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Q. Who has won the women's singles title at French Open 2022?

- A) Iga Swiatek
B) Elise Mertens
C) Kateřina Siniaková
D) Barbora Krejčíková

Answer : A

- ✓ Iga Swiatek, the No. 1 seed from Poland, won women's singles title at French Open 2022, by defeating Coco Gauff of the United States, 6-1, 6-3.
- ✓ It was her second French Open title, and she dropped just one set en route, in the fourth round to Qinwen Zheng.
- ✓ Świątek also became the youngest winner of multiple majors since Maria Sharapova in 2006.

Q. Who has won the men's single title at the Roland Garros Tennis Tournament 2022, also known as French Open?

- A) Roger Federer
B) Rafael Nadal
C) Daniil Medvedev
D) Novak Djokovic

Answer : B

TENNIS TOURNAMENT OPEN IN NEWS 2021-22

- FRENCH OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)
Men's Singles : Rafael Nadal (Spain) beat Casper Ruud (Norwegian)
Women's Singles : Iga Świątek (Poland) beat Coco Gauff (US)
- ITALIAN OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)
Men's singles : Novak Djokovic (Serbia) beat Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Women's singles : Iga Świątek (Poland) beat Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
- MADRID OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)
Men's singles: Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) beat Alexander Zverev (Germany)
Women's singles : Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
- SERBIA OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)
Andrey Rublev (Russian) defeated world No. 1 Novak Djokovic (Serbia)



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- MIAMI OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)
Men's Single : Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) beat Casper Ruud (Norway)
Women's Single : Iga Świątek (Poland) beat Naomi Osaka (Japan)
- BNP Paribas Open Tournament 2022 (Indian Wells Masters)
Women's singles : Iga Świątek (Poland)
Men's Singles : Taylor Fritz (United States)
- MEXICAN OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)
Rafael Nadal (Spain) beat Cameron Norrie (Britian)
- AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)
Men's Singles : Rafael Nadal (Spain)
Women's Singles : Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
- SYDNEY TENNIS CLASSIC 2022
Men's Single : Aslan Karatsev (Russia)
Women's Single : Paula Badosa (Spain)
- RIO OPEN 2022 (TENNIS)
Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) beat Diego Schwartzman.
Carlos Alcaraz creates history, becomes youngest ATP 500 winner.
- MELBOURNE SUMMER SET 1 2022 (TENNIS)
Men's singles : Rafael Nadal (Spain)
Women's singles : Simona Halep (Romania)
- ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 1 TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2022
Men's single : Gaël Monfils (France)
Women's single : Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
- DAVIS CUP 2021 (TENNIS)
Winner : Russia
Runner up : Croatia
- ATP FINALS TITLE 2021(TENNIS)
Winner : Alexander Zverev (Germany)
Runner up : Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
- WTA FINAL TITLE 2021 (TENNIS)



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Winner : Garbine Muguruza (Spain)

➤ US OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)

Men's single : Daniil Medvedev (Russia)

Women's single : Emma Raducanu (Great Britain).

➤ WIMBLEDON OPEN (TENNIS) 2021

Men's Single : Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

Women's Single : Ashleigh Barty (Australia).

Q. Which tennis player has the most Grand Slams titles?

A) Novak Djokovic

B) Roger Federer

C) Rafael Nadal

D) Pete Sampras

Answer : C

- ✓ The 2022 French Open was a Grand Slam tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts. It was held at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France.
- ✓ Rafael Nadal beat Casper Ruud (Norwegian) 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 in the French Open final for his 14th championship at Roland Garros and 22nd Grand Slam title overall,
- ✓ Rafael Nadal won the French Open on his first attempt as a 19-year-old in 2005
- ✓ Top 3 men's tennis player owns the most Grand Slam titles
 - 1st Rafael Nadal : 22 titles
 - 2nd : Novak Djokovic : 20 titles
 - 3rd : Roger Federer : 20 titles

RAFAEL NADAL IN NEWS 2022

- Rafael Nadal won the men's singles event, capturing his record-extending 14th French Open title.
- Rafael Nadal wins Mexican Open 2022 to clinch his 91st ATP title
- Rafael Nadal win the Men's Singles title at the Australian Open 2022
- Rafael Nadal wins 2022 Melbourne Summer Set tennis tournament
- Rafael Nadal is a Spanish professional tennis player
- Rafa: My Story' is the new book launched by John Carlin and Rafael Nadal. It is his an autobiography



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✓ **GRAND SLAM 2021-22 WINNER WITH AMAZING FACTS**

✓ CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER :-

Australian open

French open

Wimbledon open

US open

1. AUSTRALIAN OPEN (TENNIS)

Founded : 1905

Surface : Hard Court

Period : Mid January

Edition : 110th (2022)

Venue : Melbourne, Australia

✓ AUSTRALIA OPEN 2022

Men's Singles – Rafael Nadal (Spain)

Women's Singles – Ashleigh Barty (Australia)

2. FRENCH OPEN (TENNIS)

Founded : 1891

Surface : Clay court

Period : May -June

Edition : 126 (2022)

Venue : Paris, France

✓ FRENCH OPEN 2022

Men's Singles : Rafael Nadal (Spain)

Women's Singles : Iga Świątek (Poland)

3. WIMBLEDON OPEN (TENNIS)

Founded : 1877

Surface : Grass court

Period : June - July

Edition : 134 (2021)

Venue : London, UK



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Executive Director : Kollegal V Raghavendra

Tagline : Where Service is a Way of Life

Q. Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been elected as the MD & CEO of which bank?

A) ICICI Bank

B) Kotak Mahindra Bank

C) Axis Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : D

✓ Ajay Kumar Srivastava, Executive Director at Indian Overseas Bank, has been appointed MD and CEO of the bank for three years. He will replace Partha Pratim Sengupta.

✓ **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**

Founded : 1937

Founder : M. Chidambaram Chettyar

Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu

MD & CEO : Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Tagline : Good People to Grow With

Q. A Manimekhalai has been appointed as the managing director (MD) of which bank?

A) Union Bank of India

B) Canara Bank

C) IDBI Bank

D) Indian Bank

Answer : A

Q. Who has becomes the first woman managing director of Union Bank of India?

A) Usha Thorat

B) Madhabi Puri Buch

C) Ananta Barua

D) A Manimekhalai

Answer : D

✓ A Manimekhalai appointed as managing director of Union Bank of India for three years. Canara Bank executive director Manimekhalai replaced Rajkiran Rai G. Manimekhalai becomes the first woman managing director of Union Bank of India

✓ **Union Bank of India**

Founded : 1919

Founder : Seth Sitaram Poddar

Headquarters : Mumbai



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MD : A Manimekhalai

Tagline ; Good People to Bank with

Union Bank of India will be merged with Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank.

NEWLY APPOINTMENT BANK'S MD AND CEO IN NEWS 2021-22

- Swarup Kumar Saha appointed as head of Punjab & Sind Bank
- A Manimekhalai appointed as MD of Union Bank
- Former SBI MD Ashwani Bhatia takes charge as whole-time member at SEBI
- Rajiv Ranjan and Sitikantha Pattanaik have been named executive directors by the RBI.
- Anshul Swami, former retail chief of RBL Bank, named as MD-CEO of Shivalik Small Finance Bank
- Vishakha Mulye has been appointed as the next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Aditya Birla Capital.
- RBI approves re-appointment of Murli Natarajan as MD-CEO of DCB Bank
- Former ICICI Banker, Madhabi Puri Buch has been appointed as the new SEBI chairman.
- Rakesh Sharma again appointed as MD & CEO of IDBI Bank
- RBI approves appointment of Ittira Davis as MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel Appointed as Vice President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
- Govt of India appoints Atul Kumar Goel as new MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB).
- Soma Sankara Prasad appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer in UCO Bank.
- RBI approves appointment of Baldev Prakash as MD & CEO of J&K Bank.
- Pradeep Kumar Panja appointed as Chairman of Karnataka Bank.
- A K Goel elected as Chairman of Indian Bank's Association (IBA).
- RBI approves re-appointment of V. Vaidyanathan as MD & CEO of IDFC FIRST Bank.
- Harsha Bhupendra Bangari appointed as MD of EXIM Bank.
- A S Rajeev– MD and CEO of Bank of Maharashtra.
- RBI approves re-appointment of Sandeep Bakhshi as ICICI Bank MD & CEO.
- Shanti Lal Jain appointed MD and CEO of Indian Bank.



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Q. Which country is the host country for the 2022 World Environment Day?

- A) Finland
B) Denmark
C) Norway
D) Sweden

Answer : D

Q. Which Indian logistics company has recently signed the 'Climate Neutral Now' (CNN) pledge by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)?

- A) Container Corporation Of India
B) Blue Dart Express Ltd
C) Allcargo Logistics Ltd
D) TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd

Answer : B

- ✓ Blue Dart, South Asia's premier express air and integrated transportation & distribution company and a part of the Deutsche Post DHL (DPDHL) Group, has signed the Climate Neutral Now (CNN) pledge by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ✓ The purpose is to reduce the ambitious CO2 target and the companies long term goal which will reduce GHG emissions to net zero by 2050.
- ✓ Deutsche Post DHL Group has taken up the measure's worth up to Euro 7 billion to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 with Paris Climate Agreement.
- ✓ Climate Neutral Now (CNN) was launched in 2015.
- ✓ **BLUE DART**
- ✓ Headquarter: Mumbai
- ✓ Chairman : Sharad Upasani
- ✓ **UNFCCC**
- ✓ Till date, it has been ratified by 197 countries.
- ✓ UNFCCC is headquartered in Bonn, Germany
- ✓ UNFCCC is the parent treaty of the 2015 Paris Agreement as well as 1997 Kyoto Protocol.
- ✓ The UNFCCC was established to work towards "stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere
- ✓ 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC was originally scheduled to take place from 9-19 November 2020, in Glasgow, UK.



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- ✓ LeadIT initiative was launched by the governments of Sweden and India at the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019 and is supported by the World Economic Forum.
- ✓ Japan and South Africa are the latest members of the initiative. The total members of LeadIT are 37 including countries and companies together.

Q. Which insurance company has launched New Health Insurance Vertical?

- A) SBI General Insurance B) Max Life Insurance
C) Tata AIA Life Insurance D) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Answer : A

- ✓ SBI General Insurance has launched a new health insurance vertical.
- ✓ It aims to leverage the expansive footprint and network of its parent company State Bank of India (SBI) to further entrench health insurance penetration in Tier 3 and 4 markets across India.
- ✓ It also focuses on new innovative health products, in-house claim settlement process, among others, to boost customer experience.

✓ **SBI General Insurance**

Founded : 2009

Headquarters : Mumbai

CEO : Prakash Chandra Kandpal

SBI owns 70% of the total capital

Q. Which state has won the Best Project Award at United Nations World Summit ?

- A) Odisha B) Manipur
C) Meghalaya D) Telangana

Answer : C

- ✓ Meghalaya won Best Project Award at United Nations World Summit.
- ✓ Meghalaya's Planning Department's key initiative of e-Proposal System, part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA) won coveted UN Award – World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) Prizes 2022 at Geneva in Switzerland.
- ✓ Secretary General of ITU, Houlin Zhao presented the winner award to Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma in the WSIS Forum Prizes 2022, held at Geneva, Switzerland.



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- ✓ Meghalaya contested the elections with projects from Australia, China, Argentina and Tanzania. Meghalaya was adjudged as the best project in the category and MeghEA is the only project in India to win the winning award this year

MEGHALAYA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Meghalaya E-proposal System grabbed prestigious UN Award – World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) Prizes 2022.
- Meghalaya would be hosting 83rd National Table Tennis Championship 2022.
- Meghalaya's Living Root Bridges vying for tag of UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- SIDBI partnered with Meghalaya to grow the MSME ecosystem.
- 44th Wangala festival begins in Meghalaya.
- Cherry Blossom Festival 2021 celebrated in Meghalaya.
- Assam and Meghalaya have signed an agreement to resolve a border issue in six disputed districts.
- Meghalaya Cabinet approves creation of new district named Eastern West Khasi Hills District.
- India and World Bank sign USD 40 million agreement to strengthen health systems in Meghalaya.
- India's longest Road Arch Bridge inaugurated in Meghalaya

Q. Indian Air force (IAF) has signed an MoU with the which UT to set up the IAF Heritage Centre?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ An MoU between the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the IAF was signed to set up 'IAF Heritage Centre' to showcase the role of the Indian Air Force in various wars.
- ✓ The 'IAF Heritage Centre' is to be set up jointly by IAF and Chandigarh administration.
- ✓ **INDIAN AIR FORCE (IAF)**
Founded : 8 October 1932
HQ : New Delhi
1st Chief : Subroto Mukerjee



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27th Chief : Vivek Ram Chaudhari

45th Vice Chief : Sandeep Sing

Commander-in-Chief : President Ram Nath Kovind

Indian Air Force to celebrate its 89th anniversary on October 8, 2021

Q. Who has been inaugurated new spacecraft manufacturing facility at Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Aerospace Park?

A) G. Satheesh Reddy

B) Kailasavadivoo Sivan

C) S Somanath

D) k Radhakrishanan

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairman, Dr S Somanath, has inaugurated ANANTH Technologies' spacecraft manufacturing unit at Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Aerospace Park.
- ✓ The new state-of-the-art spacecraft manufacturing facility can conduct assembly integration and testing of four large spacecraft simultaneously.
- ✓ This is a first of its kind facility in India, adding that since its establishment in 1992, Ananth Technologies has contributed to the manufacturing of 89 satellites and 69 launch vehicles built/launched by ISRO.
- ✓ The 15,000 sqm facility is capable of conducting the assembly, integration and testing of four large spacecraft at the same time, with four separate units present within the facility.
- ✓ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**
- ✓ Founded : 15 August 1969
- ✓ HQ : Bangalore, 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
- ✓ Udupi Ramachandra Rao : satellite Man of India
- ✓ Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian to orbit in space in the year 1984.
- ✓ Kalpana Chawla, the first Indian origin woman to go to space is related to Karnal district of Haryana.



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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 Indian Space Research Organisation (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. Name the freedom fighter who has passed away recently who fought for India's independence from colonial Britain?

- A) Anjalai Ponnusamy B) Premchand Aggarwal
C) Subodh Uniyal D) Saurabh Bahuguna

Answer : A

- ✓ Freedom fighter Anjalai Ponnusamy, who fought for India's independence from colonial Britain, died, aged 102.
- ✓ At the age of 21, Anjalai joined the Rani of Jhansi Regiment, the women's regiment of the Indian National Army.

Q. Bhajan Sopori passed away recently. He was associated with which musical instrument?

- A) Violin B) Flute
C) Sitar D) Santoor

Answer : D

- ✓ Santoor maestro Bhajan Sopori has passed away. He was 73.
- ✓ The santoor player was born in Sopore in Kashmir Valley in 1948. He belonged to the Sufiana Gharana of Indian classical music.
- ✓ He was the great-grandson of Pandit Shankar Pandit, who had developed the style popularly known as the 'Sufi Baaj' (style), based on Sufiana Qalam and Hindustani Classical music.
- ✓ **Awards:**
- ✓ 'Saint of the Santoor'
- ✓ 'King of Strings'



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- ✓ Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1992)
- ✓ Padma Shri (2004)
- ✓ Baba Allaudin Khan Award (2011)
- ✓ M N Mathur award (2011)

RECENTLY PASSED AWAY FAMOUS HINDUSTANI CLASSICAL IN NEWS

- Santoor maestro Bhajan Sopori passes away
- Santoor legend Pandit Shivkumar Sharma passed away
- Sitar maestro Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri Passes Away
- Violin Maestro, Padma Awardee TN Krishnan passes away
- Classical Violinist 'Kalaimamani' Sikkil Shri R Bhaskaran passed away
- Indian classical vocalist, Pandit Jasraj passed away

Q. India will hand over 12 high speed interceptor boats to which country during Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Vietnam
- C) Mauritius
- D) Maldives

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Defence minister Rajnath Singh will hand over 12 high speed interceptor boats during his three-day visit to Vietnam later this week.
- ✓ He will also visit an army software park that is being established with Indian funding.
- ✓ **VIETNAM**
Capital : Hanoi
Currency : Dong
Prime Minister : Pham Minh Chinh

Q. Which country has won FIH Hockey 5s 2022?

- A) India
- B) Poland
- C) Sweden
- D) Switzerland

Answer : A



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- ✓ India made a magnificent comeback from being three-goal down to beat Poland by 6-4 in a pulsating FIH Hockey 5s Final to clinch the inaugural championship on June 5, 2022.

Q. Which supercomputers has topped the 59th top 500 list of the world's most powerful supercomputers?

- A) Frontier
B) Fugaku
C) Sequoia
D) Venngage

Answer : A

- ✓ US Frontier Overtakes Japan's Fugaku as the World's Most Powerful Supercomputer
- ✓ Recently, 59th edition of top 500 list of the world's most powerful supercomputers was unveiled by Germany.
- ✓ The Most powerful supercomputers were ORNL's Supercomputer Frontier from the US.
- ✓ **FRONTIER:**
- ✓ It is a supercomputer built using Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) architecture and equipped with Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) processors. It is a is powered by AMD.
- ✓ It has broken the exascale speed barrier with a Linmark benchmark score of 1.1 exaflops.
- ✓ Frontier features a total of 8,730,112 cores and is designed on the newest HPE Cray EX235a architecture with AMD EPYC 64C 2GHz processors.
- ✓ Fugaku belongs to Japan's Riken Centre for Computational Science.

SUPERCOMPUTER IN NEWS 2021-22

- US Frontier Overtakes Japan's Fugaku As World's Most Powerful Supercomputer.
- Param Porul supercomputer inaugurated at NIT Tiruchirappalli.
- C-DAC Commissions "PARAM Ganga" Supercomputer at IIT Roorkee under National Supercomputing Mission.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru commissions one of India's most powerful supercomputers 'Param Pravega'.
- Meta builds the world's fastest supercomputer named RSC
- Iran Develops Its Most Powerful Supercomputer "Simorgh".
- United States will build the world's first exascale supercomputer named Aurora.
- India's largest HPC-AI supercomputer 'PARAM Siddhi – AI'.



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- Param 8000 was India's first supercomputer.

- Q. Ashwani Bhatia has taken charge as a whole-time member (WTM) at the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He was previously the Managing Director of which Bank?**
- A) Punjab National Bank B) State Bank of India**
C) Kotak Mahindra Bank D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ Ashwani Bhatia has taken charge as a whole-time member (WTM) at the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- ✓ Bhatia was previously the Managing Director of the State Bank of India (SBI).
- ✓ Bhatia has been appointed for an initial period of three years from the date of assuming charge.
- ✓ In August 2020, he was elevated as MD of SBI.
- ✓ Before that, he was working as the MD of SBI Mutual Fund

SEBI IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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- SEBI reconstitutes its 8-member advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund; Headed By : G Mahalingam
- SEBI formed 4-Member Advisory Committee on Settlement Orders; Headed By : Jai Narayan Patel
- SEBI reconstitutes its primary market advisory committee; Headed By : S Sahoo
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**
Founded : 1988
Act : 1992
Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra
First Women Chairmam : Madhabi Puri Buch
SEBI was given statutory recognition in 1992 on the recommendation of the Narasimham Committee.

Q. Which state government has recently signed an MoU with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for obtaining life certificate from pensioners through doorstep services of the Postal Department?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Tamil Nadu government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for obtaining life certificate from pensioners through doorstep services of the Postal Department.
- ✓ IPPB would transfer it to the doorstep services at a cost of ₹70 per digital life certificate.
- ✓ Almost most than 7.15 lakh State government pensioners/ family pensioners submit their life certificate during July, August and September every year
- ✓ **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**
Founded : 1 September 2018
Headquarters : New Delhi
MD & CEO : J Venkatramu
Tag line : Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar



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Q. Who has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security?

