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Q. Who has been honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2020?

- A) Hema Malini B) Poonam Dhillon
- C) Udit Narayan D) Asha Parekh

Answer : D

- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced that the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2020 will be presented to the famous actress Asha Parekh.
- ✓ The 68th National Film Awards will be presented on 30 September.
- ✓ It will be presided over by President Smt. Draupadi Murmu.
- ✓ Asha Parekh to be honoured with 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke Award.
- ✓ Asha Parekh was awarded the Padma Shri in 1992.
- ✓ She also served as the head of the Central Board for Film Certification from 1998-2001.
- ✓ The renowned film actress, director and producer started her career as a child actor and made her debut as the lead heroine in Dil Deke Dekho.
- ✓ She is a renowned film actress, director and producer as well as an accomplished Indian classical dancer. Asha Parekh has acted in films like Teesri Manzil, Kati Patang, Love in Tokyo.
- ✓ The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest honour in cinema
- ✓ Dadasaheb Phalke is known as the 'Father of Indian Cinema'.
- ✓ He had made India's first full-length feature film Raja Harishchandra in 1913.
- ✓ This award was first given to Devika Rani in the year 1969.
- Dadasaheb Phalke Award

First awarded : 1969

Total awarded : 52

- ✓ Prithviraj Kapoor (1971) and actor Vinod Khanna (2017) are the only posthumous recipients.
- ✓ Awarded for : "outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema".
- ✓ This award is given annually at the National Films Awards
- ✓ The first recipient of Dadasaheb Phalke Award was Devika Rani who received the award in 1969 and also known as "the first lady of Indian cinema"

- ✓ The award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of Rs. 10 Lakh.
- ✓ 49th 2017 (65th National Films Awards) Vinod Khanna
- ✓ 50th 2018 (66th National Films Awards) Amitabh Bachchan
- ✓ 51st 2019 (67th National Films Awards) Rajinikanth
- ✓ 52nd 2022(68th National Films Awards) Asha Parekh
- Q. Which company becomes 12th company to gets 'Maharatna' company status?
 A) REC Ltd
 B) SJVN
 C) NHPC Limited
 D) Vedanta Limited

Answer : A

- ✓ REC Ltd has become the 12th company to attain the Maharatna status.
- ✓ REC can now invest up to ₹5,000 crore, or 15% of its net worth, in a single project after its Maharatna status
- ✓ REC Limited, formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited is a subsidiary of Power Finance Corporation Limited which is in turn under the ownership of Ministry of Power, Government of India.
- ✓ REC Limited, formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- ✓ Founded : 1969
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ CMD : Vivek Kumar Dewangan
- ✓ Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited was the first Maharatna company in India.
- ✓ Maharatna Status:
- The Maharatna dispensation was ushered in by the Union government for mega Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) to become global giants (introduced in 2010).
- CPSEs are those companies in which the direct holding of the Central Government or other CPSEs is 51% or more.
- ✓ "Maharatna" status is granted to a company which has recorded more than Rs. 5,000 crores of net profit for three consecutive years, an average annual turnover of Rs. 25,000 crore for three years or should have an average annual net worth of Rs. 15,000 crore for three years. It should also have global operations or footprints.
- ✓ List of Maharatna Companies in India 2022

- 1. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 2. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 3. Coal India Limited
- 4. GAIL (India) Limited
- 5. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 6. Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- 7. NTPC Limited
- 8. Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited
- 9. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
- 10. Steel Authority of India Limited
- 11. Power Finance Corporation Limited
- 12. Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- ✓ What are Maharatna Companies?
- ✓ The Maharatna Companies are those companies that can raise an investment ceiling of Rs. 5,000 crore and are free to decide on investments up to 15% of their net worth in a project.
- ✓ What are Navratna Companies?
- ✓ The Navratna Companies are Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) that can invest up to Rs. 1000 crore or 15% of their net worth on a single project without seeking approval from the government.
- ✓ What are Miniratna Category-I CPSEs?
- The CPSEs which have made a profit in the last three years continuously having a pre-tax profit of Rs.30 crores or more in at least one of the three years and have a positive net worth are Miniratna Category-I CPSEs
- Q. Which International Financial Institution has announced \$14 billion support for food security in the Asia Pacific?
 - A) World Bank

- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) New Development Bank
- **D) International Monetary Fund**

Answer : B

 Asian Development Bank has announced a \$14 billion financial support for food security in the Asia Pacific which is threatened by the Russia-Ukraine war and the global climatic conditions.

