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Aparchit Super Current Affairs Best 350+ MCQ With Facts August 2022 Set 03 **By :- Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal sir**

Q. Which of the following bank has introduced a unique term deposit programme called "Utsav Deposit?"

- A) Punjab National Bank B) State Bank of India
C) Indian Overseas Bank D) Bank of Baroda

Answer : B

- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced a unique term deposit programme called "Utsav Deposit."
- ✓ This fixed deposit scheme has higher interest rates of 6.10% per annum on fixed deposits with a tenure of 1000 days.
- ✓ It has been launched on the occasion of the nation's 75th year of Independence, celebrated as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

SBI IN NEWS 2021-22

- State Bank of India launched "Utsav fixed deposit scheme".
- RBI authorises HR subsidiary of SBI to manage cost effectively.
- State Bank of India (SBI) will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years.
- SBI will soon provide its customers with WhatsApp-based banking.
- State Bank of India, is celebrating its 67th year on 1st July 2022.
- RBI approves SBI's establishment of operations support subsidiary.
- Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) signs MoUs with SBI, BOB, PNB, and SIDBI for Uttar Pradesh.
- Electric two-wheeler manufacturer Ather Energy partners SBI for customer retail finance.
- Alok Kumar Choudhary appointed State Bank of India MD for 2 years.
- SBI launched Real Time Xpress Credit on YONO platform allowing eligible customers to get personal loans of up to Rs 35 lakh.
- SBI Raises USD 500 Million Via its International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City branch.
- SBI signs MoU with Border Security Force to offer curated benefits through CAPSP Scheme.



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- SBI has appointed former Ujjivan Small Finance Bank CEO, Nitin Chugh as Deputy Managing Director .
- SBI listed the maiden issue of \$300 million Formosa bonds on India INX.
- State Bank of India acquired minority stake in JSW Cement for INR 100 crore.
- SBI tie-up with NSE Academy to launch five online courses 2022.
- SBI to acquire 9.95% stake in GIFT-IFSC-based Clearing Corp with investment of Rs 34.03 crore.
- State Bank of India (SBI) is the only authorized bank to issue and encash Electoral Bonds.
- SBI Increases Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) Transaction Limit From Rs 2 Lakh To Rs 5 Lakh.
- RBI has retained SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
- SBI listed USD 650-million Green Bonds on India International Exchange (India INX) and Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE).
- RBI imposes Rs 1 Crore penalty on SBI for violating subsection (2) of section 19 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- SBI launches video life certificate service for pensioners.
- SBI has announced the launch of SBI's NAV-eCash card on INS Vikramaditya with Indian Navy.
- SBI launches 'SIM Binding' feature for YONO and You Only Need One (YONO) Lite.
- State Bank of India topped the list of public sector banks writing off loans in FY21 .
- SBI has selected "Paisalo Digital" as the National Corporate Business Correspondent of the Bank.
- 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.



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- Tagline of State Bank of India
- (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
- (2) With you all the way
- (3) A bank of the common man
- (4) The banker to every Indian
- (5) The Nation banks on us

Q. Who among the following has launched India's first saline water lantern "Roshni"?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Draupadi Murmu

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister of State Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh has launched India's first saline water lantern "Roshni".
- ✓ It uses the sea water as the electrolyte between specially designed electrodes to power the LED lamps.
- ✓ This technology can also be used in hinterlands, where sea water is not available.
- ✓ NIOT (National Institute of Ocean Technology) team has invented the Roshini Lamp.

Q. India will start supplying petrol with 20 percent ethanol at select petrol pumps by which year?

- A) 2023
- B) 2025
- C) 2024
- D) 2022

Answer : A

- ✓ India will start supplying petrol with 20% ethanol at select petrol pumps from April 2023.
- ✓ Oil minister Hardeep Puri said a fifth of petrol will be made up of ethanol by 2025.
- ✓ India achieved the target of supplying petrol mixed with 10% ethanol (10% ethanol, 90% petrol) ahead of schedule in June 2022.
- ✓ India is the world's fifth largest producer of ethanol after the US, Brazil, EU and China

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) for protection of its coasts?

- A) Odisha
- B) Rajasthan



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C) Haryana

D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ The Odisha govt has signed an MoU with National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) for protection of its coasts.
- ✓ According to the MoU, the NIOT will provide technical guidance, design, and drawing of climate resilient coastal protection measures to the state govt.
- ✓ Odisha has a vast coastline of about 480 km and the coastal areas are exposed to natural disasters.

ODISHA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

Q. How many Police personnel have been awarded the Police Medals on the occasion of Independence Day, 2022?

A) 1090

B) 1082

C) 1070

D) 1075

Answer : B

- ✓ A total of 1082 Police personnel have been awarded Police Medals on the occasion of Independence Day, 2022.
- ✓ 347 personnel have been awarded for Gallantry while 87 have been awarded for Distinguished Service.
- ✓ CRPF's Charu Sinha bagged 40 gallantry medals, highest in the country among all the forces.
- ✓ The maximum gallantry medals have been received by the CRPF followed by the J&K Police.

Q. Popularly known as the 'Big Bull' of Dalal Street, _ passed away recently.

A) Rameshwar Jhunjhunwala

B) Rahul Jhunjhunwala

C) Ramesh Jhunjhunwala

D) Rekha Jhunjhunwala

Answer : D

- ✓ Ace investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, known as the 'Big Bull' of Dalal Street, passed away on 14 August 2022 at the age of 62.
- ✓ With an estimated net worth of around \$5.8 billion, Jhunjhunwala was the 36th richest billionaire in India.
- ✓ Akasa Air – India's newest budget carrier airline – was one of the business ventures of Jhunjhunwala.
- ✓ He was also the chairman of Hungama Media & Aptech Limited.



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- ✓ He began investing in 1985 with a capital of ₹5,000, with his first major profit in 1986.
- ✓ At the time of his death he had an estimated net worth of \$5.8 billion, making him the 438th richest person in the world.
- ✓ He was also a founder of Akasa Air. He was investigated for insider trading and settled with the SEBI in 2021.
- ✓ Jhunjhunwala was often referred to as "India's Warren Buffett" or the "Big Bull of India", and was widely known for his stock market predictions and bullish outlooks.
- ✓ Jhunjhunwala was born on grew up in a Rajasthani Marwari family, in Mumbai, where his father worked as a Commissioner of Income Tax.

Q. Who has approved President's Tatrakshak Medal (PTM) and Tatrakshak Medal (TM) to the Indian Coast Guard Personnel?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Amit Shah
C) Droupadi Murmu D) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer : D

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has approved President's Tatrakshak Medal (PTM) and Tatrakshak Medal (TM) to the Indian Coast Guard Personnel.
- ✓ They were awarded for their act of conspicuous gallantry, exceptional devotion to duty and distinguished/meritorious service on the eve of the Independence Day 2022.
- ✓ PTM was conferred on IG Dinesh Rajaputhran and Commandant Kunal Chandrakant Naik.
- ✓ Tatrakshak Medal (Gallantry) was conferred on Commandant Kunal Chandrakant Naik.
- ✓ Tatrakshak Medal (Meritorious Service) was conferred on DIG Shri Prashant Kumar Sharma, DIG Shri Pankaj Verma, Shri Prakash

Q. Which of the following regulates the 'Digital lending activities' in India?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released guidelines to strengthen the regulatory framework for digital lending activities.



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- ✓ RBI also specified that the lending business can only be carried out by entities regulated by the central bank or those permitted under the law.
- ✓ This has been released in an effort to mitigate the concerns from credit delivery through digital lending methods.

Q. 'National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM)' which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A) Electronics Manufacturing
- B) Intellectual Property
- C) Climate Change
- D) Food distribution

Answer : C

- ✓ National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) is a programme to spread Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and provide basic training.
- ✓ The program has met its goal of providing the training to one million students on July 31, 2022, before its deadline of August 15, 2022

Q. Which of the following Ministry launched the 'SMILE-75 Initiative'?

- A) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer : B

- ✓ Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging, under the spirit of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ✓ The initiative is called 'SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise' or SMILE-75 Initiative.
- ✓ The initiative will focus on rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities, counselling, awareness, education, skill development and convergence with other Government welfare programmes etc.



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Q. What is the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation recorded in July 2022?

- A) 5.71 % B) 8.71 %
C) 6.71 % D) 7.71 %

Answer : C

- ✓ The retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), eased to 6.71 per cent in July
- ✓ Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- ✓ July 2022- 6.71%
- ✓ June 2022 - 7.01%
- ✓ May 2022 - 7.04%
- ✓ April 2022 - 7.79%
- ✓ March 2022 - 6.95%
- ✓ February 2022 - 6.7%
- ✓ January 2022 - 6.1%
- ✓ CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)
- ✓ Consumer price index (CPI) is a detailed measure used for the estimation of price changes in a basket of goods and services representative of consumption expenditure in an economy.
- ✓ The CPI is released by The National Statistical Organisation (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- ✓ CPI base year 2012.

Q. Which country has become the first country in the world to approve the Omicron vaccine?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ United Kingdom has become the first country in the world to approve an Omicron vaccine.
- ✓ The country has authorized a COVID-19 vaccine tailored to the Omicron Variant. The latest decision will pave the way for an autumn booster campaign using Moderna's two-strain shot. The vaccine has been authorized for use in people aged 18 and above.



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Q. Which of the following organisation unfurled Indian Flag 30 kilometers above the Earth on Independence Day 2022?

- A) Space Kidz India B) Space Zone India
C) Spectra Academy D) Periyar Science and Technology Centre

Answer : A

- ✓ Space Kidz India unfurled the Indian Flag about 30 kilometers above the Earth on Independence Day 2022.
- ✓ The flag was sent to an altitude of 1 lakh 6 thousand feet above the planet on a balloon that unfurled it. The event was part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav slogan and under the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence.

Q. Who has been elected as the President of Kenya?

- A) William Ruto B) Raila Odinga
C) Uhuru Kenyatta D) Kalonzo Musyoka

Answer : A

- ✓ Kenya's Deputy President William Ruto has won the Presidential Elections of Kenya

Q. How many teams are participating in the 2022 edition of the Durand Cup, the oldest football tournament in Asia?

- A) 10
B) 20
C) 15
D) 16

Answer : B

- ✓ The 131st edition of the Durand Cup, Asia's oldest football tournament, began on August 16, 2022.
- ✓ The inaugural match of this tournament will be played between FC Goa and Mohammed SC at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Kridangan, Kolkata.
- ✓ 20 teams are participating in this tournament. It is being jointly hosted by West Bengal, Assam and Manipur.



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Q. Which International Airport in India is set to launch DigiYatra Programme from August 18, 2022?

- A) Chennai International Airport B) Hyderabad International Airport
C) Goa International Airport D) Cochin International Airport

Answer : B

- ✓ Hyderabad International Airport is set to roll out the DigiYatra programme for three months from August 18 onwards.
- ✓ The airport will roll out the Digital processing of the passengers as a proof of concept through the DigiYatra platform.
- ✓ It will facilitate the paperless travel and also avoid multiple identity checks at the airport
- ✓ Rajiv Gandhi International Airport : Hyderabad, Telangana

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2021-22

- Hyderabad International Airport to Roll Out DigiYatra Platform for Paperless Travel From August 18.
- Arunachal Pradesh 3rd Airport Named 'Donyi Polo Airport.'
- PM Modi to inaugurate newly-built Deoghar airport in Jharkhand.
- Airports Council International (ACI) World released the annual World Airport Traffic Dataset
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), United States busiest airports in the world.
- Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi 13th busiest airport in world. {Indian Busiest airport}.
- Delhi Airport or Indira Gandhi International Airport becomes India's first to run entirely on hydro and solar energy.
- Qatar's Hamad International Airport has been named the World's Best Airport.
- Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru was named the finest regional airport in India and South Asia.
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai launched Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid System.
- Government set the target to create 220 new airports by 2025.
- Chennai International Airport ranks 8th in Global List for 'On-Time Performance'.