- A) Praveen Sinha B) Zulfiquar Hasan
C) Alok Kumar Verma D) Rishi Kumar Shukla

Answer : B

- ✓ Zulfiquar Hasan, Senior IPS officer has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).
- ✓ He has been appointed till 31st September 2024.
- ✓ He was from West Bengal-cadre 1988-batch IPS officer, also he is serving as Special Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Delhi.
- ✓ Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) is an attached office of the Ministry of Civil Aviation

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?

- A) Sujoy Lal Thosen B) Kuldeep Singh
C) Gurbirpal Singh D) AP Maheshwari

Answer : A

- ✓ Senior IPS officer S L Thaosen has been appointed as the new Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- ✓ S L Thaosen is a 1988-batch, Madhya Pradesh- cadre Indian Police Service officer.
- ✓ He has been serving as the special Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF).
- ✓ Incumbent DG Kumar Rajesh Chandra retired on December 31 last year.
- ✓ DG Sanjay Arora has been holding the additional charge of SSB.
- ✓ The Sashastra Seema Bal force guards the country's borders with Nepal (1,751 km) and Bhutan (699 km).
- ✓ **Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**
Founded : 1963
Headquarters : New Delhi
Motto : Service, Security and Brotherhood
Director General : S L Thaosen
SSB is a border guarding force of India deployed along its border with Nepal and Bhutan.



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NEW UPDATED LIST OF CHIEF AND DIRECTOR GENERAL

CHIEF	DIRECTOR GENERAL
S L Thaosen	Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
Pankaj Kumar Singh	Border Security Force (BSF)
Sanjay Arora	Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
Pradeep Chandran Nair	Assam Rifles
Vivek Ram Chaudhari	Air Force Chief
Manoj Mukund Naravane	Army Chief
R Hari Kumar	Navy Chief
Sheel Vardhan Singh	Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
Virender Singh Pathania	Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
Kuldiep Singh	Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
M A Ganapathy	National Security Guard (NSG)
Gurbirpal Singh	National Cadet Corps (NCC)

Q. What was the revenue collected from Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the month of May 2022?

- A) Rs. 1.61 lakh B) Rs. 1.41 lakh
C) Rs. 1.31 lakh D) Rs. 1.51 lakh

Answer : B

- ✓ GST revenue for the month of May stood at Rs 1,40,885 lakh crore.
- ✓ GST revenues at nearly Rs 1.41 lakh crore in May
- ✓ The numbers have increased suddenly to 44% as against Rs 97, 821 during the corresponding period of preceding fiscal.
- ✓ GST collection crosses ₹1.40 lakh crore mark 4th time since inception of GST; 3rd month at a stretch since March 2022.
- ✓ The revenue from import goods went up by 43% this month.
- ✓ The CGST accounted for Rs 25,036 crore, SGST for Rs 32,001 crore and IGST for Rs 73,345 crore.
- ✓ Total revenue for Centre and states stood at Rs 52,960 crore and Rs 55,124 crore respectively.



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- ✓ The GST compensation due to states accounting for Rs 86,912 crores until May 31, 2022 despite having only Rs 25,000 crore in the compensation fund.
- ✓ **List of months wise GST Collection 2022**
- ✓ May 2022 : Rs 1.41 lakh crore
- ✓ 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
- ✓ **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



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- ✓ 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. How much amount has been released as GST compensation debts by the central government to the states?

- A) Rs. 75,126 crore B) Rs. 86,912 crore
C) Rs. 64,765 crore D) Rs. 58,346 crore

Answer : B

- ✓ Central government has released the entire compensation of Rs 86,912 crore due to states.
- ✓ Despite only having roughly Rs 25,000 crore in the GST compensation pool, the Centre made the whole amount.
- ✓ Compensation of Rs 47,617 crore was due up to January, Rs 21,322 crore was due for February-March, Rs 17,973 crore was due for April-May, out of Rs. 86,912 crores released to states.

Q. Who has won the 3rd Times Business Award 2022 under the category of Eastern India's Leading READY-TO-EAT brand?

- A) Rashmi Sahoo B) Sumaira Abdulali
C) Kiranjit Ahluwalia D) Parveena Ahanger

Answer : A

- ✓ Director of Ruchi Foodline, Rashmi Sahoo has been awarded Times Business Award 2022.
- ✓ This is a 3rd Times Business Award.
- ✓ The award was given in the category of Eastern India's Leading READY-TO-EAT brand.

Q. Who has recently become the first Indian to win a World Cup medal by capturing a bronze at the 2022 ICF Paracanoe World Cup held in Poznan, Poland?

- A) Prachi Yadav B) Divyash Singh Panwar
C) Kiran Ankush Jadhav D) Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar

Answer : A

- ✓ Canoeist Prachi Yadav became the first Indian to win a World Cup medal by capturing a bronze at the 2022 ICF Paracanoe World Cup held in Poznan, Poland.



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- ✓ She bagged bronze medal followed by the silver medalist- Canada's Brianna Hennessy and the Gold medalist Susan Seipel from Australia.

Q. India's first Liquid Mirror Telescope has been commissioned in which state?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Gujarat
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ India's first liquid-mirror telescope has been commissioned atop a mountain in the Himalayan region in Uttarakhand.
- ✓ The telescope will help identify transient or variable objects such as asteroids, space debris, supernovae, and gravitational lenses.
- ✓ The telescope is India's first and Asia's largest liquid mirror telescope

Q. India signed three MoUs for cultural exchange, cooperation in youth matters and visa free regime for officials with which country?

- A) Kuwait
- B) Maldives
- C) Singapore
- D) Senegal

Answer : D

- ✓ India signed three MoUs during the talks held between Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu and Senegal President Macky Sall for cultural exchange, cooperation in youth matters and visa-free regime for officials on June 2, 2022.
- ✓ The agreements were signed during the visit of the Vice President, which is the first-ever high-level Indian visit to Senegal and is taking place at a time when both countries are celebrating 60 years of their diplomatic relations.
- ✓ **SENGAL**
Capital : Dakar
Currency : Franc



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Q. **Which Indian American student recently won the title in the first ever spell-off match at the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee?**

- A) Harini Logan B) Shaan Preetmani
C) Rahul Sachdeva D) Roshan Malhotra

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian American student Harini Logan spelled 22 words correctly in a 90-second spell-off during the Scripps National Spelling Bee Competition 2022 and won the coveted trophy.
- ✓ Harini Logan was once dropped from the Scripps National Spelling Bee, but then brought back.
- ✓ The Scripps National Spelling Bee is a competition in which primary and secondary school students are required to spell English words within seconds

Q. **The United Nations has recently accepted the request to change the name of which country?**

- A) Kazakhstan B) Indonesia
C) Turkey D) Uzbekistan

Answer : C

- ✓ United Nations has recently accepted the request to change the name of Turkey. Turkey has now been renamed as Turkiye in the United Nations. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in February that Turkey's name had been changed to reflect its true image
- ✓ Turkey, officially the Republic of Turkey, is a transcontinental country located mainly on Anatolia in Western Asia, with a portion on the Balkans in Southeast Europe.
- ✓ Lake Van is the largest lake in Turkey and the second largest in the Middle East

✓ **TURKEY:**

Capital: Ankara

Currency : Turkish lira

Preside : Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Q. **The third passenger train 'Mitali Express' was flagged off between India and which country?**

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

Answer : C



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- ✓ Modi government has started Mitali Express train between India and Bangladesh. This is the third train running between India and Bangladesh.
- ✓ This train will run for the remainder of New Jalpaiguri (NJP) and Dhaka (Dhaka).
- ✓ This train will pass through the recently started Haldibari-Chilahati rail link. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and Bangladesh Railway Minister Mohammad Nurul Sujan flagged off this train. Let us tell you that two trains are already running between India and Bangladesh.
- ✓ The first is Maitree Express, which runs between Kolkata and Dhaka.
- ✓ The other train is Bandhan Express, which is running between Kolkata and Khulna

Q. An app named “ACB 14400” has been launched by which state government?

- A) Bihar
B) Punjab
C) Karnataka
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ An app named “ACB 14400” has been launched by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.
- ✓ This app has been launched to prevent corruption in government offices across the state. This app has been developed by Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB).
- ✓ Through this app, people can register complaints related to corruption against any government official in the state

Q. Which Institute has launched country's first Agri Land Price Index ?

- A) IIM Bangalore
B) IIM Calcutta
C) IIM Lucknow
D) IIM Ahmedabad

Answer : D

- ✓ The Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad in collaboration with Indian agri-land marketplace SFarmsIndia has announced the launch of IIMA-SFarmsIndia Agri Land Price Index (ISALPI).
- ✓ It is a first-of-its-kind land price index that will record and present ‘quality controlled’ data of prices of agricultural land across the country.
- ✓ Currently, ISALPI is based on land listing data from 6 states.



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Q. Which company has bagged the contract to construct the upcoming Noida International Airport at Jewar, in Uttar Pradesh?

- A) Tata Projects B) Larsen &Toubro Ltd
C) Punj Lloyd Group D) Jaiprakash Associates Ltd

Answer : A

- ✓ Tata Group's infrastructure and construction arm, Tata Projects, has bagged the contract to construct the upcoming Noida International Airport at Jewar, in UP.
- ✓ As part of the contract, Tata Projects will construct the terminal, runway, airside infrastructure, roads, utilities, landside facilities and other ancillary buildings at the airport.
- ✓ It is expected to be functional by 2024.

Q. Who has surpassed Gautam Adani to regain the spot of Asia's and India's richest man in June 2022?

- A) Shiv Nadar B) Cyrus Poonawalla
C) Mukesh Ambani D) Lakshmi Mittal

Answer : C

- ✓ Mukesh Ambani has surpassed Gautam Adani to regain the spot of Asia's and India's richest man.
- ✓ As per Bloomberg Billionaire index, RIL Chairman Ambani has gained the eighth spot in the world's richest as his net worth stands at \$99.7 billion.
- ✓ Whereas, Adani Group's Chairman Gautam Adani's net worth is \$98.7 billion, placing him in the ninth spot in the index.

Q. Who has been appointed as the next chief operating officer (COO) of Meta, formerly known as Facebook?

- A) Javier Olivan B) Steve Chen
C) Eduardo Luiz Saverin D) Chad Meredith Hurley

Answer : A

- ✓ Javier Olivan, on 2 June 2022, was named as the next chief operating officer (COO) of Meta, formerly known as Facebook.
- ✓ He will replace Sheryl Sandberg, who announced on 1 June 2022, that she was stepping down from Meta.



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- ✓ Meta Platforms, Inc., is an American multinational technology conglomerate based in Menlo Park, California

Q. Which of cricketer is to continue as UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador for a record 20th year?

- A) Saurav Ganguly B) Sachin Tendulkar
C) Rahul Dravid D) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Answer : B

- ✓ Sachin Tendulkar will continue as UNICEF's 'Goodwill Ambassador' for a record 20th year.
- ✓ He has been working for the welfare of underprivileged children.
- ✓ In 2003, he was chosen to lead the initiative which create awareness and promote polio prevention in India.
- ✓ In 2008, he tied up to create and promote hygiene and sanitation among communities.
- ✓ In 2013, he was appointed UNICEF Ambassador for South Asia to advocate good hygiene and sanitation across the region.
- ✓ In 2019, he went Nepal to raise awareness for UNICEF Nepal's 'Bat for Brain Development' campaign.

GOOD WILL AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2021-22

- Sachin Tendulkar to continue as UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador for 20th year
- Upasana Kamineni named 'Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes' at WWF India.
- Russian supermodel 'Supernova' Natalia Vodianova roped in as UNFPA good will ambassador.
- Khushi Chindaliya appointed as UNEP regional ambassador.
- M Nethra appoints as 'Goodwill Ambassador for the Poor' by UNADAP .
- UNICEF appoints Ayushmann Khurrana for children's rights campaign .
- UNEP extends Dia Mirza term as goodwill ambassador till 2022
- Sachin Tendulkar to continue as UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador for 20th year

SACHIN TENDULKAR IN NEWS

- Sachin Tendulkar 6th Indian to be inducted into ICC Hall of Fame
- Paytm First Games ropes in Sachin Tendulkar as brand ambassador
- Sachin Tendulkar wins the Laureus Sporting Moment Award for ICC World Cup 2011 victory lap



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➤ Playing It My Way is the autobiography of former Indian cricket player Sachin Tendulkar

Q. According to the Fortune 500 list, who has become the richest person in the world, who was paid an exorbitant USD 23.5 1 billion as CEO?

A) Elon Musk

B) Tim Cook

C) Jensen Huang

D) Reed Hastings

Answer : A

- ✓ According to the list, Elon Musk, the multi-billionaire CEO of Tesla and SpaceX is the highest-paid executive in the world.
- ✓ This time also, Elon Musk has topped the Fortune 500 list followed by Apple, Netflix, and Microsoft.
- ✓ **List of top 10 most highly compensated CEOs:**
 1. Elon Musk, Tesla: USD 23.5 Billion
 2. Tim Cook, Apple: USD 770.5 Million
 3. Jensen Huang, NVIDIA: USD 561 Million
 4. Reed Hastings, Netflix: USD 453.5 Million
 5. Leonard Schleifer, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals: USD 452.9 Million
 6. Marc Benioff, Salesforce: USD 439.4 Million
 7. Satya Nadella, Microsoft: USD 309.4 Million
 8. Robert A. Kotick, Activision Blizzard: USD 296.7 Million
 9. Hock E. Tan, Broadcom: USD 288 Million
 10. Safra A. Catz, Oracle: USD 239.5 Million

Q. Which state's Chief Minister has announced plans to conduct a caste-based census?

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Bihar

C) Odisha

D) Telangana

Answer : B

- ✓ Chief Minister of Bihar Nitish Kumar announced on June 1, 2022, that a caste-based count rather than a census will be held in Bihar to avoid any conflict.
- ✓ The announcement regarding the Caste-based census in Bihar was made after an all-party meeting on a caste census



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BIHAR IN NEWS 2021-22

- Caste-based census to be held in Bihar.
- Bihar has India's largest gold reserves.
- A survey by the Geological Survey of India has stated that a gold reserve of around 222.88 million tonnes including 27.6 tonnes of mineral-rich ore are present in the Jamui district of Bihar.
- Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in Purnia district, Bihar.
- Bihar is going to celebrate 110th Bihar Diwas on 22nd March 2022.
- Every year on March 22, the Bihar Diwas commemorates the British carving away of Bihar from the Bengal Presidency in 1912.
- Bihar has highest level of multidimensional poverty while Kerala is least poor state: NITI Aayog's Multi-dimensional Poverty Index.
- India is set to host the first-ever Global Buddhist Conference in Nava Nalanda Mahavihara campus, in Nalanda, Bihar.
- Bihar government extends 'Mukhya Mantri Udyaymi Yojna' scheme to all women and youth.
- Bihar CM announces 33% reservation for girls in engineering and medical colleges of Bihar.
- Bihar CM launches 'HIT Covid App' to ensure regular tracking, monitoring of home isolated patients.
- Tripurari Sharan named new Bihar chief secretary.
- Bihar is set to become the country's first state to have two green energy efficient towns in Rajgir and Bodh Gaya.
- Bihar becomes first state to have Ethanol Promotion Policy.
- 1st bird festival at Nagi- Nakti bird sanctuaries in Bihar Jamui district.
- Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the 1.5 km long Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar.
- Nitish Kumar Becomes The Chief Minister Of Bihar For The 7th Time.
- Bihar wins Digital India award for transferring money in COVID time.
- Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi have been made the new Deputy Chief Ministers .
- PM Modi lays Foundation Stone for 9 Highway Projects worth Rs 14, 528 crores in Bihar.
- PM Modi inaugurates Kosi Rail Mega Bridge in Bihar.



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- Kosi Rail mega bridge is 1.9 kms long and cost of Rs. 516 Crores.
- PM Modi launches PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, e-Gopala App & several initiatives in Bihar.
- Bihar is India's third-largest state by population and the 12th-largest by area.
- Bihar has the highest percentage of young people of any state in India.
- Bihar has the second-lowest urban population in the country, after Himachal Pradesh

Q. Which country has introduced new law to freeze handgun ownership?

- A) Canada
- B) Austria
- C) Singapore
- D) Uzbekistan

Answer : A

- ✓ Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has introduced legislation that would put a freeze on importing, buying or selling of handguns.
- ✓ It will be illegal to buy, sell, transfer or import handguns anywhere in Canada.
- ✓ Canada already has plans to ban 1,500 types of military-style firearms and offer a mandatory buyback program that will begin at the end of the year.

✓ **CANADA**

Capital : Ottawa

Currency : Dollar

Prime Minister : Justin Trudeau

Q. Which insurance company has recently launched the 'Bima Ratna' scheme?

- A) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- B) Max Life Insurance Company Limited
- C) Exide Life Insurance Company Limited
- D) Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Ltd

Answer : A

- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), the country's largest insurance company, has launched a new plan.
- ✓ The name of this new insurance policy is Bima Ratna Policy. LIC has launched a new insurance policy after bringing its IPO.
- ✓ By investing in this insurance policy, financial assistance is given to the family of the policyholder on the death of the policyholder.



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LIC IN NEWS 2021-22.

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), India's largest insurer, has launched "Bima Ratna" .
- LIC Shares sluggish listing leads to Investors loss over Rs 50,000 crore.
- Sunil Agrawal has been appointed as the chief financial officer (CFO) of LIC.
- 20% FDI in LIC via automatic route approved by the government.
- LIC tie-up with Policybazaar for digital distribution of life insurance.
- As per a brand valuation report released by Brand Finance, LIC has been ranked at 10th in the list of insurance brands globally.
- Centre extends tenure of LIC Chairman M R Kumar by one year till March 2023.
- Govt set to allow 20% foreign direct investment (FDI) in LIC ahead of listing.
- LIC has inaugurated "Digi Zone", at Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai to sell policies online.
- LIC launches Dhan Rekha plan savings life insurance plan.
- IRDAI has stated that LIC, GIC Re and New India continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2021-22.
- LIC gets RBI approval to increase stake up in IndusInd Bank, 4.95% to 9.99%.
- RBI approves to increase LIC's stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank to 9.99% from 4.96%
- LIC Launches Mobile App 'PRAGATI' for Development Officers.
- PRAGATI stands for "Performance Review Application, Growth And Trend Indicator".
- LIC buys 3.9% stake in Bank of India via open market acquisition.
- Govt appoints 10 merchant bankers for managing IPO of LIC.
- LIC launches ANANDA mobile app for Agents/Intermediaries.
- Mini Ipe takes charge as Managing Director of LIC.
- Government extends superannuation age of LIC Chairman to up to 62 years.
- LIC has launched a centralized web-based workflow-based IT platform called "e-PGS".
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**

Founded : 1956

Headquarters : Mumbai

Chairman : M. R. Kumar

Managing Director : 4 (Mini Ipe, BC Patnaik, Siddhartha Mohanty, & Raj Kumar)



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Q. Which country has topped recipient of the covid vaccine from the World Health Organisation?

