencies and losses.
- ✓ Students will also have the choice to customize their plan with optional covers as per their needs and requirements from universities.
- ✓ Industry reports suggest the number of Indian students going abroad for higher studies is expected to touch 18 lakh by 2024.

Q. Which organisation recently conducted the maiden flight of the Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator from Chitradurga, Karnataka?

A) NSIL
B) DRDO
C) Pixxel Space
D) Dhruva Airspace

Answer : B

- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out the Maiden flight of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka.
- ✓ The flight operated in a fully autonomous mode. The aircraft exhibited a perfect flight, including take-off, way point navigation and a smooth touchdown. The unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) powered by a small turbofan engine.

- ✓ It has been designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru, one of the research laboratories of DRDO.
- ✓ The focus is now on Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence and the government has urged the armed forces to buy the indigenous platforms and less imports. This year in the Union Budget, Rs 70,221 crore has been set aside for domestic defence procurement, and this accounts for 63 percent of the defence capital budget.
- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

  Founded : 1 January 1958

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Motto : "Strength's Origin is in Knowledge"

  Chairman : G. Satheesh Reddy

Q. Who has become the first athlete from India to clock a sub-nine-minute time in the women's 3000 meter running event?

A) Dutee Chand **B) Hima Das**

C) Anju Bobby **D) Parul Choudhary**

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian runner Parul Chaudhary has broken the women's 3000m national record at the Sound Running meet in Los Angeles.
- ✓ She covered the distance at 8:57.19 to finish third.
- ✓ She broke the six-year-old national record set by Suriya Loganathan (9:04.5) in April 2016.
- ✓ She has become the first athlete from India to clock a sub-nine-minute time in the women's 3000m event.

Q. Which day marks the death anniversary of Swami Vivekananda?

A) 03 July **B) 04 July**

C) 01 July **D) 02 July**

Answer : B

- ✓ 4 July marks the death anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- ✓ He was born in Calcutta on 12 January 1863. He passed away on 4 July 1902 at an early age of 39 years.

- ✓ He was a philosopher who introduced ideals of 'Vedanta' and 'Yoga' to the western world. He was the chief disciple of the Indian mystic Ramakrishna.
- ✓ He founded the Ramakrishna Mission at Belur Math by the river Ganga.
- ✓ His birthday is celebrated as national youth day in India.
- ✓ Narendranath Datta is the original name of Swami Vivekananda.
- ✓ He is considered the patriotic saint of India.
- ✓ "Go back to Gita" is a famous slogan raised by Swami Vivekananda.
- ✓ He attended the parliament of religions held in Chicago on 11th September 1893.
- ✓ Ramakrishna Mission was founded by Swami Vivekananda in 1897.
- ✓ Ramakrishna Paramahamsa was the guru (teacher) of Swami Vivekananda.
- ✓ Ramakrishna Mission helps with the installation of photovoltaic (PV) lighting systems in the Sundarbans region of West Bengal.
- ✓ Swami Vivekananda International Airport is the main serving airport of the state of Chattisgarh.
- ✓ He believed that the feeling of "I am" could be developed through service

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled the statue of legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju in which State?

A) Odisha
B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Tamil Nadu
D) Telangana

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Modi unveiled the statue of legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju at a special program on his 125th birth anniversary celebrations in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The 30-feet tall bronze statue of Alluri Sitarama Rahu was unveiled in the Bhimavaram region of Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ Alluri Sitarama Raju fought against the Britishers to safeguard the interests of the tribal communities in the Eastern Ghats Region.

Q. PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of initiatives worth Rs 1800 crores in which city

A) Bhopal
B) Patna
C) Indore
D) Varanasi

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of multiple development initiatives worth over Rs 1800 crores in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on July 7, 2022. PM Modi will lay the foundation stone for schemes worth over Rs 1200 crore and inaugurate 33 projects worth Rs 600 crore

Q. Which sport will return to Commonwealth Games this year for the second-ever time?

A) Basketball
B) Rugby
C) Football
D) Cricket

Answer : D

- ✓ Cricket will return to Commonwealth Games this year at Birmingham, UK for the second-ever time after Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games 1998.
- ✓ The Kuala Lumpur CWG 1998 featured a 50-over men's tournament, while Birmingham 2022 will feature a women's T20 tournament

Q. The privatisation of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) has completed. It has handover to which company?

A) NLC India Limited
B) NMDC Limited
C) Central Coalfields Limited
D) Tata Steel Long Products (TSLP)

Answer : D

- ✓ The privatisation of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) has completed. It has handover to Tata group firm Tata Steel Long Products (TSLP).
- ✓ NINL is the second successful privatisation by the current government. Incidentally, Air India the first company on the privatisation list too was bought by Tata Group.
- ✓ Tata Steel Long Products (TSLP) had in January emerged as the winning bidder, putting in bids worth Rs 12,100 crore for loss-making NINL, which is a joint venture of 4 CPSEs (Central Public Sector Enterprises) – MMTC, NMDC, BHEL, MECON, and 2 Odisha government PSUs OMC and IPICOL.
- ✓ NINL Strategic Disinvestment transaction has been completed with the transfer of 93.71 percent shares of the joint venture partners to the Strategic Buyer Tata Steel Long products Ltd.
- ✓ MMTC has the largest shareholder in NINL holding 49.78 percent stake, NMDC 10.10 percent, BHEL 0.68 percent, and MECON 0.68 percent. Besides, 2 Odisha government PSUs held 20.47 percent and 12 percent, respectively, in NINL.

- ✓ The Rs 12,100 crore has been utilised for settlement of dues of employees, operational creditors, secured financial creditors, and sellers (operational and financial dues) and for equity of selling shareholders, as per the share purchase agreement.
- ✓ Kalinganagar is a planned industrial and modern town in Jajpur district of coastal Odisha, India. It is rich in iron ore

Q. Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with which bank to digitize the cash collection system in Tier III cities and semi-urban regions?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, to digitize the cash collection system in Tier III cities and semi-urban regions.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank will leverage the extensive reach of its digital-led neighborhood banking model to support Axis Bank with the digitization of last-mile cash collections and it would also speed up the payment cycle.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank

  Founded : 2017

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  MD & CEO : Anubrata Biswas

  Stake : Bharti Airtel Limited(80.01%) & Kotak Mahindra Bank(19.9%)

  Subsidiaries : YTS Solutions Pvt. Ltd

AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2021-22
➢ Axis Bank and EazyDiner collaborate to introduce Dining Delights.
➢ Axis Bank and Airtel Payments Bank collaborate to digitise last-mile cash collection.
➢ Axis Bank and IDBI Bank have each been fined Rs 93 lakh by the RBI.
➢ Axis Bank signed Partial Guarantee Facility Agreement worth USD 150 million with ADB to support supply chain financing.
➢ Axis Bank takes Citibank's India consumer business in a Rs 12,325 crores.
➢ Axis Bank launches the initiative -'HouseWorkIsWork.

