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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 Limpedea 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 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 Subramaniyam 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 tournament2022.
- > PV Sindhu won bronze at Asian Badminton Championships.
- India's P.V. Sindhu has defeated Busanan Ongbamrungphan 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 promotors 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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- ✓ Section 45 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 empowers the Reserve Bank of India to prepare a scheme of reconstruction or amalgamation of banking companies (which include co-operative banks).
- Resilient Innovations Private Ltd (BharatPe) and Centrum Financial Services Limited both will hold 50% stake in this new Small Finance Bank that will be formed after taking over Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative Bank.
- ✓ RBI had issued "All Inclusive Directions" to the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank Limited under Section 35A and Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 with effect from close of business of September 23, 2019. After which the account holders of the bank could not withdraw all the money.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Unity Small Finance Bank is the twelfth small finance bank in India and opened its first branch in Mumbai on 1 November 2021 with over ₹1,100crores of equity capital
- ✓ Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB)

Founded: 1st November 2021

Headquarters : New Delhi

Chairman: Vinod Rai

MD & CEO: Inderjit Camotra

It is the 12th Small Finance Bank in India

#### Q. Nitu Ghang and Nikhat Zareen have won gold medal for India in which sports?

A) Boxing

B) Weightlifting

C) Wrestling

D) Shooting

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Boxing star Amit Panghal bagged gold in men's 51kg category while Nitu Ghang also won gold in women's 48kg category on Day 10 at 2022 CWG on August 07, 2022.
- ✓ Meanwhile Nikhat Zareen won gold in the women's 50kg bout of boxing.
- ✓ India women's hockey team defeated New Zealand to win bronze.
- ✓ Meanwhile Eldhose Paul (17.03m) claimed gold and Abdullah Aboobacker (17.02m) clinched silver in the men's triple jump.



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✓ In Athletics, Sandeep Kumar wins bronze in Men's 10 km Race Walk, meanwhile Annu Rani won bronze in women's javelin, with a best effort of 60m.

Q. Wrestler Ravi Dahiya has won the gold medal of India in which category event at the 2022 CWG?

A) 57kg

B) 62kg

C) 65kg

**D)** 75kg

#### Answer: A

- ✓ In wrestling, Ravi Dahiya (Men's 57 kg), Vinesh Phogat (Women's 53 kg) and Naveen Kumar (Men's 74 kg) won gold in their respective categories.
- ✓ Ravi Kumar Dahiya clinched the gold medal at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 in Ulaanbaatar on April 23, 2022.
- ✓ Ravi Kumar Dahiya
- ✓ Sport : Freestyle wrestling
- √ Event(s): 57 kg
- ✓ Silver medal: 2020 Tokyo Olympics
- ✓ He hails from Nahri is a village in Sonipat district of Haryana
- ✓ Star Indian para table tennis player Bhavina Patel won gold in the women's singles class 3-5.
- ✓ The silver medals have been won by Priyanka Goswami and Avinash Sable in athletics and men's lawn bowls team (men's fours).
- ✓ Bronze medal came from, Pooja Gehlot, Pooja Sihag and Deepak Nehra in wrestling, Jaismine Lamboria, Rohit Tokas and Mohammad Hussamuddin in boxing and Sonalben Manubhai Patel in para table tennis.
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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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Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with National Institute for Smart Government (NISG) in the preparation and development of an integrated land management system with advanced technology in fixing the boundaries?

A) Telangana

B) Andhra Pradesh

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Chhattisgarh

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh government has signed an MoU with National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)
- ✓ Under the agreement, NISG will assist the Andhra Pradesh government in the preparation and development of an integrated land management system with advanced technology in fixing the boundaries.
- ✓ The agreement was signed as part of the implementation of the YSR Jagananna Saswatha Raksha scheme.
- Q. Which state government has announced to implement 100% National Education Policy (NEP) in higher education from next academic year?

A) Goa

B) Bihar

C) Tripura

D) Nagaland

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announced that the state government will implement 100% of the syllabus in higher education institutes along the lines of the National Education Policy.
- ✓ The implementation of NEP from college to university level has already started. From the next academic year, a hundred percent of the syllabus in the higher education institutes would be on lines with the NEP.
- ✓ He confirmed that Goa has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with around 35 industry associations in the state who will work upon the skill development.
- ✓ As per the National Education Policy 2020, the current 10+2 system is to be replaced by a four-stage 5+3+3+4 structure.
- ✓ The new pedagogical structure is of 5+3+3+4 will caters to school education for ages 3-8, 8-11, 11-14, and 14-18 years respectively.



