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- Q. India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus has been inaugurated in which city?
 - A) Pune

B) Chennai

C) Mumbai

D) Hyderabad

Answer : A

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Sunday unveiled India's first indigenous Hydrogen fuel cell bus in Pune.
- The Hydrogen fuel cell bus is developed by the CSIR Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and KPIT Limited

INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2021-22

- > India's first indigenous Hydrogen fuel cell bus unveiled in Pune.
- > India's First Observatory To Monitor Space Activity To Come Up In Uttarakhand.
- > Madhya Pradesh's Mandla becomes India's first fully 'functionally literate' district.
- > Rajasthan government will introduce India's first right-to-health bill.
- > IN-SPACe authorises India's first set of space start-ups to launch payloads.
- > Goa, first state in India to receive "Har Ghar Jal" certification.
- India's first teaching robot, introduced by Indus International School.
- > Edelweiss Mutual Fund to introduces India's first gold and silver fund
- Successful testing of India's first 5G private network announced by Bharti Airtel.
- > Kiya.ai launches India's first banking metaverse Kiyaverse.
- > India's first all women-run cooperative bank coming up in Rajasthan.
- > Indira Gandhi International Airport becomes India's first to run entirely on hydro and solar energy.
- India's first mobile telematics-based auto insurance introduced by Edelweiss.
- Gujarat becomes first Indian state to launch semiconductor policy 2022-27.
- Rajasthan introduces the first digital Lok Adalat in India.
- India's First Olympic Values Education launched in Odisha.
- > Kolkata Becomes First Metro City To Get Its Biodiversity Register.

- > ONGC First Indian Exploration And Production Firm To Trade Domestic Gas.
- > India's first pure green hydrogen plant commissioned in Assam.
- > Cochin Shipyard to build India's first home made Hydrogen-fuelled electric vessel.
- > India's first steel road featured in Gujarat.
- > Village Palli: India's 1st carbon-neutral panchayat in J&K.
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurates India's first 'Lavendar Festival' in Bhaderwah, Jammu and Kashmir.
- > Indian Railways and IIT Madras Partner To Develop India's First Indigenous Hyperloop.
- > India's first portable solar rooftop system unveiled in Gandhinagar.
- > India's first geological park will be built in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- > Mumbai to host India's first International Cruise Conference
- > Maharashtra is first state in India to launch a bus service with a totally digital ticketing system.
- > Kerala High Court is all set to become India's first paperless court.
- > India's 1st Internet Radio "Radio Aksh" For Visually Challenged Launched In Nagpur.
- > India's first steel road featured in Gujarat.
- > India's first pure green hydrogen plant commissioned in Assam.
- > CryptoWire introduces India's first global index of cryptocurrencies IC15.
- > India's first para-badminton academy launched in Lucknow.
- > Karnataka became India's first state to launch AVGC Center of Excellence.
- > Youtuber Prajakta Koli become India's first UNDP Youth Climate Champion.
- > India's first heli-hub to be set up in Gurugram, Haryana.
- > India's first Open Rock Museum in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- > KVIC launched India's first "Mobile Honey Processing Van" at Village Sirora in Ghaziabad.
- > Kochi became India's first city to have a Water Metro Project.
- > India's first food museum in Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur.
- > India's first 'Grass Conservatory' inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Ranikhet.
- > India's first National Yogasana Sports Championships organised in Bhubaneswar
- > Tripura launches India's first cricket bats and stumps made of Bamboo
- > India's first fisheries business incubator launched in Gurugram Haryana.
- > India's first Radio over Internet Protocol system inaugurated in Kolkata.

- > India's first 'test tube' Banni buffalo calf born in Gujarat.
- > Power Finance Corporation (PFC) issues India's first-ever Euro Green Bond.
- > India's first Atal Community Innovation Center unveiled at VGU Jaipur.
- > India's first smog tower inaugurated in Connaught Place, Delhi.
- > Indore declared India's first 'Water Plus' certified city.
- > India's first Drone Forensic Lab comes up in Kerala.

Q. Mithila Makhana has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Central Government. Which of the following state of India is related to Mithila Makhana?

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Karnataka

C) Bihar

D) Maharashtra

Answer : C

- ✓ Bihar's Mithila Makhana was awarded the GI tag by the Central government.
- ✓ Makhana" is one of the choicest aquatic cash fruit crops of Mithila region of Bihar.
- ✓ In December 2021, Mithila Makhana of Bihar got the GI (Geographical Indicator) tag.
- ✓ Makhana is fifth product from Bihar which has been awarded the GI tag.
- ✓ The four others are Jardalu Mango; Katarni Dhaan; Magahi Paan and Shahi Litchi.
- ✓ Geographical area of production of "Mithila Makhana" takes place in 21 out of 38 districts, mostly situated in the North of the Bihar state.
- According to the registration certificate, Bihar state's Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Champaran, Begusarai, Madhubani and Katihar among other districts have been defined as the geographic location for the production of Mithila Makhana.
- ✓ It remains valid for a period of 10 years.
- ✓ There are some important GI tags in Bihar.
- ✓ Madhubani Paintings (2007)
- ✓ Shahi Litchi (2018)
- ✓ Magahi Paan (2018)
- ✓ Silao Khaja (2018)
- ✓ Katarni Rice (2018)
- ✓ Mithila Makhana (2021)

LATEST GI TAG IN NEWS 2021 – 2022

- Mithila Makhana : Bihar
- > Classical wind music instrument narasinghapettai nagaswaram : Tamil Nadu
- > Kangra Tea : Himachal Pradesh
- > Kashmiri carpet : Jammu and Kashmir
- Sojat Mehndi : Rajasthan
- Judima rice : Assam
- Sweet Cucumber : Nagaland
- > Sirarakhong chilly and Tamenglong Orange : Manipur
- > Gucchi or Morel mushroom : Jammu and Kashmir
- Tezpur Litchi : Assam
- Dalle Khursani : Sikkim
- > Moira Bananas , Harmal Chillies, Khaje : Goa
- > Telia Rumal : Telangana
- > Sohrai Khovar Painting : Jharkhand
- > Thanjavur Netti and Arumbavur wood Carving : Tamil Nadu
- > Kashmir saffron : Jammu & Kashmir
- Gorakhpur terracotta : Uttar Pradesh
- > Chak-Hao, Black Rice : Manipur
- Khola Chilli : Goa
- > Sohrai and Kohbar Art : Jharkhand
- > GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-
- GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act,1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- > Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag in 2004.
- The second GI tag in India was given to Aranmula Kannadi (Handicraft) which is a mirror and made in Kerala.
- > A GI is registered for an initial period of ten years, which must be renewed after 10 years.

- > Karnataka has the highest number of GI tags i.e. 47 products followed by Tamil Nadu (39).
- What is GI tag?
- A GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

Q. Name the Indian Grandmaster who created history by winning three consecutive games and defeating five-time World Chess Champion, Magnus Carlsen in the FTX Crypto Cup 2022?

- A) R Praggnanandhaa
- B) Gukesh D
- C) S. P. Sethuraman D) Srinath Narayanan

Answer : A

- ✓ Grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa created history by winning three games in a row and defeating reigning five times World chess Champion, Magnus Carlsen at the FTX Crypto Cup, in August 2022.
- ✓ In May 2022, he defeated Magnus Carlsen at the Chessable Masters online rapid chess tournament.
- ✓ Praggnanandhaa, in 2016 became the youngest international master in history at age 10.
- ✓ Praggnanandhaa was born on 10 august 2005 in Chennai, Tamil.
- Q. India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory will be set up in which state?
 - A) Madhya Pradesh B
 - C) Himachal Pradesh D) U
- B) UttarakhandD) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : B

- India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory will be set up in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand by Digantara, a space sector start-up.
- \checkmark It will track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth.
- The space situational awareness observatory will help India track any activity in space including that of space debris and military satellites hovering over the region.

- Q. Who has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of financial services platform Paytm?
 - A) Abhishek Rajan

- B) Sajith Sivanandan
- C) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- D) Mahendra Nerurkar

Answer : C

- Vijay Shekhar Sharma has been reappointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of financial services platform Paytm.
- ✓ One97 Communications Limited (OCL) owns the brand Paytm.
- It is India's leading digital payments and financial services company and the pioneer of QR and mobile payments.
- ✓ The Paytm company was founded by Vijay Shekhar Sharma in 2010.

PAYTM IN NEWS 2022

- > Vijay Shekhar Sharma re-appointed as MD and CEO of Paytm.
- > Mastercard set to replace Paytm as Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) title sponsor.
- > Paytm Money launches "India's first" intelligent messenger called 'Pops'.
- > Paytm Payments Bank is now official acquiring partner for e-RUPI vouchers.
- e-RUPI, which is a government initiative, is a cashless prepaid voucher that beneficiaries can present via SMS or QR Code.
- Paytm is the official digital payments partner for Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya (prime ministers' museum). It is offering its payment gateway, EDC (Electronic Data Capture).
- > The museum is built at a cost of Rs. 271 crores. It is constructed on the site of Teen Murti Estate.
- > Twitter tieup with Paytm to boost its 'Tips' feature in India.
- > Paytm tie-up with Samsung stores to deploy smart PoS devices.
- Paytm to offer digital ticketing services by partnering with IRCTC to provide consumers with digital ticketing services via Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVM) installed at railway stations.
- > Fullerton India partners with Paytm to expand digital lending to MSMEs.
- Paytm's parent One97 Communications has appointed Nakul Jain as the CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL).

- RBI directs Paytm Payments Bank Ltd to stop onboarding of new customers. The RBI took the decision in exercise of its powers under section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) became the largest and fastest-growing UPI beneficiary bank in India.
- > Paytm announced a Joint Venture named 'Paytm General Insurance Ltd'.
- > Paytm Payments Bank punished by RBI for data breaching to Chinese firms.
- Paytm Payments Bank has been given the scheduled bank status by the Reserve Bank of India. The bank has been included in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- > Paytm plans to launch India's biggest IPO, aims to raise \$3 billion.
- > PAYTM

Founded : August 2010 Headquarteres : Noida, Uttar Pradesh Owner : One97 Communications Ltd. Founder : Vijay Shekhar Sharma President : Amit Nayyar MD & CEO : Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Q. Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between the navies of India and Australia concluded on 20 August 2022. Which INS participated from India's side in this exercise?

- A) INS Vikramaditya B) INS Vikrant
- C) INS Sumedha D) INS Arihant

Answer : C

- ✓ The Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between the navies of India and Australia concluded on 20 August 2022.
- ✓ INS Sumedha participated with HMAS Anzac in this exercise.
- Indian Navy's INS Sumedha was docked at Perth in Australia to celebrate India's 76th Independence
 Day on 15 August 2022

- Q. Which company has launched a Blockchain Centre of Excellence (CoE) for airports in August 2022?
 - A) GMR Group

- B) Wirpo Group
- C) Adani Group D) TATA Group

Answer : A

- ✓ GMR Group has launched a Blockchain Centre of Excellence (CoE) for airports.
- It will provide access to the required infrastructure & labs to start-ups for the development & validation of solutions & services.
- ✓ It will also enable thought leadership, research, & training programs for upskilling in the field of blockchain.
- ✓ GMR Group

Founded : 1978

Founder : Grandhi Mallikarjuna Rao Headquarters : New Delhi

Q. How many gold medals did India win in Thailand Para-Badminton International 2022?

B) 4

C) 6

D) 5

Answer : B

- ✓ India bagged a total of 17 medals (4 gold, 5 silver and 8 bronze) at the Thailand Para-Badminton International, which concluded on 20 August 2022.
- Indian para shuttlers Pramod Bhagat & Sukant Kadam won the Gold medal at the Thailand Para-Badminton International tournament held in Pattaya.
- ✓ They defeated the Indonesian pair of Dwiyoko & Fredy Setiawan in the men's doubles final.
- ✓ Three of India's four gold medals were won in the Women's Singles event. Mandeep Kaur (women's singles SL3), Nitya Sre (women's singles SH6), and Manisha Ramdas (women's singles SU5) all won gold medals, while the men's doubles SL3-SL4 combo of seasoned Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam added another gold medal.

- Q. In which city the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the National Seed Congress 2022?
 - A) Jabalpur B) Gwalior
 - C) Lucknow D) Patna

Answer : B

- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the National Seed Congress in Gwalior in 2022.
- ✓ State Academy of Agricultural and Allied Sciences (SAAS) was launched.
- ✓ The efforts of NAAS at the national level and SAAS at the regional level will further accelerate the activities of promotion of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry science and related research and education

Q. What is the name of the 3.5-km-long freight train, which was recently tested?

A) Super VasukiB) SheshNaagC) Super VandeD) Super Gatimaan

Answer : A

- ✓ Railways conducted a test run of the 3.5-km-long freight train, Super Vasuki, with 295 loaded wagons carrying over 27,000 tonnes of coal between Korba in Chhattisgarh and Rajnandgao in Nagpur on August 15, as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations.
- ✓ The train run by the South East Central Railway left Korba at 13:50 and took 11.20 hours to cover the distance of 267 km.
- ✓ This is the longest and heaviest freight train ever run by the Railways.
- ✓ The amount of coal carried by Super Vasuki is enough to fire 3000 MW of power plant .
- ✓ Indian Railways creates record with longest-ever 2.8 km long 'SheshNaag' train

Q. 'Bibi: My Story' is the autobiography of which former prime minister is to be released in November 2022?

A) Boris Johnson

B) Benjamin Netanyahu

C) Jair Bolsonaro

D) Emmanuel Macron

Answer : B

✓ Netanyahu's autobiography 'Bibi: My Story' to be out in November 2022

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- ✓ Former Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu's memoir will be coming in November 2022.
- ✓ It is titled "Bibi: My Story"
- ✓ The book will range from Netanyahu's early years to his singular perspective on the geopolitics of the Middle East and his negotiations with Presidents Clinton, Obama, and Trump to secure the future of his country.

MEMOIR IN NEWS 2021-22

- Benjamin Netanyahu's memoir "Bibi: My Story".
- > Rajnish Kumar launches memoir 'The Custodian of Trust'.
- > Indra Nooyi memoir "The secrets to balancing work and family life".
- > "A Rude Life: The Memoir" by Vir Sanghvi
- > 'The Struggle Within : A Memoir of the Emergency' by Ashok Chakravarti.
- > 'Home in the World' Book: by Amartya Sen's memoir.
- Suresh Raina's memoir 'Believe What Life and Cricket Taught Me', to release in 2021.
- > "Monk in a Merc" Neurologist Ashok Panagariya's Memoir .
- > Will Smith opening up, releasing memoir 'Will' in November.
- > Suresh Raina's memoir title 'Believe What Life and Cricket Taught Me'.
- > Indra Nooyi Memoir titled My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future.
- > Kabir Bedi's memoir titled 'Stories I Must Tell' .
- > Priyanka Chpra Jonas has come up with her memoir titled "Unfinished".
- > Peter Mukerjea pens memoir 'Starstruck: Confessions of a TV Executive'.
- > Joe Biden's Son Hunter Biden to Release Memoir 'Beautiful Things' .
- > Neena Gupta's memoir title 'Sach Kahun Toh'.
- Barack Obama's first presidential memoir, 'A Promised Land,'

Q. 10th National Conference of Women Police to begin in which state?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- **B) Uttarakhand**

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : A

- Himachal Pradesh, the 10th National Conference of Women Police will begin in Shimla 21st Aug 2022.
 More than two hundred women police officers and employees across the country are participating in this two-day National conference.
- ✓ The conference is being organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) in collaboration with Himachal Police.
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Home affairs Nityanand Rai will inaugurate the conference.
- ✓ The main objective of this conference is to enhance the leadership potential of women police officers and discuss their problems and challenges. It will also highlight and discuss the new roles and responsibilities of women in terms of changing technology and crime

Q. Who has been elected as a Fellow of American Academy of Neurology (FAAN)?

- A) Dr. Puneet Agarwal
- B) Dr. N. V. Sundara Chary
- C) Dr. Praveen Gupta
- D) Dr. Mohana Rao Patibandla

Answer : B

- Senior neurologist, N. V. Sundara Chary has been elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology (FAAN), widely regarded as one of the world's most prestigious honours in the field of Neurology and Medicine.
- ✓ Dr. Sundara Chary has been elected for making valuable contributions in the field of Neurology.
- Dr. Orly Avitzur, the president of the American Academy of Neurology congratulated Dr. N. V. Sundara Chary. Recently, Dr. Sundara Chary was also awarded a Speciality certificate in Neurology by the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- Dr. Sundara Chary is now a Professor and head of the department of Neurology, Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada, and has made significant contributions to the state and country in the field of Neurology.
- Q. Which country Prime Minister has announced that it has exited the enhanced surveillance framework of European Union after 12 years?

