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- India's largest Floating Solar PV Project commissioned in Simhadri thermal station Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh by NTPC.
- Singapore's Sunseap to build world's largest floating solar farm in Indonesia.
- Singapore unveils one of the world's biggest floating solar panel farms.
- Weddell Sea of Antarctica is the biggest iceberg floating in the world.
- Maharashtra gets India's first floating LNG storage and regasification unit.

**Q. Which Indian firm is the topped ranked company in the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list among other Indian corporates?**

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Reliance Industries
- C) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- D) Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Fortune Global 500 list for 2022 was released by FORTUNE on August 03, 2022 to rank the world's largest corporations by revenue for fiscal 2021.
- ✓ Walmart has acquired the top spot for ninth consecutive year, and overall 17th time since 1995.
- ✓ From India, the recently-listed Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has made to the list for the first time and LIC is also the top ranked firm among Indian corporates.
- ✓ LIC is ranked at 98th position, with revenue of USD 97.26 billion and a profit of USD 553.8 million.
- ✓ Overall nine Indian companies has been featured on the list.
- ✓ This comprise of five state-owned, and four from private sector.
- ✓ List of Indian companies on the list are:
- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) – 98th.
- ✓ Reliance Industries – 104th.
- ✓ Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) – 142nd.
- ✓ Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) – 190th.
- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) – 236th
- ✓ Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd – 295th



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- ✓ Tata Motors – 370th
- ✓ Tata Steel – 435th
- ✓ Rajesh Exports – 437th
- ✓ The 2022 Fortune Global 500 list ranks companies by total revenues for the fiscal years ended on or before March 31, 2022.
- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)  
Founded : 1956  
Headquarters : Mumbai  
Chairman : M. R. Kumar  
Managing Director : 4 ( Mini Ipe, BC Patnaik, Siddhartha Mohanty, & Raj Kumar)  
Owner : Government of India (96.5%)

**Q. Which corporation has topped the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list?**

- A) Apple
- B) Walmart
- C) Google
- D) Amazon

**Answer : B**

- ✓ LIC is Top-Ranked Indian Firm on Fortune Global 500 List; US retailer Walmart tops globally
- ✓ TOP 10 list of companies in 2022 FORTUNE GLOBAL 500
  1. Walmart (U.S.)
  2. Amazon.com (U.S.)
  3. State Grid (China)
  4. China National Petroleum (China)
  5. Sinopec (China)
  6. Saudi Aramco (Saudi Arabia)
  7. Apple (U.S.)
  8. Volkswagen (Germany)
  9. China State Construction Engineering (China)
  10. CVS Health (U.S.)



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## MOST IMPORTANT BRAND REPORT IN NEWS 2022

### Fortune Global 500 List

Top : Walmart (U.S.)  
2nd : Amazon.com (U.S.)  
3rd : State Grid (China)  
Top Indian firm : Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) – 98th  
2nd : Reliance Industries – 104<sup>th</sup>

### Kantar India's annual Brand Footprint (FMCG company in india)

Top : Biscuit Parle  
2nd : Amul  
3rd : Britannia

### As per Kantar Brandz, 2022 'Most Valuable Global Brands report

Most valuable brand : Apple ( USD 947 billion)  
2nd : Google (USD 819 billion)  
3rd : Amazon (USD 705 billion)  
TOP Indian Companies : TCS (46 Rank) : USD 50 billion

### According to the Brand Finance 2022 Global 500 report

Most valuable brand : Apple ( \$355.1 billion )  
2nd : Amazon  
3rd : Google  
Top Indian brand : Tata Group ( 78 Rank) : US\$23.9 billion

### Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022

TOP : Berkshire Hathaway  
Indian firm top : Reliance ( 53 Rank)  
2nd : State Bank of India (105 Rank)

### Brand Finance report

World's most valuable insurance brand : Ping An Insurance, China  
Life Insurance Corporation has been ranked at 10th







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- ✓ The aim of the Ramsar list is to develop and maintain an international network of wetlands which are important for the conservation of global biological diversity and for sustaining human life through the maintenance of their ecosystem components, processes and benefits

## RAMSAR SITES IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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- Ladakh's Tso Kar wetland complex added to list of Ramsar sites.
- Lonar Lake in Buldhana district of Maharashtra selected under 'Ramsar site'.
- Keetham lake, also known as Sur Sarovar, in Agra of Uttar Pradesh added to Ramsar sites.
- Asan Conservation Reserve gets first Ramsar site tag from Uttarakhand, Dehradun district.
- Kabartal Wetland becomes Bihar's first Ramsar site, Begusarai district.
- There are 64 Ramsar sites in India.
- Ramsar Convention on Wetlands is an international treaty for "the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands".
- It is also known as the Convention on Wetlands and is named after the city of Ramsar in Iran.
- Ramsar Convention or the Convention of Wetlands was established in 1971 and came into force in the year 1975, upon receipt by UNESCO.
- Ramsar convention came into force on 1 December 1975.
- India signed the Ramsar Convention on 1 February 1982.
- Sundarban wetlands (West Bengal) are the largest Ramsar site in India.
- Chilika Lake (Orissa) and Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan) were recognized as the first Ramsar Sites of India.
- Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of 10 Ramsar sites in India by Tamil Nadu that has 10 such sites.
- Renuka Wetland in Himachal Pradesh is the smallest wetland of India.
- Chilka lake and Keoladeo Ghana National Park is the oldest Ramsar site in India which was declared in 1981.
- World's First Ramsar site was identified in 1974, which was the Cobourg Peninsula in Australia.
- The United Kingdom has the world's largest number of Ramsar Sites i.e. 175. and Mexico (142).
- Bolivia (148,000 sq. kms) has the largest area under Ramsar protection.
- There are currently over 2,424 Ramsar Sites around the world. They cover over 2.5 million square kms, an
- area larger than Mexico.



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

- A) Nanda Lake – Goa
- B) Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve – Tamil Nadu
- C) Sirpur wetland – Odisha
- D) Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary – Tamil Nadu

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Sirpur wetland - Madhya Pradesh

**Q. Which of these wetlands is not located in Tamil Nadu?**

- A) Vellode Bird Sanctuary
- B) Ranganathittu BS
- C) Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary
- D) Vembannur Wetland Complex

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Ranganathittu BS – Karnataka

**Q. Sirpur wetland is located in which state?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Sirpur wetland - Madhya Pradesh

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

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary - Tamil Nadu

**Q. The newly designated Ramsar site, Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary is located in which state?**

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







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Currency : Dollar

First President : George Washington

46th President : Joe Biden

49th Vice President : Kamala Harris

India ambassador to US : Taranjit Singh Sandhu

**Q. India's Tejaswin Shankar has won bronze medal in which sports event at the 2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG)?**

A) High Jump

B) Shot Put

C) Javelin Throw

D) Discuss Throw

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Indian athlete Tejaswin Shankar won bronze in the men's high jump event. He cleared 2.22m to finish third. This is the first-ever CWG medal for India in high jump.
- ✓ The 23-year-old also won India's first medal in athletics at Commonwealth Games 2022.

**Q. Tulika Maan has recently won a silver medal for India in which sports event at the 2022 Commonwealth Game (CWG)?**

A) Judo

B) High Jump

C) Boxing

D) Weightlifting

**Answer : A**

- ✓ At the in the ongoing Commonwealth Game 2022 in Birmingham, Indian Judoka Tulika Maan helped India to get third medal in Judo as she won silver medal in the women's 78 kg category. Tulika faced a defeat against Scotland's Sarah Adlington in the final.

**Q. The Special meeting on counter terrorism of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee will be hosted by which country in October 2022?**

A) India

B) Russia

C) France

D) United States

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India will host a special meeting on behalf of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee on October 29, 2022.











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#### Answer : A

- ✓ Nallathamby Kalaiselvi becomes first woman DG of CSIR
- ✓ Senior scientist Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has been appointed as the Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), for a period of two years.
- ✓ She is the first woman to hold charge as DG of CSIR, a consortium of 38 research institutes across the country.
- ✓ Kalaiselvi succeeds Shekhar Mande, who superannuated in April 2022.
- ✓ Since then Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, was given the additional charge of the CSIR
- ✓ Kalaiselvi will also hold the charge as Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- ✓ Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- ✓ Established : 26 September 1942
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ President : Prime Minister of India
- ✓ Director General : Dr. Nallathamby Kalaiselvi (first woman DG)
- ✓ Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize was established by CSIR in 1958. The prize is named after the Founder Director Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar

#### FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2021-22

- Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has become the first woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- Draupadi Murmu may become India's First Tribal and Second Female President.
- Priyanka Mohite becomes first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8,000 metres.
- Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists'.
- Lisa Sthalekar becomes first female president of Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA).
- Abhilasha Barak becomes the Indian Army's first woman combat aviator.
- Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit named as first woman Vice Chancellor of JNU.
- Mithali Raj becomes first woman cricketer to appear at six Cricket World Cups.



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- Justice Ayesha Malik to be Pakistan's first woman Supreme Court judge.
- Xiomara Castro sworn in as first female President of Honduras
- Dhriti Banerjee appointed first woman director of Zoological Survey of India.
- Mawya Sudan becomes IAF's 1st woman fighter pilot from J&K.
- Costa Rica's Rebeca Grynspan first female secretary-general of UNCTAD.
- Fiame Naomi Mata'afa became the first female Prime Minister of Samoa.
- Aashritha V Olety Becomes India's First Woman Flight Test Engineer.
- Martha Koome becomes Kenya's first woman Chief Justice.
- Ajanta Neog becomes the first woman Finance Minister of Assam.
- Rekha Menon takes over as first woman Chairperson of NASSCOM.
- Claire Polosak set to become first female match official in men's Test match.
- Nigeria's Okonjo-Iweala set to become first female Chief of World Trade Organization (WTO).
- Bhawana Kanth from Bihar to become the first Woman Fighter Pilot to take part in Republic Day Parade.
- Kaja Kallas sworn in as first woman Prime Minister of Estonia.
- Samia Suluhu Hassan sworn in as Tanzania's first woman President
- Shanam Dhaka secured 1st rank to the First Women's NDA Batch.

**Q. Who among these has been elected as the Deputy President of FIDE ?**

- A) Koneru Humpy                      B) Magnus Carlsen  
C) Fabiano Caruana                    D) Viswanathan Anand

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Indian chess legend and five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand has been elected as the Deputy President of FIDE on August 07, 2022.
- ✓ The elections to the world chess body took place during the FIDE Congress, being conducted alongside the 44th Chess Olympiad.
- ✓ The incumbent President Arkady Dvorkovich has been re-elected for a second term.
- ✓ International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE)  
Founded : 1924 { Paris, France}  
Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland



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President : Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)

Vice president : Viswanathan Anand ( Tamil Nadu)

- ✓ 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad is designated to be held in Chennai from July 28 to August 10, 2022.
- ✓ This is the first time that India will host the FIDE Chess Olympiad since its inception in 1927.
- ✓ Viswanathan Anand has launched his autobiography 'Mind Master'.
- ✓ Anand's autobiography is co-authored by sports journalist Susan Ninann.
- ✓ He was an Indian chess master who won the FIDE (international chess federation) world championship for the 5th time in 2000, 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2012.
- ✓ He was the first Indian to conferred with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in the year 1991/1992.
- ✓ Viswanathan Anand is the first Indian chess grandmaster in 1988
- ✓ Viswanathan Anand was awarded Padma Vibhushan in the year 2007 & Padma Shri in 1988.
- ✓ Arjuna Award for Chess in 1985.
- ✓ Viswanathan Anand was born on 11 December 1969 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

**Q. SEBI has formed 15-member Advisory Committee of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to boost overseas flows into the country. Who is the head of this committee?**

- A) G. Mahalingam
- B) N.S.Vishwanathan
- C) KV Subramanian
- D) Madhabi Puri Buch

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a 15-member expert group of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to boost overseas flows into the country.
- ✓ The FPI Advisory Committee (FAC) will be chaired by former Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian.
- ✓ Other members of the committee will be from foreign banks, stock exchanges depositories and the RBI.
- ✓ Task of the FAC
- ✓ Advising on issues related to investments and operations of FPIs in the financial markets, including measures to facilitate ease of doing business by FPIs in India.
- ✓ Review investment avenues available for FPIs and advise on the feasibility of new investment avenues.
- ✓ Suggest measures required to encourage FPI participation in the bond market.