- Axis Bank bags IFR Asia 2021 Asian Bank of the Year Award
- Axis Bank commits USD 150 million loan to healthcare sector via SAMRIDH facility.
- Axis Bank and Airtel announces partnership to boost India's digital ecosystem.
- Axis Bank set to buy Citigroup's $2.5 billion India retail unit.
- Axis Bank & CRMNEXT won IBSi Innovation Awards 2021 for "Best CRM System Implementation".
- Axis Bank tie-up with MinkasuPay for biometric-based banking payments.
- Axis Bank issues first LC on dedicated govt-backed platform.
- Axis Bank emerges as highest bidder for Citi's consumer business in India.
- Axis Bank is 2nd largest in PoS machines.
- Axis Bank has become the second-largest merchant-acquiring bank.
- Oriental Insurance categorised as public shareholder in Axis Bank.
- Axis Bank tied up with Swift to provide digital banking solution.
- Oriental Insurance categorised as public shareholder in Axis Bank.
- Axis Bank signed MoU with Indian Navy to offer 'Power Salute'.
- Amitabh Chaudhry reappointed Axis Bank CEO.
- AXIS BANK

  Founded : 1993

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairman : Rakesh Makhija

  MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary

  Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with Adani Green Energy Group Limited (AGEL) to generate 11,000 MW of green power?

A) Maharashtra **B) Telangana**

C) Haryana **D) Andhra Pradesh**

Answer : A

✓ Maharashtra government's Energy department signed an MoU with Adani Green Energy Group Ltd (AGEL) to generate 11000 MW green power in the next five years.

- ✓ It would entail an investment of Rs 60,000 crore and provide employment to 30,000 persons.
- ✓ AGEL will set up Pumped Storage Projects (PSP) in the next four to five years, through which about 11,000 MW power will be generated.
- ✓ About Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL)

  Founded– 2015

  Founder – Gautam Adani

  Headquarters-Ahmedabad

  MD & CEO– Vneet S. Jaain

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2022
➢ Maharashtra government signed an MoU with Adani Energy for 11000 MW power generation.
➢ Rahul Narwekar has been elected as the youngest Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.
➢ Eknath Shinde to take oath as Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
➢ Uddhav Thackeray has resigned as the Chief minister of Maharashtra.
➢ Maharashtra Governor presents Honorary Doctorate to industrialist Ratan Tata.
➢ Maharashtra became India's 1st state to develop Migration Tracking System app for portability of ICDS scheme.
➢ Maharashtra Cabinet approved first-of-its-kind 'Maharashtra Gene Bank Project'.
➢ Maharashtra and Gujarat celebrated their statehood day on 1st May 2022.
➢ Maharashtra is first state in India to launch a bus service with a totally digital ticketing system.
➢ Maharashtra launches scheme to offer personal loans for prisoners from banks of up to Rs. 50,000.
➢ UNEP tie-up with Maharashtra to support 'Majhi Vasundhara' campaign.

Q. Which country has applied to become a member of group of emerging countries, BRICS?

A) France **B) Australia**

C) Iran **D) German**

Answer : C

- ✓ Iran has submitted an application to become a member of the BRICS.

- ✓ Iran, which holds the world's second-largest gas reserves, wants to join the BRICS group of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- ✓ Argentina's President Alberto Fernandez, currently in Europe, has in recent days reiterated his desire for Argentina to join BRICS.
- ✓ BRICS account for more than 40 per cent of the world's population and about 26 per cent of the global economy.
- ✓ According to IMF data – China has by far the largest economy in the BRICS grouping, accounting for more than 70 of the group's collective 27.5 trillion US dollars in economic might. India accounts for about 13 percent, with Russia and Brazil each accounting for about 7percent.
- ✓ **LIST OF BRICS SUMMIT**

  1st Bric summit 2009 : Russia
  4th Brics summit 2012 : India
  8th Brics summit 2016 : India
  11th Brics summit 2019 : Brazil
  12th Brics summit 2020 : Russia
  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
- ✓ IRAN

  Capital : Tehran
  Currency : Toman

President : Ebrahim Raisi

Q. Markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 7 crore in the 'dark fibre' case on which stock exchange?

A) Bombay Stock Exchange **B) National Stock Exchange**

C) Metropolitan Stock Exchange **D) Multi Commodity Exchange**

Answer : B

- ✓ Markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 7 crore on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Rs 5 crore on former MD & CEO Chitra Ramkrishna in the 'dark fibre' case.
- ✓ In this case, a total of 18 entities received penalties.
- ✓ The case relates to the alleged differential access given to certain broking firms in the form of 'dark fibre' at NSE, to connect across the colocation facilities before other members.
- ✓ The National Stock Exchange is a government-owned stock exchange in India.
- ✓ It is located in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✓ It was established in 1992.
- ✓ It uses NIFTY 50 as its index.
- ✓ Nifty was introduced by NSE on April 21, 1996.
- ✓ It represents the weighted average of 50 Indian Company Stocks across 24 sectors, which account for around 60% of the market capitalization.
- ✓ Sensex was introduced by NSE on January 1, 1986.
- ✓ It represents the weighted average of 30 Indian Company Stocks across 13 sectors.
- ✓ Difference between Nifty and Sensex-
- ✓ Nifty is operated by India Index Services and Products, which is a subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE).
- ✓ Sensex is operated by the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- ✓ National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE)

  Founded : 1992

  Chairman : Girish Chandra Chaturvedi

  MD & CEO : Vikram Limaye

Indices : NIFTY 50

Q. Who has been elected president of the International Weightlifting Federation (WEF)?

A) Leena Al Ashqar
B) Gianni Infantino
C) Mohammed Jalood
D) Michel Platini

Answer : C

- ✓ Mohammed Jalood was elected president of the International Weightlifting Federation in chaotic scenes.
- ✓ 11 additional new members have been added to its Executive Board, according to a press release from Tirana, Albania, which hosted both the Special & Electoral Congress and the recently concluded European Weightlifting Championships.
- ✓ International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)

  Founded : 1905

  Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland

  President : Mohammed Jalood (Iraq)

Q. Which ministry recently inaugurated 'Pay Roll Automation for Distribution of Monthly Allowances' (PADMA), an automated pay and allowance module for the Indian Coast Guard?

A) Ministry of Railways
B) Ministry of Agriculture
C) Ministry of Foreign Affairs
D) Ministry of Defence

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, the Ministry of Defense inaugurated PayRoll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA), an automated Pay & Allowances module for the Indian Coast Guard.
- ✓ PADMA is an automated platform leveraging latest technology which will provide seamless and timely disbursal of Pay & Allowances to around 15,000 Indian Coast Guard personnel.
- ✓ A centralised pay system called PADMA (Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has been launched by Controller General of Defence Accounts Rajnish Kumar.
- ✓ PADMA is an automated platform leveraging latest technology which will provide seamless and timely disbursal of pay and allowances to around 15,000 ICG personnel.

- ✓ PADMA has been developed under the aegis of Defence Accounts Department and will be operated by Pay Accounts Office of the ICG in Noida.
- ✓ The launch marked the beginning of the Centralized Pay System (CPS), the foundation of which is being laid down by the Defence Accounts Department Headquarters to provide one-stop pay accounting solutions for all organizations under the Ministry.
- ✓ Indian Coast Guard (ICG)

  Founded : 1977

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  24th Director General : Virender Singh Pathania

Q. Who has become the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams?

A) Daniil Medvedev **B) Alexander Zverev**

C) Novak Djokovic **D) Rafael Nadal**

Answer : C

- ✓ Novak Djokovic (From Serbia) became the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams when he defeated Kwon Soon-woo 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Centre Court for his 80th win in Wimbledon.

