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Aparchit Super Current Affairs Best 350+ MCQ With Facts August 2022 Set 02 By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal sir

Q. Who has become the 75th Chess Grandmaster of India?

- A) V Pranav
B) Abhimanyu Puranik
C) Karthikeyan Murali
D) Srinath Narayanan

Answer : A

- ✓ Chess prodigy V Pranav has become India's 75th Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania.
- ✓ The Chennai-based Pranav won the Limpedia Open in Baia Mare, Romania to secure his third and final GM norm and attain the Grandmaster title.
- ✓ He had won his maiden GM norm at the Serbia Open in 2021 and the second in the Vezerkepzo GM round-robin tourney in Budapest, Hungary in June 2022.
- ✓ He is the 27th Grandmaster from Tamil Nadu (list includes Viswanathan Anand, D.Gukesh, and R.Praggnanandhaa among others).

GRAND MASTER IN NEWS 2021-22.

- 2026 Chess Olympiad to be hosted by Uzbekistan.
- Chess prodigy V Pranav (from Tamil Nadu) becomes India's 75th Grandmaster.
- Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand becomes FIDE deputy president.
- Aravindh Chithambaram has emerged winner in the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open in Spain.
- India's GrandMaster D. Gukesh (From Chennai) wins Gijon Chess Masters.
- 44th Chess Olympiad: All India Chess Federation (AICF) and Tamil Nadu government sign MoU.
- R. Praggnanandhaa triumphs at the Paracin Open.
- 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.



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- 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 Grandisacchi 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

Q. PV Sindhu has won the gold medal in women's singles badminton at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham. PV Sindhu won the gold medal by defeating whom in the final.

- A) Wang Zhiyi
- B) Michelle Li
- C) Tai Tzu-ying
- D) Li Xuerui

Answer : B



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- ✓ India's shuttler P V Sindhu has clinched a gold medal in the final of women's single at the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- ✓ The double Olympic medalist beat Michelle Li of Canada to win the Gold.
- ✓ A former world champion, Sindhu, who has a silver and a bronze from the 2018 and 2014 editions, was clearly the better player on display as she kept a firm grip on the match.
- ✓ Pusarla Venkata Sindhu (PV SINDHU)
- ✓ Birthplace : Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
- ✓ 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
- ✓ PV Sindhu wins bronze medal to create history for India at Tokyo Olympics,
- ✓ P. V. Sindhu is an Indian badminton player. In 2016, she won the Olympic silver medal in Rio de Janeiro, becoming the first Indian woman to receive an Olympic silver. In January 2020, she was honored with the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian award

PV SINDHU IN NEWS 2021-22

- India's shuttler P V Sindhu has clinched a gold medal in the final of women's single at the Commonwealth Games 2022, beating Michelle Li of Canada.
- PV Sindhu has clinched her maiden Women's Single title of the Singapore Open Badminton tournament 2022.
- PV Sindhu won bronze at Asian Badminton Championships.
- India's P.V. Sindhu has defeated Busanan Ongbamrunphan of Thailand to win the women's singles title at the Swiss Open.
- PV Sindhu wins title at Syed Modi badminton 2022
- Indian Shuttler PV Sindhu won Silver at BWF World Tour Finals 2021
- PV Sindhu among 6 appointed members of BWF Athletes Commission till 2025
- PV Sindhu Wins Bronze in Women's Badminton at Tokyo Olympics
- pv Sindhu, Michelle Li appointed ambassadors for IOC's 'Believe in Sport' campaign
- V. Krishnaswamy, authored a book titled "Shuttling to the Top: The Story of P.V. Sindhu",



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Q. Which Indian has been conferred with the Knight of the Order of the Merit (Chevalier award) by the French government?

- A) Trishneet Arora B) Bhavish Aggarwal
C) Kannan Sundaram D) Kunal Shah

Answer : C

- ✓ Kannan Sundaram, publisher of Kalachuvadu has been conferred with the Knight of the Order of the Merit (Chevalier award) by the French government.
- ✓ He has been awarded for his contribution to the publishing collaboration between India and France.
- ✓ Kalachuvadu is a Tamil Nadu based publishing house.
- ✓ The Chevalier award is a French order of merit awarded by the President of the French Republic.

Q. Who among the following has been roped in as the MD & CEO of Unity Small Finance Bank?

- A) Inderjit Camotra B) Anupam Sonal
C) Suvendu Pati D) Ajit Ratnakar Joshi

Answer : A

- ✓ Unity Small Finance Bank (SFB) Limited (Unity Bank) has appointed its interim CEO, Inderjit Camotra as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of the bank.
- ✓ Senior banker Camotra has previously held various leadership positions at Standard Chartered Bank, ANZ and Citibank and has over 25 years of experience across India.
- ✓ Unity SFB is a joint venture between Centrum Group and Bharatpe. Its headquarter is in New Delhi
- ✓ The Government of India on January 25, 2022 has sanctioned and notified the Scheme for the amalgamation of the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank Ltd. (PMC Bank) with Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd. (USFBL).
- ✓ This means that from January 25, 2022 all the branches of the PMC Bank will function as branches of Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd.
- ✓ Unity Small Finance Bank Limited is promoted by Centrum Financial Services Limited along with Resilient Innovation Private Limited. Both the promoters have infused capital of ₹1105.10 crore in the bank.
- ✓ After the amalgamation of PMC Bank with Unity SFB, Unity SFB will pay the customers of PMC Bank the amount it receives from DICGC (maximum upto amount insured by DICGC i.e Rs 5 Lakh) in installments of 10 years.



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Q. Lakshya Sen has won a gold medal for India in which game at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- A) Squash
B) Tennis
C) Table Tennis
D) Badminton

Answer : D

- ✓ India's young ace shuttler Lakshya Sen has won gold medal in the final of men's single at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022.
- ✓ The Indian badminton sensation edged Malaysia's Tze Yong Ng to win the Gold.

Q. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have won a gold medal in mixed doubles for India in which game at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- A) Table Tennis
B) Badminton
C) Squash
D) Judo

Answer : B

- ✓ Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty win gold in men's doubles badminton

Q. Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula have won a gold medal in mixed doubles for India in which game at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- A) Judo
B) Squash
C) Badminton
D) Table Tennis

Answer : D

- ✓ Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula wins gold in mixed doubles Table Tennis

Q. Sharath Kamal has won a gold medal for India in which game at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- A) Table Tennis
B) Badminton
C) Tennis
D) Squash

Answer : A

- ✓ Achanta Sharath Kamal wins gold men's singles Table Tennis



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Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Boxer Jasmine Lamboriya in the Lightweight category has won the bronze medal after losing to England's Gemma Paige at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022.

Q. India has won its second medal in the Lawn Bowls event at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham. Men's fours team won the silver medal after losing to which country in the final?