- A) India
- B) Canada
- C) China
- D) Bangladesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Bangladesh is the highest recipient of free Covid 19 vaccines from the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- ✓ The price of the vaccines received by Bangladesh is worth more than Taka 20,000 crore.
- ✓ Bangladesh has been able to vaccinate 98% of the targeted population from the 75% of the population of the country.
- ✓ Bangladesh has administered over 25.85 crore doses of Covid 19 vaccine till date including booster doses after the nationwide vaccination campaign was launched on February 7 last year.
- ✓ Data of the Dosage received by the people:
- ✓ First Dose: 12.88 crore people
- ✓ Second Dose: 11.67 crore
- ✓ Booster Dose: 1.25 crore booster dose
- ✓ Age group of 12-17: 3.32 crore students
- ✓ UNICEF delivered the first COVAX consignment of vaccinations on June 1 last year, following the start of COVID 19 vaccination in Bangladesh in February 2021.
- ✓ Covaxin is an inactivated virus-based COVID-19 vaccine developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech
- ✓ Covidshield vaccine, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII)
- ✓ ZyCoV-D is the world's first plasmid DNA vaccine against coronavirus
- ✓ World's first DNA-plasmid vaccine by Zydus Cadilla which has been Made in India.
- ✓ The Indian m-RNA vaccine which can be stored at temperature 2 to 8 Degree Celsius.



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Q. Which ministry has signed an MoU with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for indigenous Astra Beyond Visual Range missiles?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Defence Ministry signed a deal with Bharat Dynamics Limited for the supply of the indigenously developed Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range missiles and associated equipment for the Indian Air Force and the Navy.
- ✓ It costs Rs. 2,971 crore and will be executed in 6 years.
- ✓ **ASTRA MK-I:**
- ✓ Astra Mk1 is a beyond visual range (BVR), air-to-air missile.
- ✓ It has been developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and manufactured by Hyderabad-based Bharat Dynamics Limited.
- ✓ Astra has a range of over 100 km with modern guidance and navigation techniques and has midcourse guidance and RF seeker based terminal guidance.
- ✓ Astra Mk1 has a range of over 100 km and 20 km altitude.
- ✓ India imports similar missiles from Israel, Russia and some other manufacturers.
- ✓ The Air Force had conducted successful trials of the missile integrated on the Su 30 MK-I fighter aircraft.
- ✓ The Navy will also integrate the missile on its MiG 29K fighter aircraft, part of its fleet for INS Vikramaditya aircraft carrier.

Q. Jan Aushadhi stores has crossed how much revenue in the May?

- A) Rs. 100 crores
- B) Rs. 200 crores
- C) Rs. 150 crores
- D) Rs. 250 crores

Answer : A

- ✓ Jan Aushadhi outlets for the first time crossed the Rs 100 crore sales mark in May.
- ✓ These outlets offer more than 1,600 generic medicines, 250 surgical devices, nutraceuticals, Ayush products and Suvidha Sanitary pads.



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- ✓ Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) is the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).
- ✓ **Annual Turnover:**
- ✓ In year 2014-15: Rs. 8 crores
- ✓ In May 2021: Rs. Rs 83.77 crore.
- ✓ In May 2022: Rs. 100 crores
- ✓ In order to provide quality medicines at affordable rates to the common man especially the poor, the government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10,000 by March 2024.
- ✓ At Present, there are 8,735 such stores across 739 districts in the country.

Q. Every year 21st June is observed as International Day of Yoga. In 2022, which edition of the day was celebrated?

- A) 6th B) 4th
C) 8th D) 7th

Answer : C

- ✓ PM announces the theme of 8th International Yoga Day 'Yoga for Humanity'
- ✓ The eighth edition of the International Day of Yoga will be organised on June 21.
- ✓ The main event being held in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- ✓ PM announces 'Yoga for Humanity' as the theme of the day.
- ✓ The main event of International Day of Yoga this year will be held in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- ✓ This programme this year has been initiated for the specially-abled people, the transgender population, women and children.
- ✓ The 8th edition of International Day of Yoga (IDY) will see many firsts, one of them is an innovative programme, named "Guardian Ring".

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

- A) Yoga for Health B) Yoga for Peace
C) Yoga for Health D) Yoga for Humanity

Answer : D



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Q. Which state government has signed an agreement with Isha Outreach to conserve soil?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Climate Change Department of Gujarat has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the global movement for 'Save Soil'.
- ✓ The MoU was signed in Ahmedabad between Isha Outreach's Founder & Spiritual Leader Sadhguru, and Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel.
- ✓ Gujarat has become the first state in the country to join worldwide soil protection campaign.
- ✓ Jaggi Sadguru has set out on a 100-day motorcycle tour to raise awareness about the soil regeneration campaign throughout the world.
- ✓ The 30,000-kilometer journey through Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East is an attempt to raise awareness among policymakers on the importance of soil.
- ✓ Also, in 2006-07, Gujarat launched a foresight effort called "Soil Health Card" to protect the health and condition of the state's soil.
- ✓ There are 115 soil health laboratories in the state which check nutrient levels in the soil

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of National Informatics Centre?

- A) Anwar Hussain Shaik
B) Vinai Kumar Saxena
C) Rajiv Kumar
D) Rajesh Gera

Answer : D

- ✓ Rajesh Gera, a Senior scientist has been appointed as the Director General of National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- ✓ Gera is currently working as Deputy Director General in the NIC.
- ✓ The appointment of Gera, Scientist 'G' to the post of has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the cabinet.
- ✓ NIC is an Indian government organization under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- ✓ **National Informatics Centre (NIC)**
Formation : 1976
Headquarters : New Delhi



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Director General : Rajesh Gera

Q. Who has been recently appointed as the external member of Bank of England's monetary panel?

- A) Swati Dhingra
B) Priti Patel
C) Suella Braverman
D) Rishi Sunak

Answer : A

- ✓ Leading UK-based academic, Dr Swati Dhingra has been named as the first Indian-origin woman to be appointed as an external member of the Bank of England's interest rate-setting committee.
- ✓ She will replace Michael Saunders, who has been on the MPC since August 2016.
- ✓ Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is a committee of the Bank of England : 9 members
- ✓ Dhingra is an Associate Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics (LSE) having specialisation in international economics and applied microeconomics.

Q. Who has been appointed as MD & CEO of National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)?

- A) Natarajan Sundar
B) Ashwani Bhatia
C) Prakash Chandra Kandpal
D) Arijit Basu

Answer : A

- ✓ Former State Bank of India executive Natarajan Sundar has joined National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) as managing director and CEO.
- ✓ He served SBI for over 37 years.
- ✓ Then he retired as Dy MD and Chief Credit Officer of the bank on April 30, 2022.
- ✓ NARCL is a special purpose vehicle set up as a joint initiative of Public and Private Sector Banks which is expected to take over bad loans from banks and focus on resolution and recoveries.
- ✓ NARCL has shareholding from 15 Indian Banks and Canara Bank is the sponsor bank of this ARC.

Q. RJ Umar has received the Immunisation Champion award by which of the following Organization?

- A) WHO
B) UNDP
C) WTO
D) UNICEF

Answer : D



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- ✓ Radio Jockey Umar Nisar (RJ Umar) has received '01 Best Content Award' award and the Immunization Champion award at the annual Radio4Child 2022 Awards in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✓ The award was given by United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).
- ✓ The award was presented by multi-Grammy Award-winning music composer, environmentalist, and UNICEF celebrity supporter Ricky Kej, OIC UNICEF, UP Dr Zafrin Chowdhury, chief of communications and advocacy and partnerships, UNICEF India.

✓ **United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)**

Founded : 1946

Headquarters : New York City, USA

Director General : Catherine M. Russell

Membership : 192

Q. Which state observes its foundation day on June 2nd?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Telangana

Answer : D

- ✓ Telangana State Formation Day is observed every year on June 2nd.
- ✓ Telangana was carved out of the unified Andhra Pradesh on June 2, 2014, after a massive people's movement that had lasted several decades, making it the youngest Indian state.
- ✓ Telangana was India's 29th state when it was formed.
- ✓ However, it became the 28th state after Jammu and Kashmir's statehood was withdrawn and it was bifurcated into two union territories in August 2019.

Q. The United Nations recognised World Bicycle Day is celebrated globally on which day?

- A) 02 June
- B) 01 June
- C) 03 June
- D) 04 June

Answer : C

- ✓ Every year the International World Bicycle Day is observed on June 03 draw attention to the benefits of using the bicycle.
- ✓ The day aims to recognise the uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the Bicycle as a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transport.



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- ✓ The day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in April 2018.
- ✓ India is the second-largest cycle industry in the world and the world's third-largest consumer of bicycles

Q. Israel has signed its first free trade deal with which Arab country?

- A) Qatar
- B) UAE
- C) Kuwait
- D) Saudi Arabia

Answer : B

- ✓ Israel and the UAE has signed an MoU with Israel's Economy and Industry Minister Orna Barbivay and the UAE's Economy Minister Abdalla Bin Touq Al Marri over the first free trade agreement.
- ✓ This agreement will increase bilateral trade in goods and services, increase Israeli exports to the United Arab Emirates, and provide customs exemption on 96% of trade between the countries: food, agriculture, cosmetics, medical equipment, medication, and more.

ISRAEL IN NEWS 2021-22

- 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 2021' along 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.
- Naftali Bennett as the 13th Prime Minister of Israel.
- Isaac Herzog Elected as 11st President of Israel.
- ISRAEL
Capital : Jerusalem
Currency : New Shekel



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President : Isaac Herzog

Prime Minister : Naftali Bennett

➤ **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

Capital : Abu Dhabi

Currency : Dirham

President : Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Prime Minister : Mohammed bin

Q. Public Sector Banks have doubled their net profit during the financial year 2021-22. What is the combined net profit of the 12 state-owned banks?

A) Rs 66,539 crore

B) Rs 33,987 crore

C) Rs 55,423 crore

D) Rs 44,765 crore

Answer : A

- ✓ Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have doubled their net profit during the financial year 2021-22.
- ✓ For FY22, the combined profit of 12 state-owned banks stood at Rs 66,539 crore a 110 per cent increase from Rs 31,816 crore in FY2020-21.
- ✓ This is a sharp change from FY18, at that time only 2 out of 21 PSBs reported profit.
- ✓ In 20221, Only Central Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank faces loss.
- ✓ **NET PROFIT:**
 1. SBI: Rs 31,675 crore (55% higher than last year)
 2. Bank of Baroda: Rs 7,272 crore
 3. Canara Bank: Rs 5,678 crore
- ✓ **HIGHEST REVENUE GROWTH:**
 1. Bank of Baroda
 2. UCO Bank
- ✓ **ACCORDING TO THE REPORT:**
- ✓ SBI's net profit was the highest.
- ✓ The highest revenue growth is of Bank of Baroda.
- ✓ Private banks registered net profit of over Rs 91,000 crore.
- ✓ Bank of Maharashtra recorded less than 1 per cent NPA.



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- ✓ As of September 2021, The Indian banking system consists of 12 public sector banks, 22 private sector banks, 46 foreign banks.
- ✓ 12 public sector banks are;
- ✓ 1st - State Bank of India
- ✓ 2nd largest - Punjab National Bank (With Merger of Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India)
- ✓ 3rd largest - Bank of Baroda
- ✓ 4th Largest - Canara Bank (With Merger of Syndicate Bank)
- ✓ 5th largest - Union Bank of India (With Merger of Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank)
- ✓ 6th largest - Bank of India
- ✓ 7th largest - Indian Bank (With Merger of Allahabad Bank)
- ✓ 8th - Central Bank of India
- ✓ 9th - Indian Overseas Bank
- ✓ 10th - UCO Bank
- ✓ 11th - Bank of Maharashtra
- ✓ 12th - Punjab & Sind Bank

Q. The Central Government has increased the rates of premium for Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) from Rs 330 per annum to which of the following?

- A) Rs 436 B) Rs 520
C) Rs 680 D) Rs 440

Answer : A

- ✓ The Central government has increased the premium of its major insurance schemes Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).
- ✓ The premium rate of PMJJBY has been increased to Rs.1.25 per day. In this way it has increased from Rs 330 to Rs 436 annually.
- ✓ An official statement said that the annual premium for PMSBY has been increased from Rs 12 to Rs 20.
- ✓ The new premium rates are effective from June 1, 2022. PMJJBY provides a life insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh on death due to any reason to people in the age group of 18-50 years having a bank or post office account.



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- ✓ PMSBY, on the other hand, provides an insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh for accidental death or total permanent disability and Rs 1 lakh for partial permanent disability to people in the age group of 18-70 years.
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY):
- ✓ Purpose: It is an Accidental Insurance Scheme that offers death and disability covers for death or disability occurred due to accident. It is a one year scheme that may be renewed on year to year basis
- ✓ Launch Date: 9th May, 2015
- ✓ Eligibility: People in age group 18 to 70 years. Bank account is mandatory
- ✓ Death : Rs. 2 lakhs
- ✓ Total and irrecoverable loss of both eyes or loss of use of both hands or feet or loss of sight of one eye and loss of use of hand or foot (2 organs involved – 2 lakh) Rs. 2 Lakh.

Q. Who will host the National Education Ministers' Conference this year?

- A) Odisha
- C) Gujarat

- B) Telangana
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : C

- ✓ Gujarat is the state which is to host the two-day national Education Ministers Conference
- ✓ This meeting will be attended by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan with other UT and State ministers.
- ✓ This meeting will focus on the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 with digital projects like National Digital Education Architecture and the National Educational Technology Forum, among others.

GUJARAT IN NEWS 2021-22

- Gujarat to host the National Education Ministers' Conference.
- Tata Motors Inks Pact For Potential Acquisition Of Ford India's Plant In Gujarat.
- PM has launched the country's first liquid nano urea plant at Kalol, Gujarat.
- World bank sanctioned USD 350 million for SRESTHA-G project to Gujarat.
- India's first steel road featured in Gujarat.
- Gujarat government inked an agreement with Isha Outreach to conserve soil.



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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi used video conferencing to address the Utkarsh Samaroh in Bharuch, Gujarat.
- The country is set to get its first high-speed rail training center at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Exide and Switzerland's Leclanché's joint venture Nexcharge begins production in Gujarat.
- Maharashtra and Gujarat celebrated their statehood day on 1st May 2022.
- PM Modi inaugurated development projects worth Rs 22,000 crores in Dahod, Gujarat.
- India's first steel road featured in Gujarat.
- India and the WHO have agreed to establish a global traditional medicine centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- Gujarat Govt to receive Rs 7,500 Cr Loan from World Bank, AIIB.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel unveils new Biotechnology Policy 2022-27 to strengthen innovation ecosystem.
- Adani Group inks MoU with South Korea's largest steelmaker POSCO to develop steel mill in Gujarat.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0
- Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and GAIL (India) Limited team up to establish bioethanol plant in Gujarat.
- SBI to acquire 9.95% stake in GIFT-IFSC-based Clearing Corp.
- Gujarat became India's Largest Manufacturing Hub, according to data from the RBI
- Gujarat CM launches 'Aatmanirbhar Gram Yatra' from Mahemdabad near Ahmedabad
- Gujarat launches e-Sarkar app on pilot basis for paperless administration
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched 'Go Green' Scheme
- India's first 'test tube' Banni buffalo calf born in Gujarat
- Bhupendra Patel has been chosen as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat
- PM Modi addresses Investor Summit in Gujarat virtually and launches 'Vehicle Scrappage Policy'
- DefExpo-2022 is scheduled to be held in Gujarat's Gandhinagar from March 2022.
- Dholavira, the Harappan City in Gujarat's Rann of Kutch inscribed as India's 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- India's first maritime arbitration centre to be set up in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Amazon has launched its first Digital Kendra in India in Surat, Gujarat.



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- Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani e-launches Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021.
- Gujarat CM has launched a web portal named "e-Nirman".
- Gujarat Maritime Board to Set-up India's First International Maritime Services Cluster at GIFT City.

Q. Ford India Private Limited has signed an MoU with which company for the potential acquisition of FIPL's Sanand vehicle manufacturing facility?

- A) Maruti Suzuki B) Tata Motors
C) Mahindra & Mahindra D) Ashok Leyland

Answer : B

- ✓ Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited (subsidiary of Tata Motors Ltd) and Ford India Private Limited (FIPL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Gujarat (GoG) for the potential acquisition of FIPL's Sanand vehicle manufacturing facility.
- ✓ The MoU also includes transfer of all eligible employees of FIPL Sanand's vehicle manufacturing operations, subject to the signing of definitive agreements and receipt of relevant approvals.
- ✓ The Ford India vehicle manufacturing site is a state-of-the art site at Sanand.
- ✓ Under the MoU, this would install 300,000 units per annum capacity.

✓ **Tata Motors**

Founded : 1945

Founder : Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhoi Tata

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Natarajan Chandrasekaran

- ✓ Ford India Private Limited
- ✓ Headquarters : Sholinganallur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Ford Motor Company (commonly known as Ford) is an American multinational automobile manufacturer headquartered in Dearborn, Michigan, United States

Q. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 59th Mahaadhiveshan of Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan. In which state it was inaugurated?

- A) Karnataka B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Himachal Pradesh D) Madhya Pradesh



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Answer : D

- ✓ President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 59th Mahaadhiveshan of Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ He also inaugurated the new building of the Government Ayurved Medical College, Ujjain.
- ✓ The purpose was to increase awareness among the general public about Ayurveda; that the teachers of Ayurveda will produce qualified doctors through such quality education who can provide affordable treatment to the people; and that the researchers will increase the reach, effectiveness and popularity of Ayurveda through research, documentation and validation in new areas of treatment and epidemiology of diseases.

MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2021-22

- President of India Inaugurates the 59th Mahaadhiveshan of Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan and Inaugurates the New Building of the Government Ayurved Medical College in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy launched by Prime Minister Modi.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister launched Ladli Laxmi scheme 2.0.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan will launch the Udyam Kranti Yojana.
- Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurates first drone school at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh.
- Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh has created a Guinness record by lighting 11.71 lakh clay lamps (diyas) in 10 minutes.
- Gangaur festival is celebrated in Rajasthan and some parts of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and West Bengal.
- Madhya Pradesh Governor, Mangu Bhai Patel has inaugurated the 48th 'Khajuraho Dance Festival-2022'.
- India's first biomass-based hydrogen plant to come up at Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh.
- India's first geological park will be built in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- Gol approved renaming of three places in Madhya Pradesh 2022, Hoshangabad Nagar as "Narmadapuram", Shivpuri as "Kundeshwar Dham" and Babai as "Makhan Nagar".
- 97th edition of the World Sangeet Tansen festival organized in Madhya Pradesh.



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- Madhya Pradesh govt organised first drone Mela at Gwalior.
- Madhya Pradesh will create first cyber tehsil of India.
- PM Modi launched 'Ration Aapke Gram' scheme & 'Sickle Cell Mission' in Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh has become the second state after Karnataka to implement the National Education Policy 2020.
- Madhya Pradesh announces Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme 'Devaranya Yojana'.
- Gwalior and Orchha cities of Madhya Pradesh has been selected by UNESCO under 'Historic Urban Landscape Project'.
- Indore become only Indian city to get selected for International Clean Air Catalyst Programme.
- Rubina Francis of Madhya Pradesh sets world record; bags Olympics quota.
- CM of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana.
- Madhya Pradesh Government launches 'Ankur' scheme to award people for planting trees.
- Mission Gramodaya launched in Madhya Pradesh.
- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates conservation works at Singorgarh Fort in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh.
- 47th Khajuraho Dance Festival Begins in Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan Renames Hoshangabad as Narmadapuram.
- Famous Mandu Festival Begins in Madhya Pradesh

Q. Which insurance company has announced a joint venture with AIA Group Ltd. and launched 'Smart Value Income Plan' as the industry first smart value income plan?

- A) SBI Life Insurance B) Reliance Nippon Life Insurance
C) Tata AIA Life Insurance D) Life Insurance Corporation Of India

Answer : C

- ✓ Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited is a joint venture company established by Tata Sons Pvt. Ltd. and AIA Group Ltd. (AIA)
- ✓ They have together launched a 'Smart Value Income Plan'.