Q. What is the new name of Aurangabad district in Maharashtra?

A) Sambhaji Nagar **B) Dharashiv**

C) Dhule **D) Satara**

Answer : A

- ✓ The name of Aurangabad District in Maharashtra has been changed to Sambhaji Nagar.
- ✓ The Mughal emperor Aurangzeb invaded the Deccan in 1653 and had set up his capital in the city, which he renamed Aurangabad.
- ✓ Shiv Sena Supremo Balasaheb Thackeray had announced the renaming of Aurangabad to Sambhaji Nagar in 1988.
- ✓ The move of renaming Aurangabad came amid the ongoing political crisis in Maharashtra
- ✓ Ajanta caves are located in the Aurangabad district of Maharashtra,

Q. Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath is a famous festival of which state?

A) Assam
B) Manipur
C) Odisha
D) Kerala

Answer : C

- ✓ Lord Jagannath Yatra will take place in Puri, Odisha on July 1, 2022, and devotees from all over the country will travel to the holy shrine to participate in the festival. Jagannath Rath Yatra, also known as the Chariot Celebration of Lord Jagannath, Goddess Subhadra, and Lord Balabhadra, is marked with much enthusiasm and fervor.
- ✓ Jagannath Temple at Puri is among the most revered Vaishnava sites in India.
- ✓ The current temple was built by Anantavarman of the Chodaganga dynasty in the 12th century.
- ✓ The chariot pulling starts after performing the rituals of "Chhera pahanra".
- ✓ It is the oldest RathaYatra taking place in India and the World, whose descriptions can be found in Brahma Purana, Padma Purana, Skanda Purana and Kapila Samhita.
- ✓ Lord Jagannatha is worshipped who is considered as a form of Lord Vishnu and also revered by the followers of Vaishnavism.
- ✓ It is dedicated to Lord Jagannath (Lord Krishna), his sister Goddess Subhadra and his elder brother Lord Balabhadra or Balaram.

Q. Which day of the year is observed as the National Doctors' Day?

A) 29 June
B) 30 June
C) 02 July
D) 01 July

Answer : D

- ✓ In India, the National Doctors' Day is organized on 1st of July annually since 1991. The day is organised by the Indian Medical Association (IMA).
- ✓ Theme of National Doctors Day 2022 – Family Doctors on the Front Line.
- ✓ Why is National Doctors' Day celebrated?– to honor the great physicians and help us understand the importance of doctors in our lives and value them, to offer them our respects by commemorating one of their greatest representatives.
- ✓ The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of the second Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy who was born on July 1, 1882, and died on the same date in 1962.

- ✓ Dr Roy was an exemplary and an eminent doctor who made an enormous contribution to the medical fraternity in his medical career and was acknowledged for his contribution to serving humanity.

Q. National Doctors' Day is celebrated in India to honour ____.

A) Dr. Hargovind Khurana
B) Dr. Satish Chandra
C) Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy
D) Dr. Bhupendranath Datta

Answer : C

- ✓ In India the National Doctors' Day is celebrated on July 1 all across India to honour the legendary physician and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. He was born on July 1, 1882 and died on the same date in 1962, aged 80 years. Dr Roy was honoured with the country's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna on February 4, 1961

Q. The Chartered Accountants' Day is observed every year on which day?

A) 29 June
B) 30 June
C) 01 July
D) 02 July

Answer : C

- ✓ The Chartered Accountants' Day is held on 01 July every year in India. It is also known as ICAI Foundation Day.
- ✓ The day is marked to commemorate the foundation of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on July 1, 1949.
- ✓ ICAI is among the oldest professional institutions in the country and also the second largest professional accounting and finance body in the world in terms of members

Q. The United Nations recognized International Fruit Day is celebrated globally on 1 July. Which fruit is selected for the year 2022?

A) Blackberry
B) Kiwi
C) Watermelon
D) Papaya

Answer : A

- ✓ 1st July is celebrated as International fruit day to all over the world.
- ✓ This International fruit day was first announced in 2007 and celebrated at the Wall Park in Berlin, Germany.

- ✓ Objective -To share fruits in sympathy and joy with family, friends or needy people.
- ✓ International Fruit Day addresses to all people who create and preserve positive living conditions.
- ✓ Fruit of The Year 2022 is blackberry and the motto is Fruitful Peace.

Q. Every year 1st July is observed as SBI Foundation Day. In 2022, which edition of the day was celebrated?

A) 67th B) 85th

C) 74th D) 55th

Answer : A

- ✓ The oldest commercial bank in the country, State Bank of India, is celebrating its 67th year on 1st July.
- ✓ SBI descends from the Bank of Calcutta founded in 1806 through the Imperial Bank of India.
- ✓ The Bank of Madras merged into the other two presidency banks, the bank of Calcutta and the bank of Bombay to form the Imperial Bank of India which in turn became the SBI in 1955.
- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) is the oldest commercial bank in the country and was founded pre-independence as the Bank of Calcutta in 1806.
- ✓ SBI Foundation Day celebrates the foundation of the bank in the year 1955.
- ✓ State Bank is a public sector bank and the 43rd largest bank in the world
- ✓ STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- ✓ Founded : 1 July 1955
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- ✓ Managing Director : (4) Alok Kumar Choudhary, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, and Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- ✓ Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- ✓ The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- ✓ Tagline of State Bank of India

  (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else

  (2) With you all the way

  (3) A bank of the common man

  (4) The banker to every Indian

(5) The Nation banks on us

Q. Every year 1 July is observed as GST Day. In 2022, which edition of the day was celebrated?

A) 5th **B) 4th**

C) 6th **D) 7th**

Answer : A

- ✓ The Government of India celebrated the 5th GST Day on July 01, 2022.
- ✓ The new indirect tax regime, Goods and Services Tax (GST), was rolled out in the intervening night of June 30 and July 1 in 2017.
- ✓ The vision of GST@5 is साधन, देश के सर्वांगीण विकास का
- ✓ **ABOUT GST WITH INTERESTING FACTS**
- ✓ GST : Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- ✓ First GST Day was celebrated on 1 July 2018
- ✓ GST is a unified indirect tax
- ✓ GST bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha on 3 August 2016
- ✓ GST bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 8 August 2016
- ✓ President of India approved GST bill on 8th September 2016
- ✓ **TYPES OF GST**

  CGST : Central Goods and Service Tax

  SGST : State Goods and Service Tax

  IGST: Integrated Goods and Service Tax
- ✓ Telangana first state of India to ratify GST bill
- ✓ India GST came effective from July 1st, 2017
- ✓ India has chosen Canada model of dual GST
- ✓ First state which implemented the GST was Assam
- ✓ Amitabh Bachchan has been made the brand ambassador of GST
- ✓ At present GST Council has 31 members.
- ✓ 5 Rates of taxes in GST
- ✓ 0%, 5%, 12%, 18% & 28%
- ✓ Finance Minister : Chairman of GST Council

- ✓ GST Council : HQ : New Delhi
- ✓ GST has been implemented under Article 279 of the Indian constitution
- ✓ GST has been implemented by the 101st Constitution Amendment Act, 2016.
- ✓ GST was the 122nd constitutional amendment bill to be introduced in the Parliament of India
- ✓ France was the first country to implement the GST in 1954

Q. What is the name of the NASA-financed spacecraft about the size of a microwave oven that was launched from New Zealand?