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- ✓ National Education Policy 2020 will bring the uncovered age group of 3-6 years under the school curriculum, which has been recognized globally as the crucial stage for the development of the mental capacity of a child.
- ✓ National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) covers 12 years of schooling with 3 years of Anganwadi or preschooling.
- ✓ NEP 2020 want to universalise pre-primary education in the age range of 3-6 years by 2025.
- ✓ NEP 2020 emphasize Early Childhood Care and Education.
- Q. India's Sandeep Kumar has won a bronze medal for India in which category event of men's race walk at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

A) 4000m

B) 10000m

C) 8000m

D) 600m

#### Answer: B

- ✓ India's Sandeep Kumar has won the bronze medal in the men's 10,000-meter race walk.
- ✓ Sandeep clocked 38:49:21m which is also his personal best to secure a podium finish in Birmingham.
- ✓ Canada's Evan Dunfee clinched a gold medal with a Games record (38:36:37), while Australia's Declan Tingay got a silver
- Q. Who has won the gold medal in the Women's Light Flyweight category in boxing at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

A) Sarita Devi

B) Lovlina Borgohain

C) Nikhat Zareen

D) Mary Kom

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Indian star boxer and world champion Nikhat Zareen has captured the country's third consecutive boxing gold medal of the day by defeating Carly MC Naul of Northern Ireland in the final of women's 50kg (Light Flyweight) at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
- ✓ She is from Telangana.
- Q. India has won the silver medal in the first Commonwealth Women's Cricket 2022 after losing to which country?

A) Australia

B) New Zealand

C) Pakistan

D) England



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#### Answer: A

- ✓ Indian women's cricket team has created history and secured the country's first-ever medal in cricket in history of the Commonwealth Games (CWG).
- ✓ The Women in Blue have reached the gold medal match after beating hosts England in a nail-biting clash at the Edgbaston Cricket Ground.
- ✓ Batting first, Australia scored 161/8 in the final played at Edgbaston ground. In reply, the Indian team could only score 152 runs in 19.3 overs. India lost the gold medal match by just 9 runs.
- Q. Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula have won a gold medal in mixed doubles for India in which game at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

A) Table Tennis

C) High Jump

C) Long Jump

D) Triple Jump

#### Answer: A

- ✓ India's table tennis stars Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula has won gold medal in the mixed doubles in table tennis at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022.
- ✓ They defeated the Malaysian pair of Javen Choong and Karen Lyne 3-1 in the final.
- Q. Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal have won a bronze medal for India in which game at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

A) Squash

B) Badminton

C) Tennis

D) Judo

#### Answer: B

- ✓ India's star squash duo of Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal has clinched a bronze medal in the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Pallikal and Ghosal defeated defending champions Lobban Donna and Pilley Cameron in straight games (11-8, 11-4) to secure a podium finish in Birmingham
- Q. Who has won the gold medal in Women's 62 Kg freestyle category Wrestling at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

A) Alka Tomar

B) Priyanka Phogat

C) Sakshi Malik

D) Babita Phogat



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#### Answer: C

- ✓ Indian wrestler Sakshi Malik has bagged the gold medal in the women's 62kg freestyle wrestling event at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, UK.
- ✓ She beat Canada's, Ana Godinez Gonzalez.
- ✓ This was Sakshi Malik's third straight medal at the CWG. She won the 58kg silver at Glasgow 2014 and a bronze at Gold Coast 2018.
- Q. Naveen Kumar has won a gold medal for India in which category event of men's Wrestling at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

A) 65kg

A) 74kg

C) 85kg

D) 92kg

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Wrestler Naveen Kumar won the gold medal for India after the win over Pakistan's Muhammad Sharif Tahir in the 74kg final at the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- ✓ Naveen beat Muhammad Sharif Tahir on points as he outdid the Pakistani 9-0 to add another gold medal to India's tally to extend the country's domination in wrestling.
- Q. Who has won a gold medal in the women's 53kg category final at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

A) Geeta Phogat

**B) Vinesh Phogat** 

C) Babita Phogat

D) Priyanka Phogat

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Vinesh Phogat has won the gold medal in women's 53kg.
- ✓ She beat Sri Lanka's Chamodya Keshani Maduravlage Don in her final round-robin bout in the nordic system.
- ✓ Vinesh Phogat won her third successive Commonwealth Games Gold medal, emulating wrestler Sushil Kumar's feat, in Birmingham.
- Q. Jasmine Lamboriya has won a bronze medal in which sport?