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- ✓ It is a non-linked, participating life insurance savings plan where the bonus can be adjusted against premium payments.
- ✓ This plan also includes first-in-industry features such as the option to accumulate cash bonuses which will earn rewards.
- ✓ The age group of 1 and 65 can buy the Smart Value Income Plan, with a maximum maturity age of 100 years.
- ✓ **Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited**
Founded : 2001
Headquarters : Mumbai,
CEO : Neelesh Garg
Stake : Tata Sons (74%) American International Group (26%)

Q. Which edition of the India-Pakistan Bilateral Meeting on the Indus Water Treaty to be held?

- A) 134th B) 118th
C) 127th D) 125th

Answer : B

- ✓ 118th India-Pakistan Bilateral Meeting on the Indus Water Treaty to be held
- ✓ The Permanent Indus Commission conference which takes place yearly under the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) is now going to take place between India and Pakistan.
- ✓ The purpose of the meeting is to discuss over the issue of advance flood information and the annual report of the Permanent Commission of Indus Waters (PCIW).
- ✓ Also, discussed about the 1,000 MW Pakal Dul under Article IX of the Indus Waters Treaty, 48 MW Lower Kalnai and 624 MW Kiru project hydropower projects being built by India on the west-flowing rivers
- ✓ **INDUS WATERS TREATY (IWT)**
- ✓ Indus Water Treaty (IWT) is a water-distribution treaty between India and Pakistan signed on September 19, 1960.
- ✓ The treaty was signed by the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Pakistan's President Ayub Khan.
- ✓ It was brokered by the World Bank



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- ✓ According to the treaty, all the water of eastern rivers- Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej shall be available for unrestricted use in India.
- ✓ The waters of Western rivers - Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab were allocated to Pakistan .

Q. Who has won Formula 1 (F1) Grand Prix (GP) De Monaco 2022?

- A) Carlos Sainz Jr.
- B) Sergio Pérez
- C) Lewis Hamilton
- D) Max Verstappen

Answer : B

- ✓ Red Bull racing driver Sergio Pérez (Mexican) has won Formula 1 (F1) Grand Prix (GP) De Monaco 2022 held at Circuit de Monaco, Monaco, Europe.
- ✓ Sergio Pérez becomes the first Mexican to win the Monaco Grand Prix followed by Ferrari racing driver Carlos Sainz Jr. (Spanish) with 18 points, Belgian-Dutch racing driver Max Emilian Verstappen as second and third position respectively.

FORMULA ONE RACE IN NEWS 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. India's first semi-high speed freight train 'Gati Shakti' is likely to derail by December. Which company has manufactured this train?

- A) Rail Wheel Factory, Bangalore
- B) Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi
- C) Integral Coach Factory, Chennai
- D) Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan



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Answer : C

- ✓ India's first semi-high speed freight train is likely to hit the tracks by December.
- ✓ The 16-coach 'Gati Shakti' train can clock 160 kmph and will be manufactured at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai.
- ✓ To implement PM Gati Shakti, the Railways has created a separate directorate at the Railway Board with its branches at Khurda, Bilaspur, Delhi and Bengaluru divisions.
- ✓ The Railways is planning to target the e-commerce and courier parcel segment through these trains.
- ✓ The Indian Railways is aiming to increase its share in freight transportation from the present 27 per cent to 45 per cent by 2030 through better infrastructure and business development plans, according to the National Rail Plan.
- ✓ **Integral Coach Factory (ICF)**
Founded : 1955
Headquarters : Chennai, Tamilnadu
General Manager : A.K.Agarwal

Q. Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of Olympic level sports complex at which place?

- A) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh B) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat D) Hyderabad, Telangana

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, laid the foundation stone of an Olympic-level sports complex at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ✓ The construction cost of the project is Rs. 932 crores.
- ✓ The world's largest cricket stadium located in Ahmedabad has also been named as Narendra Modi Cricket Stadium; capacity of 1,10,000 spectators.
- ✓ World's second largest cricket stadium – Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), Australia
- ✓ World's third largest cricket stadium is planned to be constructed in the Pink City, Jaipur, in Rajasthan.

Q. How many teams will compete in ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024?

- A) 16 B) 18
C) 20 D) 24



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Answer : C

✓ ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 featuring record 20 teams will take place in the USA and the West Indies

Q. How many armed forces personnel were honoured with the Kirti Chakra by the President on May 31, 2022?

A) 3

B) 4

C) 1

D) 2

Answer : C

✓ President, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces conferred one Kirti Chakra (Posthumously) and 14 Shaurya Chakras including eight posthumously to the armed forces personnel at the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2022 (Phase II) held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on May 31, 2022

✓ The gallantry awards comprise five awards- Param Vir Chakra, the Ashoka Chakra, the Mahavir Chakra, the Kirti Chakra, the Vir Chakra and the Shaurya Chakra.

Q. Which is the highest peace time gallantry award in India?

A) Ashok Chakra

B) Kirti Chakra

C) Mahavir Chakra

D) Param Vir Chakra

Answer : A

✓ Ashok Chakra is the highest peacetime gallantry award followed by Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra

Q. Which is the highest gallantry award during the war time in India?

A) Ashoka Chakra

B) Param Vir Chakra

C) Mahavir Chakra

D) Bharat Ratna

Answer : B

✓ Param Vir Chakra is the highest gallantry award in India.

✓ Wartime Gallantry Awards:

✓ They were established on 26 January 1950.

✓ Param Vir Chakra : Highest-military award in India. The name of this award is "Wheel of the ultimate brave".

✓ Maha Vir Chakra : The second-highest military decoration in India.

✓ Vir Chakra : Third in precedence in the awards for wartime gallantry



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- ✓ Peacetime Gallantry Awards:
- ✓ They were established on 4 January 1952.
- ✓ Ashoka Chakra : Most conspicuous bravery or some act of daring or pre-eminent act of valor or self-sacrifice otherwise than in the face of the enemy.
- ✓ Kirti Chakra : Second, in order of a military decoration award.
- ✓ Shaurya Chakra : Third in order of Indian military decoration award

Q. Which award was posthumously awarded to Indian Air Force Group Captain Varun Singh?

- A) Vir Chakra B) Kirti Chakra
C) Ashoka Chakra D) Shaurya Chakra

Answer : D

- ✓ Group Captain Varun Singh of the Indian Air Force was awarded the Shaurya Chakra (posthumously) on 31 May 2022. He was awarded for saving his LCA Tejas fighter aircraft during flight in 2020. It is worth noting that a total of 14 people, including CDS General Bipin Rawat and Singh, were killed in a helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu last year.

Gallantry Awards List 2022: Check Full List of Gallantry Award Winners

Gallantry Award	Awardee
Kirti Chakra (posthumously)	Ct Altaf Hussain Bhat, Constable, J&K Police
Shaurya Chakra (posthumously)	Shahbaz Ahmad, Special Police Officer, J&K Police
Shaurya Chakra (posthumously)	Ajeet Singh, Head Constable, 204 COBRA CRPF
Shaurya Chakra (posthumously)	Vikas Kumar, Constable, 204 COBRA CRPF
Shaurya Chakra (posthumously)	Purnanand, Constable, 204 COBRA CRPF
Shaurya Chakra (posthumously)	Kuldeep Kumar Urawan, Head Constable, 118 CRPF
Shaurya Chakra (posthumously)	Debasis Sethy, Commando, Odisha Police
Shaurya Chakra (posthumously)	Sudhir Kumar Todu, Commando, Odisha Police



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Shaurya Chakra (posthumously)	Wing Commander Varun Singh (Now Group Captain)
Shaurya Chakra	Chitesh Kumar, DY Commandant, CRPF
Shaurya Chakra	Manjinder Singh, Sub Inspector, CRPF
Shaurya Chakra	Sunil Choudhary, Constable, CRPF
Shaurya Chakra	Dilip Malik, DY Commandant, 205 COBRA, CRPF
Shaurya Chakra	Anirudh Pratap Singh, Assistant Commandant, 54 CRPF
Shaurya Chakra	Captain Sachin Reuben Sequeira

Q. Which of the following companies has announced the first "demand-driven" communication satellite (GSAT-24) mission?

- A) New Space India limited B) Antrix Corporation Ltd
C) SpaceX D) Agnikul Cosmos

Answer : A

- ✓ India's communication satellite GSAT-24 is scheduled for launch on June 22nd, confirmed Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in its mission statement on May 31, 2022. The satellite will be launched aboard Ariane-V rocket by Arianespace from Kourou in French Guiana.
- ✓ New Space India Limited (NSIL) on 1 October 2021 announced its first "demand-driven" communication satellite mission.
- ✓ The satellite mission has been named "GSAT-24", a four-tonne class Ku- band satellite.
- ✓ The satellite is being built by ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization).
- ✓ The entire satellite capacity on-board GSAT-24 would be leased to its committed customer Tata Sky
- ✓ NSIL is getting this satellite built by ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) and would be launching it using Ariane-5 launcher operated by Arianespace.
- ✓ GSAT-24 satellite would be owned and operated by NSIL on a commercial basis.
- ✓ NSIL envisages the launch of the GSAT-24 satellite during the first quarter of 2022



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Q. Which team has won the bronze medal in men's event at Asia Cup Hockey 2022?

- A) Japan
B) Indonesia
C) Malaysia
D) India

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian men's hockey team won bronze in Hockey Asia Cup 2022 after defeating Japan 1-0 in the third-Place match at the GBK Sports Complex in Jakarta Indonesia. India's Rajkumar Pal gave the team an early lead in the first quarter of the match itself, which they held on too till the end.

Q. When is the UN recognised Global Day of Parents celebrated globally?

- A) 02 June
B) 01 June
C) 31 May
D) 30 May

Answer : B

- ✓ Global Parents Day is celebrated on June 1 every year.
✓ Theme 2022 : "Appreciate All Parents Throughout The World."
✓ This day is observed to honour all parents around the world for their selfless commitment and lifelong sacrifice they make for their children.
✓ The day was declared the Global Day of Parents by the UN General Assembly in 2012.

Q. Every Year, June 01 is dedicated to celebrate which of these days?

- A) World Milk Day
B) World Honey Day
C) World Water Day
D) World Food Day

Answer : A

- ✓ World Milk Day is observed on June 1 each year to recognize the importance of milk as a global food and provide an opportunity to bring attention to activities that are connected with the dairy sector.
✓ The international day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 2001.
✓ In India, November 26 is celebrated as National Milk Day, since 2014, to commemorate the birthday of the father of India's White Revolution, Dr. Verghese Kurien (also nicknamed as Milkman of India).
✓ **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**
Formation : 16 October 1945



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Headquarters : Rome Italy

Director-General : Qu Dongyu (China)

Total Member : 197

Q. Which country was the largest trading partner of India in 2021-22?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ According to the data by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, United States has surpassed China to become India's top trading partner in 2021-22.
- ✓ The bilateral trade between the US and India stood at \$119.42 billion as against \$80.51 billion in 2020-21.
- ✓ Exports to the US increased to \$76.11 billion in 2021-22 from \$51.62 billion in previous fiscal year. Also, imports rose to \$43.31 billion as compared to about \$29 billion in 2020-21.
- ✓ India's two-way commerce with China aggregated at \$115.42 billion as compared to \$86.4 billion in 2020-21
- ✓ In 2021-22, the UAE with \$72.9 billion, was the third largest trading partner of India
- ✓ It was followed by Saudi Arabia (\$42,85 billion), Iraq (\$34.33 billion) and Singapore (\$30 billion).

Q. Which country was the largest source of Import for India in the year 2021-22?

- A) UAE
B) Japan
C) Singapore
D) China

Answer : D

- ✓ China remained the top source for Indian imports during FY 2021-22, followed by the UAE, USA, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Switzerland

Q. Which bank has topped PSU lenders chart in loan growth during FY22?

- A) Bank of Maharashtra
B) Indian Bank
C) Union Bank of India
D) State Bank of India

Answer : A

- ✓ State-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has ranked first in the list of the top performer among public sector lenders in terms of loan and deposit growth in percentage terms during 2021-22.



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- ✓ The Pune-headquartered lender recorded a 26 per cent increase in gross advances at Rs 1,35,240 crore at the end of March 2022.
- ✓ It was followed by State Bank of India and Union Bank of India with 10.27 per cent and 9.66 per cent growth, respectively.
- ✓ Union Bank of India was second with an 11.99 per cent growth in deposits (Rs 10,32,102 crore) while Indian Bank recorded a 10 per cent increase at Rs 5,84,661 crore.
- ✓ Total business growth of BoM was also the highest at 20 per cent at Rs 3,37,534 crore followed by Union Bank of India at 11.04 per cent at Rs 17,31,371 crore at the end of FY'22.

✓ **Bank of Maharashtra**

Founded : 1935

Headquarters : Pune, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : A. S. Rajeev

Tagline : Ek Parivaar, Ek Bank (One Family One Bank)

Q. Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant at Jaisalmer. Till which year it has a target to achieve 45GW of energy?

A) 2030

B) 2025

C) 2024

D) 2027

Answer : A

- ✓ India's first wind-solar hybrid power facility by Adani Green Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant at Jaisalmer.
- ✓ It is India's first wind and solar hybrid power generation plant. The new plant has a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) with tariff at Rs. 2.69 per kWh.
- ✓ This project is a part of the first construction facility by international banks in Adani Green with the capacity of 5.8 GW. The target of total renewable portfolio is 45 GW till 2030.

LIST OF IMPORTANT INDIA'S TARGET YEAR IN NEWS

YEAR	TARGET
2022	Trans Fat Free status
2021-22	Indian Railways planned 1000 MegaWatt Solar Power
2021-22	India achieved its highest ever goods export target of \$400 billion.



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2022	Indian renewable energy 175 GW installation
2022	Doubling Farmers income
2022	Doubling tiger population
2023	Indian Railways electrify Broad Gauge routes
2023-24	India produce one billion tonnes of coal
2024	Renewable energy to replace diesel in agriculture
2024	India aims to reduce road accidents by 50%
2024	Indian railways 100% electrification
2024	Provide Clean Drinking Water to All Citizens
2024	Har ghar jal for rural households
2025	Achieve 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol
2025	Defence target of Rs 35,000 crores
2025	To Eliminate TB
2025	India's vision of 5 trillion economy
2025	India set the target to create 220 new airports.
2026	India unveils 5-year roadmap to becoming \$300 bn Sustainable Electronics Manufacturing & Exports.
2030	Indian railways Net Zero' Carbon Emission
2030	India reduce the energy intensity by 33-35%
2030	India plans 500 GW renewable energy
2030	India to eliminate malaria
2030	Green Railways
2030	India target Zero road accident fatalities
2030	MT Coal Gasification in India
2030	2.5 billion tonnes carbon sequestration
2030	India set a solar target of 300GW
2031	India nuclear power capacity is expected to reach 22,480 MW
2032	NTPC Targets 60 GW of Renewable Energy Capacity



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2047	India's target to become 'energy independent'
2050	Net-Zero Carbon Emissions Mumbai became first South Asian City to set target.
2070	India's target to reach net zero emissions

Q. What is the total corpus of the “PM-CARES for Children” scheme, announced by the government for children who lost their parents to COVID-19?

- A) Rs 5 lakh
- B) Rs 10 lakh
- C) Rs 12 lakh
- D) Rs 20 lakh

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released benefits under the PM CARES for Children Scheme on 30 May 2022.
- ✓ Prime Minister transferred scholarships to school going children.
- ✓ A passbook of PM CARES for Children, and health card under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana was handed over to the children during the programme.
- ✓ PM CARES for Children Scheme was launched by the Prime Minister on 29 May 2021.
- ✓ The aim was to support children who have lost both the parents or legal guardian or adoptive parents or surviving parent to Covid-19 pandemic, during the period from 11 March 2020 to 28 February 2022.
- ✓ Government has announced “PM-CARES for Children” scheme under which fixed deposits will be opened in the names of such children from the PM-CARES fund.
- ✓ The total corpus of fund will be Rs 10 lakh for each child.
- ✓ This corpus will be used to give a monthly financial support/ stipend when the child reaches 18 years of age, for the next five years to take care of his or her personal requirements.
- ✓ Upon reaching the age of 23 years, the child will get the corpus amount as one lump sum for personal and professional use.
- ✓ Each child will be enrolled as a beneficiary under Ayushman Bharat Scheme (PM-JAY) with a health insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh.
- ✓ The premium amount for these children will be paid by PM CARES, till they attain age of 18 years.



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Q. PARAM ANANTA Supercomputer commissioned at which of the following institute?

- A) IIT Madras
B) IIT Bombay
C) IIT Kharagpur
D) IIT Gandhinagar

Answer : D

- ✓ PARAM ANANTA Supercomputer commissioned at IIT, Gandhinagar
- ✓ It is a joint initiative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Department of Science and Technology (DST), was commissioned.
- ✓ This facility is established under Phase 2 of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
- ✓ This indigenous software stack is developed by C-DAC and is a Make in India initiative.
- ✓ PARAM ANANTA system is based on Direct Contact Liquid Cooling technology to obtain a high-power usage effectiveness and thereby reducing the operational cost.
- ✓ Under NSM, till date 15 supercomputers have been installed across the nation with aggregate compute capacity of 24 petaflops.

Q. Which state has come to know as the India's largest gold reserves?

- A) Karnataka
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Bihar
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : C

- ✓ According to the survey processed by Geological Survey of India (GSI) states that gold reserve of around 222.88 million tonnes including 27.6 tonnes of mineral-rich ore is present in Jamui district of Bihar.
- ✓ The survey indicates that the presence of gold is in Karmatia, Jhajha and Sono in Jamui district.
- ✓ Bihar has 222.885 million tonnes of gold metal, which amounts to 44 per cent of the total gold reserves in the country.
- ✓ Till 2015, total resources of primary gold ore were estimated at 501.83 million tonnes with 654.74 tonnes of gold metal.
- ✓ Out of this Bihar is endowed with 222.885 million tonnes (44 per cent) of ore containing 37.6 tonnes of metal.
- ✓ GSI is a scientific agency of Government of India. It was founded in 1851. Its headquarter is in Kolkata.



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- ✓ In India, largest resources of gold ore (primary) are located in Bihar (44%) followed by Rajasthan (25%), Karnataka (21%).
- ✓ Karnataka is the largest gold producing state of India.
- ✓ Karnataka has two major goldfields — Kolar goldfields and Hutti goldfields.
- ✓ China is the largest producer of Gold in the world

Q. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program has been extended till the financial year 2025-26. What is the total outlay of this program?

- A) Rs 18,451.67 crore. B) Rs 17,198.55 crore.
C) Rs 13,554.42 crore. D) Rs 12,765.32 crore.

Answer : C

- ✓ The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme has been extended till the financial year 2025-26 with the total outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore.
- ✓ The scheme will create sustainable employment opportunities for about 40 lakh persons in five financial years.
- ✓ This scheme facilitates the employment opportunities for youth all over the country by assisting them for non- farm sectors.
- ✓ The extension of the scheme is over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- ✓ **Modifications in the scheme:**
- ✓ Increase in the maximum project cost from existing Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50 lakh for manufacturing units and from existing Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh for service units.
- ✓ Revised definition of village industry and rural area
- ✓ These include increase in the maximum project cost from existing Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50 lakh for manufacturing units and from existing Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh for service units.
- ✓ **HIGH SUBSIDY**
- ✓ Subsidy: 25% in urban areas (for SC, ST, OBC, women, transgender, physically disabled, NER, aspirational and border district applicants)
- ✓ 35% in rural areas (for SC, ST, OBC, women, transgender, physically disabled, NER, aspirational and border district applicants)
- ✓ 15% in urban areas (for General category)



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- ✓ 25% in rural areas (for General Category)

Q. What is the current rank of the men's hockey team in the FIH World Rankings 2022?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Men's Hockey team has slipped to the fourth spot in the FIH World Hockey Rankings 2022.
- ✓ Australia is ranked at the top, followed by Belgium at the second place and the Netherlands has replaced India in the third position on the basis of their impressive results in the FIH Pro League.