A) CAPSTONE **B) OSIRIS-REx**

C) MESSENGER **D) DART**

Answer : A

- ✓ On June 28, 2022, the NASA researchers successfully launched CAPSTONE spacecraft to the moon from New Zealand. The launch took place on Rocket Lab's Electron rocket.
- ✓ Mission CAPSTONE stands for Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment.
- ✓ CAPSTONE is a microwave oven-sized spacecraft with the aim to study a specific type of moon orbit that will be suitable for the lunar Gateway space station that NASA aims to launch later this decade.
- ✓ The lunar Gateway space station will be a small space station for astronauts in orbits where they can stop before and after going to the moon's surface.

NASA IN NEWS 2021-22
➢ NASA launches CAPSTONE mission to the moon.
➢ NASA is set to launch a mission called "DAVINCI Mission".
➢ The mission will fly by Venus and explore its harsh atmosphere in 2029.
➢ NASA's climate research scientist Cynthia Rosenzweig won World Food Prize 2022.
➢ NASA launches next-generation GOES-T satellite to track hazardous weather in western United States.
➢ NASA Plans to Retire International Space Station in 2031.
➢ NASA launches $1 Million Deep Space Food Challenge jointly with Canadian Space Agency.
➢ Jahnavi Dangeti becomes first Indian to complete prestigious Nasa programme.
➢ NASA successfully completes deployment of James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).

- NASA's James Webb telescope reaches final stable position, parked 15,00,000 km from Earth.
- Indian origin Anil Menon is SpaceX's first flight surgeon.
- NASA's Parker Solar Probe enters the Sun's upper atmosphere.
- NASA launches world's first Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) Mission.
- NASA launches Lucy Mission to study the Jupiter Trojan asteroids.
- Nasa is sending two new missions to Venus, which will take place between 2028 and 2030.
- NASA plans to send Rover 'VIPER' on Moon in 2023 to search for water, other resources.
- NASA Partners ISRO to develop Earth System Observatory.
- Former Senator Bill Nelson Sworn in as the 14th NASA Administrator.
- NASA's Robotic Helicopter 'Ingenuity' Makes Historic First Flight on Mars.
- NASA Set To Launch SpaceX Crew-2 Mission on April 22 with 4 Astronauts onboard.
- NASA Awards $2.9 billion contract to SpaceX to build commercial moon lander.
- ISRO develops radar for joint earth observation satellite mission with NASA.
- Indian-American scientist Swati Mohan leads NASA's Mars 2020 mission.
- Indian-Origin Bhavya Lal appointed as Acting Chief of Staff of NASA.
- NASA names ISS Space Ship in honour of pioneering black mathematician Katherine Johnson.
- NASA Selects SpaceX to launch its SPHEREx Mission.
- NASA selects Raja Chari as commander of SpaceX Crew-3 mission.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

  Founded : 1958

  Headquarters : Washington, D.C

  Motto : For the Benefit of All

  14th Administrator : Bill Nelson

Q. In the PSLV-C53 mission, ISRO launched three satellites of which country?

A) Brazil B) Israel

C) Maldives D) Singapore

Answer : D

✓ ISRO launched rocket PSLV-C53, carrying 3 Singapore satellite

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully launched three Singaporean satellites from the Second Launch Pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- ✓ The spacecraft will deploy the three missions in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) at an altitude of 570 km measured from the equator. This is the 55th mission of PSLV and the 15th mission using the PSLV-Core Alone variant. It is the 16th PSLV launch from the second launch pad.
- ✓ PSLV-C53 (PSLV stands for Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle) is the second dedicated commercial mission of NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of ISRO
- ✓ NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) a corporate arm of the Department of Space (DOS) is launching the mission under its agreement with Singapore in what is the second commercial mission for the body.
- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

  Founded : 15 August 1969

  HQ : Bengalore, Karnataka

  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
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- ✓ 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.
- ✓ SINGAPORE

  Capital : Singapore city

Currency : Dollar

President : Halimah Yacob

Prime Minister : Lee Hsien Loong

Q. In which city, world's largest innovation hub T-Hub 2.0 (Technology Hub) was inaugurated?

A) Chennai **B) Bengaluru**

C) Mumbai **D) Hyderabad**

Answer : D

- ✓ Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao inaugurated T-Hub 2.0, the world's largest innovation campus in Hyderabad.
- ✓ The facility will support over 2,000 startups under one roof, with a total built-up area of 5,82,689 square feet, making it the world's largest innovation campus. T-Hub will provide young Indians to launch their startups with a collaborative innovation ecosystem.
- ✓ T-Hub was founded to bring together the best talent from across the country to nurture a startup ecosystem, but it had become a national role model. It has impacted 2,000 entrepreneurs and witnessed funding of 1.19 billion dollars for startups.
- ✓ The second-largest campus is startup incubator Station F, which is located in France.
- ✓ T-Hub (Technology Hub), a Hyderabad-based innovation hub and ecosystem enhancer, was founded in 2015.
- ✓ The T-Hub 2.0 will contain more than 2,000 entrepreneurs, corporations, investors, academic institutions, and local and global ecosystem facilitators, serving as a microcosm of the innovation ecosystem.

HYDERABAD IN NEWS 2022
➢ Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao inaugurated T-Hub 2.0, the world's largest innovation campus in Hyderabad. ➢ Union Home and Co-operation Minister Amit Shah has formally inaugurated the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL) in Hyderabad. ➢ Hyderabad hosts India's first-ever unique kind of Flow Chemistry Technology Hub. ➢ India's 1st Flow Chemistry Technology Hub Set up at Hyderabad.

- United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Arbor Day Foundation have jointly recognised Mumbai and Hyderabad as the '2021 Tree City of the World.
- SBI to set up Innovation, Incubation and Acceleration Centre in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- India's First fully owned by women industrial park in Hyderabad.
- Microsoft to set up India's largest Data Center region in Hyderabad
- PM Modi inaugurates 50th Anniversary Celebrations of Hyderabad-based ICRISAT.
- PM Modi has dedicated to the nation 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality in Hyderabad to commemorate Ramanujacharya.
- India's first Open Rock Museum in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Ministry of Civil Aviation & FICCI organized 'WINGS INDIA 2022' in Hyderabad

Q. Ferdinand Marcos Jr has been sworn in as the President of which country?

A) Indonesia **B) Malaysia**
C) Philippines **D) Vietnam**

Answer : C

- ✓ Ferdinand Marcos Jr has been sworn in as the President of the Philippines in Manila.
- ✓ He succeeded the outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte.
- ✓ Sara Duterte, the daughter of the outgoing president, is being sworn in as vice-president
- ✓ The International Rice Research Institute is based in the Philippines
- ✓ Asian Development Bank (ADB) headquarters Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- ✓ PHILLIPPINES

  Capital : Manila

  Currency : Peso

  President : Ferdinand Marcos Jr

NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2021-22	
PRESIDENT	**COUNTRY**
Ferdinand Marcos Jr	Philippines
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. India's Tata Motors and Japanese chipmaker Renesas Electronics Corp have formed a strategic partnership to design, develop and manufacture semiconductor solutions for domestic and global markets. Renesas Electronic Corp is a company of which country?

A) Japan
B) Israel
C) Singapore
D) United States

Answer : A

✓ India's Tata Motors and Japanese chipmaker Renesas Electronics Corp have formed a strategic partnership to design, develop and manufacture semiconductor solutions for domestic and global markets.