- A) Northern Ireland B) Australia
C) New Zealand D) England

Answer : A

- ✓ India has clinched their second medal in the lawn bowls event at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.
- ✓ The men's fours team bagged a silver medal after losing to Northern Ireland in the final. The final score read 18-5 in favour of Northern Ireland.
- ✓ The Indian team comprised Sunil Bahadur (lead), Navneet Singh (second), Chandan Kumar Singh (third), and Dinesh Kumar (skip).

Q. Indian athlete Avinash Sable has won a silver medal for India in which category event of men's steeplechase at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- A) 3000m B) 2000m
C) 4000m D) 1000m

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian athlete Avinash Sable has created history at the Commonwealth Games 2022. In the 3000m men's steeplechase event, the man from Maharashtra clinched the silver medal at the event in Birmingham.
- ✓ Thus, he became the first ever Indian to win a medal in steeplechase in Commonwealth Games history.

Q. Nitu Ghanghas has won a gold medal for India at Birmingham Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2022 in which event?

- A) Boxing B) Wrestling
C) Badminton D) Judo



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- ✓ A common 'Rashtriya Puruskar' Portal has been developed by the Government of India, to bring all the Awards of the various Ministries/Departments/Agencies of the Government of India under one digital platform.
- ✓ This Portal aims to facilitate citizens to nominate individuals or organizations for various Awards instituted by the Government of India.
- ✓ Recently the Government invited nominations for 'Vayoshreshtha Samman' and 'Padma' awards

Q. First flight of Akasa Air has been inaugurated between which of the following two cities in India?

- A) Ahmedabad to Lucknow B) Jabalpur to Delhi
C) Chennai to Mumbai D) Mumbai to Ahmedabad

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated the first flight of Akasa Air between Mumbai and Ahmedabad. Akasa Air plans to be a low-cost carrier with a single fleet and all economy seats.
- ✓ Akasa Air is also planning on expanding its activities to 72 aircraft in the next 5 years.
- ✓ The airline has began its commercial operations, by starting its first flight service from Mumbai to Ahmedabad from 7 August 2022, after receiving its first Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.
- ✓ Akasa Air

Founded : 2021

Founder : Rakesh Jhunjhunwala

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Vinay Dube

Q. Badhe Chalo' campaign under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav has been launched by which Central Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Culture
B) Ministry of External Affairs
C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
D) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer : A



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6. Manushi Chhillar : 2017

➤ List of Miss Universe winners from India

1. Sushmita Sen : 1994

2. Lara Dutta : 2000

3. Harnaaz Sandhu : 2021

➤ Reita Faria is the first Indian to win the Miss World in 1966

➤ Sushmita Sen first Indian to win the Miss Universe title in 1994

➤ Nicole Faria became the first Indian to win the 'Miss Earth' in 2010

Q. How many overall medals have been won by India at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham?

A) 61

B) 65

C) 63

D) 69

Answer : A

- ✓ 2022 Commonwealth Games Overview
- ✓ The 2022 Commonwealth Games took place in Birmingham, England from 28 July to 08 August 2022.
- ✓ England hosted the Commonwealth Games for the third time, after London 1934 and Manchester 2002.
- ✓ It was the largest Commonwealth Games ever held, with 72 participating nations.
- ✓ Mascot : The official mascot for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games was Perry, a multi-coloured bull.
- ✓ Perry was designed by 10-year-old Emma Lou from Bolton.
- ✓ Top Nation: Australia finished the Games with highest number of medals, winning 178 medals, [67G; 57S; 54B].
- ✓ Host nation England finished second with 176 medals [57G; 66S; 53B].
- ✓ Canada was third with 92 medals [26G; 32S; 34B]
- ✓ India at 2022 CWG: Indian contingents finished the 2022 Commonwealth Games at fourth position with a total of 61 medals [22G; 16S; 23B].
- ✓ 2022 marked the 18th appearance of India at the Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ From India, overall 210 athletes took part comprising 106 men and 104 women, competing in 16 sports.



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- ✓ The sports in which Indian contingents did not participate included 3x3 basketball, beach volleyball, netball and rugby sevens
- ✓ Indian Hockey player Manpreet Singh and badminton athlete P. V. Sindhu were the flagbearers at the opening ceremony.
- ✓ Indian Boxer Nikhat Zareen and table tennis legend Achanta Sharath Kamal served as the flagbearers at the closing ceremony.
- ✓ 14-year-old Squash player Anahat Singh was the youngest Indian athlete to compete at the Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ 45-year old Lawn Bowls player Sunil Bahadur was the oldest player in the contingent.
- ✓ Sanket Sargar won India's first medal of the Games which was a silver in weightlifting.
- ✓ Weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won India's first gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Q. Which country has won the most number of medals at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham?

- A) Australia
- B) England
- C) Canada
- D) New Zealand

Answer : A

Q. The 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham concluded on 8 August 2022. what is the rank of India in the medals tally?

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

Answer : B



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POSITION	COUNTRY				TOTAL	
1	AUSTRALIA	67	57	54	178	
2	ENGLAND	56	64	53	173	
3	CANADA	26	32	34	92	
4	INDIA	22	16	23	61	
5	NEW ZEALAND	20	12	17	49	

Q. Who was the flag bearer of Indian contingent at the Closing ceremony of the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham?

- A) Amit Panghal and Vinesh Phogat
- B) Bajrang Punia and Mirabai Chanu
- C) Deepak Punia and Sakshi Malik
- D) Sharath Kamal and Nikhat Zareen

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Boxer Nikhat Zareen and table tennis legend Achanta Sharath Kamal served as the flagbearers at the closing ceremony.

Q. In which event did India win the maximum number of medals at the 2022 Commonwealth Games?

- A) Boxing
- B) Wrestling
- C) Weightlifting
- D) Athletics

Answer : B

- ✓ The sport that has won the most medals for the country in Commonwealth Games 2022 is wrestling with 12 medals (6 golds, 1 silver and 5 bronze) followed by 10 medals in weightlifting (3 golds, 3 silvers and 4 bronze) and 8 medals in athletics (1 gold, 4 silvers and 3 bronze).



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Founded :1998

Founders : Larry Page and Sergey Brin

Headquarters : Mountain View, California, US

CEO : Sundar Pichai

Q. Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 is a joint special forces exercise of India with which country?