Q. What is the current rank of the Indian women's hockey team in the FIH World Hockey Rankings 2022?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian women's hockey team has risen to the 6th position for the first time ever in the FIH World Rankings 2022. This is the team's best-ever FIH World Ranking.
- ✓ The Netherlands tops the ranking list, followed by Argentina at second place, Australia at third, England at fourth and Germany at fifth place.

Q. Which state government has recently decided to spend about Rs 1,000 crore for the development of sports sector infrastructure?

- A) Assam
- B) Punjab
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Karnataka

Answer : A

- ✓ Assam govt to develop sports infra at district headquarters and assembly segments with Rs 1000 crore
- ✓ Sports Minister Bimal Bora recently said that the state government has decided to spend about Rs 1,000 crore for the development of sports sector infrastructure. He said that 10 sports complexes would be built at the district level with a total cost of about Rs 500 crore



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Q. The Chief Minister of which state recently said that 'Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award' will be given again in the state?

- A) Bihar
B) Jharkhand
C) Assam
D) Rajasthan

Answer : D

- ✓ Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot recently said that Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award will be given again in the state.
- ✓ He said that the state government is taking big decisions for the development of sports with commitment.

Q. Which of the following entity has launched Portal to Simplify Process of Teacher Education Programme

- A) National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)
B) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
C) All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE)
D) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

Answer : A

- ✓ National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has launched an online portal to simplify the process of recognition of teacher education programs of higher education institutions.
- ✓ The portal launched to streamline the process seeks to help right from the time of inviting application for courses till the stage of issue of recognition orders including the inspection of institutions.
- ✓ This is a four-year integrated teacher education programme (ITEP).

Q. World No Tobacco Day is observed on which day?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is observed every year on 31 May, globally to inform the public on the dangers of using tobacco and to discourage the use of tobacco in any form.
- ✓ Theme of the 2022 WNTD is Tobacco: A Threat to our Environment.
- ✓ The Day was created by the member states of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1987.



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Q. What is the theme of the World No Tobacco Day 2022?

- A) Tobacco : a threat to development
- B) Commit to quit
- C) Tobacco: A Threat to our Environment
- D) Tobacco and heart disease

Answer : C

Q. When is the World Hunger Day observed?

- A) 25 May
- B) 28 May
- C) 26 May
- D) 27 May

Answer : B

- ✓ World Hunger Day is observed globally every year on May 28.
- ✓ The day is commemorated to raise awareness about the substantial rise in hunger in recent years.
- ✓ According to the United Nations, in 2019, about 690 million people were malnourished, mostly in Asia and Africa.
- ✓ By 2030, an estimated 840 million people would be hungry if current trends continue.
- ✓ World Hunger Day was first marked on May 28, 2011, by The Hunger Project, a non-profit organisation dedicated to solving world hunger that was started in 1977.
- ✓ Theme 2022: 'Youth Ending Hunger'

Q. Which Indian institution has emerged as the best institute in the THE Asia University Rankings 2022?

- A) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore
- B) Indian Institute of Technology Ropar
- C) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- D) Indian Institute of Technology Indore

Answer : A

- ✓ THE Asia University Rankings 2022: 4 Indian institutions in top 100, IISc Bengaluru ranked highest at 42nd



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- ✓ Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2022 was released by the Times Higher Education (THE).
- ✓ The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) continued to be the best institute of the country. It ranked at 42nd place.
- ✓ The only institute that has made it to the top 50 on the list is the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore with a rank of 42. The JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research has made its debut on this list with a rank of 65. It is followed by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar with a rank of 68 and IIT Indore with a rank of 87.

Q. Which among the following universities has topped the 'THE Asia University Rankings 2022'?

- A) Seoul National University, South Korea
- B) National University of Singapore, Singapore
- C) The University of Tokyo, Japan
- D) Tsinghua University, China

Answer : D

- ✓ Japan is the most-represented nation on this list, with 118 institutions making it this year, up from 116 in 2021.
- ✓ India is the third most-represented country in this 2022 rankings with 71 institutions making this list.
- ✓ The top two universities on this list are from China for the third consecutive year. They are Tsinghua and Peking universities holding the first and second places, respectively

Q. Which platform has launched its new featured app 'AMBER alert' to find the missing children?

- A) Meta
- B) Twitter
- C) WhatsApp
- D) Instagram

Answer : D

- ✓ Instagram has launched 'AMBER alert' feature to help find missing children.
- ✓ The photo-sharing app has partnered with various organisations globally like the National Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) in the US, the International Centre for Missing & Exploited



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Children, the National Crime Agency in the UK, the Office of the Attorney General in Mexico, Federal Police and more.

- ✓ The alerts on the Meta-owned platform will include details such as a child's photo, description, and location of the abduction.
- ✓ Amber Alerts are available on Facebook since 2015. This feature will be available in 25 countries.
- ✓ Instagram is an American photo and video sharing social networking service founded in 2010 by Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger, and later acquired by Facebook Inc.
- ✓ Kevin Systrom is the CEO of Instagram.

Q. Which payments bank has partnered with the Muthoot Finance to offer gold loans on its app?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Muthoot Finance to offer gold loans through Airtel Thanks app.
- ✓ There will be no-processing charge on the loan. Muthoot Finance will provide up to 75 per cent of the pledged gold value as a loan.
- ✓ The loan facility will also be available at the 5 lakh banking points for Airtel Payments Bank.
- ✓ On April 11, 2016, Airtel Payments Bank became the first entity in India to receive a payments bank license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ The minimum required paid-up equity capital for opening a payment bank according to RBI is Rs 100 crore.
- ✓ India currently has 6 Payment Banks namely, Airtel Payment Bank, India Post Payment Bank, Fino, Paytm Payment Bank, NSDL Payment Bank and Jio Payment Bank
- ✓ 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



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Q. Name the Neo banking platform which has introduced #LiveBoundless – a credit line card exclusively for women?

- A) Fi Money B) Mahila Money
C) RazorpayX D) Stashfin

Answer : D

- ✓ Stashfin is a neo banking platform which introduces #LiveBoundless – a credit line card especially for women.
- ✓ This card aims at giving women greater financial freedom. It also offers cashback rewards, welcome credits, Free ATM Withdrawals and deals.
- ✓ The card acts as a virtual and physical medium for shopping, traveling, and eating and includes 1% cashback on every spend to benefits worth Rs 5,000 in the first year.

Q. RBI has launched its first global hackathon and announced the results under various categories. Which company is declared as the winner in two segments?

- A) Tone Tag B) TrustCheckr
C) NapID Cybersec Pvt Ltd D) Ezetap Mobile Solutions Pvt. Ltd

Answer : A

- ✓ The Reserve Bank has launched its first global hackathon – “Harbinger 2021 – Innovation for Transformation” under the theme of the “Harbinger 2021 – Innovation for Transformation” is ‘Smarter Digital Payments’ in November 2021.
- ✓ The results were announced, Tone Tag, a brand of Naffa Innovations Pvt Ltd, has been declared as the winner in two categories.
- ✓ The winner of the hackathon will get a reward prize of Rs. 40 lakh while the Runner-up will get Rs. 20 lakh.
- ✓ This was organised to suggest innovative solutions for smarter digital payments.
- ✓ India-based Tone Tag has been declared the winner in two segments, ‘Innovative, easy-to-use, non-mobile digital payment solutions for converting small-ticket cash transactions to digital mode’ and ‘Context-based retail payments to remove the physical act of payment’.
- ✓ NapID Cybersec Pvt Ltd (INDIA) and TrustCheckr (INDIA) were the winners of the other two categories.
- ✓ The runner-ups were Extolabs LLC (USA); neoEYED (USA); Sperotel Technologies LLP (INDIA); Ezetap Mobile Solutions Pvt Ltd (India); and Lalit Kumar Pagaria (India)



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Q. The Indian Navy ships Nishank and Akshay were decommissioned on June 3, 2022, after rendering illustrious service of how many years to India?

- A) 42 years
B) 52 years
C) 32 years
D) 22 years

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Navy Ships Nishank and Akshay were decommissioned, after rendering 32 years of glorious service to India.
- ✓ The event was conducted at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.
- ✓ INS Nishank was commissioned on September 12, 1989.
- ✓ INS Akshay was commissioned on December 10, 1990 at Poti, Georgia.
- ✓ INS Nishank is a Veer class corvette, having the length of 56 m (184 ft). It can attain the speed of 32 knots (59 km/h) and a range of 1,650 mi (2,660 km).

INS DECOMMISSION IN NEWS 2022

- Indian Navy Ships Nishank and Akshay were decommissioned, after rendering 32 years of glorious service to India.
- The event was conducted at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.
- INS Khukri (Pennant number 49), the first indigenously built Missile Corvette, was decommissioned after 32 years of service at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The warship was built by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MSD) and commissioned on 23rd August 1989.
- INS Gomati decommissioned at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.
- INS Gomati derives her name from the vibrant river Gomti and was commissioned on 16 April 1988.

Q. Who has launched India's first National Air Sports Policy 2022?

- A) Amit Shah
B) Anurag Thakur
C) Jyotiraditya Scindia
D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : C



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- ✓ Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched India's first-ever National Air Sports Policy-2022 in New Delhi on June 7, 2022.
- ✓ The main objective of the policy is to include India among the top air sporting nations by 2030.
- ✓ The policy aims to provide a safe, affordable and sustainable air sports ecosystem in the country.
- ✓ The air sports policy will promote eleven air sports including ballooning, aerobatics, gliding, powered aircraft, parachuting and rotorcraft.

Q. Which city will host 2022 Billie Jean King Cup Finals?

- A) Laos B) Beijing
C) Tokyo D) Glasgow

Answer : D

- ✓ The International Tennis Federation announced on June 7, 2022 that Great Britain's Lawn Tennis Association has been selected to host the 2022 Billie Jean King Cup Finals.
- ✓ The finals will be held at the indoor hard courts at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, Scotland from November 8 to 13, 2022.
- ✓ This is the fourth time that Great Britain has hosted the Finals of the largest annual international team competition in women's sport.
- ✓ International Tennis Federation (ITF) has renamed the Fed Cup, an annual team competition in women tennis, as the "Billie Jean King Cup."
- ✓ The Billie Jean King Cup is the world's largest annual women's international team sports competition in terms of the number of nations that compete.
- ✓ All In : The Autobiography of Billie Jean King

Q. What is the name of NASA's Venus Mission?

- A) Van Gogh B) Picasso
C) DAVINCI D) Michelangelo

Answer : C

- ✓ NASA is planning to launch DAVINCI mission (Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging) to Venus in 2029. The mission will send a spacecraft and probe to Venus to unravel unsolved mysteries of the planet
- ✓ NASA launches Lucy Mission to study the Jupiter Trojan asteroids



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- ✓ NASA Launches Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover Mission
- ✓ National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Founded : 1958
Headquarters : Washington, D.C
Motto : For the Benefit of All
14th Administrator : Bill Nelson

Q. Who has been awarded UNICEF award for work during COVID-19 pandemic at the annual Radio4Child 2022 Awards?

- A) RJ Nitin B) RJ Sayma
C) RJ Umar Nisar D) RJ Malishka

Answer : C

- ✓ Radio Jockey Umar Nisar (RJ Umar) from South Kashmir, has been awarded the '01 Best Content Award' and the Immunization Champion award by United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) at the annual Radio4Child 2022 Awards in Mumbai.
- ✓ The award has been conferred to Umar for his work of providing awareness and countering rumours to reach audiences during the pandemic.

Q. Who has become the first-ever Indian to become a professional K-pop artiste?

- A) Bijay Biswaal B) Sudarshan Patnaik
C) Shreya Lenka D) Asim Basu

Answer : C

- ✓ Odisha's Shreya Lenka has become the first-ever Indian to become a professional K-pop artiste.
- ✓ She is now a part of the popular South Korean girl group Blackswan along with a Brazilian girl called Gabriela Dalcin.
- ✓ They both were selected by a programme organised by DR Music to discover and train budding singers from around the world

Q. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has inaugurated the Kangra Valley Summer Festival 2022 in which city?

- A) Bilaspur B) Mandi
C) Shimla D) Dharamshala



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- ✓ To implement the scheme, NITI Aayog has recognized reputed non – public residential facilities in aspirational districts
- ✓ Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA)

Q. Recently which state government has decided to name colonies and roads after 'Babasaheb Ambedkar'?

- | | |
|--------------|----------|
| A) Jharkhand | B) Assam |
| C) Karnataka | D) Delhi |

Answer : D

- ✓ The Delhi government has decided to name colonies and roads after 'Babasaheb Ambedkar'.
- ✓ The Delhi government is preparing to replace the word 'Harijan' in the name of colonies and streets by naming them after Babasaheb Ambedkar.
- ✓ In this sequence, Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam has proposed to change the name of all roads and colonies of Delhi government from 'Harijan' to the name of Dr. Ambedkar.

Q. What will be the interest rate on the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) for financial year 2021-22?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| A) 8.4% | B) 7.7% |
| C) 8.1% | D) 9.3% |

Answer : C

- ✓ The central government has approved 8.1 percent interest rate on Employees' Provident Fund deposits for the financial year 2021-22.
- ✓ For the financial year 2021-22, the interest rates were reduced from 8.5 percent to 8.1 percent.
- ✓ This is the lowest EPF interest rates since 1977-78.
- ✓ The Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 came into effect on 4 March 1952.
- ✓ The "Employees Provident Fund Organisation"(EPFO), the statutory body under the Government of India's Ministry of Labour and Employment is headquartered at New Delhi.

Q. June 6 is dedicated to celebrate which official language recognised by the United Nations?

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| A) Chinese | B) English |
| C) Russian | D) French |



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Answer : C

- ✓ The United Nations celebrates Russian Language Day every year on 6 June. It was established by UNESCO in the year 2010. Russian Language Day is celebrated on the birthday of Alexander Pushkin. He was a Russian poet and is considered the father of modern Russian literature.
- ✓ The six official languages of the UN celebrate their language day on:-
- ✓ UN French Language Day : 20 March
- ✓ UN Chinese Language Day : 20 April
- ✓ UN English Language Day : 23 April
- ✓ UN Spanish Language Day : 23 April
- ✓ UN Russian Language Day : 06 June
- ✓ UN Arabic Language Day : 18 December
- ✓ **UNITED NATIONS (UN)**
 - Founded : 24 October 1945
 - Headquarteres : New York, US
 - Official languages : Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish
 - Membership : 193 member states & 2 observer states
 - 1st Secretary General : Trygve Halvdan Lie (Norway)
 - 7th Secretary General : Kofi Annan (Ghana)
 - 8th Secretary General : Ban Ki-moon (South Korea)
 - 9th Secretary-General : António Guterres (Portugal)
 - Deputy Secretary-General : Amina J. Mohammed (Nigeria)
 - United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24 every year.



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

- A) 166 B) 170
C) 180 D) 120

Answer : C

- ✓ India has been ranked at the bottom of the 2022 Environmental Performance Index. India was ranked at 180 with a score of 18.9, which is the lowest among 180 countries in the index that evaluated the environmental performance of these countries.
- ✓ India ranked at the bottom with a total score of 18.9, while Denmark was the top scorer as the world's most sustainable country.
- ✓ India's performance has gone down by 0.6 scores in the last decade, while our neighbours have done better including Pakistan, which is ranked at 176 and Bangladesh that is at 177.
- ✓ The EPI index is developed by Yale University and Columbia University in collaboration with the World Economic Forum and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
- ✓ **MOST IMPORTANT INDIA'S RANK IN VARIOUS INDEXES 2022**
- ✓ Environmental Performance Index 2022.
Top : Denmark
2nd : United Kingdom
3rd : Finland
INDIA : 180
- ✓ WEF's Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index 2021
Top : Japan
2nd : United States
3rd : Spain
INDIA : 54
- ✓ World Press Freedom Index 2022
Top : Norway
2nd : Denmark



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3rd : Sweden

INDIA : 150

Released By : Reporters Without Borders

- ✓ World Happiness Report 2022

Top : Finland

2nd : Denmark

3rd : Iceland

INDIA : 136

Published By : United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network

- ✓ Sustainable Development Report 2021 or Sustainable Development Index 2021

Top - Finland

2nd - Sweden

3rd - Denmark

INDIA : 120

- ✓ International Intellectual property (IP) Index 2022

Top : USA

2nd : UK

3rd : Germany

INDIA : 43rd

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

- ✓ Democracy Index 2021

Top : Norway

2nd : New Zealand

3rd : Finland

INDIA : 46th

Released By : Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

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

A) Greece

B) Switzerland

C) Norway

D) Denmark

Answer : D



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

A) ICICI Bank

B) HDFC Bank

C) Kotak Mahindra Bank

D) State Bank of India

Answer : B

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

HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- HDFC has announced a collaboration with global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture, to digitally transform its lending business.
- HDFC Bank and Retailio launched co-branded credit cards for chemists, pharmacies.
- HDFC Bank launched industry first digital 30-minute new car loan 'Xpress Car Loans'.
- For Rs 184 crore, HDFC will sell a 10% interest in HDFC Capital to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- HDFC Bank adjudged as Best Performing Bank in SHG Linkage by DAY-NRLM.
- HDFC Bank to launch "SmartHub Vyapar programme" & 'AutoFirst' app.
- HDFC Bank finances Asia's largest waste to energy plant in Indore- Gobar-Dhan plant.
- Tata Group choose SBI, BoB and HDFC Bank to finance Air India's old debt.
- HDFC Bank named as Best Private Bank in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021.
- HDFC Bank wins the coveted CII award for 'Most Innovative Best Practice'.
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
- HDFC Bank tie-up with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to offer banking services in rural areas.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank partnered with HDFC Bank to offer co-branded credit cards.
- HDFC launches 'green and sustainable' deposits programme for retail clients..
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) lends \$250 million to HDFC Ltd to boost green housing finance.



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- HDFC Bank launches 'Dukandar Overdraft Scheme'.
- HDFC Bank's digital self-service credit portal for customers.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Salaam Dil Sey' initiative.

➤ **HDFC BANK**

Founded : 1994

Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

Tagline : We understand your world

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

A) India-Sri Lanka

B) India-Myanmar

C) India-Bangladesh

D) India-Nepal

Answer : C

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

✓ **BANGLADESH**

Capital : Dhaka

Currency : Taka

President : Abdul Hamid

Prime Minister : Sheikh Hasina

SAMPRITI Exercise : India-Bangladesh

MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2022

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



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- Third edition of Indian Navy – Bangladesh Navy Bilateral Exercise ‘Bongosagar’ commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh.
- 4th edition of India-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) commenced in the northern Bay of Bengal .
- Trishakti Corps conducts EX KRIPAN SHAKTI in Siliguri, West Bengal
- 9th India – Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Concludes at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- 20th India-France Bilateral Naval Exercise ‘VARUNA -2022’ kicks-off in Arabian Sea.
- first edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22) concludes in Goa and Arabian Sea.
- US and Philippines military begins their largest combat drills ‘Balikatan 2022’ will take place across Luzon in Philippines.
- Indian Navy’s Western Naval Command conducts offshore security exercise, ‘Prasthan’ off Mumbai.
- Malaysia to host 4 nations namely, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and the United Kingdom for Bersama Shield 2022 military exercise.
- 3rd edition of the joint training exercise named EX-DUSTLIK between the Indian army and Uzbekistan armies to be held at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan.
- 9th India-Seychelles Joint Military Exercise ‘LAMITIYE-2022’ to begin from March 22 at Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA), Seychelles.
- NATO Begins military exercise ‘Cold Response 2022’ in Norway
- 9th India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX to be held at Visakhapatnam..
- Indian Air Force (IAF) will conduct the Exercise Vayu Shakti that will take place at Pokharan range in Jaisalmer
- Indian Navy’s multilateral exercise Milan-2022 begins in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3rd edition of the joint military exercise “EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022” between India and Japan will be conducted at Belagavi (Belgaum), Karnataka.
- Indian Air Force will be taking part in a multi nation air exercise named ‘Exercise Cobra Warrior 22’ at Waddington, in United Kingdom.
- Sixth edition India and Oman begins Eastern Bridge-VI Air Exercise in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- US-Bangladesh to conduct joint air exercise ‘Cope South 22’.