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- Cochin International Airport bags 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022.
- Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru won two the 'Best Airport' under the General Category, and the 'Aviation Innovation' Award.
- Six Indian Airports named the ACI World's ASQ Awards 2021.
 1. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)
 2. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
 3. Rajiv Gandhi International airport, Hyderabad
 4. Cochin International Airport, Cochin
 5. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
 6. Chandigarh Airport, Chandigarh
- Kochi Airport to become power-positive with new solar plant.
- Airport Council International recognises Mangaluru International Airport with the 'Voice of the Customer' Award.
- Chennai International Airport ranks 8th in Global List for 'On-Time Performance' for 2021 by Cirium.
- GMR Hyderabad International Airport wins the National Energy Conservation Awards 2021.
- PM Modi lays foundation stone of Noida International Airport at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh.
- Hisar Airport renamed as Maharaja Agrasen International Airport, Haryana.
- PM Modi inaugurates Kushinagar International Airport in Uttar Pradesh.
- Airports Authority of India (AAI) manages a total of 137 Airports, which includes 103 Domestic Airports, 24 International Airports, and 10 Customs Airports.

Q. Who has been presented Lifetime Achievement Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) Awards 2022?

A) Saurav Ganguly

B) Sachin Tendulkar

C) Kapil Dev

D) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Answer : C

- ✓ Kapil Dev was presented Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✓ On August 14, 2022, IFFM Awards night was held at the Palais Theatre.
- ✓ '83' was awarded the Best Film.



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- ✓ Shoojit Sircar and Aparna Sen won Best Director for 'Sardar Udham' and 'The Rapist', respectively.
- ✓ Ranveer Singh won Best Actor for '83'.
- ✓ Shefali Shah won Best Actress for 'Jalsa'
- ✓ 'Mumbai Diaries 26/11' won Best Series.
- ✓ Mohit Raina won Best Actor in a Series for Mumbai Diaries 26/11.
- ✓ 'Joyland' won Best Film from the Subcontinent.
- ✓ Abhishek Bachchan won 'Leadership in Cinema Award'.
- ✓ 'Jaggi' won the Best Indie Film.
- ✓ Sakshi Tanwar won Best Actress in a Series for 'Mai'.

Q. Which film has awarded the best Film award at the 13th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2022?

- A) 83
B) Pushpa: The Rise
C) K.G.F: Chapter 2
D) Jai Bhim

Answer : A

- ✓ The 13th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne began on August 12 and will conclude on Aug 30, 2022.
- ✓ On August 14, 2022 the festival's awards night was held at the Palais Theatre.
- ✓ '83' was awarded the Best Film
- ✓ Ranveer Singh won Best Actor for '83'.
- ✓ Shefali Shah won Best Actress for 'Jalsa'.
- ✓ 'Mumbai Diaries 26/11' won Best Series.
- ✓ Mohit Raina won Best Actor in a Series for Mumbai Diaries 26/11.

Q. Who has won the Best Actor award for 83 at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne?

- A) Ranveer Singh
B) Akshay Kumar
C) Ayushman Khurrana
D) Raj Kumar Rao

Answer : A

Q. Which city will hold the 23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) in 2023?

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

Answer : A



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- ✓ Kolkata will hold the 23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) from February 15-17, 2023.
- ✓ It will be organised by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), in association with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI).
- ✓ It will provide an ideal platform for interaction between Indian exporters and overseas importers of the country's marine products.

KOLKATA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Kolkata To Host 23rd Edition Of India International Seafood Show(IISS).
- 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. Which state government has approved Rs 2808.39 crore for the promotion of millets in the tribal areas of the state?

A) Gujarat

B) Kerala

C) Odisha

D) Assam

Answer : C

- ✓ Odisha State Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved Rs 2808.39 crore for the promotion of millets in the tribal areas of the state.



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- IRDAI authorise insurance companies for investment of 25% to 30% of assets in BFSI sector.
- PFRDA and IRDAI granted licence to FinMapp to sell NPS, insurance
- Debasish Panda named as Chairman of IRDAI
- IRDAI: LIC, GIC Re and New India systemically important insurers (D-SIIs) for 2021-22.
- PhonePe receives direct broking licence from IRDAI.
- IRDAI allows launch of 'Corona Kavach' insurance policies.
- IRDAI forms panel for creation of 'Indian Pandemic Risk Pool'.
- IRDAI Approves Merger Of Bharti AXA And ICICI Lombard.
- IRDAI identifies LIC, GIC, New India Assurance as D-SIIs.
- IRDAI Constitutes 9-member Working Group under Suresh Mathur to study feasibility of Indian Pandemic Risk Pool.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)
Founded : 1999
Headquarteres : Hyderabad
Chairman : Debasish Panda

Q. Which of these has found in its research paper that linking Lending Rates to External Benchmark was most effective by far?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The mandate to link lending rates to an external benchmark have led to immediate spikes in interest rate paid by borrowers, making it by far the most effective transmission tool, RBI said in its research paper.
- ✓ It also added that the previous marginal cost of lending rate (MCLR) regime was as less satisfactory as the previous ones like base rate and benchmark prime lending rate

Q. As per the reports, the wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation has moderated to __ in July 2022.

- A) 14.93%
- B) 13.93%
- C) 15.93%
- D) 16.93%



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Answer : B

- ✓ The wholesale-based (WPI) inflation moderated to 13.93% in July as against 15.18% in June 2022.
- ✓ Inflation in food articles basket in July came in at 10.77 percent, meanwhile, the inflation in the manufacturing goods segment declined by 0.42 percent to 8.16 percent.
- ✓ For the fuel and power segment, the WPI number jumped to 43.75 percent in July, from 40.38 percent in June.
- ✓ Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
- ✓ July 2022 - 13.93%
- ✓ June 2022 - 15.18%
- ✓ May 2022 - 15.88%
- ✓ April 2022 - 15.8%
- ✓ March 2022 - 14.55%
- ✓ February 2022 - 13.11%
- ✓ January 2022 - 12.96%
- ✓ WHOLESAL PRICE INDEX (WPI)
- ✓ WPI is an index that measures and tracks the changes in the price of goods in the stages before the retail level.
- ✓ The base year for the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) is 2011-12
- ✓ The WPI is published by the Economic Adviser of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Q. Which state government has implements the 'Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana'?

- A) Goa
- B) Sikkim
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Rajasthan

Answer : D

- ✓ In financial year 2022-2023, Government of Rajasthan has planned to devote more than Rs 17 crore to provide "Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana". Under this scheme, free coaching is provided to students for competitive exams.
- ✓ Budget outlay for this financial year is higher as compared to Rs 3.5 crore in 2021-22.



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RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2021-22

- Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana was launched by chief minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot in 2021-22.
- India's first AI-powered digital Lok Adalat launched in Rajasthan.
- Rajasthan government will introduce India's first right-to-health bill.
- Rajasthan adopts revised criteria for IG Shehri Rozgar Guarantee Yojana.
- According to Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, Rajasthan became the first state in India to reach 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations.
- Rajasthan has become India's first state to install an L-Route server to provide uninterrupted internet access.
- Gangaur festival is celebrated in Rajasthan and some parts of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and West Bengal.
- Rajasthan Diwas is observed on March 30th every year; 73rd foundation day 2022.
- Rajasthan govt announces 'Camel Protection and Development Policy'.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) will conduct the Exercise Vayu Shakti that will take place at Pokharan range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- Maru Mahotsav of the Golden City Or Jaisalmer Desert Festival Celebrated In Rajasthan.
- Saubhagya Scheme: Rajasthan tops solar electrification Scheme.
- Azure Power commissioned 600 MW solar project by SECI in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- India's 1st Emergency Landing Facility on National Highway in Rajasthan.
- Rajasthan govt to start 'Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Energy Yojana' for farmers.
- Ramgarh Vishdhari to be the fourth tiger reserve in Rajasthan.
- Rajasthan govt will set Vedic Education and Sanskar Board.
- Rajasthan Govt Launches "Mukhyamantri Anuprati"- A Free Coaching Scheme for Underprivileged Children.
- Rajasthan becomes the 1st state to provide free health insurance to all.
- First farm-based solar power plant comes up in Rajasthan.
- Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Jagannath Pahadia passes away.
- BSF launches Operation 'Sard Hawa' at Rajasthan border.



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Q. What is the name of the Centre's passenger processing system based on facial recognition technology?

- A) NipunYatra
B) DigiYatra
C) Bharat Yatra
D) Pradhan Mantri Digital Yatra Abhiyan

Answer : B

- ✓ Minister of State for Civil Aviation VK Singh announced that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is working on the country's first facial recognition technology-based biometric boarding system.
- ✓ It is to be piloted for passengers at Varanasi, Pune, Kolkata and Vijayawada airports.
- ✓ This biometric boarding system is part of the first phase of Digi Yatra scheme. The Digi Yatra initiative seeks to promote paperless air travel.
- ✓ It is a biometrics-based digital processing system for passenger entry and related requirements. The system is set to be launched in early 2022.

Q. Which State/UTs government has launched Village Defence Guards Scheme?

- A) Ladakh
B) Jammu and Kashmir
C) Kerala
D) Chhattisgarh

Answer : B

- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs has sanctioned approval for the creation of Village Defence Guard Scheme – 2022 in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ Earlier, this scheme was known as Village Defence Committee in which volunteers from villages were trained by the Indian Army and Police.
- ✓ Under this scheme, rifles were provided to VDC's and they protected their villages from terrorist attacks and terror-related activities.

Q. India may become a USD 5 trillion economy by 2028-29 only if the GDP grows at nine percent per annum consistently for the next five years, who has given this statement?

- A) Raghuram Rajan
B) Bimal Jalan
C) Urjit Patel
D) D. Subbarao

Answer : D

- ✓ India may become a USD 5 trillion economy by 2028-29 only if the GDP grows at nine percent per annum consistently for the next five years, former RBI Governor D Subbarao



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- ✓ Speaking at the Federation of Telangana Chamber of Commerce and Industry on India @75- Marching Towards USD 5 Trillion Economy on the occasion of 75 years of Indian Independence, he said there are eight key challenges for India to overcome to achieve the dream of 5 trillion economy.

Q. Which day in August 2022, was observed as the 136th death anniversary of Ramkrishna Paramhansa?

- A) 16 August
- B) 15 August
- C) 13 August
- D) 14 August

Answer : B

- ✓ 16 August 2022 marked the 136th death anniversary of Ramkrishna Paramhansa.
- ✓ He was one of the most prominent religious figures of India during the 19th century.
- ✓ He was an influential yogi and mystic and founder of the Ramakrishna Order.
- ✓ He passed away in 1886.
- ✓ After his death, his chief disciple Swami Vivekananda popularized his ideas, and founded the Ramakrishna Math

Q. Which Indian former prime minister's death anniversary was observed on 16 August 2022?

- A) Gulzarilal Nanda
- B) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- C) Indira Gandhi
- D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Answer : D

- ✓ 16 August 2022 marked the 4th death anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ✓ He served as the Prime Minister of India for three terms.
- ✓ Vajpayee first took charge as Prime Minister of India for a short period in 1996, followed by a second and a third term between 1998-2004.
- ✓ He was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan in 1992.
- ✓ Union government declared in 2014 that Vajpayee's birthday, 25 December, would be marked as Good Governance Day.
- ✓ In 2015, he was conferred India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, by the president of India, Pranab Mukherjee.



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- ✓ Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1924- 2018), leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) & was three times the Prime minister of India (1996, 1998–1999, 1999-2004).
- ✓ As Prime Minister:
- ✓ First term: May 1996: only 13 days, after failing to attract support from other parties.
- ✓ Second term: 1998–1999: BJP won a record number of seats,
- ✓ Third term: 1999–2004.
- ✓ During his tenure as Prime minister, India carried out the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998.

Q. Which of the following has launched a pan-India operation known as Operation 'Yatri Suraksha' to provide round-the-clock security to passengers?