A) Boxing

B) Judo

C) Badminton

D) Wrestling



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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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#### Answer: A

- ✓ Nitu Ghanghas won India's first medal in boxing at the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- ✓ She defeated Demie-Jade of England in the women's 48kg final to win gold
- Q. Who has won the gold medal in Men's 48-51kg Weight category at the Commonwealth Games 2022?

A) Akhil Kumar

B) Vikas Krishan.

C) Shiva Thapa

D) Amit Panghal

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Amit Panghal wins Gold in men's 48kg-51kg flyweight boxing
- ✓ Amit beat England's Kiaran MacDonald in the final of the men's flyweight category, thus winning his first-ever gold medal at the Games.
- Q. The Indian women's hockey team beats which country to win bronze medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games?

A) Australia

B) New Zealand

C) England

D) Canada

#### Answer: B

- ✓ India beat New Zealand 2-1 in a shootout to win the bronze medal in women's hockey at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022.
- ✓ The India women's hockey team ended their 16-year-long wait for a CWG medal when they defeated New Zealand to win bronze at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in a thrilling finish.
- ✓ England beat Australia to win Commonwealth Games hockey gold. After 24 years of trying, the England women's hockey team finally won gold at the Commonwealth Games
- Q. Who has won bronze in the men's badminton singles at the 2022 Commonwealth Games?

A) Prannoy Kumar

B) Lakshya Sen

C) B. Sai Praneeth

D) Kidambi Srikanth

#### Answer : D

✓ Kidambi Srikanth won bronze in the men's badminton singles at the Commonwealth Games, on 7

August 2022.



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- ✓ Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand won bronze in the badminton women's singles after defeating Australia's Chen Hsuan-Yu Wendy and Gronya Somerville in straight games 21-15, 21-19.
- Q. HDFC has secured the world's biggest social loan, a \$ \_\_\_\_ billion facility to fund affordable residences, underscoring potential for sustainability-linked financing.

A) \$1.3 billion

B) \$1.5 billion

C) \$1.1 billion

**D)** \$1.2 billion

#### Answer : C

- ✓ HDFC has secured the world's biggest social loan, a \$1.1 billion facility (around Rs 8,700 crore) to fund affordable residences, underscoring potential for sustainability-linked financing.
- ✓ Since its inception in 1977, HDFC, the largest mortgage lender by asset size in the country has financed 9.5 million (95 lakh) housing units and has a gross loan book of Rs 6.7 trillion.
- Q. Donyi Polo Airport is located in which state?

A) Odisha

B) Assam

C) Andhra Pradesh

D) Arunachal Pradesh

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The third airport in Arunachal Pradesh, which is now under construction in Itanagar, the state capital, has been given the name "Donyi Polo Airport" by the Arunachal Pradesh administration. According to a representative of the Chief Minister's Office, the state cabinet adopted "Donyi Polo Airport" as the name of the airport at its meeting.
- ✓ The "Donyi Polo Airport" airport in Itanagar would be Arunachal Pradeshs third airport after Pasighat and Tezu airports and northeast Indias 16th airport.
- Q. What is the name of the common portal for recommendations and nominations of all official awards?
  - A) Atmanirbhar Portal
  - B) India Awards Portal
  - C) Bharat Portal
  - D) Rashtriya Portal

Answer: D



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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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- ✓ Badhe Chalo campaign has been launched under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by the Ministry of Culture to instill a deeper sense of patriotism among the youth.
- ✓ To connect and to bring the youth and people of the country together. Badhe Chalo will also feature flash dances across 75 cities, where the dancers will perform on a specially created youth anthem.
- Q. Who has been crowned with the title of Miss India USA 2022 in New Jersey?

A) Pallavi Singh

B) Sini Shetty

C) Khushi Patel

D) Aarya Walvekar

#### Answer: D

- ✓ An Indian-American teenager Aarya Walvekar from Virginia, has been crowned Miss India USA 2022.
- ✓ Walvekar represented Washington DC at the contest.
- ✓ The Miss India USA 2022 is the 40th anniversary of the annual beauty pageant.
- ✓ It is also the longest-running Indian Pageant outside of India.
- ✓ The event was started by New York-based Indian- Americans Dharmatma and Neelam Saran under the banner of Worldwide Pageants.