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- Russia-China-Iran conducts joint naval exercise CHIRU-2Q22 in Gulf of Oman.
- India and Japan conducts Maritime Partnership Exercise in the Bay of Bengal
- Indian Navy and Russian Navy undertake PASSEX Exercise on 14 January 2022 at the port of Cochin, in the Arabian Sea.
- India participates in US-led six nations Exercise Sea Dragon 22 at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam in the Western Pacific

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

- A) Tamil Nadu B) Maharashtra
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : A

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

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

- A) Rs 73,467 crores B) Rs 65,123 crores
C) Rs 51,865 crores D) Rs 47,654crores

Answer : C

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



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- ✓ This will facilitate ACME to obtain all necessary permissions, registrations, approvals, clearances and incentives from the department concerned of the state government according to its prevailing policies, rules and regulations.

Q. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Sant Kabir Academy and Research Center at Sant Kabir Nagar in which state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Haryana D) Maharashtra

Answer : B

- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre at Sant Kabir Nagar in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The President said during the inauguration that the life of Kabir is the perfect example of human behaviour and teachings and is still relevant after 650 years.

Q. Which state government has declared Blue Duke as the State Butterfly on the occasion of World Environment Day?

- A) Sikkim B) Karnataka
C) Tamil Nadu D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : A

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

Q. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the International Aluminium Institute (IAI)?

- A) Nalin Singhal B) Satish Pai
C) Pramod Agrawal D) Manoj Jain



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

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

- A) 4,000 kilometres B) 5,000 kilometres
C) 6,000 kilometres D) 2,000 kilometres

Answer : A

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



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- ✓ Surface-to-surface missiles
- ✓ Agni P
- ✓ Range : 1,000 - 2,000 kms
- ✓ Agni-I
- ✓ Range : 700-1250 Km
- ✓ Agni-II
- ✓ Range : 2,000 -3,000 Km
- ✓ Agni-III
- ✓ Range : 3,500 -5,000 Km
- ✓ Agni-IV
- ✓ Range :3,000 -4,000 Km
- ✓ Agni-V
- ✓ Range : 5000-8000 Km
- ✓ Prithvi I
- ✓ Range : 150 Km
- ✓ Prithvi II
- ✓ Range : 350 Km
- ✓ Dhanush
- ✓ Range : 350 -600 Km
- ✓ Prahaar
- ✓ Range : 150 Km
- ✓ Shaurya
- ✓ Range : 750 -1,900 Km

Q. Indian Army participated in a multinational exercise "Ex Khan Quest 2022" where 16 other countries are also conducting this exercise?

- A) Maldives
- B) Vietnam
- C) Mongolia
- D) Madagascar

Answer : C

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



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

Capital : Ulaanbaatar

Currency : Tögrög

President : Ukhnaa Khurelsukh

Nomadic Elephant joint exercise between India and Mongolia

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

- A) Rs 76,000 crore B) Rs 55,000 crore
C) Rs 85,000 crore D) Rs 64,000 crore

Answer : A

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

Q. Which state will host the 2021 Khelo India Youth Games?

- A) Bihar B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Haryana D) Sikkim

Answer : C

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



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- ✓ India first participated in RIMPAC in 2014.
- ✓ The RIMPAC started in 1971 and from 1974 it became a biennial event.

Q. Name the Indian state which has topped the State Food Safety Index 2022 of FSSAI in the large states category?

- A) Madhya Pradesh B) Tamil Nadu
C) Andhra Pradesh D) Karnataka

Answer : B

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

Q. Who has become the first-ever Railway officer and also the first-ever officer from the non-uniformed Civil Services to complete 'IRONMAN' Triathlon?

- A) V K Tripathi B) Arvind kumar Srivastva
C) Rajiv Dixit D) Shreyas Hosur

Answer : D

- ✓ Shreyas Hosur from South Western Railway has become the first-ever Railway officer and also the first-ever officer from the non-uniformed Civil Services to complete 'IRONMAN' Triathlon.
- ✓ The event included 3.8 km Swim, 180 km Cycling, and 42.2 km Running.
- ✓ Shreyas completed the event in 13 hrs 26 mins on 5th June 2022, in Hamburg, Germany.

Q. Who has been appointment as the Managing Director of SBI for a period of 2 years?

- A) Sumant Kathpalia B) Atul Kumar Goel
C) Alok Kumar Choudhary D) Shanti Lal Jain

Answer : C



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- ✓ The centre has approved the appointment of Alok Kumar Choudhary, Deputy Managing Director of SBI as the Managing Director for a period of 2 years.
- ✓ Choudhary, who was currently in charge of the finance portfolio, will now be in charge of corporate banking and information technology in his new role at SBI.
- ✓ He replaces former MD Ashwani Bhatia who took charge as the whole time member of SEBI.
- ✓ STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- ✓ Founded : 1 July 1955
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- ✓ Managing Director : (4) Alok Kumar Choudhary, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, and Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- ✓ Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- ✓ The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- ✓ Tagline of State Bank of India
 - (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
 - (2) With you all the way
 - (3) A bank of the common man
 - (4) The banker to every Indian
 - (5) The Nation banks on us

Q. Who has won the Best Male actor award in the International Indian Film Academy Awards held in Abu Dhabi?

A) Akshay Kumar

B) Vicky Kaushal

C) Ranveer Singh

D) Sidharth Malhotra

Answer : B

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



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- ✓ Best Film : Shershaah
- ✓ Best Playback Singer Female : Asees Kaur for 'Raataan Lambiyan', (Shershaah)
- ✓ Best Playback Singer Male : Jubin Nautiyal for song 'Raataan Lambiyan', (Shershaah)
- ✓ Best Male Debut: Ahan Shetty (Tadap)
- ✓ Best Female Debut: Sharvari Wagh (Bunty Aur Babli 2)
- ✓ Best Supporting Actor Female: Sai Tamhankar (Mimi)
- ✓ Best Supporting Actor Male: Pankaj Tripathi (Ludo)

Q. Which film won the Best Film award at the IIFA Awards ceremony in 2022?

A) Shershaah

B) RRR

C) Pushpa: The Rise

D) K.G.F: Chapter 2

Answer : A

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

MOST IMPORTANT FLIMFARE AWARD IN NEWS 2022

➤ IIFA AWARDS 2022

- Best Actor (Male) : Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)
- Best Actor (Female) : Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- Best Director : Vishnuvaradhan (Shershaah)
- Best Film : Shershaah

➤ CANNES FILM FESTIVAL 2022

- Best Director : Park Chan-wook for Decision to Leave
- Best Actor : Song Kang-ho for Broker
- Best Actress : Zar Amir Ebrahimi for Holy Spider
- Jury Special Award (documentary): Mariupolis 2
- Palme d'Or : Triangle of Sadness, directed by Ruben Östlund
- L'Oeil d'Or : All That Breathes, directed by Shaunak Sen (Indian)

➤ 64th GRAMMY AWARDS 2022 (Music)



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



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

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

- A) 6th
- B) 9th
- C) 12th
- D) 11th

Answer : A

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



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

Q. Who has topped the list of Forbes Real Time Billionaires from all over the world?

- A) Bill Gates
- B) Jeff Bezos
- C) Elon Musk
- D) Mukesh Ambani

Answer : C

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



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

- A) 3.35%
- B) 4.90%
- C) 4.25%
- D) 3.25%

Answer : B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee headed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das increased repo rate, forecasted GDP growth, MSF and Bank rate increased and other
- ✓ RBI kept its projection growth at 7.2% for the current fiscal on the back of improvement in urban demand and gradual recovery in rural India.
- ✓ RBI has increased the repo rate by 50 bps to 4.90%, due to the soar inflation.
- ✓ RBI has increased FY23 CPI inflation forecast to 6.7% from 5.7%.
- ✓ The limit of individual loans extended by co-operative banks by 100%.
- ✓ Credit cards, starting with RuPay credit cards, can now be linked to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platforms.
- ✓ Increased the limit for e-mandates/ standing instructions on cards and Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) for recurring transactions to ₹15,000, from ₹5,000 at present.
- ✓ Repo Rate : 4.90%
- ✓ Reverse Repo Rate : 3.35%
- ✓ Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate : 5.15%
- ✓ Bank Rate : 5.15%
- ✓ Cash Reserve Ratio : 4.50%
- ✓ Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) : 18%
- ✓ Standing Deposit Facility Rate : 4.65%



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Q. What is the current Marginal Standing Facility Rate?

- A) 3.55% B) 5.15%
C) 3.35% D) 4.25%

Answer : B

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

- A) 4.65% B) 4.50%
C) 4.45% D) 3.65%

Answer : B

✓ **MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE (MPC)**

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



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

Q. What is the increased limit for the e-mandate/ standing instruction on cards and Prepaid Payment Instruments for recurring transactions?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Increased the limit for e-mandates/ standing instructions on cards and Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) for recurring transactions to Rs 15,000, from Rs 5,000 at present.

Q. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has announced an increase in the repo rate by what percentage on 08 June 2022?

- A) 0.10% B) 0.50%
C) 0.90% D) 0.20%

Answer : B



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- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently announced to increase the repo rate once again (Repo Rate Hike). Now the repo rate has increased by 0.50 percent to 4.90 percent.

Q. Which Indian cricketer announced retirement from all forms of cricket?

- A) Jhulan Goswami
- B) Mithali Raj
- C) Smriti Mandhana
- D) Harmanpreet Kaur

Answer : B

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

MITHALI RAJ IN NEWS

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



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

- A) Mumbai
B) Pune
C) Nagpur
D) New Delhi

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the newly built National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in New Delhi.
- ✓ This institute is to promote and preserve the tribal heritage and culture and the nerve centre of tribal research issues and matters in academic, executive and legislative fields.
- ✓ Tribal Research Institute (TRI) is the research body of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at the state level. There are 26 Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) supported by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Q. Who has won gold in 10m air rifle standing SH1 event at Para Shooting World Cup 2022?

- A) Bhavina Patel
B) Avani Lekhara
C) Mariyappan Thangavelu
D) Krishna Nagar

Answer : B

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

AVANI LEKHARA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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- Rajasthan government has nominated shooter Avani Lekhara, who won a gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympics as the brand ambassador of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign in the state.

Q. The centre has approved proposal between India and which country for cooperation in industries and advanced technologies?

- A) Qatar
B) UAE
C) Saudi Arabia
D) Omam

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi on June 8, 2022 approved a proposal for signing a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on cooperation in the field of industries and advanced technologies.

Q. Which automobile company has set up Asia's largest 20 MWp1 solar power plant at its Manesar facility in a bid to maximises the utilisation of renewable energy?

- A) Tata Motors
B) Maruti Suzuki
C) Mahindra & Mahindra
D) Hero MotoCorp

Answer : B

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



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

- A) 75 Km B) 100 Km
C) 150 Km D) 200 Km

Answer : A

- ✓ National Highways Authority of India – NHAI and its contractors have entered Guinness World Records for laying 75 km long continuous Bituminous Concrete Road in record 5 days.
- ✓ The work has been completed in a record time of 105 hours and 33 minutes.
- ✓ The Amravati to Akola section is part of National Highway-53 and an important East-West corridor.
- ✓ **NHAI**
- ✓ Founded : 1995
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman : Alka Upadhyaya

Q. India has signed with which country a Joint Vision Statement on defence partnership towards 2030?

- A) Laos
B) Vietnam
C) Cambodia
D) Singapore

Answer : B

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



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

- A) 07 June B) 05 June
C) 06 June D) 08 June

Answer : D

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

Q. What is the theme of UN World Oceans Day 2022?

- A) The Ocean: Life & Livelihoods
B) Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean
C) Gender and Oceans
D) Revitalization: collective action for the ocean

Answer : D

Q. The World Tumor Day is observed since 2000 on_____

- A) 08 June B) 06 June
C) 07 June D) 05 June

Answer : A

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

Q. When is the World Food Safety Day celebrated?

- A) 05 June B) 06 June
C) 07 June D) 04 June



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Answer : C

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

Q. **What is the theme of the World Food Safety Day 2022?**

- A) Food Safety is intrinsic to good health
- B) Safer food, better health
- C) Healthy Food, Healthy Mind, Healthy Body
- D) Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow

Answer : B

Q. **Which University has topped the QS World University Rankings 2023?**

- A) University of Oxford
- B) Stanford University
- C) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- D) Harvard University

Answer : C

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



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UNIVERSITY RANKING IN NEWS 2022

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

Q. Name the Indian University which has been adjudged as the best University of the country in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2023?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IISc Bengaluru
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IIT Guwahati



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Answer : B

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

Q. Baikho festival is celebrated in which state?

A) Odisha

B) Assam

C) Manipur

D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

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

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



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Lavendar Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
India's biggest drone festival	New Delhi
Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu Festival	Assam
Sarhul Festival	Jharkhand
Gangaur festival	Rajasthan
Ishan Manthan Festival	New Delhi
Bharat Bhagya Vidhata festival	Red Fort in Delhi
Herath Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
48th Khajuraho Dance Festival	Madhya Pradesh
Medaram Jatara Festival	Telangana
Maru Mahotsav or Jaisalmer Desert Festival	Rajasthan
Torgya Festival	Arunachal Pradesh
Spituk Gustor Festival	Ladakh
18th Kachai Lemon Festival	Manipur
Losoong (Namsoong) Festival	Sikkim
25th National Youth Festival	Puducherry
9th edition of the North East Festival	Guwahati, Assam
International Folk Art Festival	Dubai
Losar Festival	Ladakh
World Sangeet Tansen festival	Madhya Pradesh
Jallikattu Festival	Tamil Nadu
Lord Krishna Balram Jagannath Rath Yatra	Punjab
Hornbill Festival	Nagaland
Aharbal Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Apple Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Cherry Blossom Festival	Shillong, Meghalaya
International Science Festival (IISF)	Panaji, Goa
Boita Bandana Festival	Odisha



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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2022

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



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

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

- A) Sundeep Mishra B) Vinit Karnik
C) Navdeep Singh Gill D) Shashi Tharoor

Answer : B

- ✓ India's leading sports and Management institute, the International Institute of Sports & Management (IISM) in Mumbai, Maharashtra, launched India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing titled "Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success" authored by noted Sports author Vinit Karnik.
- ✓ This is the first book in a series to be launched as a part of a knowledge series. The book has been published by Popular Prakashan Pvt. Ltd. The book was released by Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, the Governor of Maharashtra in the presence of Nilesh Kulkarni Founder & Director of IISM.

Q. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has increased the amount per project under the Technology Development Fund of the Defense Ministry from Rs 10 crore to which of the following?

- A) Rs 10 crore B) Rs 20 crore
C) Rs 30 crore D) Rs 50 crore

Answer : D

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



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- ✓ According to the ministry, the increased funding under the TDF is in line with the budget announcement and will boost the objective of self-reliance in defence.

Q. Who is the chairman of the restructured advisory committee on mutual funds by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- A) Usha Thorat
- B) Neeraj Choksi
- C) Sunil Gulati
- D) Vinay Tonse

Answer : A

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

SEBI IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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- SEBI formed 4-Member Advisory Committee on Settlement Orders; Headed By : Jai Narayan Patel
- SEBI reconstitutes its primary market advisory committee; Headed By : S Sahoo
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- Founded : 1988
- Act : 1992
- Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- First Women Chairmam : Madhabi Puri Buch
- SEBI was given statutory recognition in 1992 on the recommendation of the Narasimham Committee.

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

- A) Krishna Srinivasan B) Sunil Subramaniam
C) Prathit D Bhobe D) Swarup Mohanty

Answer : A

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

IMF IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

A) PM Modi

B) Virat Kohli

C) Priyanka Chopra

D) Shah Rukh Khan

Answer : B

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



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ODISHA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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Q. What is the rank of India in terms of recipient of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in the year 2021, as per the World Investment Report 2022 by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)?

- A) 3rd
- B) 5th
- C) 7th
- D) 6th

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

- A) 55
- B) 65
- C) 45
- D) 75

Answer : C

- ✓ India remains among the top 10 economies of the world that receives Foreign Direct Investment.
- ✓ FDI inflows have declined by USD 19 billion to USD 45 billion in 2021.
- ✓ According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report, flows of foreign direct investment recovered to pre-pandemic levels in 2021, hitting nearly USD 1.6 trillion.

Q. Which city hosts the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe)?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Pune
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Ahmedabad

Answer : D

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



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

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

- A) Anocovax
B) Covovax
C) Novovax
D) Panovax

Answer : A

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

Q. Who has become the first Indian to be recognized as Global SDG Pioneer for Water Stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)?

- A) Anupam Ray
B) Jayati Ghosh
C) T.S. Tirumurti
D) Ramkrishna Mukkavilli

Answer : D

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



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

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

INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE UNITED NATION (UN) IN NEWS 2022

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

Q. India is the host country of FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022. What is the mascot of this game?

- A) Swiftlet
- B) Parrot
- C) Thambi
- D) Green turtle

Answer : C

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



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- ✓ It is the 2nd major international chess event to be hosted by Chennai, after World Championship match in 2013.
- ✓ This is the first time that India will host the FIDE Chess Olympiad since its inception in 1927, will be held in India for the first time and in Asia after 30 years.
- ✓ International Chess Federation (FIDE) headquarter: Lausanne, Switzerland

Q. Who has been appointed as ambassador of British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture'?

- A) Arijit Singh B) A R Rahman
C) Sonu Nigam D) Mohit Chauhan

Answer : B

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

Q. Which district has topped in 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning (DSDP)?

- A) Rajkot, Gujarat B) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
C) Mumbai, Maharashtra D) Hyderabad, Telangana



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Answer : A

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

Q. Who is the author of the book 'Fearless Governance' ?

- A) Jhumpa Lahiri
- B) Dr Kiran Bedi
- C) Anita Desai
- D) Shashi Deshpande

Answer : B

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

Q. The Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers Meeting (SAIFMM) will be held in which city?

- A) Bali
- B) New Delhi
- C) Brunei
- D) Jakarta

Answer : B

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



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



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

- A) Narendra Modi B) Amit Shah
C) Dharmendra Pradhan D) Nitin Gadkari

Answer : C

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

Q. What is the name of India's first-ever banking metaverse launched by Kiya. ai?

- A) RazorpayX B) Kiyaverse
C) FamPay D) OcareNeo

Answer : B

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



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

- A) N J Ojha B) P. N. Haksar
C) Pramod Kumar Misra D) Anil Kumar Gupta

Answer : A

- ✓ Ex-registrar of MS University, N J Ojha has been appointed as ombudsman under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) for 2-year term.
- ✓ He will now have the power to investigate allegations by MGNREGA staff, consider them, pass awards within 30 days of receipt of the complaint and issue direction for conducting spot investigation.
- ✓ MGNREGA was launched in 2005 to augment employment generation and social security in India. It is a demand-driven wage employment scheme under Ministry of Rural Development.
- ✓ Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act 2005 which later given a new name, the "Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act" or MGNREGA is Indian labor law and social safeguard measure that aims to guarantee the 'right to work'.
- ✓ Its objective was to intensify the livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

Q. Which bank has partnered with ZestMoney to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases at retail and e-commerce platforms?