A) France

B) Russia

C) Japan

D) United States

Answer : D

- ✓ The India-US Joint Special Forces exercise “Ex Vajra Prahar 2022”, began on August 08, 2022 at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 is the 13th edition of the annual exercise.
- ✓ The main objective of this joint exercise is to share the best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics.
- ✓ The Indian Army contingent is represented by drawing Special Forces personnel under the aegis of SFTS, while the US contingent is represented by personnel from the 1st Special Forces Group (SFG) and Special Tactics Squadron (STS) of the US Special Forces.
- ✓ Other Exercises between India and the US:
 - ✓ Exercise Tiger Triumph (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise)
 - ✓ Exercise Vajra Prahar (Special Forces’ Exercise)
 - ✓ Cope India (Air Force).
 - ✓ Malabar Exercise (Quadrilateral naval exercise of India, USA, Japan and Australia).
 - ✓ Red Flag (US’ multilateral air exercise).
- ✓ UNITED STATES (US)
 - Capital : Washington, D.C.
 - Largest city : New York City
 - Currency : Dollar
 - First President : George Washington
 - 46th President : Joe Biden
 - 49th Vice President : Kamala Harris
 - India ambassador to US : Taranjit Singh Sandhu



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Q. Which player has been chosen by the ICC as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for July 2022?

A) Prabath Jayasuriya

B) Joe Root

C) Jonny Bairstow

D) David Warner

Answer : A

- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC) has chosen Sri Lankan spinner Prabath Jayasuriya ICC Men's Player of the Month for July 2022.

ICC PLAYER OF THE MONTHS IN NEWS 2022

- ICC Player of the Month for July 2022
Men's : Prabath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka)
Women's : Emma Lamb (England)
- ICC Player of the Month for June 2022
Men's : Jonny Bairstow (England)
Women's : Marizanne Kapp (South Africa)
- 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)
- ICC Player of the Month for January 2022
Men's - Keegan Petersen (South Africa)
Women's - Heather Knight (England)



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- International Cricket Council (ICC)
Formation : 15 June 1909
Headquarters : Dubai, UAE
Chairman : Greg Barclay (New Zealand)
New CEO : Geoff Allardice (Australia)
Membership : 108 members
Deputy Chairman : Imran Khwaja (Singapore)
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has introduced a new program which would see them honour the 'Player of the Month' across both male and female cricketers.
- Fans would also have the opportunity to cast their votes but the majority of the votes will cast by the ICC Voting Academy, consisting of former players, broadcasters, and journalists from around the world.

Q. Which player has been named as the ICC Women's Player of the Month for July 2022?

- A) Alyssa Healy
- B) Emma Lamb
- C) Beth Mooney
- D) Natalie Sciver

Answer : B

- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC) has chosen Sri Lankan spinner Prabath Jayasuriya ICC Men's Player of the Month for July 2022.
- ✓ Meanwhile England's emerging all-rounder Emma Lamb as been declared ICC Women's Player of the Month for July 2022.

Q. Where was the 2022 International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Standardization Forum (RSF) for Asia and Oceania region held?

- A) Tokyo
- B) Paris
- C) London
- D) New Delhi

Answer : D



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- ✓ International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Standardization Forum (RSF) for Asia and Oceania region was hosted by the Ministry of Communication, Government of India on 08 August 2022 in New Delhi, as a part of the celebrations of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ✓ The theme of the Forum was “Regulatory and Policy aspects of Telecommunications/ICTs”.
- ✓ The Regional Standardization Forum was inaugurated by Shri Devusinh Chauhan, Minister of State for Communications.
- ✓ Over 250 delegates from 20 countries participated in Regional Standardization Forum.
- ✓ The Forum is being followed by four-day meeting of International Telecommunication Union-T Study Group 3 Regional Group Asia and Oceania (ITU-T SG3RG-AO) from August 9 to 12, 2022.
- ✓ International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
Founded : 1865
Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland
Secretary-General : Houlin Zhao
Membership : 193

Q. Recently a US Navy Ship, USNS Charles Drew, arrived in India for undertaking repairs and maintenance. The foreign ship is being repaired at which Indian shipyard?

- A) Kattupalli Shipyard, Ennore**
- B) Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai**
- C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam**
- D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata**

Answer : A

- ✓ A US Navy Ship named USNS Charles Drew arrived at L&T's Katupalli Shipyard at Ennore, near Chennai, on August 07, 2022. for undertaking repairs and maintenance.
- ✓ It is for the first time that a US Navy ship has docked in an Indian shipyard for repairs and allied services. The development will mark a new strategic dimension to the burgeoning Indo-US military partnership.
- ✓ The USNS Charles Drew will be at Kattupalli shipyard for 11 days to undergo repairs in various areas.
- ✓ This is the third Indo-Pacific base being used by US Navy for maintenance and ship repair. The other two are located at Diego Garcia and Singapore.



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HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- HDFC Bank inks an agreement with TReDs platform M1xchange.
- According to Times of India report, HDFC Bank will be among the world's top 10 most valuable banks .
- Defence ministry gives approval to HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to offer finances for international purchases.
- 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.
- 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.



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Q. Who has become the first Indian bank to frame a policy to fund makers of lab-grown diamonds?

A) Punjab National Bank

B) State Bank of India

C) Kotak Mahindra Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ State of Bank of India (SBI) is the first Indian lender to frame a policy to fund makers of lab-grown diamonds which come across as replicas of the natural stones.
- ✓ The bank's operational guidelines for financing man-made diamond houses include the standard prudential practices like treating non-fund limits at part with funded limits.
- ✓ Lab grown diamonds are the replicas of natural stones.
- ✓ STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
Founded : 1 July 1955
Headquarters : 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



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- (4) The banker to every Indian
- (5) The Nation banks on us

Q. India won bronze medal in Open Section of the 44th Chess Olympiad. Which team won the gold medal?

- A) Ukraine
- B) Russia
- C) Uzbekistan
- D) Norway

Answer : C

- ✓ Uzbekistan has won the gold medal in the Open section of the 44th Chess Olympiad which concluded on August 09, 2022.
- ✓ Team Armenia won silver while the India-2 team settled for bronze in Open Section.
- ✓ In the women's section, Ukraine won the gold medal.
- ✓ Team Georgia won the silver, while India-1 team won the bronze medal..
- ✓ About 44th Chess Olympiad.
- ✓ The 44th Chess Olympiad was organised by FIDE in Chennai, India from July 28 to August 09, 2022. India hosted the Chess Olympiad for the first time.
- ✓ This is the first time that India will host the FIDE Chess Olympiad since its inception in 1927.
- ✓ It consisted of open and women's tournaments.
- ✓ The total number of participants was 1,737, including 937 in the Open and 800 in the Women's event.
- ✓ Overall 188 teams were registered from 186 nations in the Open section and 162 from 160 nations in the Women's section.
- ✓ The main venue of the Chess Olympiad was the convention centre at the Four Points by Sheraton.
- ✓ The opening and closing ceremonies were held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.
- ✓ All India Chess Federation (AICF) , Tamil Nadu Government sign Memorandum of Understanding for 44th Chess Olympiad.
- ✓ International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE)
Founded : 1924 { Paris, France}
Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland
President : Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)
Vice president : Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu)