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#### SEBI IN NEWS 2021-22

- 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 Saa᳚thi 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



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Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

First Women Chairmam : Madhabi Puri Buch

- SEBI was given statutory recognition in 1992 on the recommendation of the Narasimham Committee.

**Q. Who has been elected as the new and 14th Vice-President of India in the election held in August 2022?**

A) Bandaru Dattatreya

B) Biswabhusan Harichandan

C) Arif Mohammad Khan

D) Jagdeep Dhankhar

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Jagdeep Dhankhar has been elected as the 14th Vice-President of India after he won the presidential polls to elect the next Vice-President on August 06, 2022.
- ✓ Dhankhar clinched a total of 528 votes from 725 votes cast and defeated Opposition nominee Margaret Alva who bagged 182 votes.
- ✓ He will take the oath of the office on August 11, 2022.
- ✓ It must be noted that the Vice President is also the ex officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
- ✓ Dhankhar is the former Governor of West Bengal, who served from July 2019 to July 2022.
- ✓ Qualifications for Vice-President of India:
  - ✓ 1. He must be a citizen of India.
  - ✓ 2. He should not be less than 35 years.
  - ✓ 3. He must be eligible for election as a member of the Rajya Sabha.
  - ✓ 4. He must not be a member of the Rajya Sabha.
  - ✓ 5. He should not hold any office of profit
- ✓ **Important articles of Vice President:**
  - ✓ ARTICLE 63: There shall be a Vice-President of India.
  - ✓ ARTICLE 64: The Vice-President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Council of States and shall not hold any other office of profit.
  - ✓ ARTICLE 65: The Vice-President shall act as President in the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the President by reason of this death, resignation or removal, or otherwise.
  - ✓ ARTICLE 66: Election of Vice President.







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- ✓ The 62-year-old is a former member of Colombia's M-19 guerrilla group as well as former senator and mayor of Bogota.
- ✓ He succeeds Ivan Duque.
- ✓ COLOMBIA  
Capital : Bogota  
Currency : Peso

NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS 2021-22	
PRIME MINISTER	COUNTRY
Gustavo Petro	Colombia
Droupadi Murmu	15th President of India
Dinesh Gunawardena	Sri Lanka
heikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem	Kuwait
Yair Lapid	Israel
Hamza Abdi Barre	Somalia
Anthony Albanese	Australia
Emmanuel Macron	France
Robert Golob	Slovenia
Patrick Achi	Ivory Coast
Shehbaz Sharif	Pakistan
Viktor Orban	Hungary
Robert Abela	Malta
Antonio Costa	Portugal
Mia Mottley	Barbados
Alikhan Smailov	Kazakhstan
Petr Fiala	Czech Republic
Jonas Gahr Store	Norway
Fumio Kishida	Japan
Najla Bouden Romdhane	Tunisia
Justin Trudeau	Canada
Aziz Akhannouch	Morocco
Ismail Sabri Yaakob	Malaysia
Sher Bahadur Deuba	Nepal
Najib Mikati	Lebanon
Abiy Ahmed	Ethiopia
Nikol Pashinyan	Armenia







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- ✓ Wrestler Deepak Punia won the gold medal in the Men's 86 kg final. He defeated Pakistan's Muhammad Inam by 3-0.

**Q. Which state has recently inked an MoU with Deloitte India to achieve the target of \$1 trillion economy?**

- A) Kerala  
B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Karnataka  
D) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has appointed Deloitte India as a consultant for achieving the target of bringing the state's economy to USD1 trillion mark.
- ✓ For this, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the state government and the consultancy agency on August 05, 2022.
- ✓ As per the MoU, Deloitte India should present a future action plan within the next 90 days, with a thorough deliberation after conducting a sector-wise study.

**Q. RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 82 lakh on Jupiter Capital Private Ltd. for breach of norms on submission of credit information. Where is the headquarter of this non-bank lender based?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs. 32 lakh on Indian Bank for breach of directions on classification and reporting of frauds.
- ✓ The decision was based on the Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE) of the bank conducted by RBI with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2019.
- ✓ The Risk Assessment Report, Inspection Report and all related correspondence revealed that Indian Bank was in violation of certain provisions of RBI (Fraud classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs) Directions, 2016.
- ✓ Apart from this, RBI has also imposed a penalty of Rs 82 lakh on Jupiter Capital Private Ltd, a non-bank lender based in Bengaluru.





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**Q. India beat which country to win the 2022 SAFF U20 Championship title?**

- A) Nepal  
B) Maldives  
C) Sri Lanka  
D) Bangladesh

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India beat Bangladesh 5-2 to clinch 2022 SAFF U20 Championship
- ✓ India beat Bangladesh 5-2 after extra time to clinch the 2022 SAFF U20 Championship title, at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- ✓ India was the hosts of the 4th edition of the SAFF U-20 Championship, held between July 25 to August 5, 2022.
- ✓ Sibajit Singh Leimapokpam was the captain of Indian team and Som Kumar was the goalkeeper.
- ✓ Top scorer – Gurkirat Singh (8 goals)
- ✓ Best player – Gurkirat Singh
- ✓ Best goalkeeper – Som Kumar
- ✓ SAFF U-20 Championship is an international football competition for men's under-18 national teams organized by South Asian Football Federation (SAFF).

**Q. Divya Kakran and Mohit Grewal has won bronze medal for India in which games at the 2022 CWG?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Indian wrestlers Divya Kakran (women's 68kg) and Mohit Grewal (men's 125kg) won bronze medals in their respective categories.

**Q. The Quit India Day is an annual celebration, which takes places every year on\_\_\_**

- A) 5 August  
B) 6 August  
C) 7 August  
D) 8 August

**Answer : D**











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- In 2017 she won the Gold Medal in the women's category weightlifting in World Weightlifting Championships at Anaheim, USA.
- In 2021, she won the bronze medal at the 2020 Asian Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent .

**Q. Who has won the first medal for India in 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games (CWG)?**

- A) Bidyarani Devi                      B) Sanket Sargar  
C) Jeremy Lalrinnunga                D) Mirabai Chanu

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Indian weightlifter Sanket Mahadev Sargar helped India to get its first medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG), by claiming silver in the men's 55kg category on July 30, 2022.
- ✓ The 21-year-old lifted a total of 248kg (113kg+135kg) to finish second.
- ✓ Mohamad Aniq of Malaysia lifted 249kg (107kg+142kg) to win the gold and Dilanka Isuru Kumara of Sri Lanka lifted 225kg (105kg+120kg) to claim the bronze medal.
- ✓ Sanket Sargar was born in nagpur Maharashtra.

**Q. Sanket Sargar lost to which player in men's 55kg Weightlifting final at 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games (CWG) to settle for silver medal?**

- A) Sagid Murtazaliev                      B) Mark Schultz  
C) Dilanka Isuru Kumara                D) Mohamad Aniq

**Answer : D**

**Q. Gururaja Poojary has recently won bronze medal for India at 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games (CWG) in which event?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Indian Weightlifter Gururaja Poojary bagged a bronze medal in the men's 61-kg category to get the second medal for the country.
- ✓ Gururaja lifted a total of 269kg (118kg+151kg) to finish third.
- ✓ Gold was won by Malaysia's Aznil Bin Bidin Muhamad with a lift of 285kg (127+158).
- ✓ Morea Baru of Papua New Guinea bagged silver with a total lift of 273kg (121+152).





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**Q. Who has become the youngest athlete to represent the Indian contingent at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham?**

- A) Joshna Chinappa                      B) Dipika Pallikal  
C) Anahat Singh                         D) Sunayna Kuruvilla

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Squash player Anahat Singh is India's youngest athlete at 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games (CWG)
- ✓ India's 14-year-old squash player, Anahat Singh, is the youngest athlete to represent Indian contingents at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
- ✓ This is also the first time time that Anahat is participating in senior tournament.
- ✓ Anahat hails from Delhi and is currently studying in Class 9.

**Q. The 3rd edition of India-Vietnam- joint military exercise “VINBAX 2022” will be held in which state of India?**

- A) West Bengal                            B) Rajasthan  
C) Uttarakhand                            D) Haryana

**Answer : D**

- ✓ 3rd India-Vietnam Bilateral Army Exercise “Ex VINBAX 2022” to begin at Chandimandir in Haryana
- ✓ The third edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise “Ex VINBAX 2022” is scheduled to be conducted at Chandimandir, a military cantonment of the Indian Army located in Panchkula district of Haryana, from August 01 to 20, 2022.
- ✓ The theme of Ex VINBAX 2022 is Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations.
- ✓ The exercise will further strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam.
- ✓ The previous edition of the bilateral exercise was conducted in Vietnam in 2019.
- ✓ VIETNAM  
Capital : Hanoi  
Currency : Dong  
Prime Minister : Pham Minh Chinh



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**Q. The 4th edition of joint military exercise "Al Nagah-VI" has started between India and which country?**

- A) Oman
- C) UAE

- B) Vietnam
- D) Indonesia

**Answer : A**

- ✓ 4th India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' to begin from August 01, 2022 in Rajasthan
- ✓ The 4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' is scheduled to be held in Rajasthan at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.
- ✓ The exercise will take place between contingents of Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman from August 01 to 13, 2022.
- ✓ The 3rd edition of Ex AL NAJAH IV was held at Muscat from 12 to 25 March 2019.
- ✓ The Indian Army will be represented by troops from the 18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion at the AL NAJAH-IV.
- ✓ The Royal Army of Oman contingent will be represented by the Sultan of Oman Parachute Regiment
- ✓ India and Oman conduct regular biennial bilateral exercises between all three services.
- ✓ Army exercise: Al Najah
- ✓ Air Force exercise: Eastern Bridge
- ✓ Naval Exercise: Naseem Al Bahr
- ✓ Oman – Capital: Muscat; Currency: Omani rial

### **MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2022**

- The 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.
- 4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' is scheduled to be held in Rajasthan at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.
- 3rd India-Vietnam Bilateral Army Exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" to begin at Chandimandir in Haryana.
- India-Japan conducted a Maritime Partnership exercise (MPX) in the Andaman Sea.
- 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) Conducted in Andaman Sea.



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- Indian Army participates in a multinational exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2022” where 16 other countries also took part in Mongolia.
- India-Bangladesh bilateral defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise Ex SAMPRITI-X is being conducted at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh from 05 June to 16 June 2022.
- Third edition of Indian Navy – Bangladesh Navy Bilateral Exercise ‘Bongosagar’ commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh.
- 4th edition of India-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) commenced in the northern Bay of Bengal .
- Trishakti Corps conducts EX KRIPAN SHAKTI in Siliguri, West Bengal
- 9th India – Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Concludes at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- 20th India-France Bilateral Naval Exercise ‘VARUNA -2022’ kicks-off in Arabian Sea.
- first edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22) concludes in Goa and Arabian Sea.
- US and Philippines military begins their largest combat drills ‘Balikatan 2022’ will take place across Luzon in Philippines.
- Indian Navy’s Western Naval Command conducts offshore security exercise, ‘Prasthan’ off Mumbai.
- Malaysia to host 4 nations namely, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and the United Kingdom for Bersama Shield 2022 military exercise.
- 3rd edition of the joint training exercise named EX-DUSTLIK between the Indian army and Uzbekistan armies to be held at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan.
- 9th India-Seychelles Joint Military Exercise ‘LAMITIYE-2022’ to begin from March 22 at Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA), Seychelles.
- NATO Begins military exercise ‘Cold Response 2022’ in Norway.
- 9th India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX to be held at Visakhapatnam.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) will conduct the Exercise Vayu Shakti that will take place at Pokharan range in Jaisalmer.
- Indian Navy’s multilateral exercise Milan-2022 begins in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3rd edition of the joint military exercise “EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022” between India and Japan will be conducted at Belagavi (Belgaum), Karnataka.