#### MISS WORLD / UNIVERSE IN NEWS 2021-22

- Indian-American Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA 2022.
- Pallavi Singh wins the Mrs Universe Divine Crown in South Korea.
- > Sini Shetty from Karnataka has won the title of Femina Miss India 2022.
- Khushi Patel from UK is crowned Miss India Worldwide 2022.
- Karolina Bielawska from Poland has won the title of Miss World 2021.
- Shaylyn Ford from USA was crowned as the winner of Mrs World 2022 beauty pageant.
- India's Harnaaz Sandhu, hailing from Chandigarh, has been crowned 70th Miss Universe 2021.
- > List of Miss World winners from India

1. Reita Faria: 1966

2. Aishwarya Rai: 1994

3. Diana Hayden: 1997

4. Yukta Mookhey: 1999

5. Priyanka Chopra: 2000



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6. Manushi Chhillar: 2017

List of Miss Universe winners from India

Sushmita Sen : 1994
 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 Birmihgham?

A) 61

B) 65

C) 63

D) 69

#### Answer: A

- √ 2022 Commonwealth Games Overview
- √ he 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 multicoloured 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

Answer: B

D) 6th



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POSITION		COUNTRY		٥	۷	0	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	N	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 Birmihgham?
  - 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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Q. The DefExpo-2022 is scheduled to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The biennial defence exhibition is which edition of the premier event?

A) 14th

**B) 12th** 

C) 10th

D) 15th

#### Answer: B

- ✓ India's flagship defence exhibition 'DefExpo-2022', is scheduled to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from October 18 to 22, 2022.
- ✓ DefExpo 2022 is the 12th edition of prestigious biennial defence exhibition.
- ✓ The five-day event will be comprising of three business days and two public days.
- ✓ The theme 2022 DefExpo is 'Path to Pride'.
- ✓ The event will include live demonstrations at Sabarmati River Front to showcase the equipment and skill set of the armed forces, DPSUs (defence public sector units) and industry.
- ✓ DefExpo 2022 will focus on the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to achieve self-reliance in defence and export of USD 5 billion by 2025.
- ✓ It must be remembered that DefExpo 2022 was earlier proposed to be held between March 10 and 14, 2022 in Gandhinagar, however, the defence ministry had postponed the event due to logistics problem being face by participants.
- Q. The Ministry of Culture has collaborated with which entity for 'India ki Udaan', an initiative to celebrate the achievements of India in its journey of 75 years since Independence?

A) Amazon

B) Google

C) Microsoft

D) Meta

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Ministry of Culture has collaborated with Software giant Google as a part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' to capture the milestones India has achieved in its journey of 75 years since Independence.
- ✓ As a part of this collaboration, Google has unveiled an online project named 'India ki Udaan' to celebrate country's achievements.
- ✓ The project is being executed by Google Arts & Culture under the theme "A celebration of the unwavering and undying spirit of India and its 75 years of Independence."
- √ GOOGLE



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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. PM Narendra Modi recently chaired the Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi. The meeting was which edition of the annual programme?

A) 6th

**B)** 8th

C) 9th

**D) 7th** 

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 7th meeting of the Niti Aayog Governing Council on August 07, 2022 in New Delhi.
- ✓ This was the first in-person assembly of the Council since July 2019. The last two meetings were held
  through videoconferencing owing to covid.
  - 1. crop diversification and achieving self-sufficiency in oilseeds and pulses and agri-communities;
  - 2. implementation of the National Education Policy-school education;
  - 3. implementation of the National Education Policy-higher education;
  - 4. urban governance
- ✓ The meeting was attended by 23 Chief Ministers, 3 Lieutenant Governors and 2 Administrators and Union ministers.
- ✓ The governing council of Niti Aayog comprises the Prime Minister of India; Chief Ministers of all the states and union territories with the legislature; Lt Governors of other UTs; Ex-Officio Members; Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog; Full-Time Members, NITI Aayog; and Union Ministers as Special Invitees.
- ✓ The prime minister is the Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- ✓ NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)

Founded: 1st January 2015

Preceding: Planning Commission (15th March 1950)

Headquarters : New Delhi Chairperson : Narendra Modi Vice Chairperson : Suman K Bery

CEO: Parameswaran Iyer

NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry



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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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Q. PM Modi has set the vision for India to achieve self-reliance in defence and export of USD 5 billion by which year?