A) Italy	

B) Greece

C) Turkey

D) Bulgaria

Answer : B

- ✓ Greece has announced that it has exited the European Union's enhanced surveillance framework. Country's Prime Minister "Kyriakos Mitsotakis" made this announcement 20th August 2022.
- In a statement, Mr. Mitsotakis said, it ends 12 years of pain and allows the country greater freedom in policymaking. EU officials had confirmed yesterday's exit earlier this month, saying Athens had delivered on the bulk of its commitments.
- ✓ Greece was hit with waves of pension cuts, spending constraint, tax increases and bank controls after it was forced to seek its first bailout in 2010. The economy shrank 25 per cent during the bailouts.
- ✓ Greek economic developments and policy have been monitored under the framework since 2018, after Athens exited three international bailouts, totaling more than 260 billion euros, from the European Union and the IMF between 2010 and 2015..

✓ Greece

Capital : Athens Currency : Euro President : Katerina Sakellaropoulou Prime Minister : Kyriakos Mitsotakis

Q. India launched which first portal on arrested narco criminals?

- A) PRADAAN
- C) VIDAAN

B) SIDAAN D) NIDAAN

Answer : D

- ✓ A first-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country, officials said.
- ✓ The portal--NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders--has been developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
- ✓ It is part of the narcotics coordination mechanism (NCORD) portal that was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on July 30, 2022 in Chandigarh during the national conference on 'Drug trafficking and national security'.
- ✓ The NIDAAN platform sources its data from the ICJS (inter-operable criminal justice system) and the e-Prisons (a cloud-based application) repository and it is planned to integrate it in the future with the crime and criminal tracking network system or CCTNS.

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Q. Which company commissions new green hydrogen plant at Hazira in Gujarat?

- A) Tata Group

B) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

C) Piramal Group

D) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Answer : B

- ✓ Larsen & Toubro (L&T) commissions a Green Hydrogen Plant at its AM Naik Heavy Engineering Complex in Hazira, Gujarat. The production of green hydrogen based on an alkaline electrolysis process begins.
- ✓ The plant will produce 45 Kg of Green Hydrogen on a daily basis, which will be used for captive consumption in the company's Hazira manufacturing complex.
- ✓ As per the regulatory filing, the Green Hydrogen Plant is designed for an electrolyser capacity of 800 kW comprising both Alkaline (380 kW) and PEM (420 kW) technologies. It will be powered by a rooftop solar plant of 990kW peak DC capacity and a 500kWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- ✓ Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Founded: 7 February 1938 Founders : Henning Holck-Larsen Søren Kristian Toubro Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra Chairmam : Anil Manibhai Naik MD & CEO : S. N. Subrahmanyan

Tenzin Lekphell, the secretary general of the seven-nation grouping BIMSTEC, is on a four-Q. day visit to India from 22 August 2022. Which of the following countries is not a member of **BIMSTEC?**

- A) Maldives
- **C)** Thailand

B) Sri Lanka D) Bhutan

- Answer : A
- ✓ Tenzin Lekphell, the secretary general of the seven-nation grouping BIMSTEC, is on a four-day visit to India from 22 August 2022.
- ✓ He will explore ways to take forward the bloc's cooperative agenda.

- Besides India, the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) comprises Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan.
- ✓ Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
- ✓ Establishment :6 June 1997
- ✓ Headquarteres : Dhaka, Bangladesh
- ✓ Membership : 7 (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka & Thailand)
- ✓ Chairmanship : Sri Lanka
- ✓ Secretary General : Tenzin lekhpel (Bhutan)
- ✓ Trick to remember BIMSTEC Countries
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- 🗸 M Myanmar
- ✓ B Bangladesh
- 🗸 B Bhutan
- 🗸 S SriLanka
- ✓ N Nepal
- 🗸 I India
- T Thailand

Q. Who presided over the 23rd Central Zonal Council Meeting in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh?

- A) Draupadi Murmu
- **B) Amit Shah**
- C) Hardeep Singh Puri
- D) Narendra Modi

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah presided over the 23rd Central Zonal Council Meeting in Bhopal on 22 August 2022.
- ✓ He also laid the foundation stone for the Bhopal campus of the National Forensic Sciences University.
- ✓ He also addressed seminars on subjects like New Education Policy and role of co-operative in agricultural marketing

- Q. To help curb frauds in the banking system, Banks have worked out a 20-point standard format to seek information on borrowers from which of the following before sanctioning big-ticket loans?
 - A) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
 - B) Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB)
 - C) Bank for International Settlements
 - D) Central Bank of India

Answer : B

- ✓ To help curb frauds in the banking system, Banks have worked out a 20-point standard format to seek information on borrowers from the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB) before sanctioning bigticket loans.
- The move for a uniform format is aimed at reducing the delay in getting such information on economic offences.
- ✓ This will help curb frauds and speed up big-ticket lending.
- ✓ The lenders, under the aegis of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA), will also approach the finance ministry and the CEIB for digitising the entire process of information exchange to ensure real-time, timebound information.
- ✓ The CEIB report usually contains details of the borrowers' track record, dealings with various financial institutions and possible exposure through related parties, among others.

Q. Which state government will take a loan of Rs 4,000 crore from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for setting up medical colleges in 12 districts of the state?

A) Kerala

B) Assam

C) Maharashtra

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ Maharashtra Government will take a loan of 4,000 crore rupees from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for setting up medical colleges in 12 districts of the state. There are 12 districts in the state without a single medical college.
- These districts include Jalgaon, Satara, Alibaug, Sindhudurg, Usmanabad, Parbhani, Amravati, Ratnagiri, Gadhchiroli, Bhandara, Ambernath and Nashik Super Speciality hospital

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ADB IN NEWS 2021-22

- > ADB, India sign \$96.3 mn loan to improve water supply, sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh.
- > Maharashtra to take ₹4,000 crore loan from ADB to set up medical colleges in 12 districts.
- > ADB cuts India GDP growth forecast for FY23 to 7.2%.
- > ADB approves USD 96.3 million loan for safe drinking water project in Himachal Pradesh.
- > ADB approves \$2 million loan to support urban development in Nagaland.
- ADB and HSBC India partners to establish \$100 million Partial Guarantee Program for Microfinance in India.
- > IIFL Home Finance signs \$68-million loan agreement with ADB for affordable Green Housing.
- > ADB lends record USD 4.6 bn loans to India in 2021.
- > ADB approves \$112 million loan to establish Assam Skill University.
- > ADB approves \$500-million loan to improve quality of school education.
- ADB has approved a Rs 2653.05 crore (USD 350 million) policy-based loan to improve urban services in India
- > India and ADB sign USD 300 million loan agreement to improve primary health care in India.
- > ADB approves USD1.5 bn loan to India for COVID-19 vaccine procurement.
- > ADB approved \$61 Million loan under 'Agartala City Urban Development Project.
- ADB approves \$250 million loan for India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP).
- > ADB, India Sign \$100 Million Loan for Agribusiness Development in Maharashtra.
- > ADB and India sign \$251 million loan for Integrated Urban Flood Management in Chennai.
- ADB, AIIB processing \$2 billion loan for India to buy COVID-19 vaccines (ABD USD 1.5 billion, AIIB, USD 500 million).
- India and ADB inks \$4.5 million project readiness financing loan to support urban mobility in Mizoram.
- ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)
 Founded : 19 December 1966
 HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
 President : Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)

Vice President : Ashok Lavasa (Indian? Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi Executive Director : Sameer Kumar Member Countries : 68 (Nuie).

- ADB has grown to encompass 68 members; of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- > Japan is the largest contributor in the subscribed capital of the country.
- > Asian Development Outlook, reports published by ADB.
- Q. Which financial institutions has signed a \$96.3-million loan agreement to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh?
 A) World Bank
 - **B)** Asian Development Bank
 - C) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 - **D) International Monetary Fund**

Answer : B

- ✓ Asian Development Bank (ADB) and India have signed a \$96.3-million loan agreement.
- It has been signed to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The project will strengthen the capacity of the Jal Shakti Vibhag of the Government of Himachal Pradesh and gram panchayat (local government) village water and sanitation committees.
- ✓ ADB project will connect 75,800 households to the service, providing uninterrupted water supply to about 3,70,000 residents across 10 districts.
- To improve water supply and sanitation services, the project aims to construct 48 groundwater wells, 80 surface water intake facilities, 109 water treatment plants, 117 pumping stations, and 3,000 km of water distribution pipelines.

Q. Which dance form has been nominated by the Government of India to be inscribed as UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list?

- A) Garba B) Giddha
- C) Bhangra D) Lavani

Answer : A

- ✓ Government of India has nominated the dance form Garba to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list.
- ✓ As per the Director of UNESCO, Eric Falt, after the inclusion of Durga Puja on the UNESCO intangible cultural heritage representative in 2021, India has now nominated Garba for 2022.
- India was elected by UNESCO to serve on the distinguished Intergovernmental Committee of the 2003
 Convention for Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in July.

✓ About Garba

- ✓ Garba is a Gujarati folk dance celebrated in Navratri, a celebration lasting nine nights.
- ✓ Garba songs typically revolve around the subjects of Lord Krishna or the nine goddesses.
- ✓ Sanedo is an example of a very popular song. Garba styles vary from place to place in Gujarat.
- ✓ What is Intangible Cultural Heritage?
- As per UNESCO, Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) includes traditions or living expressions inherited from our ancestors and passed on to our descendants, such as oral traditions, performing arts, social practices, rituals, festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe or the knowledge and skills to produce traditional crafts.
- ✓ UNESCO established its Lists of Intangible Cultural Heritage with the aim of ensuring better protection of important intangible cultural heritages worldwide and the awareness of their significance.
- ✓ The list was established in 2008 when the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage took effect.
- ✓ In total, 14 Intangible Cultural Heritage elements from the country have now been inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List
- ✓ Latest addition Durga Puja (West Bengal)
- On December 15, 2021, Unesco had accorded ICH status to Kolkata's Durga puja festivities making it Asia's first festival to receive the recognition.
- Since 2008, 14 intangible cultural heritages from India have been listed by Unesco.

13 other elements apart from Durga Puja

	13 ICH traditions re	co	gnised by UNESCO
1.	Tradition of Vedic chanting, 2008	8.	Buddhist chanting of Ladakh: recitation of sacred Buddhist texts in the trans-Himalayan Ladakh region, Jammu and Kashmir, India, 2012
2.	Ramlila, the traditional performance of the Ramayana, 2008	9.	Sankirtana, ritual singing, drumming and dancing of Manipur, 2013
3.	Kutiyattam, Sanskrit theatre, 2008	10.	Traditional brass and copper craft of utensil making among the Thatheras of Jandiala Guru, Punjab, India ,2014
4.	Ramman, religious festival and ritual theatre of the Garhwal Himalayas, India, 2009	11.	Yoga, 2016
5.	Mudiyettu, ritual theatre and dance drama of Kerala, 2010	12.	Nowruz, 2016
6.	Kalbelia folk songs and dances of Rajasthan, 2010	13.	Kumbh Mela, 2017
7.	Chhau dance, 2010		

UNESCO IN NEWS 2021-22

- India nominates Garba (Dance Form Gujarat) to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list.
- UNESCO recognized the use of information and communication technology (ICT), under a comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA by the department of school education, Ministry of Education.
- Khuvsul Lake National Park of Mangolia has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserve of UNESCO.
- Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET) wins UNESCO's King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the year 2021.
- > Brazil landscape garden Sitio Burle Marx receives UNESCO World Heritage status.
- > India chosen to join 2003 Convention on UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee.
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, has contributed an amount of USD 72,124 towards UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping in Sport in 2022.
- ➢ Guadalajara, Mexico was named World Book Capital for the year 2022.
- > Meghalaya's living root bridges included on tentative list of UNESCO's World's Heritage Sites.
- > UNESCO recognises Kolkata's Durga Puja as Intangible Cultural Heritage.

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- > Centre nominates Hoysala Temples in Karnataka for World Heritage List in 2022-2023.
- Delhi's Nizamuddin Revival Project won 2 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2021.
- > 'Lingui, The Sacred Bonds' wins ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at 52nd IFFI.
- > Naomi Kawase named UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.
- > India re-elected to UNESCO Executive Board for 2021-25 term.
- > Srinagar has been included in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.
- > World-acclaimed Kung Fu Nuns wins UNESCO's Martial Arts Education Prize 2021.
- > UNESCO launches 2021 State of the Education Report for India: "No Teacher, No Class".
- > India's NIOS wins UNESCO Literacy Prize 2021 for Innovation in Education.
- Dholavira, the Harappan City in Gujarat's Rann of Kutchch inscribed as India's 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- > Brazil landscape garden Sitio Burle Marx receives UNESCO World Heritage status.
- Rudreswara Temple (Ramappa Temple) of Telangana inscribed as India's 39th UNESCO World Heritage List.
- > UNESCO grants World Heritage Status to Madrid's Paseo del Prado and Retiro Park.
- > Liverpool Maritime Mercantile City (United Kingdom) removed from UNESCO World Heritage list.
- Gwalior and Orchha cities of Madhya Pradesh has been selected by UNESCO under 'Historic Urban Landscape Project'.
- Philippines Journalist Maria Ressa Honored with 2021 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.
- Singapore's 'Hawker' Culture serving as 'Community Dining Room' Gets UNESCO Recognition.
- > Gwalior and Orchha Cities of Madhya Pradesh Included in UNESCO World Heritage Cities List.
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Formation : 16 November 1945
 Headquarters : Paris, France
 Director-General : Audrey Azoulay (France)
 Member countries : 193
 Total UNESCO sites in india : 40.

- Q. What will be the name of India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) which will be commissioned in 2022?
 - A) IAC Vikrant
 - C) IAC Arihant

- **B) IAC Viraat**
- D) IAC Vishal

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will commission India's first indigenously-built aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant on September 2, 2022.
- ✓ The Prime Minister will officially induct the vessel to the Indian Navy at a specially arranged venue inside the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) which is manufactured over Rs. 20,000 crore warship.
- Q. NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has signed an MoU with PayXpert to internationalize the acceptance of its payment solutions in which country?
 - A) Singapore B) Germany
 - C) Australia D) United Kingdom

Answer : D

- ✓ NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has signed an MoU with PayXpert to internationalise the acceptance of its payment solutions in the UK.
- ✓ Both UPI and Rupay are payment systems under the umbrella of NPCI.
- This collaboration will make the Indian payment solutions available in the UK on all PayXpert's android Point-of-Sale (POS) devices for in-store payments.
- This comes just two months after NPCI International had announced a partnership with NeoPay, a payments subsidiary of UAE's Mashreq Bank, allowing Indians in the UAE to make payments using UPI on the company's terminals across the country.
- ✓ UPI is already accepted in UAE, Singapore and Bhutan.
- ✓ NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL):

Founded : 2020

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO : Ritesh Shukla

Q. Which country is hosting the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting in August 2022?

A) Kazakhstan

- B) Uzbekistan
- C) Krgystan D) Tajikistan

Answer : B

- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting, which is set to take place on 24 August 2022 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- ✓ During the Annual Meeting, Defence Cooperation issues among the SCO Member States will be discussed.
- ✓ This summit will be held under the Presidency of Uzbekistan.
- ✓ UZBEKISTAN

Capital : Tashkent

Currency : Som

President : Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Prime Minister : Abdulla Aripov

SCO IN NEWS 2021-22.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Tashkent, Uzbekistan to attend the SCO Defence Ministers Meeting.
- > Varanasi will be declared the first Cultural and Tourism Capital of the SCO for 2022-23.
- > Statue of Unity included in '8 Wonders of SCO' 2022.
- > Chinese diplomat Zhang Ming takes charge of Secretary-General of SCO.
- India assumed the Chairmanship of Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (RATS SCO) for 1 year.
- > Iran becomes 9th member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

Founded : 2001

HQ : Beijing, China

Secretary General : Zhang Ming (China)

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Member Countries = 9 (Iran ,China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,Pakistan,Russia, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan)

- > SCO Summit 2021 : Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- > SCO Summit 2022 : Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- > SCO Summit to be hosted by the Indian side in 2023.
- The founding members (5) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) were China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan. India and Pakistan officially joined this organisation in 2017
- > Trick to remember SCO Countries
- > TRICK :- PICK IN KURTA
- P Pakistan
- I India
- C- China
- K Kazakhstan
- IN Iran
- K Kyrgyzstan
- U Uzbekistan
- R Russia
- TA Tajikistan

Q. Which Institutions has developed an ultrasound-assisted fermentation method to produce a safe sugar substitute called "Xylitol" from bagasse?