The funding by the bank is for the period of 2022-2025

ADB IN NEWS 2021-22

- > Asian Development Bank announces \$14 billion support for food security in Asia Pacific.
- IndusInd Bank and ADB collaborate to improve financing for supplier chains
- > ADB, India sign \$96.3 mn loan to improve water supply, sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh.
- > Maharashtra to take ₹4,000 crore loan from ADB to set up medical colleges in 12 districts.
- > ADB cuts India GDP growth forecast for FY23 to 7.2%.
- > ADB approves USD 96.3 million loan for safe drinking water project in Himachal Pradesh.
- > ADB approves \$2 million loan to support urban development in Nagaland.
- ADB and HSBC India partners to establish \$100 million Partial Guarantee Program for Microfinance in India.
- > IIFL Home Finance signs \$68-million loan agreement with ADB for affordable Green Housing.
- > ADB lends record USD 4.6 bn loans to India in 2021.
- > ADB approves \$112 million loan to establish Assam Skill University.
- > ADB approves \$500-million loan to improve quality of school education.
- ADB has approved a Rs 2653.05 crore (USD 350 million) policy-based loan to improve urban services in India
- > India and ADB sign USD 300 million loan agreement to improve primary health care in India.
- > ADB approves USD1.5 bn loan to India for COVID-19 vaccine procurement.
- > ADB approved \$61 Million loan under 'Agartala City Urban Development Project.
- ADB approves \$250 million loan for India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP).
- > ADB, India Sign \$100 Million Loan for Agribusiness Development in Maharashtra.
- > ADB and India sign \$251 million loan for Integrated Urban Flood Management in Chennai.
- ADB, AIIB processing \$2 billion loan for India to buy COVID-19 vaccines (ABD USD 1.5 billion, AIIB, USD 500 million).
- India and ADB inks \$4.5 million project readiness financing loan to support urban mobility in Mizoram.
- > ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)

Founded : 19 December 1966

HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines

President : Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)

Vice President : Ashok Lavasa (Indian?

Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi

Executive Director : Sameer Kumar

Member Countries : 68 (Nuie).

- ADB has grown to encompass 68 members; of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- > Japan is the largest contributor in the subscribed capital of the country.
- > Asian Development Outlook, reports published by ADB.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)?

A) Admiral R. Hari Kumar

B) Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari

C) Lt. General Anil Chauhan

D) General Manoj Pande

Answer : C

- The Government has appointed former Eastern Army Commander Lt. General Anil Chauhan (Retired) as the second Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India.
- Chauhan retired as the General Officer Commanding in Chief (GOC-in-C) of Eastern Command in May 2021.
- ✓ He will also function as Secretary to the Gol, Department of Military Affairs.
- ✓ He was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army in 1981.
- ✓ The post of CDS has been vacant since the sudden death of India's First CDS Gen. Bipin Rawat in December 2021.
- ✓ The next Chief of Defence Staff could be anyone from the three serving chiefs, any serving three-star officer, any retired chief who is below 62, or any retired three-star officer also below th e same age.