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ISRAEL IN NEWS 2021-22

- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar lays foundation stone for Indo-Israel Center of Excellence for Vegetables in UP's Chandauli.
- Yair Lapid takes over as 14th Prime Minister of Israel.
- Israel, Haryana sign declaration on integrated water resources management.
- India, Israel, UAE And US Form New I2U2 Grouping.
- The new grouping is known as "I2U2," with "I" standing for India and Israel and "U" standing for the USA and the UAE.
- Israel and the United Arab Emirates signed the first Arab free trade deal.
- Israel successfully tests 'Iron Beam' new laser-based air defence system.
- Israel successfully tests new naval air defence system 'C-Dome'.
- Israel became first country to allow drones in civilian airspace.
- Israel completed a successful flight test of the Arrow-3.
- India tie-up with Israel to convert 150 villages into 'Villages of Excellence'.
- India, Israel, UAE, U.S. decide to launch quadrilateral economic forum.
- IAF participated in International Exercise 'Blue Flag 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.
- Isaac Herzog Elected as 11st President of Israel.
- ISRAEL

Capital : Jerusalem

Currency : New Shekel

President : Isaac Herzog

Prime Minister : Yair Lapid



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Q. The iconic green site 'Padang', where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose gave the slogan of 'Delhi Chalo' in 1943, is located in which country.

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Singapore government has declared the iconic green site Padang, as its 75th national monument on August 09, 2022, the day which marked the 57th National Day of Singapore.
- ✓ Padang is the large open field site in Singapore, from where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose gave the slogan of 'Delhi Chalo' in July 1943.
- ✓ Padang has a strong national, historical and social significance, and is one of the oldest open spaces continuously used since the 1800s.
- ✓ It is popular for sporting events such as cricket, football, hockey, tennis and lawn bowling
- ✓ With the Monument Status, Padang will now be preserved and accorded the highest level of protection in Singapore under the Preservation of Monuments Act, said the National Heritage Board (NHB).
- ✓ SINGAPORE
Capital : Singapore City
Currency : Dollar
President : Halimah Yacob
Prime Minister : Lee Hsien Loong

Q. Who has been appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI) to succeed incumbent CJI, N V Ramana?

- A) Justice L Nageswara Rao
B) Justice Uday Umesh Lalit
C) Justice R Subhash Reddy
D) Justice DY Chandrachud

Answer : B

- ✓ Justice Uday Umesh Lalit has been appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI).
- ✓ He will be taking over from incumbent CJI N V Ramana, with effect from August 27, 2022.
- ✓ CJI NV Ramana took charge as 48th head of the Indian judiciary on April 24, 2021.
- ✓ He will be demitting office on August 26, 2022 upon the completion of his over 16-month-long tenure.



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- ✓ Chief Justice of India and the Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President under clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution.
- ✓ SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE
- ✓ Also known as the 'guardian of our Constitution'.
- ✓ Also known as 'court of record'.
- ✓ Formation : 28 January 1950
- ✓ Appointer : President of India
- ✓ Term length : Until the age of 65
- ✓ First Chief justice : Harilal Jekisundas Kania (1950–1951)
- ✓ 45th Chief Justice : Deepak Mishra
- ✓ 46th Chief Justice : Ranjan Gogoi
- ✓ 47th Chief justice : Sharad Arvind Bobde
- ✓ 48th Chief justice : N V Ramana
- ✓ 49th Chief justice : UU Lalit
- ✓ Seat : New Delhi
- ✓ Salary : ₹280,000 (Per month)
- ✓ Supreme Court judges : 34 { 33 (Judge) + 1 (Chief Justice of India)}
- ✓ There have been 11 female justices in the court since then. Presently there is 4 sitting female judge out of the total 33 judges in the court. (Indira Banerjee, Hima Kohli, B. V. Nagarathna & Bela Trivedi)
- ✓ Leila Seth was the first woman chief justice of a state high court in the country : Himachal Pradesh High court
- ✓ Anna Chandy, one of India's first female judges
- ✓ Fathima Beevi first female judge of the Supreme Court of India
- ✓ Indu Malhotra first female lawyer supreme court in india
- ✓ Harilal Jekisundas Kania first Chief Justice of India

- Q. The 'Him Drone-a-thon' programme has been launched by which organisation?**
- A) Indian Coast Guard B) Indian Army
C) Indian Navy D) Indian Air Force

Answer : B



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- ✓ Indian Army has launched the 'Him Drone-a-thon' programme on August 08, 2022, in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India (DFI), to support indigenous drone ecosystem.
- ✓ The initiative aims to achieve self-reliance in defence manufacturing by providing opportunities to the Indian drone ecosystem to develop path-breaking drone capabilities for meeting requirements of frontline troops.
- ✓ The 'Him Drone-a-thon' programme is pan India initiative open for anyone from industry, academia, software developers and drone product manufacturers.
- ✓ To begin with, the drone development in the following categories are included:
 - ✓ o Logistics/ Load carrying Drone in High Altitude Areas.
 - ✓ o Autonomous Surveillance/ Search & Rescue Drone.
 - ✓ o Micro/ Nano Drones for Fighting in Built Up Areas.
- ✓ 29th Chief of the Army Staff- Lieutenant General Manoj Pande
- ✓ 25th Chief of the Naval Staff- Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- ✓ 27th Chief of the Air Staff- Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- ✓ Indian Army
 - Founded : 26 January 1950
 - Headquarters : New Delhi
 - Army Day: 15 January
 - Motto : सेवा परमो धर्म ("Service Before Self").
- ✓ 29th Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) : General Manoj Pande.
- ✓ K. M. Cariappa was the first Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) of Indian Army.
- ✓ President of India is the Supreme Commander of the Indian Army.
- ✓ Chief of Army Staff (COAS), who is a four-star general.
- ✓ Bipin Rawat was The First Chief of Defence Staff of India.
- ✓ Sam Manekshaw was the first army officer of Independent India to be conferred the rank of Field Marshal.

Q. Which state Government has launched the 'Nethanna Ku Bima' Scheme?

A) Kerala

B) Bihar

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Telangana



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Answer : D

- ✓ Telangana Government has launched 'Nethanna Ku Bima' Scheme, an insurance scheme, which covers handloom and power loom weavers in the State.
- ✓ This scheme was launched by Telangana Handlooms Minister, KT Rama Rao virtually on the occasion of National Handloom Day.
- ✓ The insurance coverage scheme will be implemented in association with LIC.
- ✓ In case of natural or accidental death of a weaver Rs. 5 lakh would be deposited into the nominees' account within 10 days.

Q. Which bank has signed an MoU with Hatchlab Research Centre, TBI of SRM University-AP to launch 'IND Spring Board'?

- A) State Bank of India B) Punjab National Bank
C) Kotak Mahindra Bank D) Indian Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Bank has signed an MoU with Hatchlab Research Centre, TBI of SRM University-AP to launch 'IND Spring Board'.
- ✓ It is an initiative for financing start-ups and MSMEs.
- ✓ The bank will extend financial aid of up to Rs 50 crore to start-ups incubated at SRM Hatchlab for their working capital requirements.
- ✓ This collaboration is one of its kind in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Q. Who has been marked on the 'Heritage Wall of Fame' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the USA?