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

Answer : C

- Researchers at IIT Guwahati have developed an ultrasound-assisted fermentation method to produce a safe sugar substitute called "Xylitol" from bagasse, the residue left after crushing of sugarcane.
- ✓ The new method overcomes operational limitations of chemical methods of synthesis.
- ✓ The research has been published in Bioresource Technology and Ultrasonics Sonochemistry journals.
- Xylitol is industrially produced by a chemical reaction in which D-xylose is treated with nickel catalyst at very high temperatures and pressures.

- ✓ It makes the process highly energy consuming.
- ✓ Only 8-15 per cent of the xylose is converted to Xylitol.

Q. Who has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer prize under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary?

- A) Danish Siddiqui B) Lisa Falkenberg
- C) Michael Lindenberger D) Fahmida Azim

Answer : D

- Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim working for the Insider online magazine of US has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer prize.
- ✓ She will be awarded under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary.
- ✓ She is among the four journalists including Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey of Insider being published from New York, selected for their work on the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs.
- ✓ The work 'I escaped a Chinese internment Camp' has illustrations by her
- ✓ PULITZER PRIZES
- ✓ First awarded : 1917
- ✓ Country : United States
- ✓ Presented By : Columbia University in New York City.
- ✓ Categories : twenty-one
- ✓ Case Prize ; US\$15,000
- ✓ Awarded for : Excellence in newspaper journalism, literary achievements, musical composition
- ✓ Each winner receives a certificate and a USD 15,000 cash award in 20 categories, while in one of the category namely, public service category, the winner gets a gold medal.
- ✓ Gobind Behari Lal was the first Indian to receive the prestigious Pulitzer Prize.
- Q. Which General Insurance Company has launched India's first electric vehicle ecosystem "All Things EV"?
 - A) HDFC ERGO
- **B) ICICI Lombard**
- C) Reliance General Insurance
- D) United India Insurance

Answer : A

- ✓ HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, a private sector general insurance company, has launched 'All Things EV,' a one-stop-solution portal for electric vehicles (EV).
- ✓ In line with the Government of India's push for electric mobility, this initiative caters to the needs of existing and potential EV users.

Q. Global escrow banking solution provider Castler has partnered with which bank to offer digital escrow services for the bank's customers?

A) Yes Bank

B) Axis Bank

C) HDFC Bank D) ICICI Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Global escrow banking solution provider Castler has partnered with Yes Bank to offer digital escrow services for the bank's customers.
- ✓ The firm offers domestic and cross-border escrow solutions for individuals and enterprises.
- Operational since April 2021, Castler is the escrow solution for over 150 enterprises and manages over Rs1000 crore in transactions every month

YES BANK IN NEWS 2022.

- Castler tie-up with Yes Bank for digital escrow services
- Yes Bank has announced its partnership with SellerApp which is a seller-centric intelligence platform to Promote Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- > YES BANK and RuPay entered into a strategic cooperation with CARD91.
- Private sector lender, Yes Bank has launched an 'Agri Infinity' programme for digital financing solutions in the food and agriculture sector.
- > Paisabazaar ties-up with YES BANK to offer pre-qualified retail financial.
- YES BANK
 - Founded : 2004
 - HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar

Tagline : Experience our Expertise

- Q. Which portal has been launched by central government to bring together all the awards of the various Ministries of the government under one platform?
 - A) Jnanpith Puruskar Portal
- B) Rashtriya Puruskar Portal
- C) Saksham Puruskar Portal
- D) Saraswati Puruskar Portal

Answer : B

- Union Govt has launched the 'Rashtriya Puruskar Portal' to bring together all the awards of the various Ministries of the government under one platform.
- ✓ Aim: to facilitate citizens to nominate individuals/organizations for various awards instituted by the Govt.
- ✓ With this portal, for the first time, information regarding all national awards would be available on a single digital platform
- Q. Which company has partnered with SIDBI to launch 1,000 green energy enterprises across the country in August 2022?
 - A) Greenko Group

- **B) Tata Power Solar Systems**
- C) ReNew Power Ventures
- D) TP Renewable Microgrid

Answer : A

- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is the apex regulatory body for the overall licensing and regulation of micro, small and medium enterprise finance companies in India.
- ✓ It is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India
- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is the apex regulatory body for overall licensing and regulation of micro, small and medium enterprise finance companies in India.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
 Founded : 2 April 1990

Headquarteres : Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Chairman & MD : Siva S Ramann

- Q. Which Indian Naval Ship (INS), a first of its kind, Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR) was inaugurated?
 - A) INS Karna B) INS Talwar

C) INS Godavari

D) INS Mormugao

Answer : A

- ✓ A first-of-its-kind, Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR) was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta at INS Karna, on 18 August 2022.
- ✓ The CISR is a state-of-the-art, self-contained, 25 m, six lane, live firing range for all primary and secondary weapons in the Navy.
- INS Karna is the first in the Navy & the only military unit in the country to set up and use a facility of this kind.

Q. Union Minister of State for Textiles Darshana Jardosh has inaugurated the Silk Mark Expo in which city?

A) Chennai

B) Lucknow

D) Hyderabad

C) New Delhi

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Textiles Darshana Jardosh on 22 August 2022 inaugurated the Silk Mark Expo in New Delhi.
- ✓ It is being organised by the Silk Mark Organisation of India under Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles.
- \checkmark 39 exhibitors from 12 states are participating in the expo.
- ✓ Aim of the expo: to protect the interests of silk consumers and the stakeholders of the silk value chain.
- Q. Which of the following entity has signed an MoU with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd. (MAHAPREIT)?

A) IREDA	B) SEBI
C) SIDBI	D) NABARD

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has signed an MoU with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd. (MAHAPREIT).
- ✓ IREDA will offer financing facilities to MAHAPREIT for the renewable energy projects to be implemented for state utilities, local bodies and the infrastructure of renewable energy parks.
- Through this kind of collaboration, Government of India will get support to achieve its targets of 50% share of energy from non-fossil fuels by 2030.
- MAHAPREIT is a wholly owned subsidiary of MPBCDC (49% owned by Govt. of India and 51% owned by Govt. of Maharashtra).

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)
 Established : 1987

Headquarters : New Delhi

CMD : Pradip Kumar Das

Q. According to Office for National Statistics (ONS), which country has recorded its biggest fall in output in more than 300 years in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic?

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

Answer : C

- United Kingdom has recorded its biggest fall in output in more than 300 years in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic, according to Office for National Statistics (ONS).
- ✓ GDP fell by 11.0 per cent in 2020.
- According to historical data hosted by the Bank of England, this was a bigger drop than any of the ONS's previous estimates and the largest fall since 1709.
- Q. How many medals are won by the Indian wrestling team at U-20 World Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria?

A) 15	B) 20
C) 16	D) 18

Answer : C

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the Indian Wrestling team on winning 16 medals at the U-20 World championships in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- ✓ Giving their best performance, the Indian wrestling team earned a total of 16 medals across the different categories at the U-20 world wrestling championships.
- \checkmark It included a Gold Medal, four silver medals, and 11 bronze medals.
- The event witnessed history as Antim Phangal became the first Indian woman to be crowned the U20 wrestling world champion.

Q. What is the rank of India at the 15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) 2022?

A) 2nd	B) 3rd

C) 4th D) 5th

Answer : B

- ✓ India secured the third rank in the medal tally at the 15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA).
- ✓ India held the third position jointly with Singapore with students winning three gold and two silver medals.
- ✓ Iran's official team with 5 gold medals secured the first position in the medal tally.
- ✓ The 15th IOAA was held in Kutaisi, Georgia, from 14 to 21 August 2022

#	Name of the contestant	Medal secured	Place from
1	Raghav Goyal	GOLD	Chandigarh
2	Md Sahil Akhtar	GOLD	Kolkata
3	Mehul Borad	GOLD	Hyderabad
4	Malay Kedia	SILVER	Ghaziabad
5	Atharva Nilesh Mahajan	SILVER	Indore

Q. Which of the following entity has joined the RBI's account aggregator framework recently?

A) SEBI

B) SIDBI

C) NABARD

D) NPCI

Answer : A

- ✓ Capital markets regulator SEBI joined the account aggregator framework, a move that will give a boost to the RBI-regulated financial-data sharing system.
- Under the framework, Financial Information Providers (FIPs) in the securities market, like depositories and asset management companies (AMCs) - through their Registrar and Transfer Agents or RTAs will provide financial information pertaining to securities markets to the customers and consented

Financial Information Users (FIUs) through any of the account aggregators registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

- ✓ The move will allow customers to share information about their mutual fund and stock holdings with financial service providers.
- ✓ Account aggregator (AA) framework is a non-banking financial institution (NBFC) governed by the RBI.

SEBI IN NEWS 2021-22

- > SEBI joins Account Aggregator framework to facilitate access to financial data.
- SEBI constitutes a 15-member committee to Attract Foreign Investment; Headed by : KV Subramanian.
- > SEBI imposed Rs. 7 crore penalty on National Stock Exchange.
- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank has received capital markets regulator SEBI to launch and raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO).
- > SEBI restructured its Mutual Funds Advisory Committee; chaired by Usha Thorat.
- Ashwani Bhatia has taken charge as a whole-time member (WTM) at the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- SEBI formed Advisory Committee for Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)-related matters; chaired by Navneet Munot.
- > SEBI restructured Secondary Market Advisory Committee; headed by Gurumoorthy Mahalingam.
- SEBI reconstituted its advisory committee for leveraging regulatory and technology solutions; Advisory Committee for ALeRTS will now be led by Sunil Bajpai.
- > SEBI announces Ideathon 'Manthan' to promote innovation in securities markets
- > SEBI raises UPI limit for investing in debt securities to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 2 lakh previously.
- > Madhabi Puri Buch named as first woman chief of SEBI
- SEBI launches Saa₹thi mobile app on investor education
- SEBI makes provision of separation of chairperson & MD/CEO roles voluntary
- SEBI reconstitutes advisory panel for alternative investment policy; Headed By N R Narayana Murthy.
- SEBI reconstitutes its 8-member advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund;
 Headed By : G Mahalingam

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

Q. Which group has acquired a 29.2% stake in New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV)?

A) Tata Group

B) Adani Group

C) Mahindra Group

D) Infosys Technologies

Answer : B

- ✓ Adani Group indirectly acquired a 29.2% stake in New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV) by buying VCPL and offered to buy another 26% from the open market.
- ✓ Vishvapradhan Commercial Pvt Ltd (VCPL) for 1.14 billion rupees. VCPL owns warrants of NDTV shareholder RRPR and exercised its rights to convert those warrants into shares amounting to 99.5% of RRPR.
- ✓ NDTV is a leading media house and operates three national news channels, NDTV 24x7, NDTV India and NDTV Profit. RRPR holds a 29.18% stake in NDTV.
- ✓ Adani entities made ₹493-crore open offer for 26% stake in NDTV at ₹294 per share. The media giant's shares closed 5% higher today at ₹376.55 apiece.
- ✓ Adani Group founder, Gautam Adani has set the ball rolling to acquire a controlling stake of 55.18% in New Delhi Television (NDTV).
- ✓ With a concept to carry 55.18 per cent stake in NDTV, the Adani group has issued an open provide for a 26 per cent stake within the information channel at Rs 294 for a share with a face worth of Rs 4.
- ✓ The complete outlay for 26 per cent, or 16,762,530 totally paid up fairness shares of NDTV if the provide is accepted in full will likely be about Rs 483 crore for the Adani group.

- New Delhi Television (NDTV)
 Founded : 1984
 Founders : Prannoy Roy & Radhika Roy
 Headquarters : New Delhi
 Co-chairperson : Prannoy Roy & Radhika Roy
 President : Suparna Singh
 - Editor-in-chief : Ravish Kumar

ADANI GROUP IN NEWS 2022

- Adani Group founder, Gautam Adani has set the ball rolling to acquire a controlling stake of 55.18% in New Delhi Television (NDTV).
- > Adani Group to buy Ambuja Cements, ACC for \$10.5 bn.
- > A franchise in UAE based T20 League bought by Adani Group.
- > Adani Group takes over management of Jaipur International Airport.
- > Adani Sportsline is principal sponsor of Indian Olympic Association.
- Adani Transmission Limited's, \$700 million revolving facility has been tagged as a 'green loan' by Sustainalytics.
- Adani Wilmar Limited became the largest Fast Moving Consumer Goods Company (FMCG) in India beating Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL).
- Adani Group sign agreement with South Korea's POSCO to develop steel mill at Mundra, Gujarat. The estimated investment of the project is up to \$5 billion (approx. Rs 37,000 crore).
- Adani Group
 - Founded : 1988
 - Founder : Gautam Adani
 - Headquarters : Ahmedabad, Gujarat
 - Chairman & MD : Gautam Adani
- In April 2021, Adani Group became the third Indian conglomerate to cross US\$100 billion in market capitalization.
- It crossed the market capitalization of US\$200 billion in April 2022 becoming the third Indian conglomerate after Tata Group and Reliance Industries to do so.

Adani Group as of 3rd August, 2022 has market cap of approximately 225 billion dollars.

Q. With whom has UNESCO have been partnered to promote and safeguard the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' of India?

A) Java Moto

B) Royal Enfield

C) Harley-Davidson

D) Triumph Motorcycles

Answer : B

- Royal Enfield and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) have joined hands to promote and safeguard the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, beginning with the Himalayas.
- The programme is curated as an experiential and creative showcase of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) practices in the Western Himalayas and the North Eastern region. This includes an exhibition, panel discussions, film screenings, performances and lecture-demonstrations.

Q. How much money has been remitted by Indians under the liberalised remittance scheme 2022?

 A) \$4.02 billion
 B) \$6.04 billion

 C) \$8.03 billion
 D) \$5.06 billion

Answer : B

- ✓ Remittance by Indians under the liberalised remittance scheme jumped 64.75 per cent to over \$6.04 billion from \$3.67 billion in the first guarter of fiscal 2023, shows RBI data.
- Amount remitted in Q1 of FY23 is higher than that in Q4 of FY22, where outward remittance under LRS was \$5.8 billion.
- ✓ International travel contributed \$2.92 billion of the \$6.04 billion remitted under LRS in Q1FY23.
- Q. Which financial services has announced its collaboration with livelihood promotion institution BASIX Social Enterprise Group to launch an agritech platform BASIX Farmers' Market (BFM) to integrate farmers into the digital economy?
 - A) Visa

- B) Mastercard
- C) American Express D) Microsoft

Answer : B

- Mastercard announced its collaboration with livelihood promotion institution BASIX Social Enterprise Group to launch an agritech platform BASIX Farmers' Market (BFM) to integrate farmers into the digital economy.
- The digital platform will address fundamental challenges for small farmers related to price discovery, market reach, payments, and credit access.
- ✓ MASTERCARD

Founded : 1966

Headquarteres : New York, U.S

Executive Chairman : Ajay Banga

President and CEO : Michael Miebach

Q. Which country will host diplomats of the 15-nation UN Security Council in October 2022 for a special meeting on counter-terrorism?