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

Answer : A

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



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ICICI BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

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

Q. In which state the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the National Museum of Customs and GST 'Dharohar'?

A) Goa

B) Bihar

C) Chhattisgarh

D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : A



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

MUSEUM IN NEWS 2021-22.

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



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GOA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the National Museum of Customs and GST “Dharohar” in Goa.
- Goa CM Pramod Sawant Launches ‘Beach Vigil App’ for Holistic Management of beaches
- Pramod Sawant takes oath as Chief Minister of Goa for 2nd term
- Goa became the 1st state to achieve ODF and Electricity for each household
- Goa becomes first state to go rabies free
- Goa Liberation Day is observed on 19 December every year in India
- Goa observed Goa Day on May 30. It was on this day in 1987 when Goa became 25th State of the Indian Union.

Q. Which country has NOT been elected to the UN Security Council as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 term?

- A) Ecuador B) Japan
C) Malta D) Mexico

Answer : D

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



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- ✓ This is the eighth time that India has been elected as a non-permanent member of the Council. Its previous terms are 1950—1951, 1967—1968, 1972—1973, 1977—1978, 1984—1985, 1991—1992 and 2011—2012.
- ✓ **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**
Formation : 24 October 1945
Headquarteres : New York, US
India Permanent Representative : T. S. Tirumurti
India to become UNSC President for August, 2021
- ✓ UNSC has 15 members of which 5 are permanent and 10 are non-permanent members.
- ✓ Non-permanent members elected for two-year terms by the UN General Assembly.
- ✓ Five permanent members are- US, UK, France, Russia, and China.

Q. 25th Founding Day of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) was celebrated in which city.

- A) New Delhi, India B) Dhaka, Bangladesh
C) Colombo, Sri Lanka D) Kathmandu, Nepal

Answer : B

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



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- ✓ Secretary General : Tenzin Lekhpel (Bhutan)
- ✓ **Trick to remember BIMSTEC Countries**
- ✓ TRICK -: MBBS NIT
- ✓ M - Myanmar
- ✓ B - Bangladesh
- ✓ B - Bhutan
- ✓ S - Sri Lanka
- ✓ N - Nepal
- ✓ I - India
- ✓ T - Thailand

Q. Which city was the host city of the Ninth Summit of the Americas 2022?

- A) Los Angeles
- B) Tokyo
- C) Beijing
- D) London

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ninth Summit of the Americas 2022 was held from June 6 to June 10, 2022. It is an international conference and was held in Los Angeles, United States.
- ✓ Summit of the Americas 2022 was held under the theme of "Building a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future".
- ✓ In January 2022, the White House had announced that, Los Angeles would serve as the host city. United States selects the site of this summit as a host and its attendees.
- ✓ Summit of the Americas 2022 was skipped by the President of Mexico, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. The president of Honduras, Xiomara Castro, also boycotted the summit. Similarly, the President of Bolivia, President of Guatemala, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent did not attend the summit

Q. Which company has bought stake worth USD 264 million in Flipkart?

- A) Twitter
- B) Tencent
- C) Meta
- D) Microsoft

Answer : B

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



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

✓ FLIPKART

Founded : 2007

Founder : Sachin Bansal and

Binny Bansal

Headquarters : Bengaluru

CEO : Kalyan Krishnamurthy

Walmart stake (81.3%)

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

A) Rs 50 Lakh

B) Rs 75 Lakh

C) Rs 25 Lakh

D) Rs 85 Lakh

Answer : A

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

Q. Who has been appointed as UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' envoy on technology to coordinate programmes for international digital cooperation?

A) Anupam Ray

B) Amandeep Singh Gill

C) Rabab Fatima

D) Pankaj Sharma. Sharma



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Answer : B

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

Q. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of RBL Bank for three years?

- A) Murali M. Natrajan B) V. Vaidyanathan
C) G.V. Nageswara Rao D) R Subramaniakumar

Answer : D

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed R Subramaniakumar as the MD & CEO of RBL Bank. Subramaniakumar has been appointed at RBL for three years from the date of taking charge.
- ✓ Subramaniakumar is a former managing director and chief executive director of state-run Indian Overseas Bank. He was appointed the administrator of Dewan Housing Finance Co Ltd after the mortgage financier's board was superseded
- ✓ **RBL BANK**
- ✓ Founded : 1943
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai
- ✓ MD & CEO : R Subramaniakumar
- ✓ Tagline : Apno ka Bank

Q. Name the Indian Grandmaster who has won the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament.

- A) Mitrabha Guha
B) Bharath Subramaniam
C) R Praggnanandhaa
D) Rahul Srivatshav P

Answer : C



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

Q. Who has won the gold medal at the Chateauroux 2022 World Cup in June 2022?

- A) Avani Lekhara B) Devendra Jhajharia
C) Bhavina Patel D) Deepa Malik

Answer : A

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

Q. Which entity has collaborated with India's space agency ISRO which will enhance the quality of its 3D maps

- A) Google Maps B) Bing Maps
C) Jawg Maps D) MapmyIndia

Answer : D

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

Q. Which university has conferred Tata Group Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata with honorary Doctor of Literature?

- A) HSNC University B) Amity University
C) DRMLAU Avadh University D) Manipal Academy of Higher Education

Answer : A



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- ✓ A 25-member delegation will be led by Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiren Rijju.
- ✓ The Holy Buddha relics are known as the 'Kapilvastu Relics' since they are from a site in Bihar first discovered in 1898.
- ✓ **MONGOLIA**
- ✓ Capital : Ulaanbaatar
- ✓ Currency : Tögrög
- ✓ President : Ukhnaa Khurelsukh
- ✓ Nomadic Elephant joint exercise between India and Mongolia

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

- A) 11 June
- B) 12 June
- C) 13 June
- D) 10 June

Answer : B

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

Q. Who became the 74th Chess Grandmaster of India?

- A) Mitrabha Guha
- B) Rahul Srivatshav P
- C) Karthik Subramaniyan
- D) Bharath Subramaniyam

Answer : B

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



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GRAND MASTER IN NEWS 2021-22.

- Rahul Srivatshav P of Telangana has become India's 74th Grandmaster.
- Young Indian Grandmaster, R Praggnanandhaa won Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament.
- World No.2 Grandmaster Ding Liren of China won the tournament against India's teenaged Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa in the final of Meltwater Champions Chess Tour Chessable Masters 2022 online tournament.
- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh wins Sunway Formentera Open chess tournament.
- Indian GM D Gukesh won 48th La Roda International Open chess tournament title.
- World's oldest chess grandmaster Yuri Averbakh (Russia) passes away.
- R Praggnanandhaa wins prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament.
- India's S L Narayanan wins Grandiscacchi Cattolica International Open Chess Tournament.
- India's R Praggnanandhaa becomes youngest player to beat World No 1 Magnus Carlsen.
- Priyanka Nutakki becomes the 23rd Woman Grandmaster of India.
- Tata Steel Chess 2022: Magnus Carlsen beats Fabiano Caruana.
- Tamil Nadu's Bharath Subramaniam became India's 73rd chess Grandmaster.
- Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan), won the World Rapid Chess Championship 2021.
- Norway's Magnus Carlsen wins FIDE World Chess Championship in Dubai.
- Kolkata-based player Mitrabha Guha has become India's 72nd chess Grand Master.
- Sankalp Gupta from Nagpur Becomes India's 71st Grandmaster.
- Indian-origin chess player from New Jersey, USA, Abhimanyu Mishra became the youngest grandmaster in chess history. At 12 years-4 months and 25 days.
- **World Chess Federation**
- Founded : 1924
- HQ - Lausanne, Switzerland
- President : Arkady Dvorkovich.
- Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu) became India's first grandmaster in 1988.
- S Vijaylakshmi is India's first woman grandmaster in chess. Abhimanyu Mishra has become the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster in the world



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

A) 2025

B) 2023

C) 2024

D) 2026

Answer : B

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



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

Q. Indian government has finalized deals with South Africa and Namibia to introduce cheetahs into the wild at Kuno Palpur National Park by the end of 2022. In which states the Kuno National Park is situated?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Maharashtra

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Gujarat

Answer : A

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



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

Q. The Indian government has extended a Line of Credit (LOC) of how much amount to Sri Lanka for the procurement of Urea Fertiliser?

- A) USD 55 million B) USD 45 million
C) USD 65 million D) USD 75 million

Answer : A

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

SRI LANKA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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



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

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

Answer : C

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

FORMULA ONE RACE IN NEWS 2022

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

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

- A) Akansha Kishor B) Saanapathi Gurunaidu
C) Vijay Prajapati Vyavhare D) Sathish Sivalingam

Answer : B

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



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

- A) George Furth
B) Myles Frost
C) Moulin Rouge
D) Stephen Sondheim

Answer : B

- ✓ Tony Awards took place on June 12, 2022 in New York City.
- ✓ Best Actor (Musical) was won by Myles Frost for "MJ".
- ✓ Best Actress (Musical) was won by Joaquina Kalukango for "Paradise Square".
- ✓ Best Director (Musical) was won by Marianne Elliott for "Company".
- ✓ The Antoinette Perry Award for Excellence in Broadway Theatre, more commonly known as the Tony Award, recognizes excellence in live Broadway theatre

Q. Which state government has launched 'The Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System' or FRUITS software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the farmer schemes?

- A) Odisha
B) Karnataka
C) Telangana
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ The Karnataka government has launched 'The Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System' or FRUITS software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the schemes.
- ✓ FRUITS software will facilitate single registration using an Aadhar card and Karnataka's Bhoomi digitised land record system for authenticating ownership.
- ✓ Through the creation of single digital identification through FRUITS, farmers can access benefits of hosts of schemes such as Direct Benefit Transfer under PM Kisan, payment for Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for crops, special financial assistance, caste certificate authentication and ration cards.

Q. India's first electronic-display plant will be set up by Rajesh Exports with \$3 billion investment in which of the following state?

- A) Kerala
B) Haryana
C) Gujarat
D) Telangana

Answer : D

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



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

TELANGANA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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- Bathukamma festival begins in Telangana.
- Rudreswara Temple (Ramappa Temple) of Telangana inscribed as India's 39th UNESCO World Heritage List.

Q. The twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference took place on 12-15 June 2022 at Geneva, Switzerland. The Conference has been co-hosted by which country?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference took place on 12-15 June 2022 at WTO headquarter in Geneva, Switzerland after a gap of almost 5 years.
- ✓ The Conference will be co-hosted by Kazakhstan and chaired by Mr Timur Suleimenov, Deputy Chief of Staff of Kazakhstan's President.
- ✓ Indian delegation will be led by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. India is a founding member of the WTO since 1 January 1995 and a member of GATT since 8 July 1948.
- ✓ **KAZAKHSTAN**
- ✓ Capital : Nur-Sultan
- ✓ Currency : Tenge
- ✓ President : Kassym-Jomart Tokayev
- ✓ Prime Minister : Alikhan Smailov
- ✓ **World Trade Organization (WTO)**
- ✓ Formation : 1 January 1995
- ✓ Headquarters : Geneva Switzerland
- ✓ 1st Director General : Peter Sutherland
- ✓ Director General : Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria)
- ✓ Member Countries : 164
- ✓ World Trade Organization (WTO) was earlier known as GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade)



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

- A) Afghanistan B) Bangladesh
C) Saudi Arabia D) United Arab Emirates

Answer : B

- ✓ United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres appointed Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh as the Under Secretary General or Assistant Secretary General of the UN.
- ✓ She succeeds Courtenay Rattray of Jamaica who was appointed as the Chef de Cabinet.
- ✓ She has been also appointed as High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS).
- ✓ António Guterres appointed Navid Hanif of Pakistan as Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Q. Manpreet Kaur broke National record in Inter-State Athletics Meet, Chennai. She is associated with which sports?

- A) Shot Put B) Javelin Throw
C) Swimming D) Pole vault

Answer : A

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

Q. Which country has proposed a plan to launch a solar power plant in space?

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

Answer : B



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





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

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

Answer : C

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

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

Answer : D

- ✓ International Institute for Management Development (IMD) is a business education school located in Lausanne, Switzerland
- ✓ **MOST IMPORTANT INDIA'S RANK IN VARIOUS INDEXES 2022**
- ✓ **World Competitiveness Index 2022**
 - Top : Denmark
 - 2nd : Switzerland
 - 3rd : Singapore
 - INDIA : 37
 - Released By : Institute for Management Development (IMD)
- ✓ **Environmental Performance Index 2022**
 - Top : Denmark
 - 2nd : United Kingdom
 - 3rd : Finland
 - INDIA : 180
- ✓ **WEF's Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index 2021**
 - Top : Japan
 - 2nd : United States
 - 3rd : Spain
 - INDIA : 54



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✓ **World Press Freedom Index 2022**

Top : Norway

2nd : Denmark

3rd : Sweden

INDIA : 150

Released By : Reporters Without Borders

✓ **World Happiness Report 2022**

Top : Finland

2nd : Denmark

3rd : Iceland

INDIA : 136

Published By : United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network

✓ **Sustainable Development Report 2021 or Sustainable Development Index 2021**

Top - Finland

2nd - Sweden

3rd - Denmark

INDIA : 120

✓ **International Intellectual property (IP) Index 2022**

Top : USA

2nd : UK

3rd : Germany

INDIA : 43rd

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

✓ **Democracy Index 2021**

Top : Norway

2nd : New Zealand

3rd : Finland

INDIA : 46th

Released By : Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)



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

A) ICICI Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) Axis Bank

D) HDFC Bank

Answer : D

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

HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- HDFC Bank, a private sector bank, has signed a relationship with 100X.VC, a leading early-stage venture capital firm.
- HDFC has announced a collaboration with global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture , to digitally transform its lending business.
- HDFC Bank and Retailio launched co-branded credit cards for chemists, pharmacies
- HDFC Bank launched industry first digital 30-minute new car loan 'Xpress Car Loans'.
- For Rs 184 crore, HDFC will sell a 10% interest in HDFC Capital to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- HDFC Bank adjudged as Best Performing Bank in SHG Linkage by DAY-NRLM.
- HDFC Bank to launch "SmartHub Vyapar programme" & 'AutoFirst' app.
- HDFC Bank finances Asia's largest waste to energy plant in Indore- Gobar-Dhan plant.
- Tata Group choose SBI, BoB and HDFC Bank to finance Air India's old debt.
- HDFC Bank named as Best Private Bank in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021.
- HDFC Bank wins the coveted CII award for 'Most Innovative Best Practice'.
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
- HDFC Bank tie-up with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to offer banking services in rural areas.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank partnered with HDFC Bank to offer co-branded credit cards.



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

Founded : 1994

Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

Tagline : We understand your world

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

NDB IN NEWS 2022

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



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President : Marcos Troyjo (Brazil)

Vice President : Anil Kishora (Indian)

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

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

A) Egypt

B) Poland

C) Sweden

D) Denmark

Answer : A

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



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✓ **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**

Founded : June 30, 1889

Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

President : Duarte Pacheco (Portugal)

Members country : 179

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

A) Asos

B) LinkedIn

C) ModCloth

D) Nordstrom

Answer : B

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

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

✓ **LinkedIn**

Founded: 2003

Headquarters: California, USA

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

A) HSBC Bank

B) Citibank

C) Standard Chartered Bank

D) Deutsche Bank

Answer : A

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

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

✓ **HSBC Bank India**

Founded: 1853



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

STATE GOVERNMENT SCHEMES IN NEWS 2022

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

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

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

Answer : A



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

Founded: 1972

Headquarters: London, UK

CEO: Massimo Calvelli

Chairman : Andrea Gaudenzi

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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



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Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

A) China

B) Russia

C) United States

D) United Kingdom

Answer : D

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

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

A) Paris, France

B) Madrid, Spain

C) Brussels, Belgium

D) New York, US

Answer : B

✓ Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will attend this month's NATO summit in Madrid, becoming the country's first leader to join a top meeting of the transatlantic alliance.

✓ Sweden and Finland, which have applied to join NATO, are sending delegations to the summit, and South Korea's new President Yoon Suk-yeol will also be the first leader from his country to attend

NATO IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

FRANCE IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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Currency : Euro

President : Emmanuel Macron

Prime Minister : Elisabeth Borne

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

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Telangana

C) Chhattisgarh

D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : D

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

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

A) USD 122 million

B) USD 155 million

C) USD 133 million

D) USD 144 million

Answer : A

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

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

A) Somalia

B) Ethiopia

C) Vietnam

D) Nigeria



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Answer : A

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

NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

A) Suresh Nambath

B) Narasimhan Ravi

C) Jaideep Bhatnagar

D) Ranjana Prakash Desai

Answer : D

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

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

A) Rajeev Yadav

B) PN Vasudevan

C) Sanjay Agarwal

D) Govind Singh

Answer : B

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

✓ **Equitas Small Finance Bank**

Founded : 2016

Headquarter : Chennai

Tagline : It's Fun Banking

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : B



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

- A) Kerala
C) Karnataka

- B) Telangana
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : D

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

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2021-22

- Tamil Nadu pips West Bengal to become the largest State in terms of outstanding microfinance loan portfolio.
- Tamil Nadu launched Ennum Ezhuthum scheme to bridge learning gap.
- Tamil Nadu launched Nalaya Thiran skilling programme for college students.
- Tamil Nadu Govt signed MoU with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for pensioner's digital life certificate.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin flagged off the luxury cruise liner "Empress" from Chennai port.
- Tamil Nadu government notified the Nanjarayan lake, a bio-diversity hotspot, as the 17th bird sanctuary.
- Tamilnadu Petroproducts became world's first LAB manufacturing company to get BIS certification



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

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

A) 32

B) 40

C) 48

D) 44

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : B

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

IMPORTANT OPERATION & CODE NAME IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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- OPERATION GANGA
India launches mission named Operation Ganga to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine
- OPERATION AAHT
Indian Railway Protection Force has launched a nationwide operation to curb human trafficking
- OPERATION DEVI SHAKTI
India's complex mission of evacuating its citizens from war-torn Afghanistan.
- OPERATION BLUE FREEDOM
Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar flags off 'Operation Blue Freedom' to create a World Record at Siachen Glacier.
- OPERATION PARAVAAH
Cochin airport launches 'Operation Paravaah' for flood control.
- OPERATION CO-JEET
Launched by armed forces to fight COVID-19 in day.
- OPERATION SAMUDRA SETU-II
Indian Navy launches for Speedy Shipment of Oxygen-filled Containers to India From Other Nations.
- OPERATION SARD HAWA
Border Security Force (BSF) launched to the western international border of Rajasthan.
- OPERATION MY SAHELI
South Eastern Railway launches to ensure security of women passengers

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

- A) ESA
- B) NASA
- C) JAXA
- D) CNSA

Answer : A

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



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

ESA IN NEWS 2021-22

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

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

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

Answer : A



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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

CHINA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

✓ DIRECT TAX

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

✓ INDIRECT TAX

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

Q. World Refugee Day is observed on which day?

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : D

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

APPLE IN NEWS 2021-22

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

➤ **APPLE**

Founded : April 1, 1976

Headquarteres : California, US

Chairman : Arthur D. Levinson

CEO : Tim Cook



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World's most valuable brands

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

MOST IMPORTANT BRAND REPORT IN NEWS 2022

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

Most valuable brand : Apple (USD 947 billion)

2nd : Google (USD 819 billion)

3rd : Amazon (USD 705 billion)

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

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

Most valuable brand : Apple (\$355.1 billion)

2nd : Amazon

3rd : Google

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

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

TOP : Berkshire Hathaway



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Indian firm top : Reliance (53 Rank)

2nd : State Bank of India (105 Rank)

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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : D



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Q. Khuvsul Lake National Park has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserve of UNESCO. Khuvsul Lake National Park is located in which country?