A) 2025

B) 2026

C) 2024

D) 2023

#### Answer: A

✓ DefExpo 2022 will focus on the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to achieve self-reliance in defence and export of USD 5 billion by 2025.

Q. The 'Ex Vajra Prahar 2022' is being held at which of these places?

A) Leh, Ladakh

B) Jodhpur, Rajasthan

C) Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh

D) Jaipur, Rajasthan

#### Answer: C

- ✓ 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.
- Q. RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.33 crore on Spandana Sphoorty Financial Limited. In which city is this NBFC Located?

A) Chennai

B) Hyderabad

C) Mumbai

D) New Delhi

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.33 crore on Spandana Sphoorty Financial Limited, based in Hyderabad.
- ✓ The penalty has been imposed due to non-compliance with certain provisions of the 'Non-Banking Financial Company Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016".
- ✓ RBI has imposed the fine in exercise of its powers under the provisions of clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 58 G read with clause (aa) of sub-section (5) of section 58 B of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.



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Q. The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, also called as World Tribal Day, is observed on which day?

A) 8 August

B) 9 August

C) 7 August

D) 6 August

#### Answer: B

- ✓ International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (World Tribal Day) is observed on 9 August annually to protect the rights of the world's indigenous population and recognize the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.
- ✓ The theme for 2022 is "The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge."
- ✓ The day was recognised by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1994.
- ✓ The date to marks the day of the inaugural session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations at the United Nations in 1982.
- Q. The World Biofuel Day is celebrated all over the globe on which day?

A) 07 August

B) 10 August

C) 09 August

D) 08 August

#### Answer: B

- ✓ International Biofuel Day (World Biofuel Day) is observed every year on August 10 to raise awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels and highlight the various efforts made by Government in the biofuel sector.
- ✓ The Day is being observed by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas since 2015.
- Q. Which day of the year is observed as Nagasaki Day?

A) 6 August

B) 7 August

C) 8 August

D) 9 August

#### Answer: D

✓ In 2022 the world is observing the 77th anniversary of the Nagasaki bombing that took place on August 9, 1945.



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- ✓ United States dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan and was codenamed "Fat Man" due to the design of the bomb as it had a wide, round shape.
- ✓ The atomic bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima (August 6) forced Japan to surrender, thus ending World War II.
- ✓ The fission bomb dropped at Hiroshima.
- Q. Which day has been dedicated as the World Lion Day?

A) 08 August

B) 07 August

C) 09 August

D) 10 August

#### Answer: D

- ✓ World Lion Day is observed globally on August 10 every year with the following objective:
- ✓ raise awareness of lion and the issues that the species faces in the wild.
- √ find ways to protect the big cat's natural environment
- ✓ educate people who live near wild cats on the dangers and how to protect themselves
- ✓ The World Lion Day was launched in 2013.
- ✓ The big cat is listed as an endangered species in the IUCN Red List.
- Q. Which bank has partnered with M1xchange promoted by Mynd Solutions Pvt Ltd to make a debut in the Trade receivables Discounting System (TReDs) platform?

A) HDFC Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) Axis Bank

D) ICICI Bank

#### Answer : A

- ✓ HDFC Bank has partnered with Mixchange promoted by Mynd Solutions Pvt Ltd to make a debut in the Trade receivables Discounting System (TReDs) platform.
- ✓ TReDS system regulated by RBI enables MSMEs to auction their trade receivables online and borrow funds from the financial institution which offers loan at the lowest rate of interest.
- ✓ The collaboration between HDFC Bank and M1xchange is another significant step forward in the provision of financing to MSME and micro category businesses.
- ✓ This partnership is expected to bring in more liquidity and enhance adoption of TReDS among a wider number of corporate customers and MSMEs.



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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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➤ HDFC ties up with Accenture for digital transformation.

> HDFC BANK

Founded: 1994

Founder: Hasmukhbhai Parekh HQ: Mumbai. Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan Tagline : We understand your world

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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#### **UZBEKISTAN IN NEWS 2021-22**

- > 3rd edition of the joint training exercise named EX-DUSTLIK between the Indian army and Uzbekistan army begins at Yangiarik, Uzbekistan.
- > 2025 Asian Youth Para Games will be hosted by Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev wins second 5-year term.
- US, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan to form new quad grouping.
- Uzbekistan to host 2023 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships
- UZBEKISTAN