- ✓ As part of the partnership, Renesas will also work with Tejas Networks, a Tata Group company, on wireless network solutions including 5G.

Q. Who among the following has taken charge as the Chairman of GAIL (India) Ltd?

A) Nalin Singha
B) Pramod Agrawal
C) Soma Mondal
D) Sandeep Kumar Gupta

Answer : D

- ✓ Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Director for Finance at Indian Oil Corporation, has been picked to head India's largest gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd.
- ✓ He will replace Manoj Jain, who is scheduled to retire on August 31.
- ✓ GAIL is India's largest gas transmission and gas marketing company, with a 14,502-kilometre gas pipeline network and a capacity of 206 million standard cubic meters a day. Its natural gas pipeline network covers 21 states.
- ✓ It holds around 70 per cent share of the gas-transmission network and more than 50 per cent share of natural gas sales in India.
- ✓ GAIL

  Founded :1984

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Chairman & MD : Sandeep Kumar Gupta

Q. India has successfully tested High-Speed Expendable Aerial Target from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast. What is the name of this test flight?

A) DHANUSH
B) TRISUL
C) ABHIYAS
D) ASTRA

Answer : C

- ✓ India has successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed high-speed expendable aerial target – ABHYAS, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast.
- ✓ ABHYAS is designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- ✓ The aircraft is programmed for a fully autonomous flight, meaning that it flies under the control of automatic systems and needs no intervention from a human pilot.

- ✓ **Other Recent Developments**
- ✓ In September 2021, the DRDO tested a new version of the Akash Missile – 'Akash Prime' – from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
- ✓ In July 2021, DRDO launched the Akash-NG (New Generation) and the Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM).
- ✓ In June 2021 a new generation nuclear capable ballistic missile Agni-P (Prime) was successfully test-fired by the DRDO.
- ✓ In February 2021 India also successfully test-fired indigenously-developed anti-tank guided missile systems 'Helina' and 'Dhruvastra'.
- ✓ In October 2020, the DRDO conducted a successful flight test of the Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) from Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha.

Q. The 9th Army to Army Staff Talks (AAST) between the Australian Army and Indian Army has conducted at which city?

A) Dehradun
B) Lucknow
C) Hyderabad
D) Bengaluru

Answer : A

- ✓ The 9th Army to Army Staff Talks (AAST) between the Australian Army and Indian Army were conducted in Dehradun.
- ✓ AAST focused on joint military exercises, training cooperation and preparing a roadmap for enhanced Defence Cooperation between both the Armies

Q. What is the budgetary outlay of 'Computerisation of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)?

A) ₹3,654 crore
B) ₹2,516 crore
C) ₹1,825 crore
D) ₹2,281 crore

Answer : B

- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved computerisation of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) with a budgetary outlay of ₹2,516 crore.

- ✓ The objective is to increase efficiency of PACS, bring transparency and accountability in their operations This project proposes computerization of about 63,000 functional PACS over a period of 5 years with Government of India share of ₹1,528 crore.
- ✓ State Cooperative Banks and District Central Cooperative Banks were already automated by NABARD and brought on Common Banking Software

Q. Which is the venue of the 11th World Urban Forum held in 2022?

A) Brazil B) Sweden

C) Poland D) Denmark

Answer : C

- ✓ The 11th World Urban Forum was held in Poland.
- ✓ The National Institute of Urban Affairs' (NIUA) Climate Centre for Cities (NIUA C-Cube), World Resources Institute India (WRI India) and their partners launched India's first national coalition platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS). 'India Forum for Nature-Based Solutions' aims to create a collective of NbS entrepreneurs, government entities and like-minded organisations, to aid in scaling urban nature-based solutions
- ✓ POLAND

  Capital : Warsaw

  Currency : Złoty

  President : Andrzej Duda

  Prime Minister : Mateusz Morawiecki

Q. '2022 Resilient Democracies Statement' is associated with which global association?

A) G-20 B) G-7

C) BRICS D) ASEAN

Answer : B

- ✓ Leaders of the powerful G7 grouping and its five partner countries, including India issued a joint statement titled '2022 Resilient Democracies Statement'.
- ✓ The leaders affirmed that they are committed to open public debate and the free flow of information online and offline while guarding the freedom, independence and diversity of civil society actors.

Q. The World UFO Day (WUD) is an annual event, which takes place on____

A) 04 July
B) 03 July
C) 02 July
D) 01 July

Answer : C

- ✓ World UFO Day (WUD) is held on July 2 every year globally. It is a day dedicated to the undoubted existence of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) by World UFO Day Organization (WUFODO).
- ✓ WUD aims to raise awareness about the existence of UFOs and encouraging people to think about the possibility of us not being alone in the Universe.
- ✓ In some places the day is observed on June 24. while WUFODO commemorates the day on July 02

Q. Greenko has signed an MoU with which IIT to launch India's first dedicated school for sustainable science and technology?

A) IIT Madras
B) IIT Bombay
C) IIT Kanpur
D) IIT Hyderabad

Answer : D

- ✓ IIT Hyderabad signed an MoU with Greenko to set up school of sustainable science & tech
- ✓ Renewable energy major Greenko and IIT Hyderabad have signed an MoU to launch India's first dedicated school for sustainable science and technology.
- ✓ The school will be advancing knowledge in the key thrust areas of climate change mitigation, artificial intelligence and space technology, energy transition and industrial transformation, circular and regenerative economy among others
- ✓ Greenko is working in consultation with the Ministry of Education, AICTE, NCERT, and NCVET to ensure GSSST both conforms to and advances learning in sustainable science and technology.

MOST IMPORTANT IIT IN NEWS 2021-22
➢ IIT Hyderabad and Greenko inks a pact to establish sustainable sci-tech school.
➢ IIT Madras creates robots to clean septic tanks without human under the name "HomoSEP,".
➢ Railway Ministry approved Rs. 8.34 crores collaborative project with IIT Madras on Hyperloop technology
➢ IIT Bombay tied up with India Meteorological Department to develop user-friendly weather forecasting app

- IIT Madras establishes AquaMAP Water Management and Policy Centre
- IIT Madras and RBI Innovation Hub make ties with Boost fintech startups
- For drone-based mineral exploration NMDC Sign MoU with IIT Kharagpur.
- L&T tie-up with IIT Bombay to develop Green Hydrogen Technology
- IIT Madras established Policy Centre along with AquaMAP Water Management
- C-DAC Commissions "PARAM Ganga" Supercomputer at IIT Roorkee under National Supercomputing Mission.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru commissions one of India's most powerful supercomputers 'Param Pravega'.
- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has signed MoU with IIT Roorkee for establishment of 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor' at IIT Roorkee
- IIT Madras bagged the first position in ARIIA Rankings 2021.
- IIT-Madras is followed by IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IT Kanpur, and IIT Roorkee. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru bagged the sixth position in the category
- IIT Roorkee has been selected by the prestigious Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the Industrial Innovation Awards.
- India's First Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) has been launched at IISc campus, Bengaluru
- IIT-Delhi tie-up with Indian Air Force (IAF) to improve indigenisation efforts
- IIT Bombay rolls out language translator 'Project Udaan'
- IIT Madras Retains Top Spot in Overall Category of NIRF India Ranking 2021
- India to set up its first IIT outside the country in UAE
- Posoco ties up with IIT Delhi for research
- Indian Air Force (IAF) Ties Up with IIT Madras to Develop Solutions to Maintain Weapon Systems.
- IIT Madras announces online platform 'E-Source' to tackle e-Waste
- IIT Ropar develop's world's first 'Plant based' smart air-purifier "Ubreathe Life"
- India's first bio-brick based building inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad
- IIT Madras Develops AI-based algorithm to help identify cancer-causing cell alterations
- IIT-Hyderabad develops cheaper COVID-19 testing kit 'COVIHOME'
- IIT Madras and Sony India jointly host national-level hackathon 'SAMVEDAN 2021'