A) India

B) Spain

D) Switzerland

C) Poland

- Answer : A
- ✓ India will host diplomats of the 15-nation UN Security Council in October 2022 for a special meeting on counter-terrorism.
- ✓ India's tenure at the Council will end in December 2022.
- Current members of the Security Council are Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Norway and the UAE, along with five permanent members China, France, Russia, the UK and the US.
- ✓ India chairs the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022
- Q. National Health Authority (NHA) has signed an MoU with which ministry to provide an inclusive and holistic health package for transgender persons under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY?
 - A) Ministry of Finance
- **B)** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) Ministry of Home affairs
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer : D

- An MoU has been signed between National Health Authority (NHA) and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- ✓ It has been signed to provide an inclusive and composite health package for transgender persons under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY.
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment will fund Rs.5 lakh insurance cover per transgender beneficiary per annum.
- ✓ The MoU will extend all healthcare benefits to transgender persons (holding a transgender certificate issued by the National Portal for transgender persons) across the country.
- A comprehensive package master is being prepared for transgender category including the existing AB PM-JAY packages and specific packages (Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS) and treatment) for transgenders.
- ✓ They will be eligible to seek treatment in any of the AB PM-JAY empanelled hospitals across the country, where specific packages are available.
- The scheme would cover all transgender persons not receiving such benefits from other centre/state sponsored schemes
- Ayushman Bharat Yojana or National Health Protection Mission (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan)
 [PM-JAY]
- ✓ PM-JAY was launched on 23rd September, 2018 in Ranchi by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- ✓ The PMJAY, world's largest health insurance/assurance scheme fully financed by the government, provides a cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation across public and private empanelled hospitals in India
- ✓ The scheme will subsume the centrally sponsored schemes-Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) and the Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS)
- ✓ The insurance cost is shared by the centre and the state mostly in the ratio of 60:40
- Q. Which company has appointed "Dixit Joshi" as chief financial officer (CFO) with effect from October 1, 2022?
 - A) Goldman Sachs company
- B) Morgan Stanley company
- C) Credit Suisse company
- D) BlackRock company

Answer : C

- ✓ Credit Suisse Group AG appointed "Dixit Joshi" as chief financial officer to replace David Mathers who decided to step down as the lender prepares for a broad shakeup after a string of losses.
- ✓ Joshi will take over on 1st Oct 2022, the Swiss bank said in a statement.

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Center in which state?

A) Punjab

B) Maharashtra

C) Uttarakhand

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : D

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre at Mullanpur of Punjab's Mohali district.
- ✓ After inaugurating the state-of-the-art 2,600-bed Amrita Hospital in Haryana's Faridabad, PM Modi arrived in Mohali in the afternoon.
- Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann was also present when PM Modi inaugurated the cancer hospital in Mullanpur on the outskirts of Chandigarh
- ✓ The hospital has been built at a cost of over Rs 660 crore by Tata Memorial Centre, an aided institute under the Union department of atomic energy
- Q. Which company starts work on plant to convert 100 tonnes of cow dung per day into biogas in Rajasthan?
 - A) Bharat Petroleum
 - **B) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited**
 - **C) Indian Oil Corporation**
 - D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

Answer : B

- ✓ Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited(HPCL) has commenced on its Cow Dung to Compressed Biogas Project in Rajasthan. This will be HPCL's first project under the waste to energy portfolio.
- ✓ The plant will have the capacity to utilise 100 tonnes of cow dung per day to produce biogas, which can be utilized as automotive fuel. The project is proposed to be commissioned in a year's time.
- ✓ The project's ground breaking ceremony took place at Pathmeda village in Jalore ditrict of Rajasthan and was attended by senior HPCL officials including ED – Bio-fuel & Renewable Shuvendu Gupta.

- The project is being developed under GOBAR-Dhan scheme launched by Government of India as a part of the Biodegradable Waste Management component under Swachh Bharat Mission to positively impact cleanliness and generate wealth and energy from cattle and organic waste
- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
 Founded : 1974
 Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
 Chairman : Pushp Kumar Joshi
 Owner : Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (54.9%)

Q. Who has been inaugurated the 2,600-bed Amrita Hospital in Faridabad, Haryana?

A) Amit Shah

- B) Drupadi Murmu
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman D) Narendra Modi

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister "Narendra Modi" on 24th August 2022 inaugurated a 2,600-bed private hospital in Faridabad, Haryana that is equipped with cutting-edge technology, including a centralised fullyautomated laboratory, in what will be a major boost to healthcare infrastructure in the National Capital Region (NCR).
- Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya and Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar were also present on the occasion
- Q. Who has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom (UK)?
 - A) Akhilesh Mishra

- B) Vikram Doraiswamy
- C) Manoj Kumar Bharti
- D) Pacific feathers

Answer : B

- ✓ Vikram Doraiswami, an Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1992 batch, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom.
- ✓ He will succeed Gaitri Issar Kumar, who retired on 30 June 2022.
- ✓ Doraiswami is presently the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh.
- ✓ Pranay Kumar Verma has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Bangladesh.

Q. The James Webb Space Telescope has recently captured new pictures of which planet?

A) Mars

B) Jupiter

C) Saturn

D) Venus

Answer : B

- Photos of Jupiter, the largest planet in the Solar System, have been captured in a new avatar by NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. A green-blue view of Jupiter can be seen in the latest infrared images of the planet released by NASA.
- In this the planet can be seen with all its important components, including giant storms, auroras and regions of extreme temperatures.
- ✓ NASA successfully completes deployment of James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).
- ✓ NASA's James Webb telescope reaches final stable position, parked 15,00,000 km from Earth.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
 Founded : 1958
 Headquarters : Washington, D.C
 Motto : For the Benefit of All
 - 14th Administrator : Bill Nelson
- Q. Which of the following country has become the fastest aging country in the European Union?

A) France	B) Italy
C) Portugal	D) Singapore

Answer : C

- According to the study published by the contemporary Portugal database Pordata, Portugal has become the fastest aging country in the European Union.
- ✓ At present, 182 elderly people (aged 65 years and above) are registered for every 100 youth (up to 14 years of age) in the country.
- \checkmark The elderly population in the country has tripled in the last three decades.
- ✓ PORTUGAL
 - Capital : Lisbon
 - Currency : Euro

President : Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa

Prime Minister : António Costa

Q. Defence Research & Development Organisation and has successfully flight tested Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range Chandipur, Odisha.

A) Indian Navy

B) Indian Army

C) Indian Air Force

D) Indian Coast Guard

Answer : A

- Recently, Defence Research & Development Organisation and Indian Navy successfully flight tested Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range Chandipur, Odisha
- ✓ VL-SRSAM was indigenously developed and designed by DRDO.
- ✓ Missiles have been launched for the Indian Navy.
- ✓ They will neutralize the various aerial threats including the sea-skimming targets

Q. India recently inaugurated the new Indian Embassy in which country ?

A) Romania

- B) Namibia
- C) Paraguay D) Venezuela

Answer : C

- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar inaugurated the newly opened Indian Embassy in Asuncion on 23 August 2022 during his official visit to Paraguay.
- ✓ He also unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay on 21 August.
- ✓ Mr Jaishankar is the first Indian Foreign Minister to visit Paraguay.
- ✓ India & Paraguay have completed the 60th anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relations.
- ✓ Paraguay

Capital : Asunción Currency : Guaraní President : Mario Abdo Benítez

Q. Which state government has signed a pact with the British High Commission to provide scholarships in 2022?

A) Jharkhand

- **B) Chhattisgarh**
- C) Uttar Pradesh D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Jharkhand government on 23 August 2022 signed a pact with the British High Commission.
- ✓ The pact was signed to award the 'Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship' to five meritorious students belonging to backward classes in the state.
- ✓ This scholarship will offer full financial support to pursue a one-year master's in the UK.
- ✓ British High Commissioner to India: Alex Ellis

Q. The fourth edition of the 'India Clean Air Summit' (ICAS) is being held In which city?

A) ChennaiB) MumbaiC) HyderabadD) Bengaluru

Answer : D

- ✓ The fourth edition of the 'India Clean Air Summit' (ICAS) began in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ✓ Theme: "The Right to Life: Citizens at the Centre of Science"
- ✓ It has been organised by the Centre for Air Pollution Studies and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy.
- ✓ In this 4 day summit, global experts will discuss an integrated approach to resolve air pollution and climate change.
- Q. Which state government has signed five MoUs for an investment worth Rs 2,250 crore in the footwear and leather sector?
 - A) Kerala
 - C) Rajasthan

- **B) Karnataka**
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : D

- Tamil Nadu government has signed five MoUs for an investment worth Rs 2,250 crore in the footwear and leather sector, in August 2022.
- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin also unveiled the 'Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Products Policy 2022'.

The policy is aimed at attracting Rs 20,000 crore investment in the leather sector by 2025 and in creating employment opportunities to 2 lakh people.

Q. Who has been appointed as Executive Director for India at International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- A) Surjit Bhalla
- **B) Arvind Subramanian**
- C) Raghuram Rajan D) Krishnamurthy Subramanian

Answer : D

- ✓ Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of former Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) Dr Krishnamurthy Subramaniam to the post of Executive Director (India) in the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- ✓ He has been appointed to the post for a period of three years with effect from 1 November 2022

IMF IN NEWS 2021-22

- Former Chief Economic Adviser, KV Subramanian was appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- > IMF Signed Extended Fund Facility(EFF) With Pakistan.
- > Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists'.
- India's Krishna Srinivasan has been appointed as the director of the Asia and Pacific Department of the International Monetary Fund.
- IMF cuts India's GDP growth forecast for FY23 to 8.2% in its latest World Economic Outlook report.
- > IMF approved \$1.4 billion emergency support for Ukraine.
- ▶ IMF warns Ukraine's Economy to Shrink Up to 35% in 2022.
- > Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas from France has been named as the next chief economist of the IMF.
- Gita Gopinath is set to become the first Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund.
- > Andorra Joins IMF as its 190th Member.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 Founded : 1945

Headquarters: Washington, D.C.

Managing Director : Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria)

First Deputy MD : Gita Gopinath

Chief Economist : Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas (France)

Executive Director for India at IMF : Krishnamurthy Subramaniam

Member countries : 190 (Andorra)

- IMF Released Report
- > Global Financial Stability Report
- World Economic Outlook.
- > The value of Special Drawing Right (SDR) is determined by the basket of 5 currencies.
- > The currencies are, US Dollar, Japanese Yen, British Pound, Chinese Yuan and Euro.
- Special Drawing Right is known as the Paper Gold. The value of the SDR is based on a basket of key international currencies reviewed by IMF every five years. SDR was introduced in the 1969 by the IMF to solve the problem of International liquidity

Q. Who has been honoured with the 'Liberty Medal 2022'?

- A) Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- B) Vladimir Putin

C) Joe Biden

D) Emmanuel Macron

Answer : A

- ✓ The Liberty Medal 2022 has been awarded to the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky. He will be honored at a ceremony in October 2022.
- ✓ Zelenskyy will be honoured for "his heroic defence of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny."
- The Liberty Medal, which was established in 1988, is awarded to those who strive to secure the freedom of people around the world.
- ✓ Winston Churchill Leadership Award 2022 was presented to President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky.
- ✓ Ronald Reagan Freedom Award 2022.
- ✓ John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award 2022
- ✓ UKRAINE

Currency : hryvnia

Capital : Kyiv

President : Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Prime Minister : Denys Shmyhal

Ukraine is a country in Eastern Europe. It is the second largest country after Russia

Q. Who has been re-appointed as Chairman of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for six months?

A) A. S. Rajeev

- B) N. Kamakodi
- C) K V Rama Moorthy D) Meenesh C Shah

Answer : D

- Central government has extended the tenure of Meenesh C Shah, as the chairman of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for another six months.
- \checkmark This is the second time he has been given the extension.
- \checkmark Shah was appointed as the Chairman of NDDB in 2021.
- ✓ Before Shah, Dilip Rath was the chairman of NDDB who resigned from the post in December 2020.
- ✓ National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)

Founded: 1965

Founder : Dr Verghese Kurien

Headquarters : Anand, Gujarat

Meenesh Shah was appointed the Chairman of NDDB in 2021.

- ✓ NDDB's landmark project in 1970, Operation Flood (milk production)
- ✓ India is the world's largest milk producer.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh is the highest milk producing state in India.

Q. Who will commission the country's first indigenously-built aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant on September 2?

A) Rajnath Singh

B) Manoj Pande

C) Narendra Modi

D) Vivek Ram Chaudhari

Answer : C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will commission the country's first indigenously-built aircraft carrier (IAC)
 Vikrant on September 2.

- ✓ The Prime Minister will officially induct the vessel to the Indian Navy at a specially arranged venue inside the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) here, which manufactured the over Rs 20,000 crore warship.
- ✓ Fighter jets have been brought to the aircraft which is set to operate MiG-29K fighter jets, Kamov-31 helicopters and MH-60R multi-role helicopters.
- ✓ With the delivery of 'Vikrant', India has joined a select group of nations having the niche capability to indigenously design and build an aircraft carrier.
- ✓ Vikrant has a top speed of around 28 knots and a cruising speed of 18 knots with an endurance of about 7,500 nautical miles.
- The IAC is 262 metres long, 62 metres wide and has a height of 59 metres. Its construction began in 2009

Q. Who Breaks Guinness World Record For Youngest Pilot To Fly Solo Around Globe?

- A) Travis Ludlow
- **B) Zara Rutherford**
- C) Anny Divya
- D) Mack Rutherford

Answer : D

- ✓ A British-Belgian teenage pilot has become the youngest individual to fly solo in a small aircraft around the globe. The 17-year-old, Mack Rutherford, took off from Bulgaria's Sofia and travelled through two oceans, five continents and flew twice across the equator. After taking off on 23 March 2022, Mack flew across 52 nations before touching down once more in the Bulgarian capital on Wednesday(24th Aug 2022). Notably, he flew for 5 months to create history
- According to The Guardian report, while flying on the way to India, China, South Korea, as well as Japan, the plane passed across the African continent and the Gulf of Mexico. He also travelled over the northern Pacific to Alaska before heading down the US' west coast to Mexico. From there, he flew to the north once more before traveling along the US' east coast to Canada and finally across the Atlantic to Europe.
- Youngest solo pilot broke two Guinness World Records : It is pertinent to mention that Mack Rutherford broke the Guinness World Record set by 18-year-old Travis Ludlow in 2021, who achieved the feat in 2021 at the age of 18 and in 150 days.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD IN NEWS 2021-22

- 17-year-old pilot Mack Rutherford (from Bulgaria)sets record for solo flight around world and claim two Guinness World Records.
- > Tamara Walcott (From United States) lifts 737.5 kg to break powerlifting Guinness World Record
- > NHAI set a Guinness World Record for constructing a 75-kilometer motorway in 105 hours.
- India made Guinness Record for synchronic Waving of More than 78,000 National Flags at the 'Veer Kunwar Singh Vijayotsav' programme in Bhojpur, Bihar.
- Atal Tunnel has been officially certified as 'World's Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 Feet' by the World Book of Records
- Jayadharshan Venkatesan, a Chennai boy sets Guinness World Record for fastest solving Rubik's Cube in just 14.32 seconds while riding a bicycle
- Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh has created a Guinness record by lighting 11.71 lakh clay lamps (diyas) in 10 minutes.
- > JC Chaudhry gets first ever Guinness World Record in Numerology
- BRO received Guinness World Record for world's highest motorable road at 19,024 feet in Umlingla Pass, Ladakh.
- > Guinness World Records recognise Ronaldo for most goals scored
- > 8,573 Venezuelan musicians set world's largest orchestra record

Q. Who released a book titled A 'New India: Selected Writings 2014-19' in August 2022?

A) Droupadi Murmu

C) Jagdeep Dhankhar

B) Narendra ModiD) M Venkaiah Naidu

Answer : D

- Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled A 'New India: Selected Writings 2014-19' on 24 August 2022.
- ✓ It is a compilation of selected articles of former Union Minister and Padma Vibhushan Arun Jaitley.
- ✓ 24 August 2022 marked his death anniversary.
- ✓ Jaitley served as the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs of the Government of India from 2014 to 2019.

- ✓ National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM), Faridabad , Haryana will be renamed as Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM).
- ✓ Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in Delhi to be Renamed as Arun Jaitley Stadium

Q. Which of the following provided insurers with more flexibility in paying commission by linking limits to the overall portfolio and company management expenses?