Capital : Tashkent

Currency: Som

President : Shavkat Mirziyoyev Prime Minister : Abdulla Aripov

Q. The Indo-Israel Center of Excellence for Vegetables has recently been inaugurated at which place in India?

A) Mathura

B) Mirzapur

C) Chandauli

D) Hastinapur

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, virtually laid the foundation stone of the Indo-Israel Center of Excellence for Vegetables in Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh on August 09, 2022.
- ✓ These Centers of Excellence (CoE) act as demonstration and training centers for the latest technologies in the field of Horticulture.
- ✓ At the same time, they serve as a source of planting material for fruits and vegetables in protected cultivation.
- √ These CoE are being set up based on Israeli technologies.
- ✓ The technology is provided by experts from Israel under the India-Israel Action Plan (IIAP).
- ✓ Funds for building infrastructure for demonstration purposes will be used from Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the holistic growth of the horticulture sector.



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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 2021along with IAF's Mirage 2000 aircraft squadron at Israel's Ovda Airbase.
- ➤ Israeli defense technology company, Rafael Unveils New Long Range Guided Missile System 'Sea Breaker' for the US Navy.
- > Israel Becomes The 'First Country' To Use Laser Weapons To Shoot Down Hostile Drones.
- Isaac Herzog Elected as 11st President of Israel.
- > ISRAEL

Capital: Jerusalem

Currency : New Shekel President : Isaac Herzog Prime Minister : Yair Lapid



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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 athletes 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 byelection 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 recordequalling 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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- ✓ For the first time, a separate women's section has been added in the tournament, which had only the Open section so far.
- ✓ Tata Steel Chess India (rapid and blitz) is one of the most important chess tournament in India.
- ✓ Top Indian female players like Koneru Humpy, D Harika, and R Vaishali will compete in the maiden women's edition.

#### **KOLKATA IN NEWS 2021-22**

- 4th edition of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament will be held in Kolkata.
- India's 1st underwater metro project in kolkata, which runs partly under the Hooghly river.
- West Bengal to form 7 new districts, making a total of 30 districts
- Kolkata became 1st major metro city to get its biodiversity register.
- PM Modi virtually inaugurates Biplobi Bharat Gallery in Bengal.
- ➤ 45th International Kolkata Book Fair will start from February 28 and will go on till March 13. The focal theme country this year is Bangladesh.
- > PM Modi inaugurated Biplobi Bharat Gallery at Victoria Memorial Hall in Kolkata.
- > PM Modi virtually inaugurated the second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI) in Kolkata
- India's first Radio over Internet Protocol system for Major Ports inaugurated at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
- UNESCO recognises Kolkata's Durga Puja as Intangible Cultural Heritage
- > 130th edition of the Durand Cup kicked off at the Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan in Kolkata.
- Q. Who is the author of the book titled 'Rusty Skies and Golden Winds', which was recently released by Union Minister Jitendra Singh?

A) Vikram Seth

**B) Amitav Ghosh** 

C) Sannidhya Sharma

D) Kiran Desai

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Union Minister Jitendra Singh recently launched a book titled 'Rusty Skies and Golden Winds'.
- ✓ The book has been written by an 11-year-old, standard 7 student, Sannidhya Sharma, who hails from a remote village in Kharah on the outskirts of Jammu.



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- ✓ This 100-page poetry book is an anthology of 40 poems in which the young author defines the nature of the world.
- ✓ The book is published by Blue-rose publishers.
- Q. Nitish Kumar has taken the oath as the Chief Minister of Bihar. This is his \_\_\_\_ term as the CM of the state

A) 8th

**B)** 7th

C) 9th

**D)** 6th

#### Answer: A

- ✓ JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar took oath as the Chief Minister of Bihar on August 10, 2022.
- ✓ This is for the 8th time that Kumar took oath as Bihar CM since he was first sworn-in as the CM of the state in 2000.
- ✓ Apart from him, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of the state.
- ✓ This move comes a day after Nitish Kumar resigned from the post of the CM of the NDA alliance
  government and broke ties from BJP.
- ✓ Later he staked claim to form a new government with the RJD, the Congress and other parties.

#### **BIHAR IN NEWS 2021-22**

- Nitish Kumar Takes Oath as Bihar Cheif Minister for 8th Time in 22 Years.
- Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of the state.
- ➤ 106-year-old astronomical observatory at the Langat Singh College, Muzaffarpur in Bihar has been added to UNESCO World heritage observatories list.
- An elephant rescue centre has been established by the forest department of Bihar at Valmiki Tiger Reserve at West Champaran district of Bihar.
- 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.