- A) Ramadhar Singh B) Anand Krishnasamy
C) Arvind Pattamatta D) Ashis Kumar Sen

Answer : A

- ✓ An Indian professor, Ramadhar Singh has been marked on the 'Heritage Wall of Fame' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the USA.
- ✓ Currently, he is a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management of Ahmedabad University.
- ✓ The Ohio State University, Columbus had nominated Ramadhar Singh for induction to the 'Heritage Wall of Fame'.



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- ✓ SPSP established in 1974, is the world's largest organization of personality and social psychologists.

Q. Serena Williams has announced her retirement from tennis recently. She plays for which country?

- A) Romania
- B) Canada
- C) Serbia
- D) United States

Answer : D

- ✓ The 41-year-old tennis legend, Serena Williams, plans to retire from the game after the 2022 U.S. Open, which will run from August 29 to September 11, 2022.
- ✓ During her tennis career so far, the American athlete Serena has won 73 singles titles, 23 doubles titles and over \$94 million in career winnings.
- ✓ Serena Williams won her first Grand Slam singles in the year 1999.
- ✓ She is an American professional tennis player.
- ✓ She won the singles gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics.
- ✓ She topped the Forbes Highest-Paid Female Athletes 2018 list
- ✓ She also topped the Forbes Highest-Paid Female Athletes 2019 list.

Q. K. Maya Thevar, who has passed away recently was the former and first MP of which political party?

- A) RJD
- B) NCP
- C) CPI (Marxist)
- D) AIADMK

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Member of Parliament (MP) and senior All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) politician K. Maya Thevar has passed away due to age-related illness. He was 87.
- ✓ Mr. Maya Thevar was the first MP of the AIADMK.
- ✓ He led the party to enter the world of politics by registering the party's first victory by contesting by-election to Dindigul Lok Sabha constituency in 1973.
- ✓ Also, it was Mr. Maya Thevar who chose the iconic 'two-leaves' symbol of the AIADMK party.
- ✓ Later, he left AIADMK and joined the DMK.



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Q. International umpire Rudi Koertzen has passed away. He was from which country?

- A) England
B) Australia
C) New Zealand
D) South Africa

Answer : D

- ✓ Former South African international umpire Rudi Koertzen has passed away, following a car crash accident
- ✓ He was 73.
- ✓ Rudi Koertzen was one of the most respected and famous umpires in world cricket from the late 1990s till 2010.
- ✓ He had officiated in nearly 400 international games.
- ✓ Koertzen was inducted into the ICC's Elite Panel in 2002 and was a part of it for 8 years.

Q. Which team has won the 2022 UEFA Super Cup ?

- A) Manchester City
B) Barcelona
C) Real Madrid
D) Eintracht Frankfurt

Answer : C

- ✓ Real Madrid beat Eintracht Frankfurt, 2-0 in finals to win the 2022 UEFA Super Cup for a record-equalling fifth time, on August 11, 2022, in Helsinki, Finland.
- ✓ UEFA Super Cup is an annual football match organised by UEFA for the winners of the two main European club competitions, i.e. the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League.
- ✓ The last season's Champions League winners Real Madrid defeated Europa League winners Eintracht Frankfurt to win the title for fifth time.
- ✓ Prior to this, Team Barcelona, and Team Milan have won the trophy five times each.
- ✓ As of May 2022, Real Madrid are ranked fourth behind Bayern Munich, Manchester City and Liverpool in the UEFA club rankings.

Q. RBI has cancelled the licence of Rupee Co-operative Bank, stating that it will have to cease banking business effective from September 22, 2022. Where is this lender Rupee Co-operative Bank located?

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



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Answer : A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the banking licence of Pune-based Rupee Co-operative Bank on August 11, 2022, following an order from the Bombay High Court.
- ✓ The order shall come into effect after six weeks from August 11, 2022.
- ✓ This means that the bank will have to cease to carry on banking business with effect from September 22, 2022.
- ✓ RBI cancelled the licence of Rupee Co-operative Bank due to following reasons:
- ✓ the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects, it failed to comply with banking regulations,
- ✓ the continuance of the bank is prejudicial to the interests of its depositors as it is not in a position to pay them public interest will be adversely affected if the bank is allowed to carry on its business any further.

RBI CANCELLED LICENCE IN NEWS 2022

- Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of Pune-based Rupee Co-operative Bank Ltd .
- RBI cancelled licence of Mudhol Co-op Bank, Bagalkot, Karnataka.
- RBI cancelled license of People's Co-operative Bank Ltd Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the license of Independence Co-operative Bank Ltd., Nashik, Maharashtra
- Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the license of Sarjeraodada Naik Shirala Sahakari Bank, Sangli, Maharashtra

Q. The Women's chess section has been added to the 4th edition of Tata Steel Chess India tournament which is scheduled to take place in December 2022. Which city will host the sports event?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ 4th edition of Tata Steel Chess India tournament will be held in Kolkata from November 29 to December 4, 2022.



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- 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.
- 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.
- 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



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Q. Samudrayaan Mission is aimed to develop a self-propelled manned submersible to carry ___ human beings to a water depth of 6,000 m in the ocean with a suite of scientific sensors and tools for deep ocean exploration

- A) Four
B) Five
C) Three
D) Two

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian government will soon start its mega ocean mission called 'Samudrayaan' to unlock the mysteries in the heart government of deep water.
- ✓ With this mission, India will be joining the elite club of nations such as the US, Russia, Japan, France, and China to have niche technology and vehicles to carry out subsea activities.
- ✓ Samudrayaan Mission is aimed to develop a self-propelled manned submersible to carry three human beings to a water depth of 6,000 m in the ocean with a suite of scientific sensors and tools for deep ocean exploration.
- ✓ Developed indigenously, MATSYA 6000 is a manned submersible vehicle.
- ✓ It will facilitate the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) in conducting deep ocean exploration. It has an endurance of 12 hours of operational period and 96 hours in case of emergency.

Q. Which Union Minister has launched the onboarding of cooperatives on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal?

- A) Amit Shah
B) Narendra Modi
C) Piyush Goyal
D) Nirmala Sitharamana

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has launched the onboarding of cooperatives on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal.
- ✓ The move will allow cooperatives to procure through the GeM portal like other government buyers— Central and state ministries, departments, public sector enterprises, autonomous institutions and local bodies.
- ✓ Over 300 cooperatives have been onboarded as buyers on the GeM portal to enable them to purchase goods and services at competitive prices.



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Q. Who has been named the AIFF Men's Footballer of the year for the 2021-22 season?