- A) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- B) Railway Protection Force (RPF)
- C) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- D) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

Answer : B

- ✓ To improve the security of passengers, the Indian Railway along with the Railway Protection Force (RPF), have launched a pan-India operation known as Operation "Yatri Suraksha". Under this initiative, several steps are taken to provide round-the-clock security to passengers.
- ✓ Facilities like surveillance through CCTV, checking on active criminals, presence of a person at different stations, escorting the train, providing assistance to identify black spots or crime-prone trains, increasing security threats and planning strategies to reduce crime will be provided.
- ✓ To kickstart Operation Yatri Suraksha, the RPF launched a month-long pan-India drive against criminals who loot passengers in July 2022. During the drive, the RPF caught 365 suspects who were handed over to the concerned GRPs for legal action.
- ✓ To make sure passengers are safe and secure, regular coordination will be conducted by all the stakeholders and joint action will be taken



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IMPORTANT OPERATION & CODE NAME IN NEWS 2021-22

- OPERATION YATRI SURAKSHA
To give assurance of the safety to the passengers, the Indian railways with the coordination of Railway Protection Force has launched a pan India drive under the code name Operation Yatri Suraksha.
- OPERATION "NARCOS"
Railway Protection Force (RPF) recently recovered narcotic products worth Rs 7.40 crore under "Operation Narcos".
- OPERATION SANKALP
Indian Navy's stealth Frigate, INS Talwar is presently deployed for Op-Sankalp commemorating the 3rd continuous year of Indian Navy's presence in the Gulf.
- OPERATION SATARK
Railway Protection Force (RPF) has recently started "Operation Satark" taking action against illicit liquor, fake currency circulation, etc.
- OPERATION GANGA
India launches mission named Operation Ganga to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine
- OPERATION AAHT
Indian Railway Protection Force has launched a nationwide operation to curb human trafficking
- OPERATION DEVI SHAKTI
India's complex mission of evacuating its citizens from war-torn Afghanistan.
- OPERATION BLUE FREEDOM
Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar flags off 'Operation Blue Freedom' to create a World Record at Siachen Glacier.
- OPERATION PARAVAAH
Cochin airport launches 'Operation Paravaah' for flood control.
- OPERATION CO-JEET
Launched by armed forces to fight COVID-19 in day.
- OPERATION SAMUDRA SETU-II



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Indian Navy launches for Speedy Shipment of Oxygen-filled Containers to India From Other Nations.

➤ OPERATION SARD HAWA

Border Security Force (BSF) launched to the western international border of Rajasthan.

➤ OPERATION MY SAHELI

South Eastern Railway launches to ensure security of women passengers

Q. Who has been appointed as the managing director (MD) of the Centre and the board of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) in August 2022?

A) Shanti Lal Jain

B) G Rajkiran Rai

C) Atanu Kumar Das

D) S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

Answer : B

- ✓ The Centre and the board of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) has appointed Rajkiran Rai G as its managing director (MD) for nearly five years.
- ✓ Last year in October 2021, the Centre had appointed K V Kamath as chairperson of NaBFID.
- ✓ Subsequently, Pankaj Jain and Sumita Dawra were appointed directors to the board
- ✓ NaBFID is a newly created development finance institution (DFI) that has been set up by the government to support the development of long-term non-recourse infrastructure financing, including the development of the bonds and derivatives markets necessary for infrastructure financing and to carry on the business of financing infrastructure.
- ✓ Earlier this year, the Government had infused ₹ 20,000 crore into NaBFID
- ✓ KV Kamath is the chairman of NaBFID
- ✓ NaBFID is a newly set up development financial institution (DFIs) in India.
- ✓ The authorized share capital of the NaBFID is Rs one lakh crore. The initial paid-up capital of NaBFID is Rs 20,000 crore.

Q. According to a survey by Ipsos India, which of the following is NOT in the list of the three most trusted institutions in the country?

A) Defence forces

B) Reserve Bank of India

C) Prime Minister's Office

D) NITI Aayog



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Answer : D

- ✓ Defence forces, RBI and Prime Minister of India are the three most trusted institutions in the country, according to a survey by Ipsos India.
- ✓ The Supreme Court of India came fourth and it was followed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- ✓ The survey was conducted by Ipsos India and interviewed 2,950 adults including females.
- ✓ Ranked first are the Defence Forces with at least 2 in 3 (65%) citizens reposing their faith in them, ranked second was the RBI with 1 in 2 (50%) choosing them, ranked third was the PM of India chosen by 49% of citizens polled, and rank fourth was bagged by the Supreme Court of India (47%), rank fifth occupied by the CBI (43%) and rank 6th by the Police (38%).
- ✓ This was followed by the Parliament (33%) ranked 7th, the media ranked 8th on the list while placed 9th was the Election Commission of India (31%).

Q. President Droupadi Murmu has approved how many gallantry awards to armed forces and CAPF personnel?

- A) 127 B) 107
C) 147 D) 137

Answer : B

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has approved 107 gallantry awards to armed forces and CAPF personnel.
- ✓ The awards include three Kirti Chakra, 13 Shaurya Chakras, two bar to Sena Medals (gallantry), 81 Sena Medals (gallantry), one Nao Sena Medal (gallantry) and seven Vayu Sena Medals (gallantry).
- ✓ 8 Shaurya Chakras have been awarded to army personnel, including two posthumously.
- ✓ Naik Devendra Pratap Singh has been awarded the second highest peacetime gallantry award Kirti Chakra.
- ✓ Naik Devendra Pratap Singh was a part of an operation in Pulwama on January 29 where he killed two hardcore terrorists in a gunfight, showing exceptional bravery.
- ✓ Sepoy Karn Veer Singh and Gunner Jasbir Singh have been awarded the Shaurya Chakra posthumously.
- ✓ Following is the list of gallantry awards approved by President Murmu-
- ✓ KIRTI CHAKRA



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1. NK Devendra Pratap Singh, Armd, 55 RR
 2. Sudip Sarkar, Constable/gd, BSF (Posthumous)
 3. Paotinsat Guite, Sub-inspector/gd, BSF (Posthumous)
- ✓ SHAURYA CHAKRA
1. Maj Nitin Dhaania, 2 Para (SF)
 2. Maj Amit Dahiya, Sm, 1 Para (SF)
 3. Maj Sandeep Kumar, Grenadiers, 55 RR
 4. Maj Abhishek Singh, Mech Inf, 50 RR
 5. Hav Ghanshyam, Grenadiers, 55 RR
 6. L/nk Raghendra Singh, Mech Inf, 9 RR
 7. Sep Karn Veer Singh, Rajput, 44 RR (Posthumous)
 8. Gnr Jasbir Singh, Arty, 19 RR (Posthumous)
 9. Lt Cdr Mritunjay Kumar
 10. Amit Kumar, Assistant Commandant, CRPF
 11. Somay Vinayak Munde, IPS, 12. Addl. Superintendent of Police, Maharashtra Police
 12. Ravindra Kashinath Naitam, Police Naik, Maharashtra Police
 13. Tikaram Sampatrao Katenge, Police Naik, Maharashtra Police
- ✓ BAR TO SENA MEDAL (GALLANTRY)
1. Maj Archit Sharma, Sena Medal, Mech Inf, 42 RR
 2. Maj Narender Singh Waldia, Sena Medal, Engrs, 44 RR
- ✓ Param Vir Chakra is the highest gallantry award in India.
- ✓ Wartime Gallantry Awards:
- ✓ They were established on 26 January 1950.
 - ✓ Param Vir Chakra : Highest-military award in India. The name of this award is "Wheel of the ultimate brave".
 - ✓ Maha Vir Chakra : The second-highest military decoration in India.
 - ✓ Vir Chakra : Third in precedence in the awards for wartime gallantry
- ✓ Peacetime Gallantry Awards:
- ✓ They were established on 4 January 1952.



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- ✓ Ashoka Chakra : Most conspicuous bravery or some act of daring or pre-eminent act of valor or self-sacrifice otherwise than in the face of the enemy.
- ✓ Kirti Chakra : Second, in order of a military decoration award.
- ✓ Shaurya Chakra : Third in order of Indian military decoration award

Q. What is the name of the national campaign launched to focus on development of children in the first two years?

A) Putra 1000

B) Paalan 1000

C) Sukanya 1000

D) Matritva 1000

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar has launched the Paalan 1000 National Campaign and Parenting App as part of the Early Childhood Development Conclave.
- ✓ The Conclave was virtually launched by MoS Health in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✓ At the launch event for the conclave, Ms Pawar noted that from 2014 onwards, India has taken rapid strides to curb child mortality from 45 per 1000 births to 35 per 1000 birth in 2019. Dr Vinod K Paul, Member (Health & Nutrition), NITI Aayog was also present for the inauguration of the Conclave in Mumbai.

Q. What is the name of the Arunachal Pradesh's third airport, which is now under construction in Itanagar?

A) Lilalabari Rupsi Airport

B) Donyi Polo Airport

C) Tezu Polo Airport

D) Lengpui Airport

Answer : B

- ✓ The third airport in Arunachal Pradesh, which is now under construction in Itanagar, has been given the name "Donyi Polo Airport" by the Arunachal Pradesh administration.
- ✓ The name stands for the indigenious respect for the Sun (Donyi) and the Moon (Polo) among the populace.
- ✓ It will be a 16th fully operational airport in the north India.
- ✓ The "Donyi Polo Airport" in Itanagar would be Arunachal Pradeshs third airport after Pasighat and Tezu airports and northeast Indias 16th airport



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Q. Which Ministry has announced that Rs 30,000 crore has been sanctioned for projects aimed at cleaning Ganga and its tributaries?

- A) Amit Shah
B) Narendra Modi
C) Nitin Gadkari
D) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Answer : D

- ✓ Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat announced that More than Rs 30,000 crore has been sanctioned for projects aimed at cleaning Ganga and its tributaries.
- ✓ According to him The graph of requirements of our natural resources and economic development is identical.
- ✓ This Money will be utilized to clean the Ganga River and its Tributaries

Q. Which Indian Navy Ship has reached a milestone after reaching San Diego to conduct a 75 Lap "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav"?

- A) INS Vikrant
B) INS Kolkata
C) INS Satpura
D) INS Vikramaditya

Answer : C

- ✓ INS Satpura has reached a milestone after reaching San Diego to conduct a 75 Lap "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" and it is the first time an Indian Naval Warship has reached the west coast of North America
- ✓ The arrival of INS Satpura to the San Diego US Navy Base is a historic event as it is the first time an Indian Naval Warship has reached the western coast of North America

Q. Which bank has initiated insolvency proceedings in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) against Bajaj Hindusthan Sugar following the classification of the company's loans as non-performing asset (NPA)?

- A) Bank of Baroda
B) Canara Bank
C) State Bank of India
D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ SBI has initiated insolvency proceedings in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) against Bajaj Hindusthan Sugar following the classification of the company's loans as non-performing asset (NPA) last month.
- ✓ The NPA tag was the result of a default on loans worth Rs 4,814 crore.



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- ✓ The company owes banks Rs 6,090.58 crore, according to a rating report by Care Ratings dated December 24, 2021.

Q. Which of the following has paid Rs 8312.4 crore to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) towards dues for spectrum acquired in the recently concluded 5G auctions?

- A) Jio
- B) Bharti Airtel
- C) BSNL
- D) Vodafone Idea

Answer : B

- ✓ Bharti Airtel has paid Rs 8312.4 crore to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) towards dues for spectrum acquired in the recently concluded 5G auctions.
- ✓ With this, Airtel has paid four years of the 2022 spectrum dues upfront.
- ✓ Airtel picked up 19.867 GHz of spectrum across 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 3300 MHz, and 26 GHz bands.
- ✓ Its total spending in the auction was Rs 43084 crore.
- ✓ Bharti Airtel
 - Founded : 1995
 - Founder : Sunil Bharti Mittal
 - Headquarters : New Delhi
 - Chairman : Sunil Bharti Mittal
 - MD & CEO : Gopal Vittal

Q. Which institution has successfully developed by 3D-printed an artificial cornea (3D-printed Human Cornea) and placed it in a rabbit eye for the first time ever in India?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ First time in India, researchers from Hyderabad have successfully 3D-printed an artificial cornea and transplanted it into a rabbit eye.
- ✓ In the major collaborative effort, researchers from L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H), and the Center for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), have developed a 3D-printed cornea from the human donor corneal tissue



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Q. Who has been appointed as the new executive secretary of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)?