- IIT-Madras develops AI algorithm called 'NBDriver'

Q. 'PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM)' is associated with which organisation?

A) ISRO B) HAL

C) BHEL D) DRDO

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) achieved the feat of successfully launching the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module or 'POEM'.
- ✓ Besides this achievement, ISRO also launched three satellites from Singapore on the PSLV-C53.
- ✓ This was the second Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle(PSLV) mission of the year. In February 2022, ISRO launched PSLV-C52 with the Earth observation satellite EOS-04 and two smaller satellites.
- ✓ This was the second dedicated commercial mission of NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of ISRO
- ✓ **What is POEM?**
- ✓ The PSLV Orbital Experimental Module is a platform that will help perform in-orbit experiments using the final, and otherwise discarded, stage of ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)
- ✓ PSLV: The PSLV is a four-stage rocket where the first three spent stages fall back into the ocean, and the final stage (PS4) — after launching the satellite into orbit — ends up as space junk.
- ✓ However, in the PSLV-C53 mission, the spent final stage will be utilised as a "stabilised platform" to perform experiments.
- ✓ **Payloads :** POEM is carrying six payloads, including two from Indian space start-ups Digantara (for making the map of space radiations, debris, and orbits) and Dhruva Space (for full-stack satellite development, launch, deployment, operation and maintenance services)
- ✓ **Significance:** The inclusion of the two laid the ground for more public-private partnerships, to be facilitated by the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe).
- ✓ IN-SPACe is a nodal agency appointed by the Department of Space, which can authorize a non-government entity to use ISRO's infrastructure and resources, including ISRO's launch facilities.
- ✓ Has ISRO repurposed and used PS4 rocket junk earlier?
- ✓ The Indian space agency first demonstrated the capability of using PS4 as an orbital platform in 2019 with the PSLV-C44 mission

- ✓ PSLVs launch the satellites useful for Earth resources monitoring whereas GSLVs are designed mainly to launch communication satellites.
- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
  Founded : 15 August 1969
  HQ : Bengalore, Karnataka
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- ✓ 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 of the following new body has been approved to replace the Banks Board Bureau (BBB)?

A) Financial Institutions Bureau (FIB)

B) Banks Appointment Bureau (BAB)

C) Banks and Insurance Companies Bureau (BICB)

D) Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB)

Answer : D

- ✓ The Cabinet Appointments Committee (ACC) has passed a government resolution to establish the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) in place of the Banks Board Bureau (BBB).
- ✓ The new framework was proposed by the Department of Financial Service, Ministry of Finance.
- ✓ **What is the Financial Services Institutions Bureau?**
- ✓ The Financial Services Institutions Bureau will select the chiefs of public sector banks and insurance companies.
- ✓ The FSIB will have the clear mandate to issue guidelines and select general managers and directors of state-run non-life insurers, general insurers and Financial Institutions.
- ✓ FSIB will be the single entity for making recommendations for appointments of WTD (Whole-time Director) and NEC (Non-executive Chairman) in Public Sector Banks, India Private Limited company and Financial Institutions.
- ✓ The Department of Financial Services shall first carry out necessary modifications in the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Scheme of 1970/1980 (as amended).
- ✓ **Chairman of FSIB:** The ACC has approved the appointment of Bhanu Pratap Sharma as Initial chairperson of FSIB for two years. He was the former Chairman of BBB.
- ✓ **What is Financial Institution (FI)?**
- ✓ A financial institution is an umbrella term for a company dealing with financial and monetary transactions, including loans, deposits, and/or investments.
- ✓ All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) are regulated and supervised by the Reserve Bank of India.
- ✓ **Examples:**
- ✓ National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
- ✓ Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)
- ✓ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- ✓ National Housing Bank (NHB)
- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Q. Which state government recently launched "Nari Ko Naman" scheme for the women of the state?

A) Himachal Pradesh
B) Jharkhand
C) Tamil Nadu
D) Assam

Answer : A

- ✓ Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Jai Ram Thakur has launched 'Naari Ko Naman' scheme to provide 50 % concession on fares in Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) buses to women commuters within the state boundaries.
- ✓ CM has announced the minimum bus fare will also be reduced from Rs.7 to Rs.5 for all passengers.
- ✓ The government of HP will also sanction 25 new posts for female drivers in 'Ride With Pride Government Taxi service'. The service is for female passengers and senior citizens of HP.

Q. What is the total GST revenue collected in June 2022?

A) Rs 1.33 Lakh Crore **B) Rs.1.26 Lakh Crore**

C) Rs 1.13 Lakh Crore **D) Rs 1.44 Lakh Crore**

Answer : D

- ✓ Rs 1,44,616 Crore (1.44 Lakh Cr) Gross GST Revenue Collection For June 2022
- ✓ Gross GST collection in June 2022 is the second-highest collection next to the April 2022 collection GST collection crosses Rs 1.40 lakh crore mark 5th time since the inception of GST; 4th month at a stretch since March 2022.
- ✓ The gross GST collection in June 2022 is the 2nd highest collection subsequent to the April 2022 GST collection of Rs 1,67,540 crore.
- ✓ List of months wise GST Collection 2022

June 2022 : Rs 1.44 Lakh crores

May 2022 : Rs 1.41 lakh crores

April 2022 : Rs 1.68 lakh crores (all-time high)

March 2022 : Rs 1.42 Lakh crores

February 2022 : Rs 1.33 Lakh crores

January 2022 : Rs 1.38 Lakh crores

Q. Which Union Ministry released 'SDG National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report, 2022'?

A) Ministry of Finance

B) Ministry of Home Affairs

C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

D) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer : D

- ✓ India has been celebrating 29th June as "Statistics Day". This year, the theme was 'Data for Sustainable Development'.
- ✓ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released 'Sustainable Development Goals-National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report, 2022'. Along with the report, the updated NIF 2022 and Data Snapshot on SDGs NIF Report 2022 and "Youth in India 2022" publication were also released.

Q. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an operation and management agreement to operate how many airports owned by the Uttar Pradesh government for a period of 30 years?

A) Five
B) Four
C) Six
D) Seven

Answer : A

- ✓ Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an Operation and Management agreement for operationalization of five airports owned by UP government for a period of 30 years.
- ✓ These five airports are Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Muirpur, and Shravasti.
- ✓ As per the agreement, AAI will operate and manage the airports and provide all necessary services. Communication Navigation Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) services will also be provided by AAI.
- ✓ AAI will also be responsible for obtaining and maintaining of aerodrome license for these five airports.
- ✓ At present, Uttar Pradesh has eight operational airports, while 13 airports and seven airstrips are being developed. The operational airports handling commercial flights in Uttar Pradesh are Lucknow, Varanasi, Kushinagar, Gorakhpur, Agra, Kanpur, Prayagraj and Hindon (Ghaziabad).
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh to become first Indian state to have 5 international airports
- ✓ Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (Amausi Airport) - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport (Babatpur Airport) : Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Kushinagar International Airport : Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Jewar Airport (Noida International Airport) : Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Ayodhya International Airport (Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram Airport) : Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Airports Authority of India (AAI)

Founded : 1955

Headquarters : New Delhi

Chairman : Sanjeev Kumar

Q. The Union Home Ministry has amended certain rules related to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), allowing Indians to receive up to ____ in a year from relatives staying abroad without informing the authorities.