Q. Who has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India?

- A) Mukul Rohatgi
- C) R. Venkataramani
- B) Uday Umesh Lalit
- D) Dipankar Dutta

Answer : C

- Senior advocate R Venkataramani has been appointed as the Attorney General of India for a term of three years.
- ✓ He will succeed K K Venugopal, whose term will end on September 30.
- ✓ Venugopal, 91, was appointed to the post in July 2017. He was reappointed as the top law officer of the country for three months on June 29. He is perhaps the oldest person to hold the office of AG.
- ✓ Another senior advocate, Mukul Rohatgi, had last week declined the offer to be the attorney general.
- Rohatgi had been the attorney general in the first Narendra Modi government between June 2014 and June 2017. Venugopal had succeeded him.
- ✓ ATTORNEY GENERAL OF INDIA
- ✓ Appointer : President of India
- ✓ Term length : Upto the pleasure of The President
- ✓ Constituting instrument : Article 76 of the Constitution
- ✓ Formation : 28 January 1950
- ✓ 1st Attorney General of India : Motilal C. Setalvad
- ✓ 14th and current Attorney General : R Venkataramani

Q. Who has been conferred with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award for the year 2021?

- A) Kumar Sanu B) Amaal Mallik
- C) Shreya Ghoshal D) Neha Kakkar

Answer : A

- Noted playback singers Kumar Sanu and Shailendra Singh and music-composer duo Anand-Milind were conferred with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award on the birth anniversary of the late singing legend at her birthplace in Indore.
- ✓ Singer Sonu Nigam was conferred Padma Shri 2022.
- ✓ State Culture Minister Usha Thakur conferred Shailendra Singh, Anand-Milind, and Kumar Sanu with the award for the year 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

- Mangeshkar was born in Indore on September 28, 1929 and passed away in Mumbai on February 6, 2022.
- Instituted in 1984, the National Lata Mangeshkar Award is given to promote excellence in the area of light music annually by the Madhya Pradesh government's culture department. It carries a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh and a citation.

Q. Who has won the Duleep Trophy 2022 title after defeating South Zone in Coimbatore?

A) East Zone

- B) West Zone
- C) Central Zone
- D) NorthEast Zone

Answer : B

- ✓ Ajinkya Rahane-led West Zone has won the Duleep Trophy 2022 title after defeating South Zone by a margin of 294 runs on the fifth and final day of the tournament in Coimbatore.
- ✓ With this win, West Zone has become the most successful team in this tournament's history with 19 titles with North Zone following them with 18 titles.
- ✓ Jaiswal earned the 'Man of the Match' title for his heroic double ton.
- ✓ Yashasvi Jaiswal bagged the Player of the Match award for scoring a double century (265 runs).
- ✓ While Jaydev Unadkat clinched the Player of the Series title.
- ✓ The Duleep Trophy is an Indian domestic first class cricket tournament.
- ✓ The tournament was started by BCCI (Board of Cricket Control in India) in 1961-1962 season.

Q. Ranipur Tiger Reserve has been approved by the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet for which region?

- A) Bundelkhand
 - C) Awadh

B) Pilibhit

- wadn
- D) Rohilkhand

Answer : A

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh government has given its approval for the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region.
 Ranipur Tiger Reserve in Bundelkhand has been notified under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- \checkmark This decision has been taken to promote tiger conservation in the state
- ✓ The first Tiger Reserve of Uttar Pradesh is Dudhwa Tiger Reserve. It stretches mainly across the Lakhimpur Kheri and Bahraich districts.
- ✓ Amangarh Tiger Reserve was the second tiger reserve of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Pilibhit was the third tiger reserve of Uttar Pradesh.

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Q. Who has become the first European woman to command the International Space Station?

A) Anna Kikina

- **B)** Johanna Messlinger
- C) Samantha Cristoforetti
- D) Yelena Serova

Answer : C

- ✓ Italy's Samantha Cristoforetti has become the first European woman to command the International Space Station during a live broadcast from space.
- Cristoforetti also holds the record for the longest spaceflight by a woman after spending 199 days in orbit in 2014 and 2015.
- Q. Archaeological Survey of India has recently found the remains of Buddhist caves, temples in which state?
 - A) Uttar Pradesh

- **B)** Maharashtra
- C) Rajasthan D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : D

Archaeological Survey of India during its recent discovery at Bandhavgarh in Madhya Pradesh has found ancient caves and temples, remains of Buddhist structures and images and inscriptions bearing the names of cities like Mathura and Kaushambi in old scripts

Q. Which of the following country has signed an MoU with the Indian JMC Projects for Hanimaadhoo International Airport Development Project?