A) RBI B) SEBI

C) SIDBI D) IRDAI

Answer : D

- IRDAI provided insurers with more flexibility in paying commission by linking limits to the overall portfolio and company management expenses.
- ✓ The utmost commission sanctioned for non-life products has been fixed at 20% of the gross written premium in that financial year.
- Commission and remuneration payout will be based on a board-approved policy which will be reviewed on a yearly basis
- ✓ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)

Founded : 1999

Headquarteres : Hyderabad

Chairman : Debasish Panda

Q. Who has been appointed as the first brand ambassador of DreamSetGo?

- A) Neeraj Chopra B) Sourav Ganguly
- C) Virat Kohli D) Rohit Sharma

Answer : B

- DreamSetGo, a sports experiences and travel platform, has announced Sourav Ganguly as its first brand ambassador.
- The company was launched in 2019 for people to get access to worldwide sporting events and is owned by Dream Sports.
- ✓ As the "Supercaptain" for the company, he will promote its curated experiences offered through its key partnerships with Manchester City, Chelsea FC, etc
- ✓ A Century Is Not Enough' is an autobiography of Sourav Ganguly

LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2022	
PERSON	BRANDS
Sourav Ganguly	DreamSetGo
Rishabh Pant	Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand
Vaani Kapoor	Noise X-Fit 2 smartwatch
Shahid Kapoor	PokerBaazi
Ravi Shastri	FanCode
Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Garuda Aerospace
A. R. Rahman	India/UK Together Season of Culture
Deepika Padukone	Louis Vuitton
Robin Uthappa	Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)
Amir Khan	PharmEasy, a consumer healthcare "super app,"
Shubman Gill & Ruturaj Gaikwad	My11Circle
Mary Kom	Lupin
Vidya Balan	Bharti AXA Life Insurance
Shahrukh Khan	Thums Up
Rishabh Pant	Dish TV India
Tanishka Kotia & Riddhika Kotia	'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme for the Gurugram, Haryana
Shah Rukh Khan	Gaming app A23
Manoj Tiwari	Khadi and other handicrafts of Bihar
Pankaj Tripathi	Krishi Network
Akshay Kumar	Uttarakhand ahead of the 2022 Assembly Elections.
Disha Patani	Bata India
Amitabh Bachchan	MediBuddy
Neeraj Chopra	GoodDot
Vijay Shekhar Sharma	Universal Acceptance Steering Group
RajKummar Rao	RenewBuy
Jhulan Goswami	All Women Match Official Team
Vijay Raaz & Varun Sharma	EaseMyTrip
Rishabh Pant	Uttarakhand's brand ambassador
Jasprit Bumrah	Unix
Ravindra Jadeja	Kinara Capital

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

Q. Anang Tal Lake, which was declared a monument of national importance, is located in which state/UT?

A) Kerala

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) New Delhi

D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : C

- The Anang Tal Lake in South Delhi has been declared a monument of national importance by the Ministry of Culture.
- As per the website of National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, Anang Tal dates back to 1,060 AD.

Q. International Conference on Indian Minerals and Metals Industry held in which city?

A) LucknowB) GandhinagarC) AhmedabadD) New Delhi

Answer : D

- ✓ India's mining major NMDC in association with FICCI organised a conference on Indian minerals and metal industry on the theme 'Transition Towards 2030 & Vision 2047' in New Delhi.
- As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the conference was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Steel and the Ministry of Mines.
- The objective of the event was to discuss on the roadmap for the minerals and metal industry to achieve Vision 2047.

Q. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew the restrictions on which credit card service after compliance with data storage norms?

A) Discover

B) Mastercard

C) Visa

D) American Express

Answer : D

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew the restrictions on American Express Banking Corp and allowed the company to onboard new customers following satisfactory compliance with data storage norms.
- ✓ The RBI, in 2021, had restricted US-based credit card service from onboarding new domestic customers onto its card network for non-compliance with RBI's rules on storage of payment system data.
- ✓ American Express Company (Amex)
- ✓ Headquarters : New York, United States
- ✓ Chairman & CEO : Stephen J. Squeri
- Q. National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) signed a tripartite MoU for development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks under which scheme?
 - A) Swamitva Yojana
 - **B) Bharatmala Pariyojana**
 - **C) National Social Assistance Scheme**
 - D) Saubhagya Scheme

Answer : B

- A tripartite agreement was signed by National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP).
- ✓ The MoU was signed under the Bharatmala Pariyojna across the country with an objective to centralize freight consolidation and reduce logistics cost from 14% to less than 10% of GDP.
- ✓ NHLML is a special purpose vehicle of the National Highway Authority (NHAI), while IWAI is a statutory authority under the ministry of ports, shipping and waterways. RVNL is a wholly-owned public sector enterprise under the railway ministry.

✓ Purpose of MMLPs

- Developed under a 'hub & spoke' model, the MMLP will integrate multiple modes of freight transport through highways, railways and inland waterways.
- The agreement underlines the cooperation and collaboration model between the three bodies in order to achieve efficiency in logistics movement within the country.
- ✓ Bharatmala Pariyojana
- ✓ Bharatmala Pariyojana is an umbrella programme for the highways sector that focuses on optimising efficiency of freight and passenger movement across the country by bridging critical infrastructure gaps through effective interventions.
- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the proposal for investment approval for phase-1 of Bharatmala Pariyojana in October 2017 with an aggregate length of about 34,800 km (including 10,000 km residual NHDP stretches).
- ✓ Total investment of Rs 6,92,324 crore is envisaged under Bharatmala Pariyojana phase-1 and other NHs/road development schemes.
- ✓ This includes investment of Rs 5,35,000 crore for Bharatmala Pariyojana phase-1 and projects under NHDP.
- ✓ The phase-1 of Bharatmala Pariyojana includes development of:
- ✓ About 9,000 km of economic corridors.
- ✓ About 6,000 km of inter-corridor and feeder roads.
- ✓ About 5,000 km of national corridor efficiency improvements.
- About 2,000 km of border and international connectivity roads to promote trade with Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar
- ✓ About 2,000 km of coastal and port connectivity roads.
- ✓ About 800 km of expressways.
- ✓ About 10,000 km of roads under National Highways Development Project (NHDP).
- ✓ Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)
- ✓ Headquarters : Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Chairman : Sanjay Bandopadhyay

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Q.	Which multinational or researchers and devel	company has announced a campaign to upskill cyber security opers in India?
	A) Google	B) Microsoft
	C) Apple	D) Amazon
А	nswer : A	
√ √ √	It will be part of the company and offer tools, tutorials and enterprise programmes. The upskilling programme w GOOGLE Founded :1998 Founders : Larry Page and 3 Headquarters : Mountain Vie CEO : Sundar Pichai	
А	nswer : C	
✓ ✓ ✓	The co-branded credit cards Card and Tata Neu Infinity F	ners to earn rewards on all spends, both online and in-store in the form of
Q.	Who has been co-chair counterpart Carlos Fra	red the 8th India-Brazil Joint Commission Meeting with his Brazilian Inça in Brasilia?
	A) Amit Shah	B) Piyush Goyal
	C) S. Jaishankar	D) Narendra Modi

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Answer : C

- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar co-chaired the 8th India-Brazil Joint Commission Meeting with his Brazilian counterpart Carlos França in Brasilia on 24 August 2022.
- ✓ The comprehensive discussions covered trade and investments, petroleum, biofuels, edible oils and minerals, health, pharma, etc.
- ✓ After the meeting, agreements were signed in the fields of broadcasting and taxation.
- ✓ Government of Brazil had also released a commemorative stamp marking the 75th anniversary of Indian independence Amrit Mahotsav.

Q. Who has addressed the 44th National Conference of Labour Ministers and Secretaries of all states and Union Territories?

- A) Draupadi Murmu
- **B)** Narendra Modi

D) Amit Shah

C) Rajnath Singh

Answer : B

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 44th National Conference of Labour Ministers and Secretaries of all states and Union Territories via video conferencing.
- The two-day conference is being organized by the Union Ministry of Labour & Employment at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The conference was presided over by Union Labour Minister Bhupinder Yadav.
- ✓ The move comes in the backdrop of the Prime Minister's vision for the next 25 years in preparation for India's 100th year of independence. Accordingly, the 44th session of the National Labour Conference has been named Vision Shramev Jayate @2047.
- Q. Which Ministry has launched the 'Azadi Quest', a series of online educational games based on India's freedom struggle?
 - A) Narendra Modi

B) Nirmala Sitharaman

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C) Amit Shah

D) Anurag Thakur

- Answer : D
- ✓ Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Minister Anurag Thakur on has launched the 'Azadi Quest', a series of online educational games based on India's freedom struggle.

- Objective To highlight key milestones of India's freedom struggle and encourage a digital learning experience.
- ✓ I&B Ministry in collaboration with Zynga India has developed these games.
- These games are an effort to tap into the huge market of online gamers and to educate them through games.
- ✓ The first game in the series is 'Azadi Quest: Match 3 Puzzle', a simple and easy-to-play casual game presenting the players with the colorful journey of India's Independence from 1857 to 1947.
- Q. The World Water Week is being observed globally in 2022 from August 23 to September 01. The annual celebration is organised by international organisation SIWI. Its headquarter is located at__
 - A) Paris, France

B) London, United Kingdom

C) Rome, Italy

D) Stockholm, Sweden

Answer : D

- ✓ World Water Week 2022 takes place from 23 August to 1 September. The World Water Week is an annual event organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) since 1991 to address the global water issues and related concerns of international development.
- ✓ The theme of the 2022 World Water Week is: "Seeing the unseen: The value of water", which helps us view water in new and fascinating ways.
- ✓ SIWI Headquarters: Stockholm, Sweden.

Q. What is the theme of the World Water Week 2022?

- A) Water, Ecosystems and Human Development
- B) Seeing the unseen: The value of water
- C) Water and Climate Change: Accelerating Action
- D) Water for society Including all

Answer : B

- Q. When is Independence Day of Ukraine celebrated?
 - A) 22 August B) 24 August
 - C) 23 August D) 25 August

Answer : B

- ✓ Independence Day of Ukraine is celebrated on 24 August in commemoration of the Declaration of Independence of 1991.
- ✓ Ukraine is the second largest European country after Russia.
- ✓ The Soviet Union dissolved in the 1990s and on July 16, 1990, the Ukrainian government declared state sovereignty.
- ✓ US President Joe Biden has announced \$2.98 billion in military aid to Kyiv, on the occasion.

Q. When is Women's Equality Day celebrated every year?

A) 23 August	B) 25 August
C) 26 August	D) 30 August

Answer : C

- ✓ Women's Equality Day is celebrated every year on 26 August.
- ✓ This day marks the passage of women's suffrage in America. Women's Equality Day helps us to appreciate the courageous women who have led the women's movement to success despite discrimination and violence.
- ✓ This day remembers the women of today and the women who fought for their rights in the past.
- Q. Which country has signed a USD 2.25 billion deal with a Russian state-run nuclear energy company ASE?
 - A) Australia
 - **B) Singapore**
 - C) South Korea
 - D) Germany

Answer : C

- ✓ South Korea has signed a USD 2.25 billion deal with a Russian state-run nuclear energy company ASE.
- ✓ It has been signed to provide components for Egypt's first nuclear power plant.
- ✓ ASE is a subsidiary of Rosatom, a state-owned Russian nuclear conglomerate.
- ✓ South Korea has also signed a USD 20 billion contract to build nuclear power reactors in the UAE.

SOUTH KOREA IN NEWS 2021-22

- > South Korea breaks its own record for the world's lowest fertility rate.
- South Korea has signed a USD 2.25 billion deal with a Russian state-run nuclear energy company ASE.
- South Korea and the United States Began their Largest Joint Military Drills. This year, the annual summertime exercise has been renamed 'Ulchi Freedom Shield
- South Korea has successfully launched its first lunar mission, Korea Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter, also known as Danuri, from Cape Canaveral in Florida.
- Biennial Pacific Dragon ballistic missile defense exercise between the military of South Korea, the United States and Japan is being held from August 01 to August 14, 2022 off the coast of Hawaii.
- South Korea sent its first satellite into orbit using a domestic Nuri rocket.
- South Korea won the Uber Cup 2022, defeating China.
- South Korea became the first Asian country to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (NATO CCDCOE).
- > Yoon Suk Yeol elected as new South Korean President.
- > Adani Group sign agreement with South Korea's POSCO to develop steel mill at Mundra, Gujarat.
- > South Korea to get world's first floating city by 2025.
- > World's Largest Hydrogen Fuel Cell Power Plant Inaugurated in South Korea.
- South Korea flight tests first homegrown space rocket "Nuri".
- South Korea successfully tested an indigenously developed submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM).
- > President nominates Kim Boo-kyum as new S Korean Prime Minister.
- South Korea to Build World's Largest Offshore Wind Farm
- > SOUTH KOREA

Capital : Seoul

Currency : Won

President : Yoon Suk-yeol

Prime Minister : Kim Boo-kyum

Q. Which district has been declared as the best aspirational district in India?

- A) Dehradun
- C) Nainital

- **B)** Haridwar
- D) Pithoragarh

Answer : C

- ✓ NITI Aayog has declared the holy city of Haridwar in Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district.
- Along with the title of India's Best Aspirational District, the district will also receive an additional Rs 3 Crores.
- ✓ Launched in 2018, NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme aims to identify potential districts that can develop into model blocks through socio-economic development.
- ✓ NITI Aayog announced "Transformation of Aspirational Districts" programme that aims to expeditiously improve the socio-economic status of 115 districts out of total 712 from across 28 states.
- Aim : The Government is committed to raising the living standards of its citizens and ensuring inclusive growth for all – "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas"
- The Aspirational District Programme launched by NITI Aayog evaluates the performance of districts on the basis of five key parameters.
 - 1.Health & Nutrition (30%)
 - 2. Education (30%)
 - 3.Agriculture & Water Resources (20%)
 - 4..Financial Inclusion & Skill Development (10%)
 - 5. Infrastructure (10%)

Q. Who has won the 28th Abu Dhabi Masters Chess tournament?

A) Arjun Erigaisi

B) Sankalp Gupta

C) Mitrabha Guha

D) Rahul Shrivastava

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi has won the 28th Abu Dhabi Masters Chess tournament.
- ✓ He defeated Spain's David Anton Guijarro in the ninth and final round with 7.5 points
- ✓ Erigaisi hails from Telangana & is the 54th grandmaster from India

- Q. Which bank has announced to open 551 more branches in the FY 2022-23 fiscal to make its distribution stronger in other parts of India outside the eastern region?
 - A) Bandhan Bank

B) Canara Bank

C) Bank of Baroda

D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Bandhan Bank will open 551 more branches in the FY 2022-23 fiscal, as part of the lender's focus to make its distribution stronger in other parts of India outside the eastern region.
- ✓ With the latest addition, the bank's branch count will exceed 6,000.
- ✓ The bank's push for digital and tech transformation has been a great success, with 92 percent of the total transactions taking place through the digital route
- ✓ Bandhan Bank
- ✓ Founded : 2001
- ✓ Founder : Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- ✓ Headquarters : Kolkata
- ✓ CEO : Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- ✓ Chairperson : Anup Kumar Sinha

Q. PM Narendra Modi has addressed Khadi Utsavin which of the following city?

A) Chennai

B) Hyderabad

C) Ahmedabad

D) Bengaluru

Answer : C

- ✓ PM Narendra Modi has addressed Khadi Utsav at the Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad.
- ✓ The unique Khadi Utsav is being organised as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to highlight the importance of khadi in country's freedom struggle.
- ✓ He also inaugurated a foot overbridge named as Atal Bridge built over Sabarmati River connecting the eastern and western side of the city.
- ✓ The 'Utsav' or festival is being organised at Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad in which around 7,500 women khadi artisans from various districts of Gujarat participated.
- \checkmark The event also feature an exhibition on the evolution of Charkhas.

Q. The first 3D-printed post office in India will come up in which city?

- A) Bengaluru
- C) Hyderabad

- B) Chennai
- D) New Delhi

Answer : A

- ✓ The first 3D-printed post office in India will come up in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Cambridge Layout in Halasuru is set to witness this technological marvel, making it the first post office in the country to be built using 3D printing.
- ✓ A building of around 1,000 square feet here would cost less than Rs 25 lakh if 3D printing technology is used. This would work out to just 25 percent of the normal construction cost.
- L&T has obtained technology approval from the Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and IIT-Madras for 3D concrete printing for structures running from ground-plus-three floors

Q. Which two-wheelers manufacturing firm has announced an acquisition of 48 percent stake in Narain Karthikeyan's two-wheeler startup DriveX for Rs 85.4 crores?