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- Indian Air Force will be taking part in a multi nation air exercise named 'Exercise Cobra Warrior 22' at Waddington, in United Kingdom.
- Sixth edition India and Oman begins Eastern Bridge-VI Air Exercise in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- US-Bangladesh to conduct joint air exercise 'Cope South 22'.
- Russia-China-Iran conducts joint naval exercise CHIRU-2Q22 in Gulf of Oman.
- India and Japan conducts Maritime Partnership Exercise in the Bay of Bengal.
- India participates in US-led six nations Exercise Sea Dragon 22 at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam in the Western Pacific

**Q. PM Modi has launched the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme, the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Power. What is the total outlay of the scheme?**

- A) Rs 4 lakh crore                      B) Rs 3 lakh crore  
C) Rs 6 lakh crore                      D) Rs 5 lakh crore

**Answer : B**

- ✓ PM Modi dedicates and lays foundation stone of various green energy projects of NTPC and launches Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme of Power Ministry
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme, the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Power, via videoconferencing on July 30, 2022.
- ✓ The launch of the scheme was a part of the six-day programme 'Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya – Power @2047' of the Ministry of Power, organised to showcase the transformation in the power sector achieved in the last eight years, and to commemorate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' .
- ✓ **Objective of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme** : improve operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of the Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) and power departments.
- ✓ Total outlay to implement the scheme: Over Rs 3 lakh crore rupees.
- ✓ Time duration : 5 years from Financial Year 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- ✓ Key feature : DISCOMs will get financial assistance for modernization and strengthening of distribution infrastructure, with focus on the improvement of the reliability and quality of supply to end consumers.
- ✓ Among other things, PM Modi dedicated and laid the foundation stone of various green energy projects of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited worth over Rs 5,200 crore.







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- ✓ In the early stage, gold 1 kg with 995 purity and gold 100 grams with 999 purity will be traded with a settlement period of T+0. Further, the exchange is expected to extend the settlement period to T+2 days.
- ✓ Ashok Gautam will head IIBX as MD and CEO.
- ✓ Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) is an under-construction central business district in Ahmedabad in Gujarat, India. It is India's first operational greenfield smart city.
- ✓ The city is located on the banks of the Sabarmati River, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport.
- ✓ What is a bullion? Bullion refers to physical gold and silver of high purity that is often kept in the form of bars, ingots, or coins. Bullion can sometimes be considered legal tender and is often held as reserves by central banks or held by institutional investors.

### GANDHINAGAR IN NEWS 2022

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)' on July 29, 2022, at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) near Gandhinagar.
- PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated World's first Nano Urea Liquid Plant constructed by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO) at Kalol, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Digital India Week 2022 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The theme of this Digital India Week is 'Catalyzing New India's Techade.
- Government of India & Ministry of AYUSH organised its first Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit (GAIIS) 2022 held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- PM Narendra Modi dedicates Rashtriya Raksha University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Nation's first portable solar rooftop system unveiled in Gandhinagar.
- India's first maritime arbitration centre to be set up in Gandhinagar.
- PM Modi will open the Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit 2022 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**Q. RACE goal is launched by which of the following bank?**

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

**Answer : D**





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**Q. The first week of August from 01 to 07, is dedicated to which of these observation every year?**

- A) World Anti-Corruption Week      B) World Allergy Week  
C) World Breastfeeding Week      D) World Tourism Week

**Answer : C**

- ✓ World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) is marked every year in the first week of August, between 1 to 7 August.
- ✓ The main objective of WBW is to raise awareness on the importance of breastfeeding for mothers and infants.
- ✓ The theme of the World Breastfeeding Week 2022 is “Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support”.
- ✓ The week is organized by WABA, WHO and UNICEF since 1991.

**Q. What is the theme of the World Breastfeeding Week 2022?**

- A) Protect Breastfeeding:A Shared Responsibility  
B) Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet  
C) Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding  
D) Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support

**Answer : D**

**Q. When is the Muslim Women’s Rights Day observed in India?**

- A) 02 August      B) 01 August  
C) 31 July      D) 30 July

**Answer : B**

- ✓ In India, the “Muslim Women’s Rights Day” is celebrated across the nation on August 01 to celebrate the enactment of the law against Triple Talaq.
- ✓ The first Muslim Women’s Rights Day was observed in 2020.
- ✓ The Government of India enacted the law against Triple Talaq on August 01, 2019 to make the social malpractice of Triple Talaq a criminal offense.
- ✓ The law is formally called the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019.





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#### MOST IMPORTANT TROPHY AND CUP IN NEWS 2022.

- England beat Germany to win Euro 2022 at Wembley Stadium London, UK
- Manchester City won 2021-22 Premier League Football championship
- German club Eintracht Frankfurt has won their first European trophy in 42 years after defeating the Rangers.
- Inter Milan defeated Juventus 4-2 after extra time in the Italian Cup 2022.
- Kerala beat West Bengal to lift their seventh Santosh Trophy title 2022 (Football).
- Ranji Trophy 2022 (Cricket) : Madhya Pradesh beats Mumbai by six wickets
- Haryana won Khelo India Youth Games 2021 title with 52 gold medals.
- India beat Poland 6-4 in final to clinch the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland.
- India defeated Japan 1-0 to win bronze at the Asia Cup 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 ended with Gujarat Titans (GT) lifting the trophy by defeating inaugural champions Rajasthan Royals (RR).
- Aramco Purple Cap Winner Of The Season : Yuzvendra Chahal (27 Wickets)
- Aramco Orange Cap Winner Of The Season : Jos Buttler (863 Runs)
- Haryana won the Hockey India Sub-Junior Women's National Championship 2022.
- Netherlands Won FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2022.
- Australia beat England by 71 runs in the finals to claim their seventh Women's World Cup on April 03, 2022, at Hagley Oval in Christchurch, New Zealand.
- India has been declared the winner of the 3rd edition of the SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship.
- Hyderabad FC has clinched their maiden Indian Super League title after defeating Kerala Blasters.
- Dabang Delhi K C defeated Patna Pirates by 36-37 in the final of the Pro Kabaddi League Season 8 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Senegal has defeated Egypt in the Africa Cup of Nations championship.
- China wins AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 Football Tournament.
- U19 World Cup 2022: India beat England in final to win 5th title.



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- Argentina defeated Chile, 4-2 to win its 6th women's field hockey championship title at the 2022 Women's Pan American Cup.
- Women's team from Ladakh has lifted the 9th National Women's Ice Hockey Championship in Himachal Pradesh.
- India wins the first-ever Thomas Uber cup in 2022 by defeating Indonesia.
- South Korea won the Uber Cup 2022 by defeating China.
- Uttar Pradesh won 11th Hockey India junior national championship.
- Vijay Hazare Trophy 2021 (Cricket) : Himachal Pradesh beats Tamil Nadu.
- Bangladesh women team has won the SAFF U 19 Women's Championship by defeating India in the finals.

**Q. In West Bengal, the state government is creating 7 new districts. With the addition of these new districts, what will be the total number of districts in the state?**

- A) 34
- B) 25
- C) 30
- D) 28

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The West Bengal Government, led-by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, has announced 7 new districts for the state.
- ✓ With the launch of the 7 new districts, the total number of districts in West Bengal has increased to 30.
- ✓ Earlier there were 23 districts in the state.
- ✓ List of new districts are given below:
  1. Sunderban
  2. Ichhemati
  3. Ranaghat
  4. Bishnupur
  5. Jangipur
  6. Behrampur.
  7. One more district will be named in the Basirhat region



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## NEWLY DISTRICT IN NEWS 2021-22

- West Bengal to form 7 new districts, making a total of 30 districts (Earlier 27 District)
- Andhrapradesh Proposed to Re-organize the current 13 districts to 26 new districts.
- Nagaland creates 3 new districts Niuland, Tseminyu, Chumukedima (Total 15 District)
- Meghalaya Cabinet approves creation of new district named Eastern West Khasi Hills District ( total 12 District).
- Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel announces 4 new districts (Mohla Manpur, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, Shakti, Manendragarh) : total 32 district .
- Punjab CM Declares Malerkotla as 23rd District (carved out of the Sangrur district).
- Vijayanagara becomes

**Q. Government of India has formed a task force to look into the situation of monkeypox in the country. Who is the head of this task force?**

A) K S Reddy

B) Vinod Kumar Paul

C) R. S. Sharma

D) V. K. Saraswat

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has constituted a special task force (STF) to monitor monkeypox cases in India.
- ✓ NITI Aayog member (health) VK Paul will be the head the task force.
- ✓ Other members of the STF will include officials from the Health ministry and representatives of the major medical and research institutes in the country.
- ✓ The STF has been tasked to monitor and provide guidance to the government on the expansion of diagnostic facilities and to explore vaccination for the infection in the country.
- ✓ So far, India has reported four Monkeypox cases, which includes three cases in Keralas and one in Delhi
- ✓ **MONKEYPOX**
- ✓ Monkeypox is a viral zoonotic disease with symptoms similar to smallpox, although with less clinical severity.















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- ✓ The exercise is being conducted after a gap of four-years due to Covid. The last edition was held in 2018.
- ✓ The participating countries include the US, India, Australia, Japan, Canada, France, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Netherlands, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the UAE and the UK.
- ✓ Ex Pitch Black is a biennial multi-national large force employment warfare exercise, hosted by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).
- ✓ The objectives for the exercise is to foster closer relationship between the participating forces and promote interoperability through exchange of knowledge and experience.
- ✓ Other exercises between India and Australia .
- ✓ Ex AUSTRALIA HIND (Bilateral Exercise with Army).
- ✓ EX PITCH BLACK (Australia's multilateral air combat training exercise).
- ✓ AUSINDEX ( Naval Exercise)
- ✓ Malabar Naval Exercise (India+ USA+ Japan+ Australia)

### AUSTRALIA IN NEWS 2022

- India to participate combat exercise drill "Pitch Black 2022" in Australia.
- 9th Army to Army Staff Talks between India and Australia held in Dehradun.
- Australia Tennis star Lleyton Hewitt inducted International Tennis Hall of Fame.
- Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco) has won the Formula One (F1) 2022 Australian Grand Prix.
- Prasar Bharati signs MoU with Australia's public service broadcaster to boost co-operation.
- World's biggest plant discovered off Australian coast (known as Posidonia australis)
- Anthony Albanese sworn in as Australia's new prime minister
- Former Australia Cricketer Andrew Symonds Dies In Car Accident
- Australia's Victoria to Host the 2026 Commonwealth Games
- Australia's Australian Army Research Centre (AARC) tie up with India's Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS).
- Union Minister RK Singh co-chairs 4th India-Australia Energy Dialogue.
- Former Australian cricketer Rod Marsh passes away.
- India and Australia signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA).