A) MaldivesB) Sri LankaC) BhutanD) Bangladesh

Answer : A

- Government of Maldives has signed an MoU with the Indian JMC Projects for Maldives Hanimaadhoo International Airport Development Project.
- ✓ The worth of project is about USD \$136.6 million.
- ✓ It was confirmed that the project will be financed by India's Exim Bank.
- The Maldives government is expected to build a 2.46-kilometer runway in addition to a terminal that can serve 1.3 million passengers annually.
- \checkmark The construction work is expected to be fully operational by the year 2024.

- It is the first-ever major infrastructure project to be undertaken outside Greater Male' region and is funded under the USD 800 million concessional Line of Credit (LoC) extended by the Government of India to the Maldives
- MALDIVES
 Capital : Male
 Currency : Rufiyaa
 President : Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
 Ekuverin Exercise : India and Maldives
- Q. Indian Fertilizer companies signed an MoU with Canpotex company to import potash of 15 lakh tonnes of potash annually for three years. Canpotex is the company of which country?
 - A) Canada

B) Australia

C) Singapore

D) Netherlands

Answer : A

- ✓ Coromandel International, Chambal Fertilizers and Indian Potash Ltd have signed an MoU with Canada-based Canpotex for the import of 15 lakh tonnes of potash annually for three years.
- Canpotex, Canada is amongst the largest suppliers of Potash globally, exporting around 130 lakh tonnes of product annually.
- India meets 100 percent of its potash requirement through imports. The country imports approximately
 40 lakh tonnes of MOP annually.
- ✓ Potash, which is a source of potassium, is used both for direct application as MOP (Muriate of Potash) as well as in combination with 'N' & 'P' nutrients in NPK fertilizers.
- ✓ CANADA

Capital : Ottawa

Currency : Dollar

Prime Minister : Justin Trudeau

- Q. India and which of the following countries have signed a joint statement to formalize the bilateral Fast-Track Mechanism between the two countries?
 - A) SingaporeB) NetherlandsC) Saudi ArabiaD) United Arab Emirates
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Answer : B

- ✓ India and the Netherlands have signed a joint statement to formalize the bilateral Fast-Track Mechanism between the two countries.
- ✓ To facilitate a platform for the Dutch companies operating in India, for faster resolution of investment cases.
- ✓ The mechanism will strengthen and assist bilateral efforts to increase mutual investment activities, and also support and develop business cooperation between companies in both countries.
- ✓ The cumulative flow of FDI from the Netherlands to India reached around \$42.3 bn between April 2000 and June 2022.

✓ Netherlands

Capital : Amsterdam

Currency : Euro

Prime MInsiter : Mark Rutte

Q. Union Cabinet has decided to extend the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana scheme for a further period from October to _____.

A) November 2022

C) January 2023

- B) December 2022
- D) March 2023

Answer : B

- Union Cabinet has decided to extend the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana scheme for a further period of 3 months from Oct to Dec 2022.
- ✓ This decision will benefit 80 crore people.
- ✓ 122 lakh metric tonnes foodgrains will be distributed in the next three months with a total expenditure of more than 44 thousand crore rupees under the 7th phase of the scheme.
- \checkmark 3 lakh 45 thousand crore rupees have been spent on this scheme so far.
- ✓ Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, five-kilogram foodgrain is being provided to eligible beneficiary per month free of cost.
- ✓ The scheme was started in March 2020 to provide food security to poor people during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Q. DRDO has conducted successful test flights of Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missiles at the Integrated Test Range, __.

- A) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- B) Chandipur, Odisha
- C) Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu
- D) Dr. Abdul Kalam Island, Bhadrak, Odisha

Answer : B

- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully tested the two flights of Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS), from a ground-based portable launcher from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the coast of Chandipur, Odisha.
- SHORADS is an indigenously designed and developed Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD) by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad, in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories and Indian Industry Partners.
- ✓ It is a Man Portable Air Defence System that is designed and developed by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad in collaboration with other DRDO facilities
- ✓ Use To neutralize low-altitude aerial threats at short ranges
- ✓ The design of the missile including the launcher has been highly optimized to ensure easy portability.