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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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- ✓ 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. The 2022 BRICS Games will be held online in September 2022. Which of these games will not be the part of the online tournament?

A) Chess

B) Wushu

C) Taekwondo

D) Breakdancing

#### Answer : C

- ✓ 2022 BRICS Games is scheduled to be held from September 01 to 30 but on online platform.
- ✓ This means that the athletes from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) will compete online.
- ✓ The 2022 BRICS Games will feature only three competitive games as medal events, which are breakdancing, chess and Wushu (Chinese martial arts).
- ✓ Indian yoga, dragon and lion dance, dragon boat racing, Brazil jiu-jitsu, sambo and dibeke will be shown as demonstration events.
- ✓ The online BRICS Games can enhance mutual understanding and people-to-people exchanges among participating countries in an innovative and safe way, through the power of sports.
- ✓ The Game is being organised by China, as the host of the 14th BRICS Summit held in June 2022.
- Q. PM Modi has recently inaugurated 2G Ethanol Plant at which of these places?
  - A) Karnal
  - **B)** Panipat
  - C) Panchkula
  - D) Kurukshetra

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation, the second generation (2G) Ethanol Plant in Panipat, Haryana via video conferencing on August 10, 2022, on the occasion of World Biofuel Day.
- ✓ The 2G Ethanol Plant has been built at an estimated cost of over Rs. 900 crore by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL).



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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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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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Q. Which country is hosting the 2022 Online BRICS Games?

A) South Africa

B) China

C) India

D) Brazil

Answer: B

✓ The Game is being organised by China, as the host of the 14th BRICS Summit held in June 2022.

Q. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched a 3D virtual space tech park called \_\_\_\_.

A) SPARK

**B) NETRA** 

C) SAKSHAM

D) SPECTRA

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched a 3D virtual space tech park called SPARK.
- ✓ The platform hosts several documents, images, and videos related to ISRO launch vehicles, satellites, and scientific missions.
- ✓ SPARK also features the 'Space on Wheels' initiative taken by ISRO

#### **ISRO IN NEWS 2021-22**

- ➤ ISRO is set to launch its smallest commercial rocket 'Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)' carrying 'AzaadiSAT', on August 7, 2022. It will be launched to unfurl the Tricolour in space, from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- > SPARK: New Virtual Space Museum Launched By ISRO.
- ➤ ISRO generated \$279 million in foreign currency through satellite launches.
- > Antrix, the commercial arm of ISRO, made this money by launching 345 foreign satellites from 34 different nations.
- > ISRO 'Human Spaceflight Expo' inaugurated at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru.
- > ISRO plans mission to Venus by December 2024.
- > ISRO used PSLV to launch 345 foreign spacecraft from 34 different nations since 1999.
- ➤ India's first human space mission "Gaganyaan" will be launched in 2023.



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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 Spacetech 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. Who launched "UMEED Market Place" under AVSAR Scheme of AAI?

A) Mehbooba Mufti

B) Jitendra Singh

C) Manoj Sinha

D) Rajnath Singh

#### Answer : C

- ✓ UMEED Market Place as part of the AVSAR Scheme of the Airport Authority of India launched by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Srinagar International Airport in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ The Jammu Airport now has a marketplace that is comparable, and both locations will feature goods from all 20 districts, which is UMEED Market Place.
- ✓ The Lt. Governor previously unveiled a 20X20-foot LED video wall at the airport in Srinagar.

#### Q. What is the new name of the 'New Delhi International Arbitration Centre'?

- A) Bharat International Arbitration Centre
- **B) India International Arbitration Centre**
- C) Pradhan Mantri Arbitration Centre
- D) Atmanirbhar Arbitration Centre

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Lok Sabha have nod to "New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022".
- ✓ The bill seeks to rechristen New Delhi International Arbitration Centre as "India International Arbitration Centre".
- ✓ New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022:
- ✓ This bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on August 5, 2022. It seeks to amend the New Delhi International
  Arbitration Centre Act, 2019. Act of 2019 had set up the "New Delhi International Arbitration Centre",
  by replacing the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution. Act also designated the centre
  as an institute of national importance
- ✓ Important features of the bill include:
- ✓ Bill rechristens the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre as India International Arbitration Centre.
- ✓ 2019 had allowed the central government to provide for removing any difficulties in implementing the act for 2 years from the date of commencement. Under the bill, this time period has been extended to 5 years.
- ✓ Bill also amends various drafting errors in 2019 act.