- A) Bhaichung Bhutia B) Sunil Chhetri
C) Sandesh Jhingan D) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu

Answer : B

- ✓ Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan have been named the AIFF Men's and Women's Footballer of the year respectively for the 2021-22 season.
- ✓ Chhetri has been honoured for the seventh time with this award. While Kalyan was first Women's Footballer of the Year award.
- ✓ Chhetri, the third highest goal scorer among active international players, was first named for the award in 2007. He then went on to win it in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018-19 seasons.
- ✓ AIFF Awards (2021-22)
- ✓ Women's Footballer of the Year- Manisha Kalyan
- ✓ Men's Footballer of the Year- Sunil Chhetri
- ✓ Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year- Martina Thokchom
- ✓ Men's Emerging Footballer of the Year- Vikram Partap Singh
- ✓ Best Referee of the Year- Crystal John
- ✓ Best Assistant Referee of the Year- Ujjal Halder.
- ✓ All India Football Federation (AIFF)
Headquarters : New Delhi

Q. Who has been named the AIFF Women's Footballer of the year for the 2021-22 season?

- A) Martina Thokchom B) Aditi Chauhan
C) Dalima Chhibber D) Manisha Kalyan

Answer : D

Q. Recently Russia has launched an Iranian satellite into orbit from southern Kazakhstan. What is the name of this Iranian satellite?

- A) Khayyam B) Duzouk
C) Oluznis D) Raitiku

Answer : A

- ✓ Russia has launched an Iranian satellite into orbit from southern Kazakhstan.



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- ✓ An Iranian satellite named Khayyam into orbit by the Soyuz rocket from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan.
- ✓ The name of satellite was named after Omar Khayyam, a Persian scientist who lived in the 11th and 12th centuries.
- ✓ The satellite fitted with high-resolution camera will be used for environmental monitoring and will remain fully under its control.

Q. Which company has invested Rs 1,59,299.46 crore in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) till March 2022?

- A) NIACL
- B) LIC
- C) ESIC
- D) EPFO

Answer : D

- ✓ EPFO has invested Rs 1,59,299.46 crore in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) till March 2022 and its national market value of these investments was Rs 2,26,919.18 crore.
- ✓ EPFO has been investing in ETFs since August 2015.
- ✓ Initially, the body decided to invest 5% of its investible deposits in stock markets.
- ✓ Later, the proportion was increased to 10% in 2016-17 and 15% 2017-18 and onwards.
- ✓ The EPFO invested Rs 12,199.26 crore in ETFs in April-June period this year while the total investment (in debt and equity) was Rs 84,477.67 crore.
- ✓ The body had invested Rs 43,568.02 crore in 2021-22, Rs 32,070.84 crore in 2020-21 and Rs 31,501.09 crore in 2019-20 in ETFs.
- ✓ The EPFO invests 85% of the funds in debt instruments and 15% in ETFs, as per the investment pattern notified by the government.
- ✓ Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
Founded : 1952
Headquarters : New Delhi
EPFO is the statutory body under the ownership of Ministry of Labour and Employment



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Q. Which organization has published a book titled 'Field Guide, Birds of India'?

- A) Zoological Survey of India
- B) Archaeological Survey of India
- C) United Nations Development Programme
- D) United Nations Environment Programme

Answer : A

- ✓ Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has published a book titled 'Field Guide, Birds of India'.
- ✓ The new book on over 1,000 bird species.
- ✓ It deals with 1,331 avian species found in the country.
- ✓ It highlights quality photographs of birds unlike other books that mainly used drawings.
- ✓ Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)

Formation : 1 July 1916

Headquarters : Kolkata, West Bengal

Director : Dhriti Banerjee

Q. Which day of the year has been dedicated to be celebrated as the International Youth Day annually?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ International Youth Day (IYD) is observed on August 12 annually to draw attention of governments and others towards youth issues worldwide.
- ✓ 2022 Theme : Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages
- ✓ The day was designated by the United Nations in 1999.
- ✓ The first IYD was observed on 12 August, 2000.
- ✓ National Youth Day is celebrated in India every year on 12 January to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The day was declared by the Government of India in 1984 while the event was first celebrated in 1985.



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Q. When is the World Elephant Day observed globally?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ World Elephant Day is observed every year on August 12 globally for the preservation and protection of the global elephants.
- ✓ The main objective of World Elephant Day is to create awareness on elephant conservation, and to share knowledge and positive solutions for the better protection and management of wild and captive elephants.
- ✓ The day is being officially celebrated since 2012.
- ✓ Save the Elephant Day is celebrated on April 16 every year to raise awareness about the dangers elephants face and various difficulties they have to overcome to live.
- ✓ Asia's 'longest-tusked' elephant Bhogeshwara dies of natural causes.
- ✓ **Interesting facts about Elephant**
- ✓ Project Elephant : 1992
- ✓ Elephas Maximus : Elephant Scientific Name
- ✓ India's first Elephant Hospital Opens In Mathura
- ✓ India's 1st Elephant Rehabilitation Centre to Open in Kottor Kerala
- ✓ India's 1st water clinic for elephants has opened in Mathura
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh has got its first elephant colony in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- ✓ Karnataka has the highest number of elephants (6,049)
- ✓ Botswana has world's largest elephant population
- ✓ Elephant : State animal of Jharkhand, Kerala and Karnataka
- ✓ Singphan Elephant Reserve Nagaland 30th elephant reserve
- ✓ Bholu (Elephant) is the official mascot of Indian Railways



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Q. What is the theme of the 2022 International Youth Day (IYD)?

- A) Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages
- B) Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health
- C) Youth Engagement for Global Action
- D) Safe Spaces for Youth

Answer : A

Q. Centre has approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) upto a period of _

- A) December 2024
- B) December 2023
- C) December 2025
- D) December 2030

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved for the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) up to December 31, 2024.
- ✓ The continuation of the scheme based on the request of States/UTs, will help in completion of already sanctioned 122.69 lakh houses till March 31, 2022.
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U) is a flagship Mission of Government of India being implemented by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- ✓ The mission was launched on June 25, 2015, to ensure a pucca house to all eligible urban households by the year 2022.
- ✓ Union Budget 2022 has allocated Rs 48,000 crore towards the PMAY scheme (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana) and completion of 8 million houses.
- ✓ About Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U)
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Mission was launched on 25th June 2015.
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana's (Urban) aim is to provide housing for all in urban areas by the year 2024.
- ✓ 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



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- ✓ The project will utilise about 2 lakh tonnes of rice straw (parali) annually to generate around 3 crore litres of Ethanol annually.
- ✓ Five benefits of the bio-fuel plant of Panipat.
 1. mother earth would be freed from the pain that was caused by burning stubble
 2. new systems for stubble cutting and its disposal, new facilities for transportation and new biofuel plants will bring new employment opportunities
 3. stubble which was a burden for the farmers, and was a cause of concern, would become a means of additional income for them.
 4. pollution in Delhi, NCR and Haryana will be reduced, and the contribution of farmers in protecting the environment will increase further
 5. the country will get an alternative fuel.
- ✓ PM Modi will dedicate to the nation via video conferencing a second generation (2G) ethanol plant built at an estimated cost of Rs 900 crore in Haryana's Panipat.
- ✓ Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in Purnia district, Bihar. The plant has been set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of Rs 105 crores.
- ✓ India advances 20% ethanol-blending in petrol to 2025.