A) ₹25 lakh
B) ₹15 lakh
C) ₹10 lakh
D) ₹20 lakh

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Home Ministry has amended certain rules related to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), allowing Indians to receive up to ₹10 lakh in a year from relatives staying abroad without informing the authorities. The earlier limit was ₹1 lakh.
- ✓ If the amount exceeds, the individuals will now have 3 months to inform the government against 30 days earlier.
- ✓ The amended rule also gives more time to the organizations to inform the government about opening of bank accounts for utilization of funds received under 'registration' or 'prior permission' category

Q. NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NREL) has signed an MoU with which state government to develop 10 GW ultra mega renewable energy power parks (UMREPP)?

A) Kerala
B) Telangana
C) Rajasthan
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ NTPC's arm, NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NREL) has signed an MoU with the Rajasthan government to develop 10 GW ultra mega renewable energy power parks (UMREPP) in Rajasthan.
- ✓ NTPC Group has set its target of 60 GW renewable energy capacity by 2032.
- ✓ Additionally, NTPC REL has entered into a joint Venture Agreement with DVC for developing RE Parks and Projects

Q. Which of the following is India's first credit rating agency?

A) ICRA
B) CRISIL
C) CARE
D) India Ratings and Research

Answer : B

- ✓ CRISIL is India's first credit rating agency. It was incorporated and promoted by erstwhile ICICI Ltd. in 1987. It started its operation in 1988
- ✓ Domestic Rating agency Crisil has lowered India's real gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast to 7.3% from 7.8% for FY23.
- ✓ According to the crisil, inflation is pegged to average at 6.8% in FY23 as against 5.5% in FY22.
- ✓ It also estimated the current account deficit to widen to 3% of GDP in FY23 from 1.2% in FY22.
- ✓ The agency expects global crude to average between USD 105-110 per barrel in FY23.

Q. Which bank recently partnered with EazyDiner to launch Dining Delights, a premium dining experience programme?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Axis Bank has partnered with EazyDiner to launch of Dining Delights for the bank customers.
- ✓ It offers choice of over 10,000 premium restaurants across India and Dubai. They plan to add 1,000 restaurants every month
- ✓ Axis Bank

  Founded : 1993

  Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairman : Rakesh Makhija

  MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary

  Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Q. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of PokerBaazi.com?

A) Salman Khan
B) Shahid Kapoor
C) Hrithik Roshan
D) Ayushman Khurrana

Answer : B

- ✓ PokerBaazi.com has announced the onboarding of actor Shahid Kapoor as its brand ambassador.
- ✓ Objective – PokerBaazi aims to create a robust ecosystem for Poker in India.

- ✓ The sector is expected to be worth over Rs 150 billion by 2024, indicating a compound annual groth of around 15%.

Q. Who has received the Shiromani Award at NRI World Summit 2022 in the United Kingdom for her contribution to the field of art?

A) Savitri Jindal
B) Leena Tewari
C) Falguni Naya
D) Michelle Poonawalla

Answer : D

- ✓ Michelle Poonawalla has received the Shiromani Award at NRI World Summit 2022 in the United Kingdom for her contribution to the field of art.
- ✓ The Shiromani Award was instituted in 1977 and has been betoed on Mother Teresa, Chief Marshal manekshaw, Raj Kapoor, Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar, Kapil Dev, PT Usha, Vishwanathan Anand etc.
- ✓ In addition to Poonawalla, the Shiromani Award was also awarded to Shri Sadhu Bhramvihari, Lord Rami Ranger, RitaHinduja Chhabria.

Q. 'Kai Chutney' made of Weaver ants is a popular food made in which state?

A) Assam
B) Kerala
C) Odisha
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : C

- ✓ In Odisha, scientists are making a presentation for the Geographical Indications (GI) registry of Kai Chutney.
- ✓ The GI tag would help develop a structured hygiene protocol in the preparation of Kai Chutney for standard wider use. GI labels enhance the reputation and value of local products and support local businesses.
- ✓ In 2019, Odisha received the GI Tag for Odisha Rasagola.
- ✓ What are the Weaver Ants?
- ✓ Kai (Red Weaver Ant) Ants, scientifically called Oecophylla smaragdina, are abundantly found in Mayurbhanj throughout the year. They construct nests with leaves of host trees.
- ✓ The Kai Chutney is prepared from the Weaver ants and are popular in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district among the people, mostly tribals.

- ✓ GI is an indication used to identify goods having special characteristics originating from a definite geographical territory.
- ✓ The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 seeks to provide for the registration and better protection of geographical indications relating to goods in India.
- ✓ The Geographical Indications Registry is located at Chennai.
- ✓ The registration of a geographical indication is valid for a period of 10 years. It can be renewed from time to time for a further period of 10 years each.
- ✓ It is also a part of the World Trade Organisation's Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

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- In Odisha, scientists are making a presentation for the Geographical Indications (GI) registry of Kai Chutney.
- Odisha has ranked number one for the implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA)..
- 'Sital Sasthi' festival being celebrated in Odisha.
- Odisha to host India's first tribal health observatory.
- Odisha Day or Utkal Divas is celebrated on 1st April 2022.
- Bank of Maharashtra has tied up with Mahagram to roll out the 'Bank Sakhi' project in Odisha.
- Odisha's Ganjam has declared itself a child marriage free district, the first in the State.
- According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, Odisha became the top state in the list of full immunizations in India with 90.5% coverage under Mission Indradhanush.
- Odisha CM inaugurated Odisha's longest bridge 'T-Setu' in Cuttack.
- Unnati Hooda and Kiran George wins 2022 Odisha Open at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha.
- Odisha's first tribal CM Hemananda Biswal passes away.
- India successfully tests 'Pralay' missile off Odisha coast With a range of 150 to 500 km.
- Odisha launched Digital Life Certificate system for pensioners 2022.
- Odisha's Ganjam district is now child marriage free 2022.
- Cyclone Jawad to hit Odisha, Andhra and West Bengal; named by Saudi Arabia.
- India's first National Yogasana Sports Championships organised in Bhubaneswar.

- Odisha government launches road safety initiative 'Rakshak'.
- Nuakhai, harvest festival celebrated in Odisha.
- Odisha will host the Men's Hockey Junior World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium.
- Odisha to become 1st Indian state to Provide Smart Health Cards.
- INS Khanjar becomes first Indian Navy ship to call at heritage coastal port of Gopalpur in Odisha.
- Odisha Government has launched 'Ashirvad scheme' for children.
- Odisha government Launched e-learning methods for students: e-Pathshala, e- Mulyankan.
- Raja Parba festival celebrated in Odisha.
- Odisha to sponsor Indian Hockey teams for 10 more years.

Q. Maryna Viazovska, who becomes the second woman to receive the Fields Medal 2022 for mathematics. She is belongs to which country?