- A) Simon Stiell
B) Hamid Bobboyi
C) Preeti Sinha
D) Salvador Medialdea

Answer : A

- ✓ United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced 15th August 2022 the appointment of Simon Stiell of Grenada as Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ✓ The appointment has been made after consultation with the Conference of Parties through its Bureau.
- ✓ He will succeed Patricia Espinosa of Mexico to whom the Secretary-General is grateful for her commitment and dedicated service to the Organization.
- ✓ About, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ✓ Till date, it has been ratified by 197 countries.
- ✓ UNFCCC is headquartered in Bonn, Germany
- ✓ UNFCCC is the parent treaty of the 2015 Paris Agreement as well as 1997 Kyoto Protocol.
- ✓ The UNFCCC was established to work towards “stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere
- ✓ 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC was originally scheduled to take place from 9-19 November 2020, in Glasgow, UK.
- ✓ 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the UNFCCC will take place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
- ✓ 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28) to the UNFCCC is scheduled to take place from 6-17 November 2023. It will take place in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Q. The south London home of__has been honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque.

- A) Dadabhai Naoroji
B) Motilal Nehru
C) Bipin Chandra Pal
D) Lala Lajpat Rai

Answer : A

- ✓ The south London home of Dadabhai Naoroji has been honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque.



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- ✓ The red-brick home now has a plaque which mentions : “Dadabhai Naoroji 1825-1917 Indian Nationalist and MP lived here”.
- ✓ He was born in Mumbai, who known as the “grand old man of India”.
- ✓ The Blue Plaque scheme is run by the English Heritage charity and honours the historic significance of particular buildings across London

Q. Which state/UT launched the first flight of drone service – ‘Medicine from the sky’?

- A) Madhya Pradesh B) Bihar
C) Chhattisgarh D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu successfully launched the state’s first drone service - ‘Medicine from the sky’ from Seppa to Chayang Tajo in East Kameng district

Q. Recently 11 new wetlands from India have been added to the Ramsar sites list. What is the total Ramsar sites tally so far in India?

- A) 58 B) 69
C) 81 D) 75

Answer : D

RAMSAR SITES IN NEWS 2021-22

- India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites to make a total of 75 such sites covering an area of 13,26,677 hectares in the country. 75 Ramsar Sites in 75th Year of Independence India.
 1. Tampara Lake in Odisha;
 2. Hirakud Reservoir in Odisha;
 3. Ansupa Lake in Odisha;
 4. Yashwant Sagar in Madhya Pradesh;
 5. Chitragudi Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
 6. Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex in Tamil Nadu;
 7. Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
 8. Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;



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9. Thane Creek in Maharashtra;
 10. Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir;
 11. Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir.
- India has designated 10 more wetlands as Ramsar sites recently the total Ramsar sites in India has become 64, covering an area of 12,50,361 ha.
 1. Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary - Tamil Nadu
 2. Satkosia Gorge - Odisha
 3. Nanda Lake - Goa
 4. Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve - Tamil Nadu
 5. Ranganathituu BS - Karnataka.
 6. Vembannur Wetland Complex - Tamil Nadu.
 7. Sirpur wetland - Madhya Pradesh.
 8. Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary - Tamil Nadu.
 9. Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary - Tamil Nadu.
 10. Vellode Bird Sanctuary - Tamil Nadu
 - Government of India Designates 5 New Ramsar Sites, taking total number to 54.
 1. Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu
 2. Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest, Tamil Nadu
 3. Pichavaram Mangrove, Tamil Nadu
 4. Pala wetland, Mizoram
 5. Sakhya Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.
 - Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat & Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in UP listed as India's 48th & 49th Ramsar sites.
 - 2nd February 2022 marked the 51st anniversary of the Ramsar Convention, the day which is also celebrated as World Wetlands Day.
 - Uttar Pradesh's Haiderpur Wetland Recognized as 47th Ramsar Site in India.
 - Four new sites of India added to Ramsar list as 'wetlands of International importance (Thol - Gujarat, Wadhvana-Gjarat, Sultanpur - Haryana & Bhindawas -Haryana).
 - Ladakh's Tso Kar wetland complex added to list of Ramsar sites.
 - Lonar Lake in Buldhana district of Maharashtra selected under 'Ramsar site'.



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- Keetham lake, also known as Sur Sarovar, in Agra of Uttar Pradesh added to Ramsar sites.
- Asan Conservation Reserve gets first Ramsar site tag from Uttarakhand, Dehradun district.
- Kabartal Wetland becomes Bihar's first Ramsar site, Begusarai district.
- There are 75 Ramsar sites in India.
- Ramsar Convention on Wetlands is an international treaty for "the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands".
- It is also known as the Convention on Wetlands and is named after the city of Ramsar in Iran.
- Ramsar Convention or the Convention of Wetlands was established in 1971 and came into force in the year 1975, upon receipt by UNESCO.
- Ramsar convention came into force on 1 December 1975.
- India signed the Ramsar Convention on 1 February 1982.
- Sundarban wetlands (West Bengal) are the largest Ramsar site in India.
- Chilika Lake (Orissa) and Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan) were recognized as the first Ramsar Sites of India.
- Tamil Nadu has the highest number of 14 Ramsar sites in India.
- Renuka Wetland in Himachal Pradesh is the smallest wetland of India.
- Chilka lake and Keoladeo Ghana National Park is the oldest Ramsar site in India which was declared in 1981.
- World's First Ramsar site was identified in 1974, which was the Cobourg Peninsula in Australia.
- The United Kingdom has the world's largest number of Ramsar Sites i.e. 175. and Mexico (142).
- Bolivia (148,000 sq. kms) has the largest area under Ramsar protection.
- There are currently over 2,424 Ramsar Sites around the world. They cover over 2.5 million square kms, an area larger than Mexico.

Q. Identify the incorrect option with regard to the wetlands designated as Ramsar sites?

- A) Ansupa Lake - Odisha
- B) Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary - Tamil Nadu
- C) Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve - Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary - Karnataka

Answer : D



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- ✓ Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu
- ✓ India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites to make total 75 Ramsar sites covering an area of 13,26,677 Hectare in the country in the 75th year of Independence.
- ✓ Of the 11 new sites four are in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two in Jammu & Kashmir, and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of Ramsar sites at 14, followed by Uttar Pradesh which has 10.
- ✓ India is one of the Contracting Parties to Ramsar Convention, signed in Ramsar, Iran in 1971. India signed it on 1st February 1982. From 1982 to 2013, a total of 26 sites were added to the list of Ramsar sites
- ✓ From 2014 to 2022, the country has added 49 new wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites.
- ✓ The 11 Indian wetlands which have been designated as new Ramsar sites
 1. Tampara Lake – Odisha
 2. Hirakud Reservoir – Odisha
 3. Ansupa Lake – Odisha
 4. Yashwant Sagar – Madhya Pradesh
 - 5..Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary – Tamil Nadu
 6. Such-dram Theroor Wetland Complex – Tamil Nadu
 7. Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary – Tamil Nadu
 8. Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary – Tamil Nadu
 9. Thane Creek – Maharashtra
 10. Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve – Jammu and Kashmir
 11. Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve – Jammu and Kashmir

Q. Identify the correct option with respect to wetlands designated as Ramsar sites?

- A) Tampara Lake - Madhya Pradesh
- B) Yashwant Sagar - Odisha
- C) Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex - Karnataka
- D) Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve - Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : D

- ✓ Tampara Lake in Odisha



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- ✓ Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex in Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Yashwant Sagar in Madhya Pradesh;

Q. The newly designated Ramsar site, Hirakud Reservoir is in which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh B) Odisha
C) Tamil Nadu D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Hirakud Reservoir in Odisha

Q. The newly designated Ramsar site, Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary is in which state?

- A) Odisha B) Tamil Nadu
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : B

Q. The Border Road Organization (BRO) will construct a pilot road using steel slag in which state, which can withstand heavy rains and adverse climatic conditions?

- A) Odisha B) Uttarakhand
C) Himachal Pradesh D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Border Road Organization (BRO) will construct a pilot road using steel slag in Arunachal Pradesh, which can withstand heavy rains and adverse climatic conditions.
- ✓ The project was developed with the aim to “convert waste to wealth” and around one lakh tones of processed steel slag aggregates have been utilized here substituting the natural aggregate.
- ✓ If this is found successful, then this can become a big solution for building durable roads along strategic areas.
- ✓ This project has been initiated after the success of using 100% steel slag on a port connectivity road in Gujarat, which has longer life and built at low cost.

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- Border Road Organization (BRO) to build First Steel Slag Road in Arunachal Pradesh
- “BRO Cafes” to be established at 75 border areas in 12 states and UTs, Defense Ministry Approved.



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- BRO celebrates its 62nd raising day on 7th May 2022.
- BRO's Atal Tunnel Receives 'Best Infrastructure Project' Award
- BRO to construct world's highest tunnel at Shinku La Pass connecting Himachal Pradesh to Ladakh at 16,580 feet.
- BRO received Guinness World Record for world's highest motorable road Umlingla Pass.
- BRO Builds World's Highest Motorable Road Umlingla Pass in eastern Ladakh at 19,300 ft
- Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
Formation : 7 May 1960
Headquarters : New Delhi
Director General : Rajeev Chaudhary

Q. Who has launched India's first Companionship Startup for the senior citizens?

- A) Gautam Adani
- B) Ratan Tata
- C) Azim Premji
- D) Mukesh Ambani

Answer : B

- ✓ Industrialist Ratan Tata launched India's companionship startup for senior citizens, Goodfellows, in a bid to encourage intergenerational friendships
- ✓ Shantanu Naidu, an MBA from Cornell University, founded the Goodfellows startup. The 28-year-old is a General Manager at Mr Tata's office and is the fifth generation of his family to work in the Tata Group.
- ✓ At the launch of Goodfellows, Ratan Tata said, "You do not know what it is like to be lonely until you spend time alone wishing for companionship."
- ✓ The startup appoints young graduates, 'Goodfellows', who help in assisting the senior citizens and provide companionship, "similar to what a grandkid would do".
- ✓ With 15 million elderlies in India living alone, either due to the loss of a partner, or families moving away for unavoidable work reasons, many of them have caregivers but the issue of loneliness or lack of company has been the primary reason for deteriorating mental and physical health



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Q. **What percentage of interest subsidy on short-term agricultural loan up to 3 lakh rupees has been approved by the cabinet?**

- A) 3.1% B) 2.6%
- C) 1.9% D) 1.5%

Answer : D

- ✓ Union cabinet has approved to restore interest subvention on short term agriculture loans to 1.5% for all financial institutions.
- ✓ Thus, interest subvention of 1.5% will be provided to lending institutions for the financial year 2022-23 to 2024-25 for lending short term agri-loans upto Rs 3 lakh to the farmers
- ✓ Increase in interest subvention will ensure sustainability of credit flow in the agriculture sector as well as ensure financial health and viability of the lending institutions especially regional rural banks & cooperative banks, ensuring adequate agriculture credit in rural economy.
- ✓ Farmers will continue to avail short term agriculture credit at interest rate of 4% per annum while repaying the loan in time.
- ✓ Under this scheme, short term agriculture loan upto Rs 3 lakh is available to farmers engaged in agriculture and other allied activities including animal husbandry, dairying, poultry, fisheries etc. at the rate of 7% p.a.
- ✓ This increase in interest subvention support requires additional budgetary provisions of Rs 34,856 crore for the period of 2022-23 to 2024-25 under the scheme
- ✓ Union Cabinet also approved raising the outlay of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECGLS) by Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 5 lakh crore

Q. **Which one has launched its mobile app and e-portal to provide digital personal loan in august 2022?**

- A) Indel Money Ltd B) Bajaj Finserv
- C) Muthoot Finance Ltd D) Manappuram Finance Limited

Answer : A

- ✓ Indel Money Limited, the gold loan NBFC, has launched on its mobile app and e-portal a digital personal loan. Initially offered for its existing customers, the service will be completely digitised with faster loan disbursement experience.