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

Answer : C

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

MONGOLIA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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GUJARAT IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2021-22

PRESIDENT	COUNTRY
Gustavo Petro	Colombia
Bajram Begaj	Albania
Hassan Sheikh Mohamud	Somalia
Emmanuel Macron	France
Aleksandar Vučić	Serbia
Serdar Berdimukhamedov	Turkmenistan
Katalin Eva Novak	Hungary
Gabriel Boric Font	Chile
Yoon Suk-yeol	South Korea
Frank-Walter Steinmeier	Germany
Xiomara Castro	Honduras
Daniel Ortega	Nicaragua
Gabriel Boric	Chile
Adama Barrow	Gambia
Shavkat Mirziyoyev	Uzbekistan
Sandra Mason	Barbados
Hakainde Hichilema	Zambia
Ebrahim Raisi	Iran
Ukhnaa Khurelsukh	Mongolia
Isaac Herzog	Israel
Guillermo Lasso	Ecuador

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

Answer : B



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

A) Ujjal Bhuyan

B) Vipin Sanghi

C) S S Shinde

D) Rashmin M Chhaya

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

FORMULA ONE RACE IN NEWS 2022

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

Answer : C

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

Q. The World Humanist Day is observed annually on ___

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

Answer : D

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

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

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



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Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

➤ GERMAN OPEN 2022 (BADMINTON)

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

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

➤ ODISHA OPEN 2022 (BADMINTON)

Men's Single – Kiran George

Women's Single – Unnati Hooda

➤ SYED MODI INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT 2022 (BADMINTON)

Women's singles : PV Sindhu defeated Malvika Bansod

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

Men's Single : Lakshya Sen (India)

Women's Single : Busanan Ongbamrunghan (Thailand)

➤ BWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

Men's Singles : Loh Kean Yew (Singapore)

Runner : Srikanth Kidambi (India)

Women's Singles : Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)

➤ BWF WORLD TOUR FINALS 2021

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

Men's Single : Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)

➤ TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020 (BADMINTON)

Men's singles - Viktor Axelsen

(Denmark) defeated Chen Long (China)

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

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

A) PV Sindhu

B) Chen Yufei

C) Yamaguchi Akane

D) Busanan Ongbamrunghan

Answer : B

✓ BWF Indonesia Masters badminton Championship 2022



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A



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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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



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

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

A) Odisha

B) Kerala

C) Karnataka

D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

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



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KERALA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A



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



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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : D



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

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

A) Tuba Hassan

B) Bismah Maroof

C) Javeria Khan

D) Diana Baig

Answer : A

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

ICC PLAYER OF THE MONTHS IN NEWS 2022

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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



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Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : D

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

Q. World Blood Donor Day is observed every year on_____

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



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

Q. Which four countries have formed the I2U2 grouping?

A) Israel, India, UAE, US

B) US, India, UK, Canada

C) US, India, Canada, UK

D) US, UK, Japan, Israel

Answer : A

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

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

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

- A) Varanasi
- C) New Delhi

- A) Coimbatore
- D) Katra

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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



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

Answer : B

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

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2021-22

- Delhi Airport or Indira Gandhi International Airport becomes India's first to run entirely on hydro and solar energy.
- Qatar's Hamad International Airport has been named the World's Best Airport.
- Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru was named the finest regional airport in India and South Asia.
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai launched Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid System.
- Government set the target to create 220 new airports by 2025.
- Chennai International Airport ranks 8th in Global List for 'On-Time Performance'.



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- Cochin International Airport bags 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022.
- Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru won two the 'Best Airport' under the General Category, and the 'Aviation Innovation' Award.
- Six Indian Airports named the ACI World's ASQ Awards 2021.
 1. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)
 2. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
 3. Rajiv Gandhi International airport, Hyderabad
 4. Cochin International Airport, Cochin
 5. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
 6. Chandigarh Airport, Chandigarh
- Kochi Airport to become power-positive with new solar plant.
- Airport Council International recognises Mangaluru International Airport with the 'Voice of the Customer' Award.
- Chennai International Airport ranks 8th in Global List for 'On-Time Performance' for 2021 by Cirium.
- GMR Hyderabad International Airport wins the National Energy Conservation Awards 2021.
- PM Modi lays foundation stone of Noida International Airport at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh.
- Hisar Airport renamed as Maharaja Agrasen International Airport, Haryana.
- PM Modi inaugurates Kushinagar International Airport in Uttar Pradesh.
- Airports Authority of India (AAI) manages a total of 137 Airports, which includes 103 Domestic Airports, 24 International Airports, and 10 Customs Airports.

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

- A) Colombia
- C) Suriname

- B) Guyana
- D) French Guiana

Answer : D

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



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

ISRO IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

ISRO UPCOMING SPACE MISSION IN NEWS

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

Founded : 15 August 1969

HQ : Bangalore, Karnataka



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Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai

10th Chairman : S Somanath

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

A) Bengaluru

B) Chennai

C) New Delhi

D) Hyderabad

Answer : C

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

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



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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

Answer : B

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

Founded : 2016

Headquarteres : Chennai

MD & CEO : Vasudevan P N

Tagline : It's Fun Banking

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank Limited

Founded : 1996

Founder : Sanjay Agarwal

Headquarters : Jaipur, Rajasthan

MD & CEO : Sanjay Agarwal

Tagline : Chalo Aage Badhein

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

A) Iran

B) China

D) South Korea

D) Israel

Answer : C

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

SOUTH KOREA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : C



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

SRI LANKA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

➤ **SRI LANKA**

Capital : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative)

Colombo (executive and judicial)

Currency : Rupee

President : Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Prime Minister : Mahinda Rajapaksa

Mitra Shakti Military Exercise : India and Sri Lanka

Slinex Navel Exercise : India and Sri Lanka

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

She is a 1987 batch Indian Foreign Service officer.

Presently, serving as ambassador of India to Bhutan.

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



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INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE UNITED NATION (UN) IN NEWS 2022

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

ASSAM IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : C



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- ✓ Open Network for Digital Commerce has joined hands with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to activate e-commerce in the agricultural sector.
- ✓ ONDC and NABARD have come together to host the NABARD ONDC Grand Challenge to establish market linkages for the enabled players with market ready Farmers Producers Organizations.
- ✓ To promote development of innovative solutions that are likely to aid adoption of e-commerce in the agricultural sector.
- ✓ **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**
Founded : 12 July 1982
HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chairman : Govinda Rajulu Chintala
NABARD established on the recommendations of B.Sivaramman Committee

Q. Who has become the first woman president of the Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA)?

- A) Lisa Sthalekar
B) Alyssa Healy
C) Natalie Sciver
D) Beth Mooney

Answer : A

- ✓ Legendary Australian Cricketer Lisa Sthalekar has become the first woman president of the Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA).
- ✓ She was confirmed in the role at the FICA Executive Committee meeting held in Nyon, Switzerland.
- ✓ Sthalekar played 8 Tests, 125 ODIs, and 54 T20s for Australia between 2001 and 2013, finishing her career with a World Cup win.
- ✓ She was the first woman to score 1000 runs and take 100 wickets in ODI Cricket.

Q. Which state has won the title of the first Under-19 T20 National Cricket Championship organized by the Cricket Association of India (IDCA)?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
B) Bihar
C) Punjab
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : A

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh won the title of the first Under-19 T20 National Cricket Championship organized by the Cricket Association of India (IDCA).



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- ✓ Teams from across the country presented a challenge in the tournament held from 16 to 19 June. Electing to field after winning the toss, the Andhra Pradesh bowlers restricted Gujarat to 97 runs.
- ✓ Teams from across the country competed for the coveted T20 Championship title in the 4-day tournament

Q. The 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting is being held in which country?

- A) Rwanda
B) New Zealand
C) Nigeria
D) South Africa

Answer : A

- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar is on a four-day visit to Kigali in Rwanda from 22 June 2022 to attend the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).
- ✓ The theme of the summit is – Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming.
- ✓ India is also one of the largest contributors to the Commonwealth and has assisted the organization with technical assistance.
- ✓ **RWANDA**
Capital : Kigali
Currency : Franc

Q. The first Bharat Gaurav tourist train connecting places connected with Ramayana circuit with India and which country was flagged off from Safdarjung Railway Station in New Delhi.

- A) Bhutan
B) Sri Lanka
C) Nepal
D) Bangladesh

Answer : C

- ✓ First Bharat Gaurav tourist train connecting places associated with the Ramayana Circuit in India and Nepal was flagged off from the Safdarjung Railway Station in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Bharat Gaurav train carrying 500 tourists from India will arrive at the Janakpur Dham railway station in Nepal.
- ✓ The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation's (IRCTC) 18-day Shri Ramayana Yatra special tourist train will take pilgrims to sacred places associated with the life of Lord Ram.
- ✓ Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw along with Minister of Tourism and Culture G. Kishan Reddy flagged off the train



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NEPAL IN NEWS 202-22

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



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Currency : Rupee

President : Bidhya Devi Bhandari

Prime Minister : Sher Bahadur Deuba

Flower : Rhododendron Arboretum

Bird : Himalayan Monal (danphe)

Animal : Cow

Tree : Rhododendron

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

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

A) 95 tonnes

B) 65 tonnes

C) 85 tonnes

D) 75 tonnes

Answer : D

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



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Headquarters : London, UK

President : Kelvin Dushnisky

CEO : David Tait

Q. What is the rank of India in the 2022 Ookla Speedtest Global Index?

- A) 133 B) 105
C) 115 D) 140

Answer : C

- ✓ Ookla Speedtest Global Index: India ranked 115th; Norway and Singapore topped
- ✓ The Speedtest Global Index released by network intelligence and connectivity insights provider Ookla showed that India recorded 14.28 Mbps median mobile download speeds in the month of May, slightly better than 14.19 Mbps in April 2022.
- ✓ With this, the country is now three notches up in its global ranking and is at 115th position.
- ✓ Norway and Singapore are on the top spots for global mobile speeds (median download speed of 129.40 Mbps) and fixed broadband speeds (209.21 Mbps) respectively.

Q. Which country has topped the Ookla Speedtest Global Index 2022 along with Singapore?

- A) Hong Kong B) Norway
C) New Zealand D) United States

Answer : B

Q. Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, inaugurated the 'Mango Festival' in which country?

- A) Brazil B) Indonesia
C) Belgium D) Malaysia

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal inaugurated a Mango Festival organised in Brussels, Belgium.
- ✓ To create awareness among the Europeans and create a market for Indian mangoes in Europe.
- ✓ India is a big supplier of mangoes to the rest of the globe.
- ✓ India is the largest producer of mango, along with Banana, Papaya, and Lemon.



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✓ Uttar Pradesh ranks first in Mango production with a share of 23.47% and the highest productivity in India

✓ **BELGIUM**

Capital – Brussels

Currency – Euro

Prime Minister : Alexander De Croo

President : Charles Michel

Q. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has launched a special type of solar stove. What is the name of this solar stove?

A) SURYA NUTAN

B) AKASH NUTAN

C) SHAURYA NUTAN

D) PRAHAAR NUTAN

Answer : A

✓ Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has launched a special type of solar stove. The name of this stove is 'Surya Nutan' has given.

✓ This stove will run entirely on solar energy. With this, there will be no need for any kind of fuel for cooking. Neither wood nor gas.

✓ This stove will be charged by the rays of the sun and will cook food.

✓ To buy Surya Nutan, money has to be spent once and later there will be no maintenance charge.

✓ Surya Nutan Chulha is rechargeable and used indoor cooking stove.

✓ This stove was launched at the residence of Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri in Delhi.

✓ **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)**

Founded – 30 June 1959

Headquarters – New Delhi

Chairman – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

Owner – Government of India (52.1%)

Q. In which country, world's largest ever freshwater fish has been found recently?

A) Egypt

B) China

C) Cambodia

D) Chile

Answer : C



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

✓ **CAMBODIA**

Capital : Phnom Penh

Currency : Riel

Prime Minister : Samdech Hun Sen

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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

TCS IN NEWS 2021-22

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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2032 : Brisbane, Australia

2048 : New Delhi, India

✓ WINTER OLYMPICS GAMES

2022 : Beijing, China

2026 : Milan & Cortina, Italy

✓ SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPICS

2024 : Gangwon Province, South Korea

2026 : Dakar, Senegal

✓ SUMMER PARALYMPIC GAMES

2032 : Brisbane, Australia

✓ INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OLYMPICS GAMES

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



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

✓ **Indian Medal Winners List**

✓ **GOLD MEDAL**

Neeraj Chopra – Men's Javelin

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

✓ **SILVER MEDAL**

Mirabai Chanu – Women's 49kg Weightlifting

Ravi Dahiya – Men's Freestyle 57kg Wrestling

✓ **BRONZE MEDAL**

Lovlina Borgohain – Women's Welterweight boxing

PV Sindhu – Women's Singles Badminton

Bajrang Punia – Men's 65kg Freestyle Wrestling .

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

Q. The International Widows Day is an annual celebration, held on ____

A) 21 June

B) 23 June

C) 20 June

D) 22 June

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

ICICI BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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- ICICI Bank, HSBC and Standard Chartered enters India's 1st swaption deal.
- ICICI Bank has partnered with HPCL to launch 'ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver' co-branded credit card.
- ICICI Bank launches 'Salute Doctors', comprehensive banking solution for medical personnel.
- ICICI Bank launches a digital banking solution for corporate companies named 'ICICI STACK for Corporates'.
- Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) BANK
Founded : 1994
HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
MD & CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi
Tagline : Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

Q. Which of the following state/UT of India will host the 18th edition of the G20 summit in 2023?

- A) Ladakh
- B) Jammu & Kashmir
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir will host the 2023 meetings of the G20, an influential group of the world's major economies.
- ✓ The J&K government has also setup a five member high-level committee for the coordination of G20 meetings to be held in the UT.
- ✓ It will be the first time that the G20, an influential group of the world's major economies, will hold in India and the country has chosen J&K as the venue.
- ✓ Commerce and industry Minister Piyush Goyal was appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20 in September 2021. India will take the G20 presidency from Dec 1, 2022
- ✓ India's incumbent Foreign Secretary Harsh V Shringla has been appointed as the Chief G20 Coordinator of India
- ✓ Meanwhile, India will assume the Presidency of G20 after the 2022 Summit in Indonesia in November and will host the 2023 G20 Summit.
- ✓ India has been a member of the G-20 since its inception in 1999.
- ✓ **G20 KEY FACTS**



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



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

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

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

A) Sindhushree Khullar

B) V. K. Saraswat

C) V. K. Paul

D) Parameswaren Iyer

Answer : D

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



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



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

NITI AAYOG IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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Headquarters : New Delhi

Chairperson : Narendra Modi

Vice Chairperson : Suman K Bery

CEO : Amitabh Kant

NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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

A) Dinesh Bhatia

B) Sanjay Rana

C) Pankaj Saran

D) Tapan Kumar Deka

Answer : D

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

Founded : 1887

Headquarters : New Delhi

Motto : Always Alert

First Director : T. G. Sanjeevi Pillai

28th Director : Tapan Lumar Deka

Minister responsible : Home affairs

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

A) State Bank of India

B) Punjab National Bank

C) Kotak Mahindra Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : A



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : D

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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

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

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



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Answer : B

- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has set up an advisory committee on hybrid securities.
- ✓ The committee will advise SEBI on issues related to the development and regulation of primary and secondary markets of hybrid securities in the country.
- ✓ The 20-member committee will be chaired by K V Kamath, Chairperson of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development.

Q. What is the rank of the Indian football team in the latest FIFA world rankings released in June 2022?

- A) 105
- B) 106
- C) 107
- D) 104

Answer : D

- ✓ The Indian football team has gained two places to jump to 104th in the latest FIFA world rankings released on 23 June 2022.
- ✓ In the overall rankings, Brazil remained on top, three months after taking the top spot from Belgium (2nd).
- ✓ Argentina jumped one place to third at the expense of France (4th)
- ✓ They are placed just below New Zealand (103rd).
- ✓ India's ranking among Asian Football Confederation members, however, still remained static at 19th place.
- ✓ The next FIFA world ranking will be out on August 25.

MSME IN NEWS 2021-22

- Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named –“SAMARTH”.
- MSME Ministry launches “SAMBHAV” National Level Awareness Programme, 2021
- CHAMPIONS portal for MSME/Udyam Registration crosses 50 lakh mark
- Government includes Retail and Wholesale Trade in MSME sector; purpose of Priority Sector Lending.



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WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2022

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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



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

Q. Which country has announced to transfer "Iskander-M Missile System" to Belarus?

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

Answer : A

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

RUSSIA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

➤ RUSSIA

Capital : Moscow

Currency : Ruble

PM : Mikhail Mishustin

President : Vladimir Putin

'Roscosmos' Space Agency : Russia

AVIAINDRA Air Exercise : India and Russia

INDRA Military Exercise : India and Russia

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

- A) Rashi Chandel
- B) Khushi Patel
- C) Shinata Chauhan
- D) Rubal Shekhawat

Answer : B

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



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

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

A) 2023

B) 2025

C) 2030

D) 2028

Answer : B

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

Founded : 1988

Headquarteres : New Delhi

Chairmam : Krishnan Ramanujam

President : Debjani Ghosh



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Chairman : Akash Ambani

Managing Director : Pankaj Mohan Pawar

- ✓ Reliance Industries has raised ₹1.65 lakh crore (US\$22 billion) by selling nearly 33% equity stake in Jio Platforms.
- ✓ It is the largest mobile network operator in India and the third largest mobile network operator in the world
- ✓ Jio Payments Bank : Reliance Industries (70%) + State Bank of India (30%)

Q. IG drones has been awarded “Best Drone Organization-Startup category” by Airwards. IG Drone is based out of which city?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Delhi based, Drone enterprise platform company IG Drones has been felicitated with the “Best Drone Organization – Start-up Category” by Airwards for its approach of helping local communities.
- ✓ Airwards, is the first panoptic global awards programme of its kind dedicated to identifying, recognizing and championing the breadth of positive drone use cases from around the world which are innovative, safe and having a real-world impact.
- ✓ IG Drones is developing new technology-based disaster response and mitigate to increase the efficiency and efficacy of first responders’ aid in emergency response and catastrophe mapping.

Q. Who among the following has been selected for the Kempegowda International Award given by the Government of Karnataka?

- A) N R Narayana Murthy
- B) S M Krishna
- C) Prakash Padukone
- D) All of the above

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Karnataka Chief Minister S M Krishna, Infosys founder veteran N R Narayana Murthy, and Former Badminton player Prakash Padukone, have been selected for the Kempegowda International Award.
- ✓ The award presented on the 513th birth anniversary of Kempegowda, the architect of Bengaluru city, at Vidhana Soudha.



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

A) Rajasthan

B) Odisha

C) Chhattisgarh

D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : A

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



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

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

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

Answer : C

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

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

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

Answer : B

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



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : C

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



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

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

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

Answer : A

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

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

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



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Answer : B

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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

Answer : D

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



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