Q. James Marape has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Samoa
- B) Niue
- C) Nauru
- D) Papua New Guinea

Answer : D

- ✓ Parliament of Papua New Guinea has elected unopposed the incumbent Prime Minister James Marape, for a second term.
- ✓ Marape was sworn in as prime minister for a second time on August 10, 2022.
- ✓ He first became prime minister of the South Pacific island nation in 2019 after Peter O'Neill resigned.
- ✓ Papua New Guinea
- ✓ Capital : Port Moresby
- ✓ Currency : kina



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NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS 2021-22

PRIME MINISTER	COUNTRY
James Marape	Papua New Guinea
Dinesh Gunawardena	Sri Lanka
Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem	Kuwait
Yair Lapid	Israel
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
Najla Bouden Romdhane	Tunisia
Justin Trudeau	Canada
Aziz Akhannouch	Morocco
Ismail Sabri Yaakob	Malaysia
Sher Bahadur Deuba	Nepal
Najib Mikati	Lebanon
Abiy Ahmed	Ethiopia
Nikol Pashinyan	Armenia
Moctar Ouane	Mali
Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou	Niger
Mark Rutte	Netherlands
Irakli Garibashvili	Georgia
Kaja Kallas	Estonia
Jacinda Ardern	New Zealand
Mohamed Hussein Ruble	Somalia
Mikhail Mishustin	Russia



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- 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 Spacetechn startup to formally tie-up with ISRO.
- 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.



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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.

Q. Who will inaugurate the National Conference of Rural Cooperative Banks in New Delhi?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Rajnath Singh
C) Nirmala Sitharaman D) Amit Shah

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Home Minister "Amit Shah" will inaugurate a one-day National Conference of Rural Cooperative Banks organized by the Ministry of Cooperation and the National Federation of State Cooperative Banks (NAFSCOB)

Q. Which of the following two countries have withdrawn from the Cooperation Group between China and Central and Eastern European Countries?

- A) Croatia and Bulgaria B) Greece and Hungary
C) Latvia and Estonia D) Slovakia and Slovenia

Answer : C

- ✓ Latvia and Estonia have withdrawn from a Cooperation group between China and over a dozen Central and Eastern European countries. The move has come amid Western criticism of China over the escalating military pressure on Taiwan.



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- ✓ As per the Latvian Foreign Minister, the country's continued participation was no longer in line with their Strategic objectives in the current international environment

Q. How many kg did Tamara Walcott lift to break the Guinness World Record for Powerlifting?

- A) 714.5 kg
- B) 737.5 kg
- C) 759.5 kg
- D) 768.5 kg

Answer : B

- ✓ Tamara Walcott, a female powerlifter from Maryland in the United States broke according to sources in the investigating agency for the heaviest cumulative lift for bench/squat and press in competition (female) after lifting a total of 737.5 kg across three compound lifts - the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift.
- ✓ She was honoured at the 2022 World Raw Powerlifting Federation American Pro in Manassas, Virginia last month.
- ✓ GWR compared the weight she lifted with a female adult giraffe that weighs about 680.3 kg.
- ✓ The record-keeping agency said that Ms Walcott, mother of two, weighed 188.2 kg.

Q. Which state Government will be launched Mobile App('Lucky Bill App') to Curb GST Evasion on 16th August 2022?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Kerala government will launch a mobile app wherein people can upload original bills and also stand to win prizes.
- ✓ The state government expects the 'Lucky Bill App' to help in increasing tax collections as people will be encouraged to ask bills while purchasing goods and availing services.
- ✓ The app will be launched by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on August 16, according to an official statement
- ✓ In his budget, Finance Minister K N Balagopal had allocated Rs 5 crore for introducing the 'Lucky Bill App



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Q. What is the name of the upcoming 'World's Highest Railway Bridge' expected to be built fully by 2022 in Jammu & Kashmir?

- A) Shikara Bridge B) Jhelum Bridge
C) Chenab Bridge D) Indus Bridge

Answer : C

- ✓ Chenab Bridge is the world's highest railway bridge, which is located in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ The steel arch of the world's highest railway bridge was completed last year, while the overarch deck is set to be completed. Another milestone at the world's highest railway bridge will be achieved when the overarch deck of the Chenab Railway Bridge is completed with a golden joint.
- ✓ The completion of the arch of the Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, was a big milestone for Indian Railways.
- ✓ The 5.6-meter steel arch is part of the 111-kilometer Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project (USBRL), which runs from Katra to Banihal in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ The bridge will span the Chenab River at a height of 359 meters above the river.
- ✓ Chenab Bridge is an Indian railway steel and concrete arch bridge under construction between Kauri and Bakkal in the Reasi of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ The world's highest railway bridge is built on the Katra-Banihal railway line.
- ✓ The bridge is 359 meters high from the river surface.

Q. Who has been honoured with the Highest Civilian Honour of Ladakh?

- A) Dikoh Larini B) Pope Francis
C) Dalai Lama D) Desmond Tutu

Answer : C

- ✓ Tibetan Spiritual leader Dalai Lama was honored with dPal rNgam Duston award. It is the highest Civilian honour of Ladakh.
- ✓ Dalai Lama has been awarded for his immense contribution to humanity, particularly towards the Union Territory.
- ✓ The sixth award was conferred by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.



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- ✓ It is a new umbrella scheme which aims to provide welfare measures to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging.
- ✓ It was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment on February 12, 2022.
- ✓ The Ministry has allocated Rs. 365 Crore for the scheme from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Q. Who has become the first player in T20 cricket history to take 600 wickets?

- A) Kieron Pollard B) Moeen Ali
C) Dwayne Bravo D) Jasprit Bumrah

Answer : C

- ✓ Dwayne Bravo has become the first player in T20 cricket history to take 600 wickets.
- ✓ In the ongoing The Hundred competition, he achieved this milestone while playing for his team, the Northern Superchargers, against the Oval Invincibles, on 11 August 2022.
- ✓ Afghanistan's Rashid Khan is second on the list with a total of 466 wickets from 339 matches.

Q. Which day is celebrated as the World Organ Donation Day?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ World Organ Donation Day is observed every year on August 13 across the globe
- ✓ The purpose of observing this day is to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation and to encourage people to do the same.
- ✓ The first-ever successful living donor organ transplant was carried out in 1954 in the US.
- ✓ India has its own organ donation day that is observed on November 27 each year.