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- ✓ He has been given the award for his contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions.
- ✓ **The other two 2022 laureate are:**
- ✓ Viktor Orlov – chief specialist of the Centre for Innovative Technologies (Rosatom in Russia) and pioneer in thermonuclear physics
- ✓ **Mercouri Kanatzidis** – professor of chemistry and materials science at Northwestern University and senior researcher at the Argonne National Laboratory.

**Q. Who among these has been roped in by the World Bank as the Country Director for India?**

- A) Shaolin Yang
- B) Auguste Tano Kouame
- C) Axel van Trotsenburg
- D) Mari Pangestu

**Answer : B**

- ✓ World Bank has appointed Côte d'Ivoire national, Auguste Tano Kouame, as the Country Director for India.
- ✓ The term of Auguste is effective from August 01, 2022, for a period of five-years.
- ✓ He replaces Junaid Kamal Ahmad of Bangladesh.
- ✓ Prior to this, Auguste served as the World Bank's Country Director for the Republic of Turkey.
- ✓ Ivory Coast, also known as Côte d'Ivoire  
Capital : Yamoussoukro (political) & Abidjan (economic)  
Currency : Franc

### WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2022.

- Auguste Tano Kouame of Côte d'Ivoire appointed as Country Director for India by World Bank.
- World Bank clears US\$1 billion loan for PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission.
- World Bank approved USD 245 million loan to modernize India's railway logistics infra.
- World Bank approved USD 250 million loan for India's road safety programme.
- World Bank has approved additional financing of USD 250 million for Outcomes for Accelerated Learning.





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- World Bank has approved a Rs 1,000 crore project to take rainfed farming to new heights in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand.
- World Bank has slashed its growth forecast for India for the current financial year to 7.5 percent.
- Global Economic Prospects report released, the World Bank
- World Bank announces up to \$30 bn to address food security crisis.
- World bank sanctioned USD 350 million for SRESTHA-G project of Gujarat.
- World Bank approved \$47 million program for India's Mission Karmayogi program.
- World Bank provided USD 600 million in financial assistance to Sri Lanka to make payments for essential imports.
- World bank Report States Extreme Poverty in India Decline by 12.3% between 2011-2019.
- World Bank cuts global economy growth forecast to 3.2% for 2022.
- Gujarat Govt to receive Rs 7,500 Cr Loan from World Bank, AIB.
- Junaid Ahmad World Bank's India Director, appointed as vice president of operations.
- India and World Bank inks US\$125 million loan to support access to Social Protection Services in West Bengal.
- WORLD BANK  
Founded : 1944  
Headquarters : Washington Dc  
President : David Malpass  
MD&CFO : Anshula Kant  
Chief Economist : Carman Reinhart  
Executive Director : Rajesh Khullar  
Member Countries :189
- World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID).
- All of these efforts support the Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity of the poorest 40% of the population in all countries.
- World Bank was created at the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, along with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- India is a member of IBRD, IFC, IDA and MIGA. The country is not a member of the ICSID



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**Q. Who is the author of the book “Dangerous Earth: What we wish we knew about volcanoes, hurricanes, climate change, earthquakes and more”?**

- A) Danya Kukafka  
B) Ellen Prager  
C) Janice Hallett  
D) Diane Chamberlain

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Book titled “Dangerous Earth” by Marine biologist Ellen Prager
- ✓ Marine biologist Ellen Prager has come out with a book titled “Dangerous Earth: What we wish we knew about volcanoes, hurricanes, climate change, earthquakes and more”.
- ✓ In the book, the author seeks to respond to the most compelling question: Why can’t we better predict the natural disasters?
- ✓ However, Prager has also concluded that preparation and not prediction of natural events, holds the key to prepare for what lies ahead.

**Q. Who is the author of the book titled “Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik, the Royal Air Force and the First World War”?**

- A) Stephen Barker  
B) Lucy Caldwell  
C) Sarah Vaughan  
D) Diane Chamberlain

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Book titled “Lion Of The Skies: Hardit Singh Malik” By Stephen Barker
- ✓ A new book titled “Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik, the Royal Air Force and the First World War” is all about an “India’s first fighter pilot” who participated in the World War, long before the Indian Air Force was born.
- ✓ The book has been written by author Stephen Barker, who describes in great detail, how challenging it was for an Indian to serve in the British armed forces, fighting racial discrimination – both institutional and interpersonal.
- ✓ During the First World War, Hardit Singh Malik served as fighter pilot for both Royal Flying Corps (RFC) and the Royal Air Force (RAF) for fighting Germans.
- ✓ He is also the first Indian Ambassador to France







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**Q. Which company has emerged as the top bidder at India's first ever 5G spectrum auctions?**

A) Bharti Airtel

B) Vodafone Idea

C) BSNL

D) Reliance Jio

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Reliance Jio, India's largest digital services provider, is ready to roll-out the world's most advanced 5G Network to make India a global leader in Digital Connectivity and Digital Solutions.
- ✓ Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited has acquired spectrum in 700MHz, 800MHz, 1800MHz, 3300MHz and 26GHz bands in the 5G auctions conducted by the Department of Telecommunications.
- ✓ The acquisition will enable Jio to build the world's most advanced 5G network and strengthen India's global leadership in wireless broadband connectivity
- ✓ The fifth generation (5G) telecom services are likely to launch in India by October 2022.
- ✓ India's first ever 5G spectrum auction has ended with the government netting a record over ₹1,50,173 crore.
- ✓ Reliance Jio was the top bidder, bidding a cumulative ₹88,078 crores for 24,740 MHz of airwaves.
- ✓ The mop-up from the 5G spectrum, is almost double the ₹77,815 crores worth 4G airwaves sold last year and triple of ₹50,968.37 crore garnered from a 3G auction in 2010.
- ✓ Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited
- ✓ Founded : 15 February 2007
- ✓ Founder : Mukesh Ambani
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ Chairman : Akash Ambani
- ✓ Managing Director : Pankaj Mohan Pawar
- ✓ Reliance Industries has raised ₹1.65 lakh crore (US\$22 billion) by selling nearly 33% equity stake in Jio Platforms.
- ✓ It is the largest mobile network operator in India and the third largest mobile network operator in the world
- ✓ Jio Payments Bank : Reliance Industries (70%) + State Bank of India (30%)





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**Q. Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 6 National Highway projects of 119 km worth Rs 2300 cr in which state?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 6 National Highway projects of 119 km worth Rs 2300 cr in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The development of the Dhar-Pithampur Industrial Corridor will create new employment opportunities.
- ✓ An MoU was signed between the state govt and NHAI for the construction of ropeways at 14 selected places in MP.

**Q. Which of the following has conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Naval Ships in the North Atlantic Ocean?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Indian Navy's guided-missile frigate INS Tarkash (while on her long-range overseas deployment) has conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French naval ships in the North Atlantic Ocean.
- ✓ Replenishment at sea was exercised between Tarkash and the French Fleet Tanker FNS Somme.
- ✓ This was followed by joint air operations with the maritime surveillance aircraft Falcon 50 participating in multiple simulated missile engagements and air defence drills.
- ✓ The successful conduct of these surface and aerial exercises symbolizes the high degree of professionalism and interoperability that exists between the two navies.

**Q. The Indian Air Force will retire one of its four remaining squadrons, MiG-21 fighter jets by 2022 September and other three scheduled to be phased out by 2025. From which country did India buy MiG-21 fighter jets?**

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

**Answer : C**







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- ✓ RBI introduced the Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index), which is a measure of the extent of financial inclusion in India.
- ✓ FI-Index incorporates the inclusion details of banking, investments, insurance, postal and pension sector in India.
- ✓ The value of FI-Index will range between 0 to 100. Where 0 denotes complete financial exclusion while 100 denotes full financial inclusion.
- ✓ **Parameters of FI-Index** : The FI-Index comprises of three parameters, namely- Access (35%), Usage (45%), and Quality (20%) with each of these consisting of various dimensions, which are computed based on a number of indicators. In total there are 97 indicators.
- ✓ The annual FI-Index for the period ending March 2021 is 53.9 while for the period ending March 2017 it is 43.4. RBI will release the FI-Index in the month of July every year. There is no base year for this Index
- ✓ **What is Financial Inclusion?**- Financial Inclusion means the that financial products (like banking services) are provided to everyone i.e the inclusion of every individual in the domain of financial services.

**Q. What is the base year for Financial Inclusion Index launched by RBI?**

- A) March 2016
- B) March 2011
- C) March 2018
- D) No base year

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The FI-Index has been constructed without any 'base year' and as such it reflects cumulative efforts of all stakeholders over the years towards financial inclusion.

**Q. The Reserve Bank of India has recently introduced the Financial Inclusion Index. How many parameters are there in FI Index?**

- A) 3
- B) 4
- C) 6
- D) 7

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Parameters of FI-Index : The FI-Index comprises of three parameters, namely- Access (35%), Usage (45%), and Quality (20%) with each of these consisting of various dimensions, which are computed based on a number of indicators. In total there are 97 indicators.









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**Q. India's badminton mixed team lost to which country to settle for silver medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games?**

- A) Denmark  
B) Japan  
C) China  
D) Malaysia

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India lose to Malaysia to win silver in badminton mixed team final at 2022 CWG
- ✓ Indian badminton team has claimed the silver medal in the mixed group match of the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- ✓ Indian badminton mixed team lost 1-3 against Malaysia to settle for silver.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Singapore beat England 3-0 to claim the bronze medal.
- ✓ Indian Men's Single event was represented by Kidambi Srikanth
- ✓ Indian Women's Single event was represented by PV Sindhu
- ✓ Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty represented men's double event
- ✓ P Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly represented women's double event

**Q. The Indian badminton mixed team won which medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022?**

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

**Answer : B**

**Q. Indian weightlifter Vikas Thakur has won the silver medal in which category event at 2022 CWG Birmingham?**

- A) 91kg  
B) 79kg  
C) 96kg  
D) 87kg

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Indian weightlifter Vikas Thakur won the silver medal in the men's 96kg category event at 2022 CWG Birmingham.
- ✓ Vikas lifted a total weight of 346kg(155kg Snatch and 199kg Clean and Jerk) to finish second.
- ✓ This is overall third Commonwealth Games medal for Vikas Thakur.
- ✓ He earlier won silver in Glasgow 2014 and bronze in Gold Coast 2018.
- ✓ Samoa's Don Opeloge lifter 381kg (171kg+210kg) to claim gold.



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✓ Fiji's Taniela Tuisuva Rainibogi won bronze with a total of 343kg (155kg+188kg).

**Q. Vikas Thakur who won silver medal for India at Commonwealth Games 2022 is associated with which sport?**

- A) Boxing  
B) Judo  
C) Weightlifting  
D) Fencing

**Answer : C**

**Q. Noise has roped in Whom actress as the brand ambassador of its upcoming X-Fit 2 series smartwatch?**

- A) Kriti Sanon  
B) Vaani Kapoor  
C) Alia Bhatt  
D) Kiara Advani

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Noise has roped in actor Vaani Kapoor as the brand ambassador of its upcoming X-Fit 2 series smartwatch.
- ✓ The company last year announced an earlier X-Fit series in partnership with HRX, a fitness brand jointly owned by Hrithik Roshan and Exceed Entertainment.
- ✓ The company will showcase its 'Keep Going' campaign across its digital assets.

## LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2022

PERSON	BRANDS
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





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- ✓ Tata Group is planning to spend Rs 3,000 crore on Research and Development by FY26 and is set to roll out the 'First in India' seating system for Vande Bharat Express trains from September 2022.
- ✓ The steel-to-salt conglomerate is also targeting to be among the top 5 technology firms in the steel industry globally by 2030.
- ✓ Tata Steel's Composites division bagged a Rs 145 crore bulk order for seating systems of the Vande Bharat express that includes the supply of complete seating systems for 22 train sets, with 16 coaches in each train set.
- ✓ These are specially designed seats, which can rotate 180 degrees and have aircraft-style passenger amenities.
- ✓ This is 'first-in-India' kind of supply, which will be executed over 12 months starting September 2022.
- ✓ Vande Bharat Express, also known as Train 18, is the second fastest train in India, which operates at a speed of 130 km/hr.
- ✓ Vande Bharat Express was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on 15th Feb. 2019. It is running between the Delhi-Varanasi route.
- ✓ Vande Bharat Express runs on Broad gauge (Indian gauge) - 1,676 mm (5 ft 6 in)
- ✓ Vande Bharat Express, India's first semi-high speed train.
- ✓ It was manufactured at Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, at an estimated cost of Rs 98 crore in October 2018.
- ✓ Vande Bharat Express is the India's first semi-high speed train, that runs between Varanasi and New Delhi.
- ✓ 2nd Vande Bharat Express runs between New Delhi-Katra.
- ✓ India is the second largest producer of steel.
- ✓ China is the largest producer of steel in the world.
- ✓ Odisha is the largest producer of steel in India. It has a capacity of 18 million tonnes per year of steel production

**Q. Who has been appointed as a director in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)?**

- A) Rangani Singh
- B) Puja Singhal
- C) Shweta Singh
- D) Ranju Bhatia

**Answer : C**







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- ✓ India now stands committed to reduce Emissions Intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030, from 2005 level and achieve about 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.
- ✓ Earlier, India submitted its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to UNFCCC on October 2, 2015.
- ✓ The 2015 NDC comprised eight goals; three of these have quantitative targets upto 2030 namely, cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil sources to reach 40%; reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by 33 to 35 percent compared to 2005 levels and creation of additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent through additional forest and tree cover.
- ✓ The updated NDC also represents the framework for India's transition to cleaner energy for the period 2021-2030.
- ✓ **About, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).**
- ✓ Till date, it has been ratified by 197 countries.
- ✓ UNFCCC is headquartered in Bonn, Germany
- ✓ UNFCCC is the parent treaty of the 2015 Paris Agreement as well as 1997 Kyoto Protocol.
- ✓ The UNFCCC was established to work towards "stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere
- ✓ 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC was originally scheduled to take place from 9-19 November 2020, in Glasgow, UK.
- ✓ 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the UNFCCC will take place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
- ✓ 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28) to the UNFCCC is scheduled to take place from 6-17 November 2023. It will take place in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

**Q. The astronomical observatory of Langat Singh College has been included on the UNESCO list of important endangered heritage observatories of the world. In which state is this observatory located?**

- A) Gujarat
- B) Bihar
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Karnataka

**Answer : B**



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- ✓ An astronomical observatory in India, which is 106-year-old, has been included on the UNESCO list of important endangered heritage observatories of the world.
- ✓ The astronomical observatory is located at Langat Singh College, in Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
- ✓ This observatory was the first of its kind in eastern India. It was established in the college in 1916 to impart astronomical knowledge to the students in detail.
- ✓ Langat Singh College was set up in 1899. It is affiliated to Bhim Rao Ambedkar Bihar University, (BRABU).

### UNESCO IN NEWS 2021-22

- Langat Singh College, commonly known as L. S. College, Muzaffarpur, Bihar is now included in the UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage observatories of the world.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Kutch inscribed as India's 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Brazil landscape garden Sitio Burle Marx receives UNESCO World Heritage status.







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- ✓ Consequently the various rates are as under:
- ✓ Policy Repo Rate : 5.40%
- ✓ Reverse Repo Rate : 3.35%
- ✓ Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) : 5.15%
- ✓ Marginal Standing Facility Rate : 5.65%
- ✓ Bank Rate : 5.65%
- ✓ Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) : 4.50%
- ✓ Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) : 18.00%
- ✓ The MPC decided to continue with the accommodative stance.
- ✓ The real GDP growth projection has been retained at 7.2 percent for FY2022-23.
- ✓ MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE (MPC)
- ✓ The Monetary Policy Committee is a statutory and institutionalized framework under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for maintaining price stability, while keeping in mind the objective of growth.
- ✓ An RBI-appointed committee led by the then deputy governor Urjit Patel in 2014 recommended the establishment of the Monetary Policy Committee.
- ✓ The Governor of RBI is ex-officio Chairman of the committee.
- ✓ The committee comprises six members (including the Chairman) - three officials of the RBI and three external members nominated by the Government of India.
- ✓ The MPC determines the policy interest rate (repo rate) required to achieve the inflation target (4%).
- ✓ Six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) .
- ✓  $3 \text{ (RBI)} + 3 \text{ (Govt of India)} = 6$
- ✓ Three members from RBI Side are Rajiv Ranjan, Debabrata Patra and Shri Shaktikanta Das.
- ✓ Three members from Govt of India Side : Ashima Goyal, Jayanth R Varma and Shashanka Bhide
- ✓ Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has been constituted by the Central Government under Section 45ZB of RBI Act, 1934.
- ✓ Meetings of Monetary Policy Committee
- ✓ To achieve the objective of Monetary Policy, the MPC conducts meetings. As per the RBI Act, 1934, RBI has to conduct at least four meetings of the Monetary Policy Committee in a year.
- ✓ Presently, the Monetary Policy Committee meeting is conducted once in every 2 months i.e. 6 times in a year.





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**Q. Name the Indian para powerlifter who has won gold medal in the event and even created games record at by scoring highest ever points at the ongoing 2022 Commonwealth Games?**

- A) Sudhir  
B) Jaideep Deswal  
C) Sakina Khatun  
D) Farman Basha

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Indian para powerlifter Sudhir has won gold medal for India in the men's heavyweight final at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Sudhir lifted a total weight of 212kg.
- ✓ He also created a new games record with his final score of 134.5 points.
- ✓ This is India's first ever Gold medal in Para-Powerlifting sports at the Commonwealth Games.

**Q. Which country has become India's third-largest coal supplier in July?**

- A) Russia  
B) Saudi Arabia  
C) Iran  
D) United Arab Emirates

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Russia has become India's third-largest coal supplier in July, with imports rising by over a fifth compared with June to a record 2.06 million tonnes.
- ✓ Russia has historically been the sixth-largest supplier of coal to India, behind Indonesia, South Africa, Australia, and the United States, with Mozambique and Colombia alternatingly featuring in the top five.
- ✓ India's imports from Russia have jumped nearly five times to over \$15 billion ever since Russia invaded Ukraine.
- ✓ India, the world's second-largest producer, importer, and consumer of coal, has historically imported more coking coal used mainly in steelmaking from Russia, with Australia being the other key supplier.
- ✓ Thermal coal imports from Russia jumped 70.3% in July, compared with June, to a record 1.29 million tonnes, while coking coal imports rose by over two-thirds to more than 280,000 tonnes.
- ✓ Overall Indian coal imports, including shipments of anthracite and PCI coal, were nearly 10% lower in July at 23.8 million tonnes, compared with record imports of 26.29 million tonnes in June.
- ✓ China is the world's largest producer of coal.
- ✓ India is second on the list of the world's largest coal.
- ✓ Jharkhand has the largest reserves of coal in India followed by Odisha and Chhattisgarh





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**Q. Which company has signed an MoU with the Israel Innovation Authority for cooperation in technological innovations?**

- A) Reliance Industries                      B) Adani Enterprises  
C) Hindustan Unilever (HUL)              D) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Adani Enterprises, the business incubation arm of the Adani Group has announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Israel Innovation Authority (IIA) for cooperation in technological innovations.
- ✓ The deal includes the creation of a 'cutting-edge innovation platform' that will allow Adani arms to access tech solutions provided by Israeli start-ups whereby selected innovation projects will be supported by the partnership.
- ✓ The Adani Group will screen and select Israeli start-ups and other innovation companies developing new and exciting solutions in the tech space. Approved projects will then be assisted by the Adani Group and supported by the Israel Innovation Authority

**Q. Which country has become the seventh country in the world to launch a mission to the Moon?**

- A) Iran    B) South Korea  
C) Saudi Arabia                                D) United Arab Emirates

**Answer : B**

- ✓ South Korea has successfully launched its first lunar mission, Korea Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter, also known as Danuri, from Cape Canaveral in Florida.
- ✓ South Korea became the seventh country in the world to launch a mission to the Moon as its orbiter hitched a ride on SpaceX Falcon-9.
- ✓ This mission is jointly developed by NASA and the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI). The satellite launched by SpaceX, will arrive in December 2022.
- ✓ Built at nearly \$180 million, the spacecraft is carrying six science instruments, including a camera for Nasa. It's designed to peer into the permanently shadowed, ice-filled craters at the lunar poles. Nasa favours the lunar south pole for future astronaut outposts because of evidence of frozen water.
- ✓ South Korea has also planned to land its own spacecraft on the moon by 2030.



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## SOUTH KOREA IN NEWS 2021-22

- 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. What is the current Marginal Standing Facility Rate?**

- A) 5.65%
- B) 5.15%
- C) 3.35%
- D) 4.25%

**Answer : A**





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**Q. Who will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously, on November 1, 2022?**

- A) Prakash Raj  
B) Puneet Rajkumar  
C) Kamal Haasan  
D) Dhruva Sarja

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has announced that Kannada film star Puneeth Rajkumar, who died 2021, will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously, on November 1, 2022.
- ✓ The day happens to be Kannada Rajyotsava, the state's formation day.
- ✓ Puneeth Rajkumar, considered the Kannada Cinema's reigning star, will be the 10th recipient of the state's highest civilian order. Puneeth was the youngest of 5 children of matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar.
- ✓ Popularly known as 'Appu' and 'Power star' by his fans, Puneeth made his debut on screen when he was just 6 years old. He went on to win National Award as a child artist for the film "Bettada Hoovu".
- ✓ Puneeth Rajkumar to be honoured with Karnataka Ratna posthumously
- ✓ Puneeth Rajkumar honoured posthumously with Basavashree Award 2021

**Q. Which country conducted its largest-ever military exercises around Taiwan?**

- A) United States  
B) China  
C) South Korea  
D) Saudi Arabia

**Answer : B**

- ✓ China is conducting its largest-ever military drills around Taiwan
- ✓ After Nancy Pelosi, the speaker of the US House, left the island, China began its largest-ever military drills encircling Taiwan.
- ✓ Beijing reacted angrily to her visit, threatening punishment and announcing military exercises in some of the busiest shipping lanes in the world: the seas surrounding Taiwan.
- ✓ Taiwan, officially the Republic of China (ROC) is a country in East Asia
- ✓ TAIWAN
- ✓ Capital : Taipei
- ✓ Currency : Dollar
- ✓ President : Tsai Ing-wen





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- ✓ Lathe is wholly owned by Singapore-based GIC Ventures Private Limited and Tangerine Investments is a subsidiary of Chrys Capital Group while Infinity Partners is a partnership firm
- ✓ Bandhan Financial Holdings Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bandhan Financial Services Ltd and the promoter of private sector lender Bandhan Bank Limited.

**Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of telecom operator Vodafone Idea Limited (VI)?**

- A) Ravindra Takkar                      B) Rajesh Gopinathan  
C) Mahendra Singh                      D) Deelip Jaiswal

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Board of Directors of Vodafone Idea Limited has appointed Ravindra Takkar as Chairman Vodafone Idea Limited effective from August 19.
- ✓ Ravinder Takkar currently MD and CEO of VIL, will bring in his vast experience of over three decades in guiding the company, in his role as Chairman.
- ✓ Ravinder Takkar replaced Himanshu Kapania.
- ✓ Vi or Vodafone Idea Limited
- ✓ Founded : 31 August 2018
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai (Corp.) & Gandhinagar (Reg.)
- ✓ Chairman : Ravindra Takkar
- ✓ CEO : Akshaya Moondra
- ✓ OWNERS
- ✓ Government of India
- ✓ (35.8%)
- ✓ Vodafone Group plc
- ✓ (28.5%)
- ✓ Aditya Birla Group
- ✓ (17.80%)

**Q. PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various projects of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission, Dharampur in which state?**

- A) Odisha                                      B) Karnataka  
C) Gujarat                                      D) Rajasthan





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- ✓ The Day is observed to advocate, pray and work for a ban on all nuclear weapons and an end to war and violence through anti-war and anti-nuclear discussions and demonstrations around the world.
- ✓ 2022 marks the 77th anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb
- ✓ On 6th August 1945, a US bomber dropped the uranium fission bomb, codenamed Little Boy, on Hiroshima, a city in Japan
- ✓ Three days later it dropped another bomb codenamed Fat Man, on Nagasaki







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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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

### GRAND MASTER IN NEWS 2021-22.

- 2026 Chess Olympiad to be hosted by Uzbekistan.
- Chess prodigy V Pranav (from Tamil Nadu) becomes India's 75th Grandmaster.
- Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand becomes FIDE deputy president.
- Aravindh Chithambaram has emerged winner in the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open in Spain.
- India's GrandMaster D. Gukesh (From Chennai) wins Gijon Chess Masters.
- 44th Chess Olympiad: All India Chess Federation (AICF) and Tamil Nadu government sign MoU.
- R. Praggnanandhaa triumphs at the Paracin Open.
- Rahul Srivatshav P of Telangana has become India's 74th Grandmaster.
- Young Indian Grandmaster, R Praggnanandhaa won Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament.
- World No.2 Grandmaster Ding Liren of China won the tournament against India's teenaged Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa in the final of Meltwater Champions Chess Tour Chessable Masters 2022 online tournament.
- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh wins Sunway Formentera Open chess tournament.



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

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

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

**Answer : B**



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- ✓ India's shuttler P V Sindhu has clinched a gold medal in the final of women's single at the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- ✓ The double Olympic medalist beat Michelle Li of Canada to win the Gold.
- ✓ A former world champion, Sindhu, who has a silver and a bronze from the 2018 and 2014 editions, was clearly the better player on display as she kept a firm grip on the match.
- ✓ Pusarla Venkata Sindhu (PV SINDHU)
- ✓ Birthplace : Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
- ✓ PV Sindhu became 2nd Indian after Sushil Kumar to win 2 individual Olympic medals
- ✓ PV Sindhu became the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals
- ✓ PV Sindhu wins bronze medal to create history for India at Tokyo Olympics,
- ✓ P. V. Sindhu is an Indian badminton player. In 2016, she won the Olympic silver medal in Rio de Janeiro, becoming the first Indian woman to receive an Olympic silver. In January 2020, she was honored with the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian award

### PV SINDHU IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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



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- ✓ Section 45 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 empowers the Reserve Bank of India to prepare a scheme of reconstruction or amalgamation of banking companies (which include co-operative banks).
- ✓ Resilient Innovations Private Ltd (BharatPe) and Centrum Financial Services Limited both will hold 50% stake in this new Small Finance Bank that will be formed after taking over Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank.
- ✓ RBI had issued "All Inclusive Directions" to the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank Limited under Section 35A and Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 with effect from close of business of September 23, 2019. After which the account holders of the bank could not withdraw all the money.
- ✓ After the amalgamation of PMC Bank with Unity SFB, Unity SFB will pay the customers of PMC Bank the amount it receives from DICGC (maximum upto amount insured by DICGC i.e Rs 5 Lakh) in installments of 10 years.
- ✓ Unity Small Finance Bank is the twelfth small finance bank in India and opened its first branch in Mumbai on 1 November 2021 with over ₹1,100crores of equity capital
- ✓ Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB)  
Founded : 1st November 2021  
Headquarters : New Delhi  
Chairman : Vinod Rai  
MD & CEO : Inderjit Camotra  
It is the 12th Small Finance Bank in India

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

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

**Answer : A**

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

















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**Answer : A**

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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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

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

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





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- ✓ Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand won bronze in the badminton women's singles after defeating Australia's Chen Hsuan-Yu Wendy and Gronya Somerville in straight games 21-15, 21-19.

**Q. HDFC has secured the world's biggest social loan, a \$ \_\_\_ billion facility to fund affordable residences, underscoring potential for sustainability-linked financing.**

- A) \$1.3 billion                      B) \$1.5 billion  
C) \$1.1 billion                      D) \$1.2 billion

**Answer : C**

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

**Q. Donyi Polo Airport is located in which state?**

- A) Odisha                              B) Assam  
C) Andhra Pradesh                  D) Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The third airport in Arunachal Pradesh, which is now under construction in Itanagar, the state capital, has been given the name "Donyi Polo Airport" by the Arunachal Pradesh administration. According to a representative of the Chief Minister's Office, the state cabinet adopted "Donyi Polo Airport" as the name of the airport at its meeting.
- ✓ The "Donyi Polo Airport" airport in Itanagar would be Arunachal Pradesh's third airport after Pasighat and Tezu airports and northeast India's 16th airport.

**Q. What is the name of the common portal for recommendations and nominations of all official awards?**

- A) Atmanirbhar Portal  
B) India Awards Portal  
C) Bharat Portal  
D) Rashtriya Portal

**Answer : D**



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

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

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated the first flight of Akasa Air between Mumbai and Ahmedabad. Akasa Air plans to be a low-cost carrier with a single fleet and all economy seats.
- ✓ Akasa Air is also planning on expanding its activities to 72 aircraft in the next 5 years.
- ✓ The airline has began its commercial operations, by starting its first flight service from Mumbai to Ahmedabad from 7 August 2022, after receiving its first Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.
- ✓ Akasa Air  
Founded : 2021  
Founder : Rakesh Jhunjhunwala  
Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra  
MD & CEO : Vinay Dube

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

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

**Answer : A**







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6. Manushi Chhillar : 2017

➤ List of Miss Universe winners from India

1. Sushmita Sen : 1994

2. Lara Dutta : 2000

3. Harnaaz Sandhu : 2021

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

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

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

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

A) 61

B) 65

C) 63

D) 69

**Answer : A**

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



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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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

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

**Answer : B**



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

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

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

Answer : D

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

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

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

Answer : B

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





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Founders : Larry Page and Sergey Brin

Headquarters : Mountain View, California, US

CEO : Sundar Pichai

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

A) France

B) Russia

C) Japan

D) United States

**Answer : D**

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





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

A) Prabath Jayasuriya

B) Joe Root

C) Jonny Bairstow

D) David Warner

**Answer : A**

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

## ICC PLAYER OF THE MONTHS IN NEWS 2022

- ICC Player of the Month for July 2022  
Men's : Prabath Jayasuriya ( Sri Lanka)  
Women's : Emma Lamb ( England)
- ICC Player of the Month for June 2022  
Men's : Jonny Bairstow (England)  
Women's : Marizanne Kapp (South Africa)
- ICC Player of the Month for May 2022  
Men's : Angelo Mathews (Sri Lanka)  
Women's : Tuba Hassan (Pakistan)
- ICC Player of the Month for April 2022  
Men's : Keshav Maharaj ( South Africa)  
Women's : Alyssa Healy ( Australia)
- ICC Player of the Month for March 2022  
Men's - Babar Azam (Pakistan)  
Women's - Rachael Haynes (Australia)
- ICC Player of the Month for February 2022  
Men's - Shreyas Iyer ( Indian)  
Women's - Amelia Kerr (New Zealand )
- ICC Player of the Month for January 2022  
Men's - Keegan Petersen ( South Africa)  
Women's - Heather Knight ( England)



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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : D**





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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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









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#### HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- HDFC Bank inks an agreement with TReDs platform M1xchange.
- According to Times of India report, HDFC Bank will be among the world's top 10 most valuable banks .
- Defence ministry gives approval to HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to offer finances for international purchases.
- HDFC Bank, a private sector bank, has signed a relationship with 100X.VC, a leading early-stage venture capital firm.
- HDFC has announced a collaboration with global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture , to digitally transform its lending business.
- HDFC Bank and Retailio launched co-branded credit cards for chemists, pharmacies
- HDFC Bank launched industry first digital 30-minute new car loan 'Xpress Car Loans'.
- For Rs 184 crore, HDFC will sell a 10% interest in HDFC Capital to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- HDFC Bank adjudged as Best Performing Bank in SHG Linkage by DAY-NRLM.
- HDFC Bank to launch "SmartHub Vyapar programme" & 'AutoFirst' app.
- HDFC Bank finances Asia's largest waste to energy plant in Indore- Gobar-Dhan plant.
- Tata Group choose SBI, BoB and HDFC Bank to finance Air India's old debt.
- HDFC Bank named as Best Private Bank in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021.
- HDFC Bank wins the coveted CII award for 'Most Innovative Best Practice'.
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
- HDFC Bank tie-up with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to offer banking services in rural areas.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank partnered with HDFC Bank to offer co-branded credit cards.
- HDFC launches 'green and sustainable' deposits programme for retail clients..
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) lends \$250 million to HDFC Ltd to boost green housing finance.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Dukandar Overdraft Scheme'.
- HDFC Bank's digital self-service credit portal for customers.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Salaam Dil Sey' initiative.



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➤ HDFC ties up with Accenture for digital transformation.

➤ HDFC BANK

Founded : 1994

Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

Tagline : We understand your world

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

A) Punjab National Bank

B) State Bank of India

C) Kotak Mahindra Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

**Answer : B**

- ✓ State of Bank of India (SBI) is the first Indian lender to frame a policy to fund makers of lab-grown diamonds which come across as replicas of the natural stones.
- ✓ The bank's operational guidelines for financing man-made diamond houses include the standard prudential practices like treating non-fund limits at part with funded limits.
- ✓ Lab grown diamonds are the replicas of natural stones.
- ✓ STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI )  
Founded : 1 July 1955  
Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra  
Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- ✓ Managing Director (4) : Alok Kumar Choudhary, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty and Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- ✓ Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- ✓ The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- ✓ Tagline of State Bank of India
  - (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
  - (2) With you all the way
  - (3) A bank of the common man



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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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







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#### ISRAEL IN NEWS 2021-22

- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar lays foundation stone for Indo-Israel Center of Excellence for Vegetables in UP's Chandauli.
- Yair Lapid takes over as 14th Prime Minister of Israel.
- Israel, Haryana sign declaration on integrated water resources management.
- India, Israel, UAE And US Form New I2U2 Grouping.
- The new grouping is known as "I2U2," with "I" standing for India and Israel and "U" standing for the USA and the UAE.
- Israel and the United Arab Emirates signed the first Arab free trade deal.
- Israel successfully tests 'Iron Beam' new laser-based air defence system.
- Israel successfully tests new naval air defence system 'C-Dome'.
- Israel became first country to allow drones in civilian airspace.
- Israel completed a successful flight test of the Arrow-3.
- India tie-up with Israel to convert 150 villages into 'Villages of Excellence'.
- India, Israel, UAE, U.S. decide to launch quadrilateral economic forum.
- IAF participated in International Exercise 'Blue Flag 2021' along with IAF's Mirage 2000 aircraft squadron at Israel's Ovda Airbase.
- Israeli defense technology company, Rafael Unveils New Long Range Guided Missile System 'Sea Breaker' for the US Navy.
- Israel Becomes The 'First Country' To Use Laser Weapons To Shoot Down Hostile Drones.
- Isaac Herzog Elected as 11st President of Israel.