A) Russia
B) Ukraine
C) United States
D) United Kingdom

Answer : B

- ✓ Ukrainian Mathematician Maryna Viazovska has become the second woman ever to win the Fields medal 2022 often referred to as the Nobel Prize for mathematics.
- ✓ She is the second woman to win the Fields Medal after Maryam Mizakhani (Iranian), who received the prize in 2014.
- ✓ The other winners were French mathematician Hugo Duminil-Copin, Korean-American mathematician June Huh, and British mathematician James Maynard.
- ✓ The International Mathematical Union said Ms. Viazovska, who holds the chair in number theory at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, was being honored for her work on the densest packing of identical spheres in eight dimensions.
- ✓ Cash Prize – 15,000 Canadian Dollars
- ✓ Fields Medal 2022 Winners

1. Hugo Duminil-Copin (36 years)- Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques
2. June Huh (39 years) - Princeton University
3. James Maynard (35 years) - University of Oxford
4. Maryna Viazovska (37 years) - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

- ✓ What is Fields Medal?
- ✓ Fields medal is the highest honor for a mathematician. The medal is awarded every four years on the occasion of the International Congress of Mathematicians.
- ✓ The Fields Medal is awarded to recognize outstanding mathematical achievement for existing work and for the promise of future achievement.
- ✓ The Fields medal award comprises a gold medal (14 karat gold) bearing the profile of Archimedes and a cash amount.
- ✓ The Fields medal and cash prizes are funded by a trust established by J.C.Fields at the University of Toronto.
- ✓ The Fields Medals were first awarded in 1936 in Oslo, Norway. The Fields medals were conceieved by John Charles Fields, a Canadian mathematician.
- ✓ Note : - American Mathematician Dennis P. Sullivan wins 2022 Abel Prize.
- ✓ Abel Prize is awarded by 'The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters' for 'Outstanding scientific work in the field of mathematics.

Q. Who among the following has NOT been awarded the prestigious Fields Medal for the year 2022 on 5 July 2022 in Finland?

A) Karen Uhlenbeck
B) Maryna Viazovska
C) Hugo Duminil-Copin
D) James Maynard

Answer : A

- ✓ 4 mathematicians, including Ukrainian Maryna Viazovska, were awarded the prestigious Fields Medal for the year 2022 on 5 July 2022 in Finland.
- ✓ The other 3 winners are Hugo Duminil-Copin, June Huh & James Maynard.
- ✓ Viazovska is only the second female Fields Medalist, after the Iranian Maryam Mirzakhani in 2014.
- ✓ Fields Medal is awarded every four years to mathematicians under the age of 40

Q. India's first Autonomous Navigation facility TiHAN has been inaugurated in which institute?

A) IIT Delhi
B) IIT Hyderabad
C) IIT Bombay
D) IIT Madras

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh has inaugurated first-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art 'Autonomous Navigation' facility to develop unmanned ground and aerial vehicles in the IIT Hyderabad campus.
- ✓ Developed at a budget of Rs. 130 crores by the Union Ministry of Science & Technology, TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) is a multidisciplinary initiative that will make India a global player in the futuristic and next-generation 'smart mobility' technology.

Q. Which Gramin Bank has joined hands with SBI Life Insurance for a bancassurance pact to offer wide product range of SBI life?

A) Paschim Banga Gramin Bank
B) Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank
C) Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank
D) Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ The partnership will see all the branches of Paschim Banga Gramin Bank across West Bengal offer SBI Life's range of protection, wealth creation, credit life, annuity and savings products, thereby increasing accessibility of life insurance solutions in the region.
- ✓ Bancassurance is an arrangement between a bank and an insurance company, as a part of which the latter can sell its products to the lender's customers.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of Aviva India Life Insurance Company?

A) Rishi Gupta
B) Asit Rath
C) Satish Kumar Gupta
D) Anubrata Biswas

Answer : B

- ✓ Private life insurer Aviva Life Insurance Company India has appointed Asit Rath as its Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director.
- ✓ He will succeed Amit Malik who is leaving the business after 10 years.
- ✓ Rath is currently the CEO of Prudential Myanmar Life Insurance.

Q. Which of the following Gold loan Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) has received an approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to open up 150 new branches across the nation?

A) Muthoot Finance Limited
B) Bajaj Finance Limited
C) Aditya Birla Finance Limited
D) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited

Answer : A

- ✓ Gold loan Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) Muthoot Finance has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to open up 150 new branches across the nation.
- ✓ The non-bank lender plans to open these branches across southern and northern parts of the country.

Q. Which Insurance company has launched 'SWITCH', India's first on-demand comprehensive motor insurance product?

A) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
B) SBI General Insurance
C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
D) Edelweiss General Insurance

Answer : D

- ✓ Edelweiss General Insurance on 4 July 2022 launched 'SWITCH' – India's first on-demand comprehensive motor insurance product.
- ✓ It has been launched under the insurance regulator IRDAI's Sandbox initiative.
- ✓ SWITCH is a fully digital, mobile telematics-based motor policy that detects motion and automatically activates insurance when the vehicle is driven, making it convenient for customers.

Q. Who has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of Manappuram Finance Company?

A) L V Prabhakar
B) VP Nandkumar
C) Murali M. Natrajan
D) B. Ramesh Babu

Answer : B

- ✓ The NBFC announced that its board has approved reappointment of V P Nandakumar as the managing director (MD) & chief executive officer (CEO) of the company.
- ✓ Manappuram Finance is one of India's leading gold loan NBFCs.
- ✓ The company reported a 44.2% fall in consolidated net profit to Rs 261.10 crore on an 8.5% decline in total income to Rs 1,491.31 crore in Q4 FY22 over Q4 FY21

Q. Who has been has been appointed as the Force Commander in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)?

A) Lt Gen Yogendra Dimri
B) Lt Gen Mohan Subramanian
C) Lt Gen Nav K Khanduri
D) Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita

Answer : B

- ✓ India's Lieutenant General Mohan Subramanian has been appointed the Force Commander in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).
- ✓ Subramanian succeeds Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar of India.
- ✓ Almost 20,000 peacekeepers serve with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan to protect civilians and build durable peace in the conflict-affected country.
- ✓ The civilian, police and military personnel from 73 countries carry out many duties under the mandate provided by the United Nations Security Council.

Q. Lisbon Declaration is associated with the conservation of which entity?

A) Environment
B) Mountains
C) Oceans
D) Freshwater Glaciers

Answer : C

- ✓ The UN Ocean Conference 2022 concluded with the unanimous adoption of the Lisbon Declaration "Our Ocean, our future, our responsibility."
- ✓ More than 150 countries agreed to scale up science-based and innovative actions to address the ocean emergency. The Lisbon Declaration takes into account the capacity challenges being faced by the developing countries, mainly the Small Island Developing States and Least Developing Countries.

Q. Which institution has launched a portal named 'Pariksha Sangam'?

A) UGC
B) CBSE
C) NCERT
D) IGNOU

Answer : B

- ✓ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched a new portal named Pariksha Sangam.
- ✓ The portal will act as a one-stop destination for all exam-related activities, which will include term results and more. It has 3 parts – Schools (Ganga), Regional Offices (Yamuna) and Head Office (Saraswati).
- ✓ Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)

  Founded : 1929

  Headquarters : New Delhi Chairperson : Nidhi Chibber

  Parent organisation : Ministry of Education

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