Q. The central government has amended the Atal Pension Yojana investment rules, which will become applicable from _____

- A) 1st December 2022 A) 1st November 2022
C) 1st September 2022 D) 1st October 2022

Answer : D



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- ✓ No citizen who is or has been an income taxpayer will not be eligible to join the APY. If an income taxpayer joins the APY scheme on or after October 1, 2022, the APY account will be liable to be closed.
- ✓ Currently, all citizens of India between the age of 18-40 years are eligible to join the scheme, irrespective of their tax-paying status.
- ✓ Atal Pension Yojana (APY)
- ✓ Purpose : It is a pension scheme focused on all citizens in the unorganised sector. APY is a guaranteed pension scheme and is administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- ✓ Launch Date: 9th May, 2015 (Introduced from 1st June, 2015)
- ✓ Eligibility (Who can invest): Age- 18 years to 40 years. Should have a bank account.
- ✓ Benefits: Monthly Pension of either Rs 1000/- , Rs 2000/-, Rs 3000/-, Rs 4000/- or Rs 5000/- would be paid to the subscriber after he attains the age of 60.
- ✓ Note: A person may join the scheme at any age between 18 – 40 years, but he will have to make the monthly contribution till the age of 60 years.
- ✓ With the introduction of the APY, the enrolment under Swavalamban Yojana has been closed .
- ✓ Age Eligibility- 18 years to 40 years.
- ✓ Minimum and Maximum Pension- Rs 1000 to Rs 5000.

Q. As per recent changes in Atal Pension Yojana (APY) rules, which category of beneficiaries are excluded?

- A) Income Taxpayers B) Non-Resident Indians
C) Central Government Employees D) State Government Employees

Answer : A

- ✓ The government has made changes to the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) rules to be made effective from October 1, 2022.
- ✓ According to a notification from the finance ministry, any citizen who is or has been an income taxpayer will not be eligible to join the pension scheme.
- ✓ If an income tax-paying investor joins the APY scheme on or after October 1, the APY account will be liable to be closed.



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Q. Which state has received Agasthiyamalai Elephant Reserve as its fifth Elephant Reserve?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ On the occasion of World Elephant Day on Friday, the centre has announced the establishment of another elephant reserve at Agasthiyamalai. This reserve will be the 32nd elephant reserve in the country and the fifth in Tamil Nadu. It will be adding 1,197 sq km of area dedicated to elephant conservation
- ✓ The new reserve at Agasthiyamalai will encompass reserve forests and patta lands in Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari and Tenkasi districts, reported the Times of India

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2021-22

- 5th elephant reserve in Agasthiyamalai landscape announced by Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu govt rolls out 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme'.
- Singapore-based IGSS signs MoU to set up 300-acre semiconductor park in Tamil Nadu.
- Tata Power signed an MoU with Tamil Nadu government to setup solar manufacturing plant.
- Tamil Nadu pips West Bengal to become the largest State in terms of outstanding microfinance loan portfolio.
- Tamil Nadu launched Ennum Ezhuthum scheme to bridge learning gap.
- Tamil Nadu launched Nalaya Thiran skilling programme for college students.
- Tamil Nadu Govt signed MoU with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for pensioner's digital life certificate.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin flagged off the luxury cruise liner "Empress" from Chennai port.
- Tamil Nadu government notified the Nanjarayan lake, a bio-diversity hotspot, as the 17th bird sanctuary.
- Tamilnadu Petroproducts became world's first LAB manufacturing company to get BIS certification
- Tamil Nadu government launched 'Kaaval Uthavi' app for public during emergency.



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- 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. On the occasion of World Elephant Day, the centre announced the establishment of another elephant reserve at Agasthiyamalai. This reserve will be the ____ elephant reserve in the country.

A) 30th

B) 32nd

C) 34th

D) 36th

Answer : B

- ✓ On the occasion of World Elephant Day, the centre announced the establishment of another elephant reserve at Agasthiyamalai.
- ✓ This reserve will be the 32nd elephant reserve in the country and the fifth in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ It will encompass reserve forests and patta lands in Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari and Tenkasi districts



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Q. Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav began on ____ and will continue up to 15th August 2023.

- A) 12th March 2021 B) 13th March 2021
C) 14th March 2021 D) 15th March 2021

Answer : A

- ✓ Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav began on 12th March 2021 and was planned to continue up to 15th August 2023. It is an annual programme to celebrate India's independence from British rule.
- ✓ The Ministry which is core responsible for the implementation of this programme is the Ministry of Defence and Culture.
- ✓ Exp. Various Themes Of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav:
- ✓ This programme includes various themes which increase its popularity and importance among citizens. These themes are given below:
- ✓ Celebrating unsung heroes
- ✓ Atma Nirbhar Bharat
- ✓ Azadi ka digital mahotsav
- ✓ Independence 2.0
- ✓ India's rich cultural heritage
- ✓ Ideas , achievement and resolve

Q. Gopal Vittal has been re-appointed as the managing director of which company?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Bharti Airtel has re-appointed Gopal Vittal as managing director for a period of five years i.e., February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2028.
- ✓ He was re-appointed as the managing director and CEO with effect from February 1, 2018 for a period of 5 years, (upto January 31, 2023).
- ✓ Bharti Airtel
Founded : 1995
Founder : Sunil Bharti Mittal
Headquarters : New Delhi



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Chairman : Sunil Bharti Mittal

MD & CEO : Gopal Vittal

Q. Guillermo Pablo Rios has been appointed as the head of United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP). He is from which country?

- A) Norway
B) Portugal
C) Argentina
D) Singapore

Answer : C

- ✓ Argentina's navy officer, Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios has been named Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).
- ✓ He replaced Major General José Eladio Alcain of Uruguay, who steps down after the completion of his assignment

Q. Bhavani Devi won which medal at Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022?

- A) Gold
B) Silver
C) Bronze
D) Not Qualified

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian fencer Bhavani Devi has secured gold medal in the women's senior individual sabre category at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022 in London.
- ✓ She defeated Veronika (Australia), who has settled for silver in the event. Bhavani Devi hails from Tamil Nadu and was the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics (Tokyo 2020).

Q. 1st Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16) will be held in which city?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The first Khelo India Women's Hockey League under-16 is scheduled to be held at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium in New Delhi from August 16 to 23, 2022.
- ✓ The competition will be held in 3 phases.



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- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared that, August 14 will be observed as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' or 'Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas', in memory of people's struggles and sacrifices during the partition of the country in 1947.
- ✓ The day aims to inspire us to eliminate the poison of discrimination, animosity and ill-will, as well as strengthen unity, social harmony and human sensibilities.
- ✓ India will observe its 76th Independence Day on August 15, 2022.





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