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- ✓ The roll-out of the digital personal loan marks its foray into the personal loan segment. In the initial phase, it plans to leverage the existing customer base and would gradually open this space for others across varied income segments
- ✓ This exercise is part of Indel Money's ongoing digital transformation drive. The company, in the recent past, had launched online gold loan facility in select markets.
- ✓ The loan would be sanctioned based on the average transaction value in the previous 12 months. The rate of interest will be 10-20 per cent based on the individual credit score. The repayment tenure is in the bracket of 3-6 months
- ✓ The NBFC has launched this product across 225 branches based in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha.

Q. Union Minister of Road, Transport & Highway Nitin Gadkari has launched India's first electric double-decker bus in which city?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Minister of Road, Transport & Highway Nitin Gadkari has launched India's first electric double-decker bus in Mumbai.
- ✓ Two new electric buses, including the first air-conditioned double-decker bus in the country, will join the fleet of the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST).
- ✓ A single-decker electric bus for app-based premium bus service and a double-decker air-conditioned bus was launched at a function held at NCPA in south Mumbai

Q. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched the 'Make India No. 1' mission to make India the number one country in the world. How many vision points of this initiative?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched the 'Make India No. 1' mission to make India the number one country in the world.
- ✓ The five-point vision of this initiative-



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1. Free education
 2. Free treatment
 3. Employment for youth
 4. Equal rights, dignity and security for women
 5. Fair price to farmers for their produce
- ✓ This mission was launched at the Talkatora Stadium in Delhi.
 - ✓ During the launch, he urged every citizen to join this mission and make India No. 1 in the world.

Q. Which of the following bank has launched the 'Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme'?

- A) Canara Bank B) Kotak Mahindra Bank
C) Bank of Baroda D) Yes Bank

Answer : C

- ✓ Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched the 'Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme', a special retail term deposit product that offers interest rates of 5.75% for 444 days and 6% for 555 days.
- ✓ This scheme is applicable on retail deposits below Rs 2 crore and remains in force till December 31, 2022.
- ✓ Senior citizens will earn an additional interest rate of 0.50%, while non-callable deposits will get 0.15% extra.
- ✓ Bank of Baroda (BOB)
Founded : 1908
HQ : Varodara, Gujarat
MD & CEO : Sanjiv Chadha
Tagline : India's International Bank
BOB Becomes 3rd Largest Bank As Dena, Vijaya Merger Take Effect

Q. Which bank has launched a new Term Deposit Scheme named KBL Amrit Samriddhi?

- A) IndusInd Bank B) Karnataka Bank
C) Karur Vysya Bank D) Dhanlaxmi Bank

Answer : B



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- ✓ Karnataka Bank has launched a new Term Deposit Scheme named KBL Amrit Samridhi under Abhyudaya Cash Certificate (ACC) and Fixed Deposit for a tenure of 75 weeks (525 days).
- ✓ The interest rate for this Deposit Scheme is 6.10% per annum.
- ✓ With the new product, KBL Amrit Samridhi, the bank has extended the benefit of increase in the interest rates to customers
- ✓ KARNATAKA BANK
Founded : 1924
Headquarters : Mangaluru, Karnataka
MD & CEO : Mahabaleshwara M. S
Chairman : Pradeep Kumar Panja
Tagline : Your Family Bank Across India

Q. Paytm has partnered with which company to deploy smart PoS (Point-of-Sale) devices?

- A) Samsung
- B) Nokia
- C) OPPO
- D) Apple

Answer : A

- ✓ Paytm has partnered with Samsung stores across India to provide smart payments as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through deployment of point-of-sale devices.
- ✓ The partnership will enable consumers purchasing Samsung devices- laptops, smartphones, television, smart watches, etc.- from any authorized store in the country to pay through Paytm payment instruments, including UPI, wallet, buy now pay later scheme, debit cards, and credit cards.
- ✓ Paytm through its Postpaid service will provide credit limit of up to Rs 60,000 per month.
- ✓ It will also give customers an option to avail personal loan of up to Rs 2 lakh through financial institution partners of Paytm
- ✓ Samsung (South Korea Company)
Founded : 1938
Founder : Lee Byung-chul
Headquarters : Seoul, South Korea
Chairman : Lee Jae-yong
- ✓ PAYTM



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Founded : August 2010

Headquarteres : Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Owner : One97 Communications Ltd.

Founder(s) : Vijay Shekhar Sharma

CEO : Varun Sridhar

President : Amit Nayyar

Vice president : Ajay Shekhar Sharma

Q. Which of the following bank has signed an MoU with FCI to provide “Ultima Salary Package”?

A) Axis Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) HDFC Bank

D) ICICI Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Axis Bank has signed an MoU with Food Corporation of India (FCI) to provide “Ultima Salary Package” with exclusive benefits & features to all its employees.
- ✓ Through this exclusive Ultima Salary package, the Bank will offer numerous benefits such as –
- ✓ Personal Accidental cover of up to Rs.20 lakhs
- ✓ Additional Education Grant upto Rs. 8 lakhs
- ✓ Total Permanent Disability Cover benefit up to Rs. 20 lakhs
- ✓ Permanent Partial disability cover of up to Rs.20 lakhs
- ✓ Air Accident cover of Rs. 1 Crore
- ✓ Free additional debit card for a family member
- ✓ 12 equated monthly instalment (EMI) waiver on Home loan
- ✓ 3 zero balance accounts for family member
- ✓ AXIS BANK

Founded : 1993

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Rakesh Makhija

MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary

Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi



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- ✓ Food Corporation of India (FCI)
Founded : 14 January 1965
Headquarters : New Delhi
Chairman & Managing Director : Atish Chandra.
- ✓ FCI is a statutory body created and run by the Government of India. It is under the ownership of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India formed by the enactment of Food Corporation Act, 1964

Q. Who has been recommended by the Bureau of Financial Services Institutions (FSIB) for the post of Chairman of NABARD?

- A) Sivasubramanian Ramann B) Madhabi Puri Buch
C) Mohammad Mustafa D) Biswamohan Mahapatra

Answer : C

- ✓ The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended Mohammad Mustafa for the post of NABARD Chairman.
- ✓ Mustafa, a 1995 batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, served as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- ✓ Prior to this, he had served as a Joint Secretary in the Department of Financial Services and also as a director. He had also served as CMD of National Housing Bank between 2014-15 and as MD of CERSAI in 2016.
- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the cabinet headed by PM Modi will take the final decision.
- ✓ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
Founded : 12 July 1982
HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chairman : Govinda Rajulu Chintala
- ✓ Government of India now holds 100% stake.
- ✓ NABARD established on the recommendations of B.Sivaramman Committee

Q. Which of the following country has signed a \$750 billion climate change and health care bill?

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



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Answer : A

- ✓ United States President Joe Biden has signed a massive climate change and health care spending bill.
- ✓ According to the White House, the \$750 billion bill is one of the government's biggest commitments to climate change in the country's history
- ✓ The White House says Biden's Inflation Reduction Act will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about one billion tons in 2030
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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).

Q. Which state government has launched 'Aama Yojana' & 'Vatsalya Yojana' for the welfare of women of the state in August 2022?

- A) Assam
- B) Odisha
- C) Sikkim
- D) Telangana

Answer : C

- ✓ Sikkim Chief Minister P S Tamang on 15 August 2022 launched 2 schemes, 'Aama Yojana' & 'Vatsalya Yojana' for the welfare of women of the state.
- ✓ Under Aama Yojana all unemployed mothers in the state will receive Rs 20,000 annually which will be deposited in their bank accounts.



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- ✓ Under Vatsalya Yojana an aid of Rs 3 lakh will be provided to childless women for in vitro fertilization treatment

Q. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed whom to the 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel?

- A) Ramesh Kandula B) Alkesh Kumar Sharma
C) Alok Chakrawal D) Rajendra Singh

Answer : B

- ✓ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed India's Electronics and Information Technology Secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma to the 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel.
- ✓ In addition, Guterres' envoy on technology, Amandeep Singh Gill, was also appointed to the panel.
- ✓ The panel's role is to deal with "strategic and urgent issues" of the internet

Q. Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Reza Bin Mohd Sany is on an official visit to India from 16-19 August 2022. He is the Chief of Royal Navy of which country?

- A) Singapore
B) Malaysia
C) Indonesia
D) Madagascar

Answer : B

- ✓ Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Reza Bin Mohd Sany, Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy is on an official visit to India from 16-19 August 2022.
- ✓ He is an alumni of INS Dronacharya, premier Gunnery Training Establishment of the Indian Navy, at Kochi, from where he graduated as a Gunnery Specialist back in 1990.
- ✓ Both Navies have recently concluded the Bilateral Exercise Samudra Laksamana in May 22.
- ✓ MALAYSIA
Capital : Kuala Lumpur
Currency : Ringgit
Prime Minister : Ismail Sabri Yaakob



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Q. ISRO has received two space instruments manufactured by which organization, which will be used in the first unmanned development launch of India's manned space mission, Gaganyaan.

A) Bharat Electronics

B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

C) Bharat Dynamics

D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Answer : D

- ✓ ISRO has received two space equipment built by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), to be used in the first unmanned development launch of India's manned space mission, Gaganyaan.
- ✓ This is the second crew module fairing (CMF) that ISRO has taken delivery of, for Gaganyaan.
- ✓ The CMF is a protective structure that surrounds the actual housing for India's to-be space scientists.
- ✓ Two uncrewed Gaganyaan missions will be launched in 2022 and the final crewed Gaganyaan mission will be launched in 2023.
- ✓ India's first human space mission "Gaganyaan" will be launched in 2023.
- ✓ This was informed by Union of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh, on 9 December 2021.
- ✓ Two uncrewed missions of Gaganyaan will also take place in 2022.
- ✓ The second mission will carry "Vyommित्रा", a spacefaring human-robot developed by ISRO, at the end of 2022.
- ✓ India will become the fourth nation in the world to launch a Human Spaceflight Mission after USA, Russia and China.
- ✓ Mission cost: Rs 10,000 crore.
- ✓ Launch vehicle: GSLV Mk III, the three-stage heavy-lift launch vehicle.
- ✓ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
Founded : 1940
Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka
Chairman & MD : R Madhavan

Q. Which state government launched 'Vidya Rath-School on Wheels' project?

A) Odisha

B) Assam

C) Kerala

D) Chhattisgarh



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Answer : B

- ✓ Assam has started Vidya Rath- School on Wheels, a project aimed at imparting elementary education to economically challenged children of the society. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma along with Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Justice R.M. Chhaya launched Vidya Rath

Q.28. 'National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022' in which of the following city?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a two day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022 in New Delhi 17th Aug 2022. The Conference is being attended by 600 officers from across the country, physically and virtually
- ✓ Home Ministry has said that on the first day of the Conference, deliberations were held on various aspects of national security, including counter-terrorism, radicalisation, issues pertaining to crypto currencies, counter rogue drone technology and challenges posed by Maoist outfits.
- ✓ This system will help in quick and easy disposal of cases with the help of centralized finger print database

Q. How many cities have recently declared themselves as 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar'?

- A) 300
- B) 500
- C) 400
- D) 600

Answer : B

- ✓ According to Government data, 500 cities across India have declared themselves as 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar'. All the cities have achieved sufficiency in terms of institutional capacity, equipment norms and manpower as provided by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- ✓ All the cities are now providing safe working conditions for Safai Mitras.
- ✓ The "Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar" declaration is in line with goal of promoting sustainable sanitation practices under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban.
- ✓ This move will act as catalyst in transforming every 'manhole' into a 'machine hole'. This, it will help in eliminating manual scavenging.