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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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Q. As per the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), what is the rank of India in digital currency ownership?

A) 5th

**B) 8th** 

C) 7th

D) 6th

#### Answer: C

- ✓ According to a report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), around 7.3% of Indians owned some form of digital currency in 2021.
- ✓ It also states that 15 of the top 20 nations in terms of digital currency ownership were developing countries, with India ranking 7th, one position behind US.
- ✓ Ukraine topped the list, with 12.7% of its population holding crypto assets.
- ✓ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Founded: 1964

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Secretary-General: Rebeca Grynspan (Costa Rica)

Total members: 190

Q. Which Indian politician has been honoured with France's highest civilian honour "the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur"?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Shashi Tharoor

C) Nirmala Sitharaman

D) Piyush Goyal

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The French government on 11 August 2022 bestowed Shashi Tharoor, a Congress MP, the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (the Legion of Honour), its highest civilian honour.
- ✓ The award has been conferred upon Tharoor in recognition of his writings and speeches.
- ✓ This award was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte.
- ✓ It is awarded for excellent civil or military conduct.
- Q. Who has become the first South Asian architect to win the prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium Lifetime Achievement Award?

A) Marina Tabassum

B) Reshma akter

C) Arundhati Bhattacharya

D) Ranju Bhatia



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#### Answer: A

- ✓ Renowned Bangladeshi architect Marina Tabassum has become the first South Asian architect to win the prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✓ She is known for her architectural designs that break away from commercialism and deeply embed environmental concerns.
- ✓ She will receive the award during the Lisbon Triennale which begins on 29 September in Lisbon, Portugal.
- Q. The Indian Air Force (IAF) is going to participate in a bilateral exercise named 'Udarashakti' in which country?

A) Singapore

B) Malaysia

C) Indonesia

D) Madagascar

#### Answer: B

- ✓ A contingent of the Indian Air Force (IAF) left for Malaysia on 12 August 2022 to participate in a bilateral exercise named 'Udarashakti'.
- ✓ This is the first bilateral exercise being conducted between Indian Air Force and Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF).
- ✓ IAF is participating in the exercise with Su-30 MKI and C-17 aircraft while the RMAF will be flying Su 30 MKM aircraft.
- Q. Which of the following ministry has launched the 'SMILE-75' initiative?

A) Ministry of Agriculture

B) Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers

C) Ministry of Civil Aviation

D) Social Justice & Empowerment Ministry

#### Answer : D

- ✓ The Social Justice & Empowerment Ministry on 12 August 2022 launched the 'SMILE-75' initiative.
- ✓ It has been launched for comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in begging in 75 identified municipalities as a part of the celebrations of 75 years of Independence.
- ✓ It is a part of the Ministry's ongoing SMILE project (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise).
- ✓ SMILE.: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise.



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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.
- 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 recieved 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 Agasthyamalai 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 Agasthyamalai 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 heros
- ✓ 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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- ✓ In Phase 1 of the league, a total of 16 teams are participating and over 300 players will compete, in a total of 56 matches.
- ✓ The Sports Authority of India has allocated Rs 53.72 lakh across 3 phases of the competition, which includes Prize money of Rs 15.5 lakh
- Pulitzer prize winning author David McCullough passed away recently. He won pulitzer Prize Q. in which year?

A) 1993

B) 1990

C) 1987

D) 1995

#### Answer: A

- ✓ David McCullough, who won Pulitzer Prizes for his biographies of presidents John Adams and Harry Truman, has died at the age of 89.
- ✓ He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for Truman, a biography about the 33rd president of the US and another. Prize in 2002 for the biography about the second US president, John Adams
- Q. To mark independence from British rule, India has celebrated its\_\_\_\_ on 15 August 2022.

A) 74th Independence Day

B) 75th Independence Day

C) 76th Independence Day

D) 73rd Independence Day

#### Answer : C

- ✓ In India, 15 August is celebrated as Independence Day every year.
- ✓ In 2022, the nation is celebrating its 76th Independence Day, marking 75 years of the country's independence from British rule.
- The Indian Independence movement began during World War I and it was led by Mahatma Gandhi.
- The country gained freedom from British colonial rule on August 15, 1947
- Q. PM Modi has declared to observe which day as the 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'?

A) 14 August

B) 15 August

C) 16 August

D) 13 August

Answer: A



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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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