A) Royal Enfield

B) Hero MotoCorp

C) Bajaj Auto

D) TVS Motor Company

Answer : D

- ✓ Leading two-wheelers manufacturing firm TVS Motor Company has announced an acquisition of 48 percent stake in Narain Karthikeyan's two-wheeler startup DriveX for Rs 85.4 crores.
- Karthikeyan's firm Nkars Mobility Millennial Solutions Private Limited (NMMSPL) operates a digital platform 'DriveX' which provides two-wheelers to customers on a subscription model for a flexible tenure.
- ✓ TVS Motor Company (TVS)
- ✓ Founded : 1978
- ✓ Founder : T. V. Sundaram Iyengar
- ✓ Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Chairman & Managing Director : Venu Srinivasan

Q. The third India and Mauritius Joint Committee Meeting on Small and Medium Enterprise Cooperation was held in which city

- A) Bengaluru
- **B) New Delhi**
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Chennai

Answer : B

- ✓ The third India & Mauritius Joint Committee Meeting on Small and Medium Enterprise Cooperation was held in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Indian side was led by Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Narayan Rane.
- ✓ During the Mauritius delegation's visit two MoUs on cooperation have also been signed.
- ✓ One of them was signed between SME Mauritius Ltd. and EDII Ahmedabad
- Q. Which organization has signed an MoU with Sweden's LFV Air Navigation Services for developing and operationalizing the next-generation sustainable aviation technology to explore smart aviation solutions?
 - A) Skylark Drones
 - **B)** Airports Authority of India
 - C) Directorate General of Civil Aviation
 - D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Answer : B

- ✓ Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an MoU with Sweden's LFV Air Navigation Services for developing and operationalizing the next-generation sustainable aviation technology to explore smart aviation solutions.
- ✓ It aims to expand technical cooperation in airports and support the development of a safe, secure, sustainable, and efficient aviation sector.
- Airports Authority of India (AAI)
 Founded : 1955
 Headquarters : New Delhi

Chairman : Sanjeev Kumar

Q. RailTel has partnered with CloudExtel to launch India's first Shared RAN solution for congested locations. What is the full form of RAN?

- A) Request Access Network
- **B) Release Authorization Number**
- C) Radio Access Network
- D) Real Access Network

Answer : C

- RailTel (a CPSU of the Ministry of Railways) has partnered with CloudExtel (a known Full Stack Network as a Service (NaaS) Provider) to launch India's first Shared Radio Access Network (RAN) solution for congested locations with the objective of enhancing telecom users' experience.
- ✓ They carried out the successful pilot of this project with Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea, and Nokia.
- ✓ The Telecom Infra Project (TIP)'s NaaS Solutions Group, with vital support from the Railways, is in one of the most networks, stressed locations namely Mumbai Central railway station.
- Q. Which bank has launched its pre-qualified credit card which also includes insurance coverage?
 - A) Canara Bank
- **B)** Bank of Baroda
- C) State Bank of India
- D) Punjab National Bank

Answer : D

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched its pre-qualified credit card which also includes insurance coverage.
- ✓ It has also introduced a new facility of overdraft against fixed deposit on PNB One in a few clicks and a single OTP (one-time password).
- This card facility will be available for salary account customers and they will be able to apply through PNB One or the website.
- There is a concession of 0.25% on the interest rate when applied through digital platforms like PNB
 One.
- ✓ The bank will offer this service through two payment gateways RuPay and Visa.
- ✓ Punjab National Bank (PNB)
 Founded : 12 April 1894

Founder : Dyal Singh Majithia and Lala Lajpat Rai

Headquarters : New Delhi

MD & CEO : Atul Kumar Goel

Tagline : The Name You can Bank Upon

Punjab National Bank Merge – (Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank of India)

Q. Which Fintech platform has partnered with API banking solutions company Cashfree Payments to offer EMI solutions?

A) GyanDhan

B) KreditBee

C) Profitbooks D) StoreKey

Answer : B

- ✓ Fintech platform KreditBee has partnered with API banking solutions company Cashfree Payments to offer customers an option to convert their online purchases into EMIs at the time of checkout itself for non-credit card holders.
- ✓ The checkout finance loans range from Rs 2,400 to Rs 2 lakhs with a tenure of 3-18 months.
- ✓ KreditBee is currently offering personal loans and a digital gold investment product
- Q. Which General Insurance Company has partnered with Chennai-based Repco Home Finance Ltd to offer insurance against home loans?
 - A) Bharti AXA General Insurance
 - B) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
 - C) Universal Sompo General Insurance
 - D) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance

Answer : C

- Non-life Insurer Universal Sompo General Insurance has partnered with Chennai-based Repco Home Finance Ltd to offer insurance against home loans.
- ✓ This partnership will, additionally, disburse affordable insurance solutions from Universal Sompo General Insurance like Group Credit Protection, Long-Term Fire, and Personal Accident policies to Repco's customers.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of IDFC limited

A) Mahendra Shah

B) Rajesh Talwar

- C) Ramesh Kandula
- D) Rahul Srivatshav

Answer : A

- ✓ Mahendra N Shah has been appointed as the new managing director (MD) of IDFC limited.
- ✓ Shah will replace incumbent MD Sunil Kakar, whose term will end on September 30, 2022.
- ✓ IDFC Limited
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai
- ✓ CEO : V. Vaidyanathan
- ✓ MD : Mahendra N Shah
- Q. The 300-metre long 'Atal Bridge' for pedestrians and cyclists has been inaugurated in which city?

A) Ahmedabad	B) Surat
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C) Vadodara	D) Rajkot
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Answer : A

- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the iconic 'Atal Bridge' over the Sabarmati River in Ahmedabad city of Gujarat. Its name was declared as Atal Bridge on 25 December on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- This bridge is built on the banks of the Sabarmati Riverfront on Sabarmati River which flows through the city of Ahmedabad.
- Equipped with attractive design and LED lights, this bridge is about 300 meters long and 14 meters wide.
- 2,600 metric tons of steel pipe has been used in the construction of this bridge and the railing is made of glass and steel
- ✓ The total cost of construction of this bridge is Rs 74.29 lakh crore
- ✓ Sabarmati Riverfront has been developed on the banks of the Sabarmati River in the city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat

BRIDGE IN NEWS 2021-22

- > PM Modi to inaugurate pedestrian-only 'Atal Bridge' on Sabarmati river.
- Atal Bridge is nearly 300 metres long and 14 metres wide in the middle.
- The golden joint of the world's highest railway bridge over River Chenab was inaugurated with height of 359 meters (1,178 ft).

- > World's longest suspension bridge "Sky Bridge 721" opened in Czech Republic.
- Vietnam opens world's longest glass-bottomed bridge which is 632m (2,073ft) long and located 150m (492ft).
- Indian Railways Gives Glimpse Of India's 1st Cable Stayed Rail Bridge Anji river in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates 14.5km long Rail-cum-Road Bridge over River Ganga in Bihar.
- > Dubai opens its Infinity Bridge for traffic for the first time; It is 300 meters long and 22 meters wide.
- > Indian Railways Constructing World's Tallest Pier Bridge in Manipur at a height of 141 metres.
- > Portugal inaugurates 'world's longest' pedestrian suspension bridge.
- Indian Railways completes the arch bottom of the Chenab bridge, world's highest railway bridge (359 meters).
- > PM Narendra Modi inaugurates 'Maitri Setu' between India and Bangladesh.
- > India's longest Road Arch Bridge inaugurated in Meghalaya.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates 1.5 km Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar.

Q. Who has been awarded the UNESCO Peace Prize 2022?

- A) Emmanuel Macron
- B) Angela Merkel
- C) Volodymyr Zelensky
- D) Joe Biden

Answer : B

- ✓ Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel was awarded the UNESCO Peace Prize for her 'efforts to welcome refugees'.
- ✓ He has been honored for his "courageous decision to welcome more than 1.2 million refugees from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea in 2015".
- ✓ Angela Merkel held the position of German Chancellor for a term of 16 years and she resigned in 2021
- ✓ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Formation : 16 November 1945

Headquarters : Paris, France

Director-General : Audrey Azoulay (France)

Member countries : 193

Total UNESCO sites in india : 40

Q. Which country has launched the world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains?

A) Russia	B) France
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C) Germany D) China

Answer : C

- ✓ Germany recently launched the world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains to replace 15 diesel trains running on non-electrified tracks in the state of Lower Saxony.
- ✓ The estimated cost of this project is around 93-million-euro (USD 92 million).
- These bright blue Coradia iLint trains are built by French TGV-maker Alstom, which are costlier than diesel powered trains but eco-friendly.
- ✓ The green trains can travel 600 miles (1,000km) and a maximum speed of 140 kph (87 mph) on a single tank of hydrogen, similar to the range of diesel trainsl
- ✓ Hydrogen trains are equipped with fuel cells that produce electricity by combining hydrogen with oxygen.
- ✓ This conversion process only emits steam and water, thus producing zero emissions.
- ✓ Excess energy produced is stored in ion-lithium batteries on board train
- Q. Who has won the BWF World Championships 2022 title in Men's Singles and Women's Singles categories?
 - A) Kento Momota and Nozomi Okuhara
 - B) Viktor Axelsen and Akane Yamaguchi
 - C) Lee Zii Jia and Tai Tzu-Ying
 - D) Lee Chong Wei and Chen Yufei

Answer : B

- ✓ World number one shuttler Denmark's Viktor Axelsen has clinched his second BWF Championship title by defeating Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsern in Tokyo.
- On the other hand, defending champion Akane Yamaguchi of Japan has retained the women's singles title. She defeated Olympic champion Chen Yufei of China

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

A) Ritu Karidhal

- B) Samir V Kamat
- C) Nandini Harinath
- D) Tessy Thomas

Answer : B

- ✓ Sameer V Kamat, Director General, Naval Systems and Materials Division of DRDO, was recently appointed as the new Chairman of DRDO. Kamat will continue in this post till the age of 60 years or till further orders.
- The same, the current secretary G. Satheesh Reddy was appointed Scientific Advisor to the Defense Minister.
- ✓ DRDO is the largest and most diverse research organisation in India.
- ✓ DRDO has a network of 52 laboratories

DRDO IN NEWS 2022

- Indian scientist Samir V Kamat appointed as DRDO Chairman.
- > DRDO Successfully Tests Pinaka Extended Range Rocket In Pokharan, Rajasthan.
- DRDO Successfully Fight-Tests Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) in Chandipur Coast, in Odisha.
- DRDO successfully carried out the Maiden flight of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka.
- DRDO & Indian Navy conduct successful maiden flight-test of indigenously-developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile off Odisha coast
- > India conducts successful flight-test of anti-tank guided missile 'Helina' in Pokhran.
- > HELINA is one of the most advanced anti-tank weapons in the world.
- > The missile has a maximum range of 7 kilometers.
- DRDO successfully flight-tested Pinaka Mk-I (Enhanced) Rocket System and Pinaka Area Denial Munition Rocket Systems.
- DRDO successfully flight tested "Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet" (SFDR) booster on April 08, 2022, at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- > It has an extremely high projected range of 350 km.

- > The SFDR has been developed by Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Hyderabad
- (DRDO) conducted two successful flight tests of the Indian Army version of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) against high-speed aerial targets on March 27, 2022 at Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- The Indian Army version of MRSAM is a Surface-to-Air Missile. It has been developed jointly by DRDO and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated a seven-storeyed Flight Control System (FCS) Integration facility in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- > The facility is housed at Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a laboratory of DRDO.
- DRDO successfully flight tested the Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) in its final "deliverable configuration". at minimum range, which is 200-300 metres.
- > MPATGM will be manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited at its facility in Bhanoor, Telangana.
- DRDO successfully test-fired an extended range sea-to-sea variant of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile on January 11, 2022 for the Indian Navy.
- DRDO and IIT Delhi successfully demonstrated a Quantum Key Distribution link between Prayagraj and Vindhyachal in Uttar Pradesh, spanning over 100 kilometres.
- This advanced sea to sea variant of BrahMos Supersonic Cruise missile was launched from INS Visakhapatnam, a stealth guided-missile destroyer of the Indian Navy
- DRDO has successfully conducted a flight test of Indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) 'Abhyas' from Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off Odisha coast.
- DRDO test-fired air version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from the integrated test range of Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.
- DRDO and Indian Air Force successfully flight-tested the indigenously designed and developed Helicopter launched (air-launched) Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT) Missile from the Pokhran range in Rajasthan
- > DRDO Celebrates 64th Foundation Day on 1st January 2022.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
 - Founded : 1 January 1958

Headquarters : New Delhi

Motto : "Strength's Origin is in Knowledge"

Chairman : Sameer V Kamat

Q. Who has become the first airline to use CAE's artificial intelligence-powered training system to train the airline's pilots?

A) SpiceJet

B) AirAsia India

C) Vistara

D) Go First

Answer : B

- ✓ AirAsia India becomes the first airline to use CAE's artificial intelligence-powered training system to train the airline's pilots.
- ✓ CAE is the leading provider of pilot training solutions that are based on simultaneous technology.
- The training system adopted by AirAsia is called the CAE Rise, provides real-time data during pilot training sessions.
- ✓ CAE Rise enables translation of simulator training data into valuable insights for instructors.

Q. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) will invest Rs 2 lakh crore to achieve net-zero operational carbon emissions by which year?

A) 2025	B) 2030
C) 2035	D) 2046

Answer : D

- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) will invest Rs 2 lakh crore to achieve net-zero operational carbon emissions by 2046.
- ✓ The target set is in line with India's aim to reach net-zero emissions by 2070.
- ✓ The investment of over Rs 2 lakh crore will help mitigate emissions to about 0.7 billion metric tonnes of carbon dioxide a year by then.
- Q. Who has become the 49th Chief Justice of India?
 - A) Vineet Saran

B) Shripathi Ravindra Bhat

C) Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud

D) Uday Umesh Lalit

Answer : D

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- ✓ Justice Uday Umesh Lalit was sworn in as the Chief Justice of India on August 27, 2022.
- President of India Draupadi Murmu administered him the oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- ✓ Justice UU Lalit has succeeded Justice NV Ramana, who retired on August 26, 2022
- Chief Justice of India and the Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President under clause
 (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution.
- ✓ SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE
- ✓ Also known as the 'guardian of our Constitution.
- ✓ Also known as 'court of record'.
- ✓ Formation : 28 January 1950
- Appointer : President of India
- ✓ Term length : Until the age of 65
- ✓ First Chief justice : Harilal Jekisundas Kania (1950–1951)
- ✓ 45th Chief Justice : Deepak Mishra
- ✓ 46th Chief Justice : Ranjan Gogoi
- ✓ 47th Chief justice : Sharad Arvind Bobde
- ✓ 48th Chief justice : N V Ramana
- ✓ 49th Chief justice : UU Lalit
- ✓ Seat : New Delhi
- ✓ Salary : ₹280,000 (Per month)
- ✓ Supreme Court judges : 34 { 33 (Judge) + 1 (Chief Justice of India}
- ✓ There have been 11 female justices in the court since then. Presently there is 4 sitting female judge out of the total 33 judges in the court. (Indira Banerjee, Hima Kohli, B. V. Nagarathna & Bela Trivedi)
- Leila Seth was the first woman chief justice of a state high court in the country : Himachal Pradesh High court
- ✓ Anna Chandy, one of India's first female judges
- ✓ Fathima Beevi first female judge of the Supreme Court of India
- Indu Malhotra first female lawyer supreme court in india
- ✓ Harilal Jekisundas Kania first Chief Justice of India

Q. Who scripted history by winning India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships with a gold in the Women's 57kg category?

- A) Mehuli Ghosh B)
 - B) Sift Kaur Samra
- C) Jyothi Yarraji
- D) Linthoi Chanambam

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian judoka Linthoi Chanambam scripted history by winning India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships with a gold in the Women's 57kg category.
- ✓ The 15-year-old judoka outclassed Brazil's Bianca Reis in the 57-kg category final.
- Linthoi Chanambam became the first Indian judoka to win a medal at any age-group category of the World Championships
- Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated India's first earthquake memorial in which state?