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- ✓ Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the Safai Mitra Suraksha Challenge on the occasion of World Toilet Day on November 19, 2020. It was launched across 243 cities of India, with the objective of mechanizing all sewer and septic tank cleaning operations

Q. Which card signs badminton players to promote digital payments in India?

- A) Visa Card
- B) RuPay Card
- C) Mastercard
- D) American Express

Answer : C

- ✓ Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have been signed as the brand ambassadors of mastercard to promote digital payment in India.
- ✓ Focus : To spread awareness about safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India.
- ✓ This partnership will buildup the efforts of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and PM Modi's vision of Digital India.
- ✓ MASTERCARD
Founded : 1966
Headquarteres : New York, U.S
Executive Chairman : Ajay Banga
President and CEO : Michael Miebach

Q. Which Bank has launched a new campaign titled 'Vigil Aunty' to promote secure banking practices?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ HDFC Bank has launched a new campaign titled 'Vigil Aunty'.
- ✓ It aims to encourage people across the country to practice safe banking habits.
- ✓ This will complement the bank's 'Mooh Band Rakho' campaign which urges people not to share their confidential banking information with others.
- ✓ A campaign to promote Vigil Aunty and persuade people to follow her on social media and/or WhatsApp will be run for four to six weeks.



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- HDFC Bank introduced “Vigil Aunty” to promote secure banking practices.
- Paalan 1000 National campaign and Parenting App were launched by the Union Minister of State for Health, Bharti Pravin Pawar in Mumbai.
- Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal has formally unveiled his Aam Aadmi Party’s national ambition with the launch of the ‘Make India No 1’ campaign.
- Sports Authority of India (SAI) has launched the campaign “Create for India” to cheer Indian contingents participating in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- 75th Independence Day: Govt to start nationwide campaign ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’.
- The initiative was launched under the auspices of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, whose nodal ministry is the Ministry of Culture.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched a 100-day reading campaign ‘Padhe Bharat’.
- InspiHE₹: Financial literacy campaign launched by Bharti AXA Life Insurance.
- Karnataka govt launched Social Awareness Campaign “SAANS”.
- Future Generali India Insurance launched ‘FG Dog Health Cover’ Insurance & unveiled ‘Oh My Dog!’ Campaign.
- UNEP tie-up with Maharashtra to support ‘Majhi Vasundhara’ campaign.
- SBI General Insurance launched ‘#BahaneChhodoTaxBachao’ campaign.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance starts ‘#Care4Hockey’ Campaign.
- Bajaj Finserv kicks off the second phase of ‘Savdhaan Rahein. Safe Rahein’. A public awareness campaign focusing on Life Insurance Frauds.
- HDFC Bank launches the 2nd edition of “Mooh Band Rakho” campaign.
- PNB launches ‘6S Campaign’ under customer outreach programme.
- RuPay launches #FollowPaymentDistancing campaign to promote and encourage contactless payments.



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- HDFC Bank introduced “Vigil Aunty” to promote secure banking practices.
- HDFC Bank opened the first all-women branch in Kozhikode, north Kerala
- 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’.



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- HDFC Bank's digital self-service credit portal for customers.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Salaam Dil Sey' initiative.
- 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. Which company has partnered with a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. 'Five Star Bank' on its digital transformation journey?

A) Infosys

B) HCL Technologies

C) Tech Mahindra

D) Tata Consultancy Services

Answer : D

- ✓ Tata Consultancy Services has partnered with Five Star Bank, a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. (NASDAQ:FISI), on its digital transformation journey, helping it determine lending risk and deliver hyper-personalized customer experiences using the TCS Customer Intelligence & Insights (CI&I) analytics platform
- ✓ Five Star Bank is a premier provider of consumer and commercial lending services across Central and Western New York. The bank was looking for a solution that provides contextual customer insights to help them better meet customer expectations and drive competitive differentiation
- ✓ TCS will leverage the AI-powered CI&I platform's real-time contextual engagement capabilities to help the bank gain insights to avoid attrition blind spots and drive omnichannel customer personalization.

TCS IN NEWS 2021-22

- TCS partnership with five star bank to offer hyper-personalised customer experience
- TCS was the most valuable brand coming out of India, which sat on the 46th spot of the list, As per Kantar Brandz.



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- TCS has retained its 10th position among the top global BPM (business process management) providers in 2021, as per estimates by outsourcing consultancy Everest Group.
- Rajesh Gopinathan re-appoints as MD and CEO of TCS for five years
- TCS partnered with IIT Madras to launch M.Tech in Industrial Artificial Intelligence
- Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has signed an agreement with Tata Consultancy Services Limited (TCS) for the second phase of the Passport Seva Programme .
- TCS holds its tenth place among global business process management (BPM) providers in 2021
- SBI Cards tie-up with TCS to boost digital transformation
- TCS Becomes Title Sponsor and Technology Partner of Toronto Waterfront Marathon Through 2026
- TCS to become the title partner of London Marathon from 2022
- TCS extends title sponsorship of New York City Marathon to 2029
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
Founded : 1968
Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chairman : Natarajan Chandrasekaran
MD & CEO : Rajesh Gopinathan

Q. How many years has the Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme successfully completed by 2022?

A) 5 Years

B) 6 Years

C) 7 Years

D) 8 Years

Answer : A

- ✓ Regional Connectivity Scheme of Ministry of Civil Aviation, UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) has successfully completed 5 years.
- ✓ This scheme was initiated in 2016. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched first flight under UDAN on April 27, 2017
- ✓ The scheme aims to connect small and medium cities with big cities through air service. In the five years, scheme has benefited more than 1 crore passengers till August 4, 2022.



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- ✓ In 2014, there were just 74 operational airports in India. The number has now increased to 141 by now.
- ✓ 68 underserved or unserved destinations, including 58 Airports, 8 Heliports and 2 Water Aerodromes have been connected under UDAN Scheme, as of now.
- ✓ This scheme has provided air connectivity to over 29 States/UTs by initiating 425 new routes
- ✓ Another 220 destinations including airports, heliports or water aerodromes under UDAN are likely to compete by 2026. 1,000 new routes will be added to provide air connectivity to unconnected destinations.
- ✓ As of now, 954 routes have already been provided to connect 156 airports under UDAN.
- ✓ Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) :
- ✓ Ministry of Civil Aviation had launched the “UDAN Scheme” in 201, with the objective of developing regional aviation market. It also seeks to provide economically viable, affordable and profitable air travel to common man across regional routes. It aims to connect un-served and underserved airports of India by reviving existing air-strips and airports. It will be operational 10 years. It has been implemented in five phases till date:
- ✓ UDAN 1.0 : 36 new airports were made operational. 128 flight routes to 70 airports were awarded to 5 airlines companies.
- ✓ UDAN 2.0 : It connected helipads for the first time. In 2018, 73 underserved and unserved airports were announced
- ✓ UDAN 3.0 : It included tourism routes, seaplanes to connect Water Aerodromes and brought routes in North-East region under UDAN.
- ✓ UDAN 4.0 : In 2020, 78 new routes were approved. In this phase, Kavaratti, Agatti, and Minicoy islands of Lakshadweep will also be connected by the new routes
- ✓ UDAN 4.1 : Its focus is on connecting smaller airports, special helicopter and seaplane routes under UDAN. New routes have also been proposed under Sagarmala Seaplane services..

Q. What is the name of the Online Market Place feature of the ‘MatsyaSetu’ mobile app, which was recently launched?

- A) Matsya Bazaar
- B) Nipun Bazaar
- C) Aqua Bazaar
- D) Saksham Bazaar

Answer : C



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- ✓ Union Minister of Fisheries & Animal Husbandry Parshottam Rupala on 18 August 2022 launched an online marketplace application 'Aqua Bazar'.
- ✓ This app will help the fish farmers and stakeholders to source the inputs such as fish seed, feed, medicines etc and services required for fish culture.
- ✓ It has been developed by the Bhubaneswar-based ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture.
- ✓ Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Giriraj Singh has launched the Online Course Mobile App "Matsya Setu".
- ✓ The app was developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with the funding support of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad through the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- ✓ Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated the 'Aqua Bazaar' and 'Aqua Hub' project.

Q. Which startup company has become India's 106th unicorn after raising \$33.5 million in a funding round?

- A) Upstox
B) Pristyn Care
C) Atomico
D) Shiprocket

Answer : D

- ✓ Shiprocket became India's 106th unicorn after raising \$33.5 million in a funding round co-led by Temasek and Lightrock India.
- ✓ Shiprocket was valued at around \$1.2 billion with the fresh round of funding.
- ✓ The term unicorn refers to a privately held startup company with a value of over \$1 billion.
- ✓ Recently in May, Neobank startup, OPEN became the 100th unicorn in India.
- ✓ Physics Wallah Became India's 101st Unicorn.
- ✓ Following \$100 million in investment, OneCard becomes India's 104th unicorn.
- ✓ India is becoming the world's fastest-growing startup ecosystem with 106 Unicorn Startups, as of 2022.
- ✓ Unicorn Startup consists of two words, "Unicorn" and "Startup". Unicorn is a business term used to define a startup with a valuation of over \$1 Billion.
- ✓ The first unicorn was seen in India in 2011, and now, after a decade, India has crossed the mark of 100 unicorns, with Flipkart and BYJU'S being two of the highest-valued unicorn startups that are privately held.



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- ✓ Cryptocurrency exchange CoinDCX became India's first crypto unicorn with a valuation of \$1.1 billion.
- ✓ India becomes 3rd largest Unicorn ecosystem in the world.
- ✓ The USA is on top followed by China on second. India has 51 unicorns according to the list. The USA has 396 and China has 277 unicorns.
- ✓ According to a report by the Hurun Research Institute titled Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022, India is predicted to have 122 new unicorns in the following 2-4 years.
- ✓ Adding 33 “unicorns” India replace the UK to be 3rd top country hosting unicorns. The US and China, who occupy the first two ranks

Q. Who has become the first Indian footballer to play at the UEFA Women's Champions League?

- A) Anju Tamang B) Manisha Kalyan
C) Aditi Chauhan D) Dalima Chhibber

Answer : B

- ✓ Manisha Kalyan has become the first Indian footballer to play at the UEFA Women's Champions League.
- ✓ She made her debut for Apollon Ladies FC in the European Club competition in Engomi, Cyprus.
- ✓ She was awarded the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year for the 2021-22 season.
- ✓ Kalyan had produced impressive performances for the national team and Gokulam Kerala in the Indian Women's League (IWL).

Q. An RBI article has revealed ____ has accounted for the highest share in the total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and financial institutions in FY22.

- A) Gujarat B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Rajasthan D) Maharashtra

Answer : C

- ✓ An RBI article has revealed Rajasthan has accounted for the highest share in the total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and financial institutions in FY22.
- ✓ The state has retained the top position for two consecutive years.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh stood at the second position followed by Gujarat.
- ✓ The article is titled 'Private Corporate Investment: Growth in 2021-22 and Outlook for 2022-23'.



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Q. Who has won the gold medal at the 2022 WSPS Shooting World Cup in Changwon, South Korea?

- A) Rudranksh Patil B) Paarth Makhija
C) Dhanush Srikanth D) Rahul Jakhar

Answer : D

- ✓ Paralympian Rahul Jakhar on 18 August 2022 won the gold medal at the 2022 WSPS Shooting World Cup in Changwon, South Korea.
- ✓ He won the gold medal in the 25-metre competition.
- ✓ Besides Rahul, Avani Lekhara & Pooja Agarwal won the silver and bronze medals respectively.
- ✓ While Avani won the silver in the 10-metre category, Pooja won the bronze in the 25-metre category

Q. RBI has canceled the license of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank __ as the bank does not have adequate capital & earning prospects.

- A) Maharashtra B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Karnataka D) West Bengal

Answer : C

- ✓ RBI has canceled the license of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank, Karnataka as the bank does not have adequate capital & earning prospects.
- ✓ As per the data submitted by the bank, more than 99 percent of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).
- ✓ In its present financial position, the bank would be unable to pay its depositors in full.
- ✓ The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Karnataka, is to issue an order for winding up and appointing a liquidator for the bank

RBI CANCELLED LICENCE IN NEWS 2022.

- RBI has canceled the license of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank, Karnataka.
- 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



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- Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the license of Sarjeraodada Naik Shirala Sahakari Bank, Sangli, Maharashtra

Q. Which state government has inaugurated the Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Advance Technology (R-CAT)?