#### ➤ ISRAEL

Capital : Jerusalem

Currency : New Shekel

President : Isaac Herzog

Prime Minister : Yair Lapid



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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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



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

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

**Answer : B**



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

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

A) Kerala

B) Bihar

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Telangana



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#### Answer : D

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

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

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

#### Answer : D

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

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

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

#### Answer : A

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



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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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



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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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



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## Answer : A

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

## RBI CANCELLED LICENCE IN NEWS 2022

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

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

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

## Answer : C

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









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- Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in Purnia district, Bihar.
- Bihar is going to celebrate 110th Bihar Diwas on 22nd March 2022.
- Every year on March 22, the Bihar Diwas commemorates the British carving away of Bihar from the Bengal Presidency in 1912.
- Bihar has highest level of multidimensional poverty while Kerala is least poor state: NITI Aayog's Multi-dimensional Poverty Index.
- India is set to host the first-ever Global Buddhist Conference in Nava Nalanda Mahavihara campus, in Nalanda, Bihar.
- Bihar government extends 'Mukhya Mantri Udyaymi Yojna' scheme to all women and youth.
- Bihar CM announces 33% reservation for girls in engineering and medical colleges of Bihar.
- Bihar CM launches 'HIT Covid App' to ensure regular tracking, monitoring of home isolated patients.
- Tripurari Sharan named new Bihar chief secretary.
- Bihar is set to become the country's first state to have two green energy efficient towns in Rajgir and Bodh Gaya.
- Bihar becomes first state to have Ethanol Promotion Policy.
- 1st bird festival at Nagi- Nakti bird sanctuaries in Bihar Jamui district.
- Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the 1.5 km long Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar.
- Nitish Kumar Becomes The Chief Minister Of Bihar For The 7th Time.
- Bihar wins Digital India award for transferring money in COVID time.
- PM Modi lays Foundation Stone for 9 Highway Projects worth Rs 14, 528 crores in Bihar.
- PM Modi inaugurates Kosi Rail Mega Bridge in Bihar.
- Kosi Rail mega bridge is 1.9 kms long and cost of Rs. 516 Crores.
- PM Modi launches PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, e-Gopala App & several initiatives in Bihar.
- Bihar is India's third-largest state by population and the 12th-largest by area.
- Bihar has the highest percentage of young people of any state in India.
- Bihar has the second-lowest urban population in the country, after Himachal Pradesh



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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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



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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

**Answer : A**

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



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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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



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

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

**Answer : A**

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

Formation : 1 July 1916

Headquarters : Kolkata, West Bengal

Director : Dhriti Banerjee

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

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

**Answer : C**

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



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**Q. When is the World Elephant Day observed globally?**

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

**Answer : D**

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





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

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

**Answer : A**

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

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved for the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) up to December 31, 2024.
- ✓ The continuation of the scheme based on the request of States/UTs, will help in completion of already sanctioned 122.69 lakh houses till March 31, 2022.
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U) is a flagship Mission of Government of India being implemented by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- ✓ The mission was launched on June 25, 2015, to ensure a pucca house to all eligible urban households by the year 2022.
- ✓ Union Budget 2022 has allocated Rs 48,000 crore towards the PMAY scheme (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana) and completion of 8 million houses.
- ✓ About Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U)
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Mission was launched on 25th June 2015.
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana's (Urban) aim is to provide housing for all in urban areas by the year 2024.
- ✓ The Mission provides Central Assistance to the implementing agencies through States/Union Territories (UTs) and Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) for providing houses to all eligible families/ beneficiaries against the validated demand for houses for about 1.12 cr





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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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



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## NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS 2021-22

PRIME MINISTER	COUNTRY
James Marape	Papua New Guinea
Dinesh Gunawardena	Sri Lanka
Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem	Kuwait
Yair Lapid	Israel
Hamza Abdi Barre	Somalia
Anthony Albanese	Australia
Emmanuel Macron	France
Robert Golob	Slovenia
Patrick Achi	Ivory Coast
Shehbaz Sharif	Pakistan
Viktor Orban	Hungary
Robert Abela	Malta
Antonio Costa	Portugal
Mia Mottley	Barbados
Alikhan Smailov	Kazakhstan
Petr Fiala	Czech Republic
Jonas Gahr Store	Norway
Fumio Kishida	Japan
Najla Bouden Romdhane	Tunisia
Justin Trudeau	Canada
Aziz Akhannouch	Morocco
Ismail Sabri Yaakob	Malaysia
Sher Bahadur Deuba	Nepal
Najib Mikati	Lebanon
Abiy Ahmed	Ethiopia
Nikol Pashinyan	Armenia
Moctar Ouane	Mali
Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou	Niger
Mark Rutte	Netherlands
Irakli Garibashvili	Georgia
Kaja Kallas	Estonia
Jacinda Ardern	New Zealand
Mohamed Hussein Ruble	Somalia
Mikhail Mishustin	Russia



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

- A) South Africa                      B) China  
C) India                                  D) Brazil

**Answer : B**

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

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

- A) SPARK                                  B) NETRA  
C) SAKSHAM                              D) SPECTRA

**Answer : A**

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

## ISRO IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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- ISRO launched India's Communication satellite 'GSAT-24' from French Guiana.
- ISRO successfully tested solid fuel-based booster stage of SSLV at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota at Andhra Pradesh.
- UIDAI, MeitY has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), ISRO, Hyderabad for technical collaboration.
- ISRO successfully launches earth observation satellite, EOS-04, onboard the launch vehicle PSLV-C52 rocket from the First Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- ISRO has signed six agreements with four countries for launching foreign satellites during 2021-2023.
- NITI Aayog joins hand with ISRO to launch Geospatial Energy Map of India.
- ISRO-NASA joint mission NISAR Satellite to be launched in 2023.
- ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Sivan inaugurates 'Health QUEST Study' to upgrade healthcare systems standards in India.
- Skyroot Aerospace becomes first Spacetechn startup to formally tie-up with ISRO.
- ISRO agrees to parliamentary panel on education to help set up satellite TV classrooms.
- NASA Partners ISRO to develop Earth System Observatory to address Climate Change with better Disaster Management.
- ISRO Demonstrates India's First Free-Space Quantum Communication Over 300 Metres from Ahmedabad.
- ISRO-NIT Rourkela sign MoU to set up Space Technology Incubation Centre.
- ISRO Launches Brazil's Amazonia-1 and 18 Co-Passenger Smallsats onboard PSLV-C51.
- MapmyIndia joins hand with ISRO to build 'Bhuvan', an alternative to Google Maps.
- ISRO has opened its UR Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru for testing satellites developed by the private sector.
- ISRO to adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Labs to promote education in the field of space technology.
- ISRO successfully launches India's new communication satellite CMS-01 from Sriharikota onboard PSLV-C50.



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#### ISRO UPCOMING SPACE MISSION IN NEWS

- ISRO-NASA joint satellite project NISER proposed to be launched early 2023
- Gaganyaan : ISRO partners with France to launch India's first human spaceflight mission in 2023
- Lunar Polar Exploration mission (LUPEX) : ISRO's Lunar Polar Exploration Mission in collaboration with JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) will be launched in the year 2024
- Aditya-L1: It is India's first solar mission and was expected to launch in the year 2020 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the launch has been delayed and is now expected in the year 2022.
- Mars Orbiter Mission 2 (MOM 2) also called Mangalyaan 2 is expected to launch in the year 2024
- Shukrayaan-1: The inter-planetary mission is expected to launch in the year 2024 by ISRO in collaboration with CNES (National Centre for Space Studies; French Space Agency)
- Shukrayaan India plans to launch a new orbiter to Venus in 2024
- Chandrayaan-3 is likely to be launched during the third quarter of 2022.

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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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



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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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







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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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







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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : D**



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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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



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

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

**Answer : B**

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

## TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

**Q. On the occasion of World Elephant Day, the centre announced the establishment of another elephant reserve at Agasthiyamalai. This reserve will be the \_\_\_ elephant reserve in the country.**

A) 30th

B) 32nd

C) 34th

D) 36th

**Answer : B**

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





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

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

**Answer : A**

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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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



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Chairman : Sunil Bharti Mittal

MD & CEO : Gopal Vittal

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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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





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





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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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

### **SBI IN NEWS 2021-22**

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



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- SBI has appointed former Ujjivan Small Finance Bank CEO, Nitin Chugh as Deputy Managing Director .
- SBI listed the maiden issue of \$300 million Formosa bonds on India INX.
- State Bank of India acquired minority stake in JSW Cement for INR 100 crore.
- SBI tie-up with NSE Academy to launch five online courses 2022.
- SBI to acquire 9.95% stake in GIFT-IFSC-based Clearing Corp with investment of Rs 34.03 crore.
- State Bank of India (SBI) is the only authorized bank to issue and encash Electoral Bonds.
- SBI Increases Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) Transaction Limit From Rs 2 Lakh To Rs 5 Lakh.
- RBI has retained SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
- SBI listed USD 650-million Green Bonds on India International Exchange (India INX) and Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE).
- RBI imposes Rs 1 Crore penalty on SBI for violating subsection (2) of section 19 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- SBI launches video life certificate service for pensioners.
- SBI has announced the launch of SBI's NAV-eCash card on INS Vikramaditya with Indian Navy.
- SBI launches 'SIM Binding' feature for YONO and You Only Need One (YONO) Lite.
- State Bank of India topped the list of public sector banks writing off loans in FY21 .
- SBI has selected "Paisalo Digital" as the National Corporate Business Correspondent of the Bank.
- STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI )  
Founded : 1 July 1955  
Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra  
Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- Managing Director (4) : Alok Kumar Choudhary, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty and Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.



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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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

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

- A) Odisha
- B) Rajasthan



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C) Haryana

D) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer : A**

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

## ODISHA IN NEWS 2021-22

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







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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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



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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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





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

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

**Answer : A**

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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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



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

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

**Answer : B**

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

## AIRPORT IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

- A) Saurav Ganguly
- C) Kapil Dev

- B) Sachin Tendulkar
- D) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

**Answer : C**

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







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

### KOLKATA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Kolkata To Host 23rd Edition Of India International Seafood Show(IISS).
- 4th edition of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament will be held in Kolkata.
- India's 1st underwater metro project in kolkata,which runs partly under the Hooghly river.
- West Bengal to form 7 new districts, making a total of 30 districts
- Kolkata became 1st major metro city to get its biodiversity register.
- PM Modi virtually inaugurates Biplobi Bharat Gallery in Bengal.
- 45th International Kolkata Book Fair will start from February 28 and will go on till March 13. The focal theme country this year is Bangladesh.
- PM Modi inaugurated Biplobi Bharat Gallery at Victoria Memorial Hall in Kolkata.
- PM Modi virtually inaugurated the second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI) in Kolkata
- India's first Radio over Internet Protocol system for Major Ports inaugurated at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
- UNESCO recognises Kolkata's Durga Puja as Intangible Cultural Heritage
- 130th edition of the Durand Cup kicked off at the Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan in Kolkata.

**Q. Which state government has approved Rs 2808.39 crore for the promotion of millets in the tribal areas of the state?**

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

**Answer : C**

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







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## Answer : B

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

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

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

## Answer : D

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



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#### RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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





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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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





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#### IMPORTANT OPERATION & CODE NAME IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

➤ OPERATION SARD HAWA

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

➤ OPERATION MY SAHELI

South Eastern Railway launches to ensure security of women passengers

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

A) Shanti Lal Jain

B) G Rajkiran Rai

C) Atanu Kumar Das

D) S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

**Answer : B**

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

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

A) Defence forces

B) Reserve Bank of India

C) Prime Minister's Office

D) NITI Aayog





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





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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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





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

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

**Answer : A**

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

**Q. The south London home of\_\_has been honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque.**

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

**Answer : A**

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





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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

- A) 58    B) 69  
C) 81    D) 75

**Answer : D**

## RAMSAR SITES IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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



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

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

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

**Answer : D**



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

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

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Tampara Lake in Odisha



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

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

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Hirakud Reservoir in Odisha

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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

**Answer : D**

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

## BRO IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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





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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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







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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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



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Founded : August 2010

Headquarteres : Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Owner : One97 Communications Ltd.