A) Himachal Pradesh

B) Gujarat

C) Uttarakhand

D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : B

✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Smriti Van Memorial in Gujarat. It is the first earthquake monument in India. It reflects the courage shown by the people during the devastating 2001 earthquake in the Kutch region of Gujarat in which 13,000 people died.

Q. What is the name of the website launched to boost the Coastal Clean-Up Campaign?

- A) Swachhsagar.org
- B) Swachbharat.org
- C) Swachhjal.org D) Swachhnadi.org

Answer : A

- ✓ Government of India has unveiled a dedicated website to further boost the Coastal Cleanliness campaign.
- ✓ The portal www.swachhsagar.org will give a further boost to the cleanliness mission. According to the government, over 200 tonnes of garbage, mainly single-use plastic, has been removed from beaches during the first 20 days of the campaign

Q. Who has been appointed as the fourth whole-time member (WTM) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- A) Ananth Narayan Gopalkrishnan B) Shaktikanta Das
- C) Dinesh Kumar Khara D) Rupa Devi Singh

Answer : A

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) will soon have a fourth whole-time member (WTM) as the government cleared the appointment of Ananth Narayan Gopalkrishnan.
- ✓ He will join Sebi WTMs SK Mohanty, Ashwani Bhatia and Ananta Barua. Bhatia, previously the managing director of state-owned State Bank of India (SBI), assumed charge at Sebi in June; his appointment was cleared in March

Q. Which country has once again broken its record for the lowest fertility rate in the world?

A) Japan	B) South Korea
C) Singapore	D) United States

Answer : B

- ✓ South Korea has once again shattered its own record for the world's lowest fertility rate as it faces the prospect of its population of 51 million people more than halving by the end of this century.
- According to a Bloomberg report, Korean women were estimated, based on 2021 data, to have an average of just 0.81 children over their lifetimes, down from 0.84 a year earlier, the statistics office said on Wednesday. The number of newborns declined last year to 260,600, which equates to about 0.5% of the population.
- In fact, Korea is behind all OECD (The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) member countries in fertility rates at 0.8 babies per woman

Q. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and NITI Aayog will establish more than 500 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in which state/union territory?

- A) Gujarat B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Himachal Pradesh D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : D

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- ✓ Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and NITI Aayog will establishing more than 500 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in Jammu and Kashmir to nurture an innovative mind-set among high school students.
- ATL is the flagship initiative of the AIM launched by Centre to nurture an innovative mindset amongst high school students across India

Q. Maharashtra to get its first "Divyang Park" in which city?

A) Pune	B) Nagpur

C) Mumbai D) Amravati

Answer : B

- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has announced to establish and provide all possible support to the first 'Divyang Park' of Maharashtra in Nagpur.
- Q. Which state got its second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years with the commissioning of a new facility at Shokhuvi?
 - A) Tripura B) Nagaland
 - C) Manipur D) Mizoram

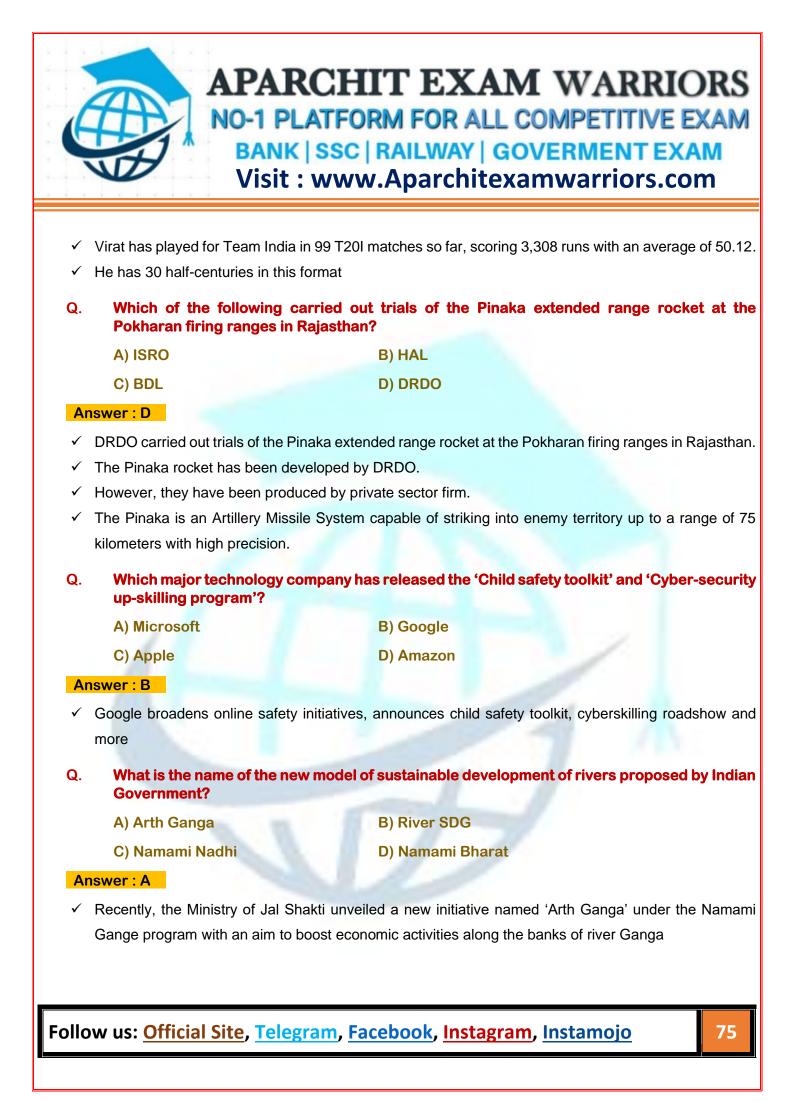
Answer : B

- ✓ North-east state, Nagaland got its second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years with the commissioning of a new facility at Shokhuvi.
- ✓ Dimapur Railway Station was inaugurated in 1903.
- ✓ The Donyi Polo Express ran daily between Guwahati in Assam and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The train service has now been extended till Shokhuvi.
- Q. Who will become the only Indian player in history to play 100 matches for his country in all forms?
 - A) Rohit Sharma
 - C) KL Rahul

- B) Virat Kohli
- D) Hardik Pandya

Answer : B

- ✓ Virat Kohli will play for his country in his 100th T20I match and become the only Indian player in history to play 100 matches for his country in all forms.
- ✓ This will happen on 28 August 2022 at Asia Cup 2022 in Dubai.



Zero Budget Natural Farming is its first level, which includes chemical free farming for 10 km on both banks of the river and promotion of cow dung as manure through Govardhan Yojana. This will open the way for 'Per Drop, More Income' and 'Gobar Dhan' for the farmers.

Which state government has launched the Parivar Kalyan Card (PKC) Scheme? Q.

- A) Chhattisgarh
- **B) Madhya Pradesh**
- C) Bihar **D) Uttar Pradesh**

Answer : D

✓ Recently, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had talked about issuing 'UP Parivar Kalyan Card' soon for all the families of the state. Under this, the benefits of various welfare schemes running in the state can be availed. This will also help those families who are deprived of the schemes due to any reason.

The 38th Meeting of Ministerial level Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) of India and Bangladesh Q. was held in which city?

A) Mumbai C) Chennai

- **B) New Delhi**
- **D) Hyderabad**

Answer : B

- ✓ During the 38th Ministerial Meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission, the two countries finalized a draft of a Memorandum of Understanding to share the waters of the Kushiyara River on an interim basis.
- ✓ Kushiyara River
- ✓ The Kushiyara River forms the Indo-Bangladesh border as a branch of the Barak River when it separates from the Surma, another branch of the Barak. After flowing some distance in Bangladesh, it meets again with Surma river and this combined river is now called Meghna river.
- ✓ Manipur, Mizoram and Assam receive water through this river in India.
- ✓ The Joint River Commission between India and Bangladesh was formed in the year 1972 under the peace treaty, through which issues of mutual interest on the border, border rivers can be resolved.
- ✓ The JRC is headed by the Ministers of Water Resources of both the countries

Q. When is the National Sports Day observed in India?

- A) 29 August
- C) 27 August

B) 28 AugustD) 26 August

- Answer : A
- ✓ In India, the National Sports Day is observed every year on 29 August, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
- ✓ The National Sports Day, also known as Rashtriya Khel Divas, was celebrated for the first time in 2012.
- ✓ The day is used as a platform to launch various sports schemes as well as organise various sporting events and seminars to spread awareness about the importance of physical activities and sports in life.
- ✓ Who was known as 'The Wizard' or 'The Magician' of hockey for his superb ball control.
- ✓ The legendary hockey player was born on 29 August 1905 in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ He won gold medals in Olympics for India in the years 1928, 1934 and 1936. He scored over 400 goals in his career, from 1926 to 1948. It is believed that after India defeated Germany in the 1936 Olympics final by 8-1, Adolf Hitler offered him a senior post in the German Army, to which Chand refused.
- ✓ His autobiography "Goal!" was published by Sport & Pastime (Madras) in 1952
- Government of India (GoI) awarded him the 3rd highest civilian honour of Padma Bhushan in 1956.
 Beside this, the most noted memorial for him is the Major Dhyan Chand Award, which is the highest award for lifetime achievement in sports and games in India

Q. The National Sports Day is observed in India to mark the birth anniversary of which Indian sports person?

	A) K. D. Jadhav	B) Dhanraj Pillay
	C) Milkha Singh	D) Major Dhyan Chand
Ans	wer:D	
Q.	Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022 has started at which state?	
	A) Tripura	B) Manipur
	C) Nagaland	D) Meghalaya
Ans	wer:B	

- ✓ The 50th edition of All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022 has been started at Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen in Imphal, Manipur.
- ✓ The inaugural function was attended by Manipur Governor La Ganesan and CM N. Biren Singh.
- ✓ Shumang Leela is a traditional form of theatre in Manipur and the roles of female artists are all played by male actors and male characters are played by female artists in case of female theatre groups
- Important Festivals of Manipur
- ✓ Shirui Lily Festival
- ✓ Shumang Leela Festival
- ✓ Lai Haraoba
- ✓ Sangai Festival
- ✓ Lui Ngai Ni
- ✓ Ningol Chakouba
- ✓ Sajibu Cheiraoba Festival
- ✓ Kachai Lemon Festival
- ✓ Shumang Leela Festival : Manipur
- ✓ Nuakhai Festival : Odisha

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STATE	FESTIVAL
Kharchi Puja	Tripura
Onam	Kerala
Ambubachi Mela	Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam.
Lord Jagannath Yatra	Puri, Odisha
India's biggest shopping festival	New Delhi
Sao Joao	Goa
Kharchi festival	Tripura
Jyotiramaya Festival	New Delhi
Mango Festival	Brussels, Belgium
International literary festival 'Unmesh'	Himachal Pradesh
Baikho festival	Assam

Sital Sasthi	Odisha
4th Edition Shirui Lily Festival 2022	Manipur
Lavendar Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
India's biggest drone festival	New Delhi
Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu Festival	Assam
Sarhul Festival	Jharkhand
Gangaur festival	Rajasthan
Ishan Manthan Festival	New Delhi
Bharat Bhagya Vidhata festival	Red Fort in Delhi
Herath Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
48th Khajuraho Dance Festival	Madhya Pradesh
Medaram Jatara Festival	Telangana
Maru Mahotsav or Jaisalmer Desert Festival	Rajasthan
Torgya Festival	Arunachal Pradesh
Spituk Gustor Festival	Ladakh
18th Kachai Lemon Festival	Manipur
Losoong (Namsoong) Festival	Sikkim
25th National Youth Festival	Puducherry
9th edition of the North East Festival	Guwahati, Assam
International Folk Art Festival	Dubai
Losar Festival	Ladakh
World Sangeet Tansen festival	Madhya Pradesh
Jallikattu Festival	Tamil Nadu
Lord Krishna Balram Jagannath Rath Yatra	Punjab
Hornbill Festival	Nagaland
Aharbal Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Apple Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
Cherry Blossom Festival	Shillong, Meghalaya

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

Q. Which Indian Airlines has joined a sustainable initiative spearheaded by the World Economic Forum (WEF)?

A) GoAir

Answer : D

C) SpiceJet

- B) Air India D) IndiGo
- ✓ The country's largest carrier IndiGo has joined a sustainable initiative spearheaded by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- ✓ The airline has become a signatory to the 'Clear Skies for Tomorrow' Coalition campaign of India.

- ✓ IndiGo's commitment to the deployment of sustainable initiatives will help in achieving a significant scale for SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) to gain a critical mass and bring in cost-efficiency for widespread adoption in India.
- ✓ The goal is to have commercially viable SAF production (both bio and synthetic) at scale for industrywide adoption by 2030 to support aviation's overall net-zero pathway by 2050.
- ✓ World Economic Forum (WEF)

Founded : 1971 Founder : Klaus Schwab Headquarters : Cologny, Switzerland Executive Chairman : Klaus Schwab

✓ IndiGo

Founded : 2005 Headquarters : Gurgaon, Haryana Chairman : Venkataramani Sumantran MD : Rahul Bhatia CEO : Pieter Elbers Founders : Rahul Bhatia and Rakesh Gangwal IndiGo is India's biggest airline by market share

Q. Which company has announced to invest of a whopping Rs 2 lakh crore to build its Pan-India true 5G network?

- A) Bharti Airtel B) BSNL
- C) Reliance Industries D) Vodafone Idea

Answer : C

- Reliance Industries (RIL) has announced to invest of whopping Rs 2 lakh crore to build its Pan-India true 5G network.
- ✓ The Reliance Jio Infocomm has prepared an ambitious and fastest ever 5G rollout plan for the country.
- ✓ Jio plans to roll out Jio 5G by this Diwali 2022 in metropolises of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai.
- ✓ By December 2023, we will deliver Jio 5G to every town, every taluka, and every tehsil of our country.

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Q. All-India Council for Technic	cal Education (AICTE) has signed an agreement with which
company to accelerate digita	al creativity skills across India?
A) IBM	B) Google
C) Adobe	D) Microsoft
Answer : C	
✓ All-India Council for Technical Edu	ucation (AICTE) has signed an agreement with US-based Adobe to
accelerate digital creativity skills a	
	ors across 10,000 higher education institutions with essential digital
creativity skills by 2024.	
Q. Who has been appointed as t	the Director General of the News Services Division of All India
Radio?	
A) Vasudha Gupta	B) Jaideep Bhatnagar
C) Rajesh Kalra	D) Rajat Sharma
Answer : A	
 ✓ Vasudha Gupta has been appointe Radio. 	ed as the Director General of the News Services Division of All India
✓ She has succeeded N Venudhar F	Reddy.
✓ All India Radio (AIR), officially know	wn since 1957 as Akashvani.
✓ Headquarters : New Delhi	
Q. Who has been appointed as t	he interim chairman at GAIL?
A) MV lyer	B) D K Sarraf
C) B C Tripathi	D) B P Rao
Answer : A	
Q. Which company has appointed	ed 'Rajesh Kumar Srivastava' as interim chairman for a period
	1, 2022 to December 31, 2022?
A) Gail India	B) Coal India
C) NTPC Limited	D) ONGC
Answer : D	
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- Rajesh Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the interim new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the state-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) by the Central Government.
- ✓ Srivastava succeeds Alka Mittal, who officiated as the chairman until 31 August 2022.
- \checkmark The government also appointed M V lyer as the interim chairman at GAIL.
- ✓ GAIL

Founded :1984 Headquarters : New Delhi Chairman & MD : M V Iyer

Q. VAR technology will be used for the first time at a FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. What is full form of VAR?