- A) Odisha
B) Maharashtra
C) Rajasthan
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ Rajasthan government to inaugurate tech centre for graduates
- ✓ With an aim to make tech graduates more employable, Rajasthan government is set to inaugurate Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Advance Technology or R-CAT.
- ✓ It will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot during a two-day DigiFest-2022.
- ✓ R-CAT will conduct training programs on advanced and emerging information technologies with a duration ranging from 1 week to 6 months for graduates.
- ✓ The school will issue industry standard certificates for the courses to the successful candidates.

Q. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has announced the opening of its first international marketing and sales office in which country?

- A) Singapore
B) Indonesia
C) Malaysia
D) Vietnam

Answer : C

- ✓ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed an MoU for opening its first international marketing & sales office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ✓ The office in Kuala Lumpur will enhance HAL's ability to secure the deal while also enabling them to fulfill other requirements of the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) like the upgradation and servicing of the Russian Su-30s and British Hawk trainer aircraft.
- ✓ This office in Malaysia will help HAL in tapping the new business opportunities for Fighter Lead in Trainer (FLIT) LCA.
- ✓ It will also help HAL expand its services in South East Asia.
- ✓ MALAYSIA



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Capital : Kuala Lumpur

Currency : Ringgit

Prime Minister : Ismail Sabri Yaakob

✓ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Founded : 1940

Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka

Chairman & MD : R Madhavan

Q. Which state has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State in the country?

A) Goa

B) Odisha

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Maharashtra

Answer : A

- ✓ Goa becomes the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State in the country
- ✓ Goa and 'Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu' have become respectively the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State and UT in the country.
- ✓ Over 10 crore rural households of the country have been connected to the facility of clean water through pipes, with 7 crore rural families getting connected in the last three years.
- ✓ Jal Jeevan Mission is a flagship programme of the Government of India which was announced from the ramparts of Red Fort by the visionary Prime Minister on August 15, 2019.
- ✓ The mission aims to make provision of potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on regular and long-term basis to every rural household of the country by 2024.
- ✓ The program is implemented by the Government of India in partnership with States/UTs.

Q. Which district has become the first fully "functionally literate" district in the country?

A) Mandla

B) Anantnag

C) Kupwara

D) Baramulla

Answer : A

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated 'Mandla' region has become the first fully "functionally literate" district in the country.
- ✓ The district administration, in 2020 launched the "Niraksharta Se Azadi Abhiyaan" to make the residents functionally literate.



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- ✓ A person can be called functionally literate when he or she is able to write his or her own name, to count and read and write in Hindi.

Q. Who among the following has embarked on an official visit to Iran and UAE beginning 18 August 2022?

- A) Sarbananda Sonowal B) Narendra Modi
C) S. Jaishankar D) Ajit Doval

Answer : A

- ✓ Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has embarked on an official visit to Iran and UAE beginning 18 August 2022.
- ✓ He will be visiting the Shahid Beheshti Port of Chabahar, Iran and UAE including Jebel Ali Port.
- ✓ He will take part in bilateral meetings with the Ministers of Road and Urban Development and Health and Medical Education of the Government of Iran.

Q. Which state government has announced to set up gramian aajeevika parks (rural industrial parks)?

- A) Bihar B) Jharkhand
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Chhattisgarh

Answer : D

- ✓ Chhattisgarh govt plans to set up 300 rural industrial parks in one year
- ✓ The project will be launched on Gandhi Jayanti, October 2," Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has said.
- ✓ We are going to start 'gramian aajeevika parks', to be known as 'rural industrial parks', to develop gauthans as livelihood centres.

Q. "Dahi-Handi" Recognised as an Official Sport of which state?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on 18 August 2022 announced that 'Dahi-Handi' will now be recognised as an official sport in the state. He also said that "Pro-Dahi-Handi" competitions will be introduced in the state.



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- ✓ Speaking on the occasion of Janmashtami, Shinde said, "'Dahi-Handi' will be recognised under the sports category in Maharashtra. 'Pro-Dahi-Handi' will be introduced. The 'Govindas' will get jobs under the sports category. We will provide insurance cover of ₹10 lakhs for all 'Govindas'."
- ✓ 'Dahi-Handi' – also known as 'Gopalakala'.
- ✓ The Janamashtami festival is celebrated by Hindus to mark the birth of Lord Krishna and as per the Hindu calendar Lord Krishna was born on the eighth day of the month of Bhadra

Q. Which country becomes first nation to offer free sanitary products (Period Products) like tampons and pads to anyone who needs them?

- A) Norway
- B) Scotland
- C) Switzerland
- D) Argentina

Answer : B

- ✓ Scotland become the first country in the world to ensure universal access to free period products following the passing of landmark legislation in 2020.

Q. Which country's governing body of football has been suspended by the global football governing body FIFA?

- A) India
- B) Russia
- C) Croatia
- D) Argentina

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), suspended the country's top administrative organization, the All-India Football Federation (AIFF), for undue influence from third parties.
- ✓ This suspension took away the country's rights to hold the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022, scheduled to be held from October 11-30.
- ✓ The All-India Football Federation (AIFF) is the organization that manages the game of association football in India.
- ✓ It administers the running of the India national football team and also controls the I-League, India's premier domestic club competition, in addition to various other competitions and teams.
- ✓ The AIFF was founded in 1937, and gained FIFA affiliation in the year 1948, after India's independence in 1947.



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- ✓ Currently, it has an office in Dwarka, New Delhi. India was one of the founding members of the Asian Football Confederation in 1954.
- ✓ **Why Did FIFA Ban the All-India Football Federation (AIFF)?**
- ✓ AIFF'S President's Unwillingness to Vacate His Post
- ✓ President Praful Patel, also a FIFA council member, refused to relinquish his post as the head of football in the country.
- ✓ He cited the long-drawn-out pandemic, coupled with a court case regarding the AIFF constitution.
- ✓ **Third-Party Intervention:**
- ✓ Despite the growing concerns about the working of AIFF, the Supreme Court of India intervened and removed Patel from his post.
- ✓ Further, The SC also appointed a Committee of Administrators (COA) to run the AIFF.
- ✓ As per FIFA Statutes, member federations should not be subject to legal and political interference in their respective countries.
- ✓ Third Party Intervention refers to a situation in which a member association of FIFA fails to remain independent, is co-opted, and no longer has control over its organization.

FIFA IN NEWS 2021-22

- FIFA U-17 women's World Cup to be held in India in October 2022.
- Adidas Unveils Official Al Rihla FIFA World Cup Ball for Qatar 2022.
- Byju's named as official sponsor of FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar.
- Chelsea wins 2021 FIFA Club World Cup Champions.
- Best FIFA Men's Player Robert Lewandowski (Bayern Munich, Poland).
- Best FIFA Women's Player Alexia Putellas (Barcelona, Spain).
- FIFA Ranking 2022: India ranked 104th.
- FIFA Rankings, Brazil is at 1st position.
- FIFA unveils 'Ibha' as official mascot for U-17 2022 Women's World Cup to be held in India.
- FIFA WORLD CUP
 - 2022 : Qatar (32 Teams)
 - 2026 : Canada, Mexico, US (48 teams)
- FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup



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2022 : Costa Rica

- FIFA U-17 World Cup

2022- Women's : India

2023 - Women's : Australia and New Zealand

- Most successful team(s) Men's : Brazil (5 titles)
- Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
- FIFA is a non-profit organisation

Founded : 21 May 1904

Founded : Paris, France

Headquarters : Zürich, Switzerland

Membership : 211

Languages : English, French, German, Spanish & Italian

First President : Robert Guérin

President : Gianni Infantino (Switzerland)

Secretary General : Fatma Samoura.

- FIFA or the Federation Internationale de Football Association is the highest governing body of football in the world.

Q. Which day in the year is celebrated as World Humanitarian Day?

A) 19 August

B) 20 August

C) 18 August

D) 17 August

Answer : A

- ✓ The World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is observed every year on 19 August to pay tribute to humanitarian personnel and those workers who lost or risked their lives while doing humanitarian service.
- ✓ This year, the theme for World Humanitarian Day 2022 is 'It takes a village'.
- ✓ In 2022 we are celebrating the 13th WHD.
- ✓ World Humanitarian Day was commemorated for the first time on 19 August 2009, after it was formally recognised by the United Nations General Assembly in 2009.



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- ✓ Why 19 August?
- ✓ 19 August marks the day on which the then Special Representative of the Secretary-General to Iraq, Sérgio Vieira de Mello and 21 of his colleagues were killed in the bombing of the UN Headquarters in Baghdad.

Q. The World Photography Day is celebrated on which day?

- A) 16 August B) 17 August
C) 18 August D) 19 August

Answer : D

- ✓ World Photography Day is celebrated on 19 August every year to promote photography as a hobby and also inspire photographers around the globe to share a single photo with the rest of the world.
- ✓ The first official World Photo Day was observed on August 19, 2010.
- ✓ The origin of World Photo Day comes from the invention of the Daguerreotype, a photographic process developed by Frenchmen Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicéphore Niepce in 1837.
- ✓ It was on August 19, 1939 that the French government purchased the patent of Daguerreotype process and announced the invention as a gift “free to the world”.

Q. Which International airport has been named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh?

- A) Cochin International Airport
B) Chandigarh International Airport
C) Jaipur International Airport
D) Coimbatore International Airport

Answer : B

- ✓ The Punjab and Haryana governments have agreed to name the Chandigarh International Airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
- ✓ The decision was taken during a meeting between Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann & Haryana deputy CM Dushyant Chautala.
- ✓ The Rs 485-crore airport project is a joint venture of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the governments of Punjab and Haryana.



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MOST IMPORTANT RECENTLY RENAMED PLACES IN INDIA 2021

OLD NAME	NEW NAME
Chandigarh International Airport, Punjab	Shaheed Bhagat Singh
National Road Transport Institute, Gujarat	Gati Shakti University
Point 5140 in Drass, Kargil Sector	'Gun Hill'
Aurangabad, Maharashtra	Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar
Jawaharlal Nehru Road	Sikkim Narendra Modi Marg
Yes Mutual Fund	White Oak Capital Mutual Fund
Miyan ka Bada Railway Station, Rajasthan	Mahesh Nagar Halt
Kevadia railway station, Gujarat	Ekta Nagar railway station
Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses' (IDSA), Delhi	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses'
Indore's Patalpani railway station	Tribal Icon Tantya Bhil
Jhansi Railway Station, Uttar Pradesh	Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station
Habibganj Railway Station, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.	Rani Kamalapati Station
Mumbai-Karnataka region	Kittur-Karnataka
Faizabad Railway Junction, UP	Ayodhya Cantt
Rajiv Gandhi National Park Assam	Orang National Park
Army Sports Institute, Pune	Neeraj Chopra Stadium
Magma Fincorp Limited	Poonawalla Fincorp Limited
Hisar Airport, Haryana	Maharaja Agrasen International Airport
Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award	Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award
Max Bupa Health Insurance	Niva Bupa Health Insurance
Common High Court of UT of J&K and Ladakh	High Court of J&K and Ladakh
Manduadih Railway Station in Varanasi	Banaras Railway Station
Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF)	Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF)
Mohali International Hockey Stadium, Punjab	Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium
Miyon ka Bara Railway station, Jodhpur Rajasthan	Mahesh Nagar Railways station
Motera Stadium, Ahmedabad	Narendra Modi Stadium



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Q. Name the home secretary whose tenure has been extended for one year till 2023

A) Tarun Bajaj

B) Rajiv Gauba

C) T V Somanathan

D) Ajay Kumar Bhalla

Answer : D

- ✓ The Central Government has extended the term of Union home secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla by one year.
- ✓ This is his third extension in the post.
- ✓ He was initially set to retire in November 2020.
- ✓ Bhalla, a 1984-batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, was appointed as the Home Secretary in August 2019.

FAMOUS SECRETARY IN NEWS 2021-22

- Rajesh Verma - Secretary to President
- Ajay Kumar Bhalla : Home Secretary
- Rajiv Gauba - Cabinet Secretary
- Vivek Kumar - Private Secretary to PM
- Vinay Mohan Kwatra - Foreign secretary
- Tarun Kapoor - Advisor to PM
- T V Somanathan - Finance Secretary.
- Tarun Bajaj - Revenue Secretary.
- Ajay Seth - Economic Affairs Secretary.
- TV Somanathan - Expenditure Secretary.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Secretary to President?