Founder(s) : Vijay Shekhar Sharma

CEO : Varun Sridhar

President : Amit Nayyar

Vice president : Ajay Shekhar Sharma

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

A) Axis Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) HDFC Bank

D) ICICI Bank

**Answer : A**

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

Founded : 1993

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Rakesh Makhija

MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary

Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi



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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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





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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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



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

A) Bharat Electronics

B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

C) Bharat Dynamics

D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

**Answer : D**

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

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

A) Odisha

B) Assam

C) Kerala

D) Chhattisgarh



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**Answer : B**

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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

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

**Answer : B**

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







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#### LATEST CAMPAIGN IN NEWS 2021-22.

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



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#### HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2021-22

- HDFC Bank introduced “Vigil Aunty” to promote secure banking practices.
- HDFC Bank opened the first all-women branch in Kozhikode, north Kerala
- HDFC Bank inks an agreement with TReDs platform M1xchange.
- According to Times of India report, HDFC Bank will be among the world’s top 10 most valuable banks .
- Defence ministry gives approval to HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to offer finances for international purchases.
- HDFC Bank, a private sector bank, has signed a relationship with 100X.VC, a leading early-stage venture capital firm.
- HDFC has announced a collaboration with global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture , to digitally transform its lending business.
- HDFC Bank and Retailio launched co-branded credit cards for chemists, pharmacies
- HDFC Bank launched industry first digital 30-minute new car loan ‘Xpress Car Loans’.
- For Rs 184 crore, HDFC will sell a 10% interest in HDFC Capital to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- HDFC Bank adjudged as Best Performing Bank in SHG Linkage by DAY-NRLM.
- HDFC Bank to launch “SmartHub Vyapar programme” & ‘AutoFirst’ app.
- HDFC Bank finances Asia’s largest waste to energy plant in Indore- Gobar-Dhan plant.
- Tata Group choose SBI, BoB and HDFC Bank to finance Air India’s old debt.
- HDFC Bank named as Best Private Bank in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021.
- HDFC Bank wins the coveted CII award for ‘Most Innovative Best Practice’.
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).
- HDFC Bank tie-up with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to offer banking services in rural areas.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank partnered with HDFC Bank to offer co-branded credit cards.
- HDFC launches ‘green and sustainable’ deposits programme for retail clients..
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) lends \$250 million to HDFC Ltd to boost green housing finance.
- HDFC Bank launches ‘Dukandar Overdraft Scheme’.



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- HDFC Bank's digital self-service credit portal for customers.
- HDFC Bank launches 'Salaam Dil Sey' initiative.
- HDFC ties up with Accenture for digital transformation.
- HDFC BANK

Founded : 1994

Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

Tagline : We understand your world

**Q. Which company has partnered with a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. 'Five Star Bank' on its digital transformation journey?**

A) Infosys

B) HCL Technologies

C) Tech Mahindra

D) Tata Consultancy Services

**Answer : D**

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

## TCS IN NEWS 2021-22

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





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

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

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

**Answer : C**









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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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

### RBI CANCELLED LICENCE IN NEWS 2022.

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



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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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



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Capital : Kuala Lumpur

Currency : Ringgit

Prime Minister : Ismail Sabri Yaakob

✓ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Founded : 1940

Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka

Chairman & MD : R Madhavan

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

A) Goa

B) Odisha

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Maharashtra

**Answer : A**

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

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

A) Mandla

B) Anantnag

C) Kupwara

D) Baramulla

**Answer : A**

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



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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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





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

### FIFA IN NEWS 2021-22

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



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2022 : Costa Rica

- FIFA U-17 World Cup

2022- Women's : India

2023 - Women's : Australia and New Zealand

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

Founded : 21 May 1904

Founded : Paris, France

Headquarters : Zürich, Switzerland

Membership : 211

Languages : English, French, German, Spanish & Italian

First President : Robert Guérin

President : Gianni Infantino (Switzerland)

Secretary General : Fatma Samoura.

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

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

A) 19 August

B) 20 August

C) 18 August

D) 17 August

**Answer : A**

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







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## MOST IMPORTANT RECENTLY RENAMED PLACES IN INDIA 2021

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







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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

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

**Answer : A**

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



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

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

**Answer : C**

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

## JHARKHAND IN NEWS 2022

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

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

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





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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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

**Answer : D**

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



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

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

**Answer : D**

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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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

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

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

**Answer : C**

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









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

A) 19 August

B) 20 August

C) 18 August

D) 17 August

**Answer : B**

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

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

A) 20 August

B) 21 August

C) 22 August

D) 23 August

**Answer : B**

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



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**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.



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- 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 Baderwah, 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.





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#### 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 Rumaal : 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
- Kholra 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.



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- 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) Uttarakhand  
C) Himachal Pradesh                      D) 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.
- ✓ 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.





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**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 (PSSL).



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- 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







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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 Chhara Jonas has come up with her memoir titled "Unfinished".
- Peter Mukerjee 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**



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- ✓ 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**









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- ✓ 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
- ✓ TRICK -: MBBS NIT
- ✓ M - Myanmar
- ✓ B - Bangladesh
- ✓ B - Bhutan
- ✓ S - Sri Lanka
- ✓ 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



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**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 big-ticket 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, time-bound 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, Gadchiroli, Bhandara, Ambarnath 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)



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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.





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- ✓ 13 other elements apart from Durga Puja

13 ICH traditions recognised 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. Mudi yettu, 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 Kutch 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.







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**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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- ✓ 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**





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**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**



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- ✓ 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
- C) New Delhi
- D) Hyderabad

**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.
- ✓ 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).









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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 Saa᳚thi mobile app on investor education
- SEBI makes provision of separation of chairperson & MD/CEO roles voluntary
- SEBI reconstitutes advisory panel for alternative investment policy; Headed By N R Narayana Murthy.
- SEBI reconstitutes its 8-member advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund; Headed By : G Mahalingam





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✓ 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.



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➤ 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 quarter 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





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- ✓ 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**



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- ✓ 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.







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**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.
- ✓ The elderly population in the country has tripled in the last three decades.
- ✓ PORTUGAL

Capital : Lisbon

Currency : Euro



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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



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**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) Chennai  
B) Mumbai  
C) Hyderabad  
D) 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  
B) Karnataka  
C) Rajasthan  
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'.





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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  
Capital : Kyiv  
Currency : hryvnia



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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.
- ✓ This is the second time he has been given the extension.
- ✓ 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.



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- ✓ 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.



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- 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
- NHA 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                      B) Narendra Modi  
C) Jagdeep Dhankhar                    D) 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.







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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



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

**Q. 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) Lucknow  
B) Gandhinagar  
C) Ahmedabad  
D) 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.





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#### ✓ **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 company has announced a campaign to upskill cyber security researchers and developers in India?**

- A) Google  
B) Microsoft  
C) Apple  
D) Amazon

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Google has announced a campaign to upskill cyber security researchers and developers in India.
- ✓ It will be part of the company's Cyber Security Roadshow, which will cover multiple cities across India and offer tools, tutorials and mentorship on security practices for building consumer apps, as well as enterprise programmes.
- ✓ The upskilling programme will target 1 lakh developers in India.
- ✓ GOOGLE  
Founded :1998  
Founders : Larry Page and Sergey Brin  
Headquarters : Mountain View, California, US  
CEO : Sundar Pichai

**Q. Which of the following bank has announced the partnership with Tata Neu to launch two new credit cards?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ HDFC Bank announced the partnership with Tata Neu to launch two new credit cards.
- ✓ The co-branded credit cards will be launched in two variants namely Tata Neu Plus HDFC Bank Credit Card and Tata Neu Infinity HDFC Bank Credit Card.
- ✓ The card will enable customers to earn rewards on all spends, both online and in-store in the form of NeuCoins (1 NeuCoin = INR 1).

**Q. Who has been co-chaired the 8th India-Brazil Joint Commission Meeting with his Brazilian counterpart Carlos França 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  
C) Rajnath Singh                        D) Amit Shah

**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  
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.









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- 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









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**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



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**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









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- 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







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- 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



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**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



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**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) 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](http://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





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**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  
B) Virat Kohli  
C) KL Rahul  
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.









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- ✓ 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



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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



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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  
B) Air India  
C) SpiceJet  
D) IndiGo

**Answer : D**

- ✓ 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.







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**Q. All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has signed an agreement with which company to accelerate digital creativity skills across India?**

- A) IBM  
B) Google  
C) Adobe  
D) Microsoft

**Answer : C**

- ✓ All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has signed an agreement with US-based Adobe to accelerate digital creativity skills across India.
- ✓ To empower over 75,000 educators across 10,000 higher education institutions with essential digital creativity skills by 2024.

**Q. Who has been appointed as 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 appointed as the Director General of the News Services Division of All India Radio.
- ✓ She has succeeded N Venudhar Reddy.
- ✓ All India Radio (AIR), officially known since 1957 as Akashvani.
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi

**Q. Who has been appointed as the interim chairman at GAIL?**

- A) MV Iyer  
B) D K Sarraf  
C) B C Tripathi  
D) B P Rao

**Answer : A**

**Q. Which company has appointed 'Rajesh Kumar Srivastava' as interim chairman for a period of 4 months from September 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.
- ✓ The government also appointed M V Iyer 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                                      B) Ramesh Kandula  
C) Rahul Srivatshav                                      D) Yogendra Singh Yadav

**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.



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- ✓ 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  
C) 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.



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**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 scrap-based 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.





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- ✓ The Bloomberg Billionaires Index is a daily ranking index of the world's billionaires updated at the close of every trading day in New York

**Q. Who has emerged as the richest man 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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2022
- ✓ 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 Bernard Arnault.
- ✓ Mukesh Ambani is at number 11 with a total 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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Reliance chief Mukesh Ambani is at the 11th spot in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index with a total USD 91.9 billion worth

**Q. 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 which country?**

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

**Answer : 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.

### NEPAL IN NEWS 2021-22

- 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 Station in New Delhi.
- Nepal's legendary climber Kami Rita Sherpa has climbed Mt Everest, the tallest peak in the world for the 26th time to set a new world record.
- Indian Railway Catering and Ticketing Corporation (IRCTC) will launch its maiden Bharat Gaurav Tourist train, with a stop in Nepal's Janakpur.
- Nepal will become 1st country to deploy India's UPI platform.
- Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve in Erode district of Tamil Nadu and Bardia National Park in Nepal have jointly won the prestigious TX2 Award for 2022, for doubling their tiger populations since 2010.
- Four agreements and launch multiple projects signed between India- Nepal.
- After Bhutan, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates, Nepal is now the fourth country outside of India to accept RuPay.
- Nepal becoming the 105th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- Rail link from Jayanagar (Bihar) to Kurtha (Nepal) was operationalised..
- 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.





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- 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, Barasheeta 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



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- ✓ SEBI was given statutory recognition in 1992 on the recommendation of the Narasimham Committee.

**Q. Santosh Iyer 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



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## 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 medalist Neeraj Chopra in December last year.



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**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  
D) Uganda

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India and Tanzania have decided to set up a task force to prepare a five-year roadmap to boost bilateral defence cooperation.
- ✓ 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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MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe

Chairman : 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 Rathore                      B) Pulapre Balakrishnan  
C) Madhu Bhaduri                      D) 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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