- A) Video Assistant Referee
- **B) Video Assistant Review**
- C) Very Assistant Referee
- D) Virtual Assistant Referee

Answer : A

- ✓ Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology will be used for the first time at a FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, to be held in India in October 2022.
- The VAR technology supports the decision-making process of the referee in game-changing situations: goals and offenses leading up to a goal, penalty decisions and offenses leading up to a penalty, direct red card incidents, and mistaken identity.
- ✓ It will be the third FIFA women's tournament to utilize VAR following the U-20 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2022 & the Women's World Cup France 2019
- Q. Who is the author of the book "The Hero of Tiger Hill"?
 - A) Rajendra Singh

C) Rahul Srivatshav

D) Yogendra Singh Yadav

B) Ramesh Kandula

- Answer : D
- ✓ Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) has written an autobiography titled "The Hero of Tiger Hill", which tells the inspiring story of Yogendra Singh Yadav.
- ✓ The book was mainly focused on the night of July 3, 1999, 19 years old Yadav was given a crucial task with the Ghatak Platoon of 18 Grenadiers Regiment in order to capture Tiger Hill.

- ✓ Yogendra Singh Yadav is the youngest Param Vir Chakra awardee (India's highest gallantry award) at the age of 19 for his actions in the 1999 Kargil conflict.
- ✓ This book was published by Srishti Publishers.
- Q. Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine Homoeopathy has signed an agreement with the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission for the promotion and facilitation of which of the following?
 - A) One Nation, One Herb
- **B) One Herb, One Standard**
- C) One Herb, One Medicine
- D) One Nation, One Standard

Answer : B

- Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine Homoeopathy (under the Ministry of Ayush) signed an agreement with the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (under the Ministry of Health) for the promotion and facilitation of One Herb, One Standard in New Delhi.
- ✓ It is for Inter-Ministerial cooperation for the promotion and facilitation of "One Herb, One Standard".
- ✓ This MoU will further facilitate collaboration in the area of standardization of traditional medicine.
- Q. Which machines have been installed by Indian Railways to convert water vapor in the air into potable water at Mumbai stations?

A) Python	B) Trident
B) Meghdoot	D) Cactus

Answer : C

- Indian Railways have set up 'Meghdoot' machines at Dadar, Thane and other stations of the Mumbai Division.
- These unique 'Meghdoot' machines use innovative technology to convert water vapour in the air into potable water.
- ✓ The contract for setting up 17 'MEGHDOOT', Atmospheric Water Generator Kiosks' over Mumbai Division of Central Railway under NINFRIS policy for a period of 5 years has been awarded to Maithri Aquatech Pvt Ltd.
- ✓ License fee of this innovative project is Rs 25,50,000 per annum, in which Rs 1,50,000 per year for each kiosk at 6 stations- CSMT-5, Dadar -5, Kurla-1, Thane -4, Ghatkopar -1, Vikhroli- 1.

- Q. Tata Steel has signed an MoU with the which state government for setting up a steel plant with a scrap-based electric arc furnace (EAF)?
 - A) Haryana B) Punjab
 - C) Rajasthan D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Tata Steel has signed an MoU with the Punjab Government for setting up a steel plant with a scrapbased electric arc furnace (EAF) in Ludhiana.
- This initiative to set up the Greenfield facility at Kadiana Khurd, Hitech Valley, Ludhiana in Punjab is a part of Tata Steel's commitment to investing in a circular economy.
- ✓ It is a step aligned to the Company's goal of achieving Net Zero carbon emission by 2045.
- ✓ This EAF-based steel plant would produce construction-grade steel rebar under the Company's flagship retail brand 'Tata Tiscon.
- ✓ In FY 2021-22, Tata Steel became the first steel rebar manufacturing company to receive GreenPro certification.
- ✓ Tata Steel [Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited (TISCO)]

Founded : 1907

Founder : Jamsetji Tata & Dorabji Tata

Headquarters : Mumbai , Maharashtra

Chairperson : Natarajan Chandrasekaran

- MD & CEO : T. V. Narendran
- Q. Which bank has signed an agreement with the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for the development of financial accounting software and mobile application?
 - A) HDFC Bank

B) ICICI Bank

C) Yes Bank

D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ NMDFC signed an agreement with ICICI Bank for development of banking software
- National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has signed an agreement with ICICI Bank for the development of financial accounting software and mobile application.

✓ The agreement provides for the development of financial accounting software for NMDFC and State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs), loan accounting software for receiving and processing of loan applications, and accounting of repayments from beneficiaries.

Q. Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) has released the Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100 in New Delhi. The roadmap will guide the way for India to become a higher-income country by which year?

A) 2030	B) 203	5
C) 2040	D) 20 4	17

Answer : D

- ✓ Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) has released the Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100 in New Delhi.
- The roadmap, which is a part of the India Competitiveness Initiative, was released in the presence of Bibek Debroy, Chairman, EAC-PM, Sanjeev Sanyal, Member, EAC-PM, and the members of the stakeholder's group formed as part of the initiative.
- ✓ The roadmap guide the way for India to become a higher-income country by 2047.
- Q. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, which Indian is the third richest person in the world?
 - A) Gautam Adani

B) Mukesh Ambani

C) Lakshmi Mittal

D) Shiv Nadar

Answer : A

- Business tycoon "Gautam Adani" is now the world's third-richest person after surpassing Louis Vuitton's Bernard Arnault on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- ✓ The latest listing on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index shows Gautam Adani in the third spot, behind Amazon's Jeff Bezos and Tesla's Elon Musk. Gautam Adani's net worth has been pegged at USD 137B, followed by Bernard Arnault at USD 136B.
- According to reports, this is the first time a person of Asian origin has broken into the top three of the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- Reliance chief Mukesh Ambani is at the 11th spot in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index with a total USD 91.9 billion worth.

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√	The Bloomberg Billionaires Index is a daily of every trading day in New York	y ranking index of the world's billionaires updated at the close
Q.	Who has emerged as the richest m	an in the world as per the latest ranking of Bloomberg
	Billionaires Index 2022?	
	A) Bernard Arnault	B) Jeff Bezos
	C) Bill Gates	D) Elon Musk
A	nswer : D	
√	Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2022	
\checkmark	World richest person : Elon Musk	
√	Net worth : USD 251 billion	
√	2nd World richest person : Jeff Bezos	
√	Net worth : USD 153 billion	
√	3rd World richest person : Gautam Adani	
√	Net worth : USD 137.4 billion.	
√	Adani Group's chairman overtakes Berna	
√	Mukesh Ambani is at number 11 with a to	tal of USD 91.9 billion worth
Q.	What is the rank of Mukesh Ambani	in the latest Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2022?
	A) 09	B) 11
	C) 10	D) 12
Α	nswer : B	
√		1th spot in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index with a total USD
	91.9 billion worth	
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Q.		PTC India Ltd for the sale of power to be generated from
		ver-6 hydropower projects in which country?
	A) Bhutan	B) Nepal
•	C) Bangladesh	D) Afghanistan
A	nswer : B	
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- ✓ NHPC Ltd has signed an MoU with PTC India Ltd for the sale of power to be generated from the upcoming West Seti and Seti River-6 hydropower projects in Nepal.
- ✓ The company will invest more than Rs 18,000 crores in Nepal to develop the two hydropower projects.
- In August month, the hydropower major signed an MoU with the Investment Board Nepal (IBN) for the preparation of a detailed project report (DPR) and development of West Seti (750 MW) and Seti River 6 (450 MW) projects in Nepal.

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- > Cabinet approves signing of MoU with Nepal on biodiversity conservation.
- NHPC has signed a MoU with power trading major PTC India Ltd for sale of power from upcoming the West Seti and Seti River-6 hydro power projects in Nepal.
- First Bharat Gaurav tourist train connecting places associated with the Ramayana Circuit in India and Nepal was flagged off from the Safdarjung Railway Sation in New Delhi.
- Nepal's legendary climber Kami Rita Sherpa has climbed Mt Everest, the tallest peak in the world for the 26th time to set a new world record.
- Indian Railway Catering and Ticketing Corporation (IRCTC) will launch its maiden Bharat Gaurav Tourist train, with a stop in Nepal's Janakpur.
- > Nepal will become 1st country to deploy India's UPI platform.
- Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve in Erode district of Tamil Nadu and Bardia National Park in Nepal have jointly won the prestigious TX2 Award for 2022, for doubling their tiger populations since 2010.
- > Four agreements and launch multiple projects signed between India- Nepal.
- After Bhutan, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates, Nepal is now the fourth country outside of India to accept RuPay.
- Nepal becoming the 105th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- Rail link from Jayanagar (Bihar) to Kurtha (Nepal) was operationalised..
- President of India confers honorary rank of 'General of Indian Army' on Nepal Army Chief Gen Prabhu Ram Sharma.
- Sher Bahadur Deuba becomes Nepal's Prime Minister for 5th time.

- Nepal has signed a USD 1.3 billion deal with India's hydro power major Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) to develop a 679-megawatt hydropower project in eastern Nepal.
- World's highest mountain peak 'Mount Everest' has become taller by 0.86m, as per a survey conducted jointly by Nepal and China.
- > NEPAL

Capital : Kathmandu Currency : Rupee President : Bidhya Devi Bhandari Prime Minister : Sher Bahadur Deuba Flower : Rhododendron Arboretum Bird : Himalayan Monal (danphe) Animal : Cow Tree : Rhododendron Swayambhunath temple in Nepal is also known as the 'Monkey Temple. Pashupatinath Temple, Barashetra Temple & Buddasubba Temple.

Q. Which entity has levied fines on Aadhaar Ventures India Ltd (AVIL) and its directors for violating insider trading rules and listing conditions?
 A) RBI
 B) SEBI
 C) NPCI
 D) SIDBI

Answer : B

- Capital markets regulator SEBI levied fines on Aadhaar Ventures India Ltd (AVIL) and its directors for violating insider trading rules and listing conditions.
- ✓ The total fines levied on AVIL is Rs 25 lakh
- ✓ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- ✓ Founded : 1988

Act : 1992

Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

First Women Chairmam : Madhabi Puri Buch

- SEBI was given statutory recognition in 1992 on the recommendation of the Narasimham Committee.
- Q. Santosh lyer has been appointed as MD & CEO of which carmaker company?
 - A) BMW
 - B) Audi
 - C) Jaguar
 - D) Mercedes-Benz

Answer : D

- ✓ German luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz has named Santosh Iyer as the Managing Director & CEO of the Indian operations with effect from January 1, 2023.
- ✓ Santosh Iyer is currently working as Vice President, Sales & Marketing, and would be the first Indian to lead Mercedes-Benz India operations.
- ✓ Iyer replaces Martin Schwenk who will assume the responsibility as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercedes-Benz Thailand.
- ✓ Mercedes-Benz
- ✓ Headquarters : Stuttgart, Germany

Q. Nagesh Singh has been appointed as India's next ambassador to which country?

- A) Kenya
- **B) Bangladesh**
- C) Canada
- **D)** Thailand

Answer : D

- An Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1995 batch, Nagesh Singh has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Thailand.
- ✓ Singh will replace the incumbent ambassador Suchitra Durai.
- ✓ Nagesh Singh is presently working as a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- ✓ In August 2022, Vikram K. Doraiswami was also appointed as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom

India's ambassador / high commissioner IN NEWS 2022

- > Nagesh Singh named as India's ambassador to Thailand.
- > Ruchira Kamboj named as next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations.
- > Vikram Doraiswami to be India's next high commissioner to U. K.
- > Pranay Kumar Verma named as new High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh.
- > Prabhat Kumar as The Next Ambassador of India to The Republic of Kazakhstan.
- > Pradeep Kumar Rawat appointed as India's new envoy to China.
- > Mustafizur Rahman named as Bangladesh High Commissioner to India.
- Sudhakar Dalela appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Royal Kingdom of Bhutan.
- Sanjay Verma, is being appointed as high commissioner to Canada.
- > THAILAND

Capital : Bangkok

Currency : Baht

Prime Minister : Prayut Chan-o-cha

Q. Which of the following ministry has organized – 'Meet the Champion' initiative in 26 schools across the country?

- A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- **B) Ministry of Finance**
- C) Ministry of Home affairs
- D) Ministry of the Defence

Answer : A

- ✓ Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry has organized 'Meet the Champion' initiative in 26 schools across the country on the occasion of National Sports Day on 29 August 2022.
- ✓ Few of the prominent athletes who will be part of this initiative are Commonwealth Games and World Championships Gold Medalist Nikhat Zareen, Paralympics, and CWG medalist Bhavina Patel, etc.
- Meet the Champion' is a unique school visit campaign that was kicked off by Olympic Gold medallist Neeraj Chopra in December last year.

Q. India and which country has decided to set up a task force to prepare a five-year roadmap to boost bilateral defence cooperation?

- A) Tanzania B) Ethiopia
- C) Rwanda

Answer : A

 India and Tanzania have decided to set up a task force to prepare a five-year roadmap to boost bilateral defence cooperation.

D) Uganda

- ✓ The decision was taken during wide-ranging talks between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his visiting Tanzanian counterpart, Stergomena Lawrence Tax.
- ✓ To boost the bilateral defence ties as well as military-to-military cooperation is in sync with India's broader priority to deepen its strategic ties with Africa.
- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has also invited Tax to the India-Africa Defence Dialogue and the DefExpo

✓ TANZANIA

Capital : Dodoma Currency : Shilling President : Samia Suluhu Hassan

- Q. Which bank has topped the chart in debit card market with 30 percent market share as of June 2022?
 - A) Punjab National Bank B) HDFC Bank
 - C) Kotak Mahindra Bank D) State Bank of India

Answer : D

- State Bank Of India (SBI) has maintained its leadership position in the debit card market and HDFC Bank in the credit card market as of June 2022.
- ✓ SBI tops the chart in the debt card market with 30% market share as of June 2022.
- ✓ Bank of Baroda came in second with an 8% market share, followed by Bank of India, Canara Bank Union Bank, and Punjab National Bank, each with 5%.
- ✓ While PSU banks hold the lion's share in the debit cards market share, HDFC Bank and Axis Bank witnessed the highest YoY growth in the segment with 19% and 18%, respectively.

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- ✓ HDFC Bank also topped the charts in the credit cards segment with a market share of 22%, followed by SBI (18%), ICICI Bank (17%), Axis Bank (12%), RBL Bank (5%), and Kotak Mahindra Bank (5%).
- STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
 Founded : 1 July 1955
 Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
 Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- Managing Director (4) : Alok Kumar Choudhary, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty and Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- ✓ Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- ✓ The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- ✓ Tagline of State Bank of India
 - (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
 - (2) With you all the way
 - (3) A bank of the common man
 - (4) The banker to every Indian
 - (5) The Nation banks on us

Q. Which bank has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch a range of credit cards on RuPay?

A) HDFC BANK

B) ICICI Bank

C) Yes Bank

D) Axis Bank

Answer : B

- ICICI Bank has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch a range of credit cards on the native payments network RuPay.
- ✓ This partnership has combined the advantages of ICICI Bank Credit Cards with RuPay's exclusive offerings, providing enhanced benefits to customers.
- NPCI was established in 2008 as an umbrella organization for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India
- National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI)
 Founded : 2008

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

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MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe Chairmam : Biswamohan Mahapatra. ✓ Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) BANK Founded : 1994 HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra MD & CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi Tagline : Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka			
Q.Who is the author of the book 'India's Economy From Nehru To Modi: A Brief History'?A) Radika RathoreB) Pulapre BalakrishnanC) Madhu BhaduriD) Rajesh Talwar			
 Answer : B ✓ A new book named 'India's Economy From Nehru To Modi – A Brief History' written by Pulapre Balakrishnan will be launched shortly. ✓ The book is written about the economic progression of India from the time of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to the current time of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. ✓ Independent India's economy is completing a 75-year-long journey. 			
Q. Abhijit Sen has passed away recently, who was a renowned name in which field?			
A) Geography B) Psychology			
C) Biology D) Economist			
Answer : D			
 Renowned economist and former Planning Commission member, Abhijit Sen has passed away He was a member of the Planning Commission from 2004 to 2014, during the tenure of PM Manmohan Singh. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan for public service in 2010. 			
Q. International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed annually on which day?			
A) 28 August B) 30 August			
C) 29 August D) 31 August			
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Answer : C

- ✓ International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed annually on 29 August.
- ✓ The creates public awareness regarding the effects of nuclear weapons tests, and detonations and further highlights the requirement for cessation of such nuclear tests.
- Established on 2 December 2009, this day was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in its 64th session.
- ✓ This year marks the thirteenth anniversary of the event.
- ✓ The first nuclear test 'Trinity' was conducted on July 16, 1945, by the US Army in a desert in New Mexico.





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