A) Rajesh Verma

B) Ajay Seth

C) Vinay Mohan Kwatra

D) Rajiv Gauba

Answer : A



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- ✓ Odisha cadre IAS officer Rajesh Verma has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu, the government said. In the past, Verma has also served as the Principal Secretary to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Principal Secretary of Energy Department, Government of Odisha.
- ✓ Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Secretary Rajesh Verma was given the additional charge of the Financial Services Secretary in January, 2022.

Q. Nitin Gadkari has unveiled Switch EiV 22, India's first electric double-decker air-conditioned bus in which city?

- A) Delhi B) Kolkata
C) Mumbai D) Ahmedabad

Answer : C

- ✓ Union minister for road transport and highways, Nitin Gadkari has unveiled Switch EiV 22, India's first electric double-decker air-conditioned bus, in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✓ The electric bus was designed, developed and manufactured in India by Switch Mobility, Ashok Leyland's electric vehicle arm.
- ✓ The double decker has a lightweight aluminium body construction that provides higher passenger-to-weight ratio and a competitive cost per km, per passenger

Q. Which city has the highest average level of fine PM 2.5 among the world's most populated cities, as per HEI's recent report?

- A) Dhaka B) Gaziabad
C) New Delhi D) Colombo

Answer : C

- ✓ The 'Air Quality and Health in Cities' report was released by US-based Health Effects Institute (HEI).
- ✓ It provides analysis of air pollution and global health effects for over 7,000 cities around the world, focusing on fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and nitrogen dioxide (NO2).
- ✓ As per the report, India is home to 18 of the 20 cities with the most severe increase in fine particle pollutants (PM2.5) from 2010 to 2019.
- ✓ Delhi has the highest average level of fine PM 2.5 among the world's most populated cities



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Q. Artemis III is the crewed Moon landing mission of which country?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Artemis 3 will be the US space agency's first crewed Moon landing mission since Apollo 17 in 1972. While the Artemis space missions are mainly focussed on lunar exploration, NASA's long-term goals are even more enterprising.
- ✓ The mission aims to put humans on the moon around 2025, assuming that previous missions of the Artemis program go to plan.
- ✓ Like the uncrewed Artemis 1 and crewed Artemis 2, this mission aims to launch the gigantic Space Launch System (SLS) megarocket and Orion spacecraft. For landing on the moon, the crew will use SpaceX's Starship, a system that the California company is developing right now for crewed human missions
- ✓ Artemis 3 is the third scheduled flight of the Artemis program

Q. Which city will be the host of the FIBA U-18 women Asian Basketball championship 2022.

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Karnataka Sports and Youth Empowerment minister Dr. Narayanagowda has announced that Bengaluru will host FIBA U-18 women Asian Basketball championship from September 5th to 11th.
- ✓ The international event will be organised in the Sree Kanteerava Indoor stadium and Koramangala Indoor stadiums.
- ✓ Division A team will compete with Division B team in the championship to qualify for the FIBA World Championship to be held in July 2023 in Spain.
- ✓ Division A will consist of teams from India, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Chinese Taipei, Australia, and New Zealand. Division B will consist of teams from Hong Kong, Jordan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Philippines, and Thailand in the FIBA U-18 women's Asian Basketball Championship



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Q. Which state has become the first state to use blockchain technology to distribute seed to farmers?

- A) Bihar
B) Kerala
C) Jharkhand
D) Maharashtra

Answer : C

- ✓ Jharkhand Government has launched a unique project which employs Blockchain Technology for Distribution of Seeds to Farmers.
- ✓ The project which has been launched in association with Global Blockchain Technology Major SettleMint, aims to revolutionize the agriculture sector and will reduce pilferage.
- ✓ The state plans to include all key stakeholders of agriculture sector i.e., suppliers, distributors and farmers, as key part of the project

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- Jharkhand to use Blockchain Technology to Distribute Seeds to Farmers.
- Former Jharkhand Governor Syed Sibtey Razi passes away.
- Amitabh Chaudhary the former BCCI acting secretary and president of Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Deoghar airport in Jharkhand. It has been constructed at a cost of Rs 401 crore
- Jharkhand has secured the first position in the Delta Ranking for the month of June under the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission Scheme.
- Sarhul is the festival of the New Year celebrated in the state of Jharkhand by the tribal communities as part of the local Sarna religion.
- World Health Organization to award Jharkhand for tobacco control
- Jharkhand's Jamtara became country's 1st district with library in every village

Q. Which company has developed India's first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease?

- A) Bharat Biotech
B) Zydus Cadila
C) Transasia Bio-Medicals
D) Serum Institute of India



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Answer : C

- ✓ India has launched the first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease.
- ✓ It has been developed by Transasia Bio-Medicals & was unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser to the Central govt, Ajay Kumar Sood.
- ✓ Transasia Bio-Medicals Ltd is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✓ The kit would help in early detection and better management of the monkeypox disease.
- ✓ India so far has reported ten cases of monkeypox.
- ✓ Centre forms special task force headed by VK Paul, to monitor monkeypox virus cases in India.
- ✓ Monkeypox is a viral zoonotic disease with symptoms similar to smallpox, although with less clinical severity.
- ✓ European Union has recommended a Small Pox Vaccine, Imvanex to treat monkeypox after the WHO declared monkeypox a global health emergency.

Q. Which country's museum has signed an agreement with the Indian govt to repatriate seven stolen artefacts to India?

- A) Sweden B) Norway
C) Switzerland D) Scotland

Answer : D

- ✓ Museums in the Scottish city of Glasgow on 19 August 2022 signed an agreement with the Indian govt to repatriate seven stolen artefacts to India.
- ✓ This is Scotland's "largest-ever" repatriation of objects from a single collection.
- ✓ The seven antiquities include a 14th-century ceremonial Indo-Persian sword and an 11th-century carved stone door jamb taken from a temple in Kanpur
- ✓ Scotland
Capital : Edinburgh
Largest city : Glasgow
Currency : Pound sterling
Scotland is a country that is part of the United Kingdom.



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Q. The Central Government has started the second phase of 'Rural Entrepreneur Project' on August 2022 in Ranchi, Jharkhand. In which of these states it was not implemented?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ National Skill Development Corporation in partnership with Seva Bharti & Yuva Vikas Society on 20 August '22 launched the 2nd phase of the 'Grameen Udyami Project' in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- ✓ Aim: To augment skill training in tribal communities for their inclusive and sustainable growth.
- ✓ The project is being implemented in Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, & Gujarat.
- ✓ 'Rural Tribal Technical Training Program (Grameen Udyami Project)' was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in May 2022.
- ✓ It aims to train about 250 beneficiaries of 17 districts selected from 6 states of India.
- ✓ The states list includes Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Jharkhand.

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with the Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) for setting up a regional testing lab?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ The Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) has signed an MoU with the Chhattisgarh govt for setting up a regional testing laboratory in Raipur district.
- ✓ As per the agreement, this lab will have test facilities for transformers, energy meters, transformer oil & other electricity-related equipment.
- ✓ Central Power Research Institute (CPRI)
Founded : 1960
Headquarters : Bangalore
CPRI is an autonomous body under the Power Ministry.



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Q. Which country is hosting the the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPA)?

- A) Italy
B) France
C) Germany
D) Canada

Answer : D

- ✓ An Indian Parliamentary delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will be attending the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPA) at Halifax in Canada.
- ✓ This conference is scheduled to be held from 20-26 August 2022.
- ✓ The Conference will also be attended by 23 Presiding Officers and 16 Secretaries from State Legislatures from India who are also members of CPA.
- ✓ CANADA
Capital : Ottawa
Currency : Dollar
Prime Minister : Justin Trudeau

Q. Who has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold at U-20 World Wrestling Championship?

- A) Sonam Malik
B) Priyanka
C) Antim Panghal
D) Priyanshi

Answer : C

- ✓ Antim Panghal, a 17-year-old Haryana wrestler has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold Medal at U-20 World Wrestling Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria. She scored at 8-0 win over Atlyn Shagayeva of Kazakhstan in 53 kg category to achieve this feat.

Q. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in which South American country?

- A) Argentina
B) Bolivia
C) Paraguay
D) Brazil

Answer : C

- ✓ The External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay.
- ✓ He also visited the historic Casa de la Independencia from where the South American country's Independence Movement started more than two centuries ago.



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Q. **The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2023 is which edition of the programme?**

- A) 19th
B) 18th
C) 15th
D) 17th

Answer : D

- ✓ The 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) will be held at Indore in January 2023.
- ✓ Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9 January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community in the development of India.
- ✓ It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9th January 1915.
- ✓ 16th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (2021) Chief Guest: Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of Suriname
- ✓ Last year, amid the COVID-19 pandemic the 16th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas was held in a virtual format on 9th January 2021 with the theme "Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat".

Q. **Indian army and Chinese Army will attend the Vostok 2022 military exercises that will be held in which country?**

- A) Russia
B) France
C) United States
D) singapore

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian army and Chinese Army will attend the Vostok 2022 military exercises that will be held in Russia from August 30 to September 5.
- ✓ Belarus, Tajikistan, and Mongolia will also contribute troops for the Vostok-2022 drill, according to the China's Ministry of Defense.
- ✓ The strategic command and staff exercise will be held under the chief of Russia's General Staff, Valery Gerasimov, at 13 training grounds of the Eastern Military District.
- ✓ In 2021, India had attended ZAPAD 2021 drills in Russia in which 17 countries including China and Pakistan

Q. **First tribal novelist and short story writer Narayan has passed away recently. He was the first novelist of which state?**

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



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Answer : C

- ✓ Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer Narayan has passed away at the age of 82 in Kochi.
- ✓ He was born in the Malayaraya community in Kadayathur hills in Thodupuzha taluk in 1940.
- ✓ His debut novel, 'Kocharethi' published in 1998, was selected for the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award in 1999.
- ✓ The novel has been translated to English, Hindi and south Indian languages.

Q. When is the World Mosquito Day observed globally?

- A) 20 August B) 19 August
C) 18 August D) 17 August

Answer : A

- ✓ World Mosquito Day is observed on 20 August annually to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented.
- ✓ The day also commemorates the discovery made by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans.
- ✓ In 1902, Ross won Nobel Prize for Medicine becoming the first British person to receive the award.

Q. Sadbhavana Diwas is observed in India annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Indian leader?

- A) Syama Prasad Mukherjee B) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel D) Rajiv Gandhi

Answer : D

- ✓ Every year India observes Sadbhavana Diwas on August 20 to commemorate the birth anniversary of late erstwhile Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi.
- ✓ 'Sadbhavana' means goodwill and bonafide.
- ✓ August 20, 2022 marks the 78th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi who was the youngest Prime Minister of India at the age of 40.
- ✓ The day aims to promote National Integration and Communal Harmony among people of all religions, languages and regions and stop violence.



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Q. In India, when is the Akshay Urja Diwas celebrated?

A) 19 August

B) 20 August

C) 18 August

D) 17 August

Answer : B

- ✓ Akshay Urja Diwas (Renewable Energy Day) is observed every year on 20 August since 2004 to raise awareness about the developments and adoption of renewable energy in India.
- ✓ The Akshay Urja Day was initiated by the Indian Ministry for New & Renewable Energy Sources in 2004.
- ✓ The energy such as Biogas, Solar Energy, Wind energy, hydroelectrical power are few example of Akshay Urja.
- ✓ The main motive of Akshya urja Diwas is to make people aware that they have to think about the renewable energy (Akshya Urja) apart from tradition energy.

Q. The World Senior Citizen Day is marked every year on which day?

A) 20 August

B) 21 August

C) 22 August

D) 23 August

Answer : B

- ✓ World Senior Citizen Day is observed globally on August 21 every year to raise awareness about issues affecting older people, such as deterioration with age and the abuse of the elderly and support, honor and show appreciation to seniors and to recognize their achievements.
- ✓ The Day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 14, 1990.
- ✓ The day was officially founded by the former President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan in 1988 to dedicate a day to older adults and their issues.



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