Q. Who is the author of book titled 'Lata: Sur-Gatha'?

A) Ira Pande

- B) Nikita Singh
- C) Madhuri Banerjee
- D) Michael S. Maurer

Answer : A

- ✓ English translation of award-winning book "Lata: Sur-Gatha" will be released in January 2023.
- "Lata: A Life in Music", originally written in Hindi by writer-poet Yatindra Mishra, is translated by noted writer and translator Ira Pande.
- ✓ The book has won the 64th National Film Award and the MAMI Award for Best Writing on Cinema (2016–17).
- ✓ The announcement has been made by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).

Q. Nation pays homage to the revolutionary freedom fighter Bhagat Singh on which birth anniversary in 2022?

A) 109		B) 111

C) 113 D) 115

Answer : D

- ✓ 28 September 2022 Bhagat Singh's 115th birth anniversary
- ✓ Bhagat Singh was born on September 28, 1907 at Village Banga in Punjab.
- ✓ He refused to bow down to the atrocities of the British Empire and attained martyrdom at the age of 23.
- Bhagat Singh was executed by British Empire on March 23, 1931, along with his friends Rajguru and Sukhdev.
- ✓ Slogan 'Inquilab Zindabad' was coined by Hasrat Mohani and popularised by Bhagat Singh.
- ✓ In 1928, he formed the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA).
- Q. Which of these days is marked as the World Heart Day?
 - A) 26 September
 - B) 27 September
 - C) 28 September
 - D) 29 September

Answer : D

- World Heart Day is celebrated on 29 September annually to draw people's attention to heart illness and the range of associated health issues.
- The day was created by the World Heart Federation, to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke.
- ✓ Theme 2022.: Use Heart for Every Heart
- ✓ The first World Heart Day was celebrated on September 24, 2000.
- ✓ Till 2011, the day was celebrated on the last Sunday of September. From 2012 onwards, the date was changed to September 29, as global leaders pledged to lower mortality rates from non-communicable diseases by 25 percent by 2025
- According to World Health Organization, 17.9 million people die each year due to cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) globally.

Q. International Translation Day is observed on which date in September?

- A) 28 September
- C) 30 September

- B) 25 September
- D) 29 September

Answer : C

- ✓ International Translation Day is celebrated annually on 30 September. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about language and translation which play an important role in the overall development of the society.
- ✓ The theme of International Translation Day 2022 is 'A World Without Barrier: The Role of Language Professionals in Building Culture, Understanding and Lasting Peace'.

Q. Who is set to become the first female Prime Minister of Italy?

- A) Giorgia Meloni B) Mara Carfagna
- C) Daniela Santanche
- D) Mariastella Gelmini

Answer : A

- ✓ The leader of the Brothers of Italy Party, Giorgia Meloni won the elections in Italy.
- ✓ By doing so, she has become the first female Prime Minister of Italy, and that too of a right-wing government.
- ✓ Meloni was also the youngest cabinet minister in Italy's history
- ✓ ITALY
 - Capital : Rome
 - Currency : Euro
 - President : Sergio Mattarella
 - PM : Giorgia Meloni

FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2022

- > Giorgia Meloni looks set to become Italy's first woman prime minister.
- 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.
- > 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.
- > 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

Q. Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 has been extended for a further period of how many months?

A) four	B) six
C) five	D) two

Answer : B

- ✓ Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 has been extended for a further period of six months.
- ✓ The extension will come into effect from 1 October 2022.
- ✓ Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 was unveiled in 2015.
- The policy provides a framework for increasing exports of goods and services keeping Make in India vision of Prime Minister in focus.
- \checkmark It also emphasizes on improving the ease of doing business.
- ✓ Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has announced an extension in the existing Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 by another six months till September 30, 2022, to ensure policy continuity in external trade.
- \checkmark This is the fourth extension given to the existing FTP policy.

- The first extension for one year was given till March 2021, followed by second extension till September 30, 2021, and third one till March 31, 2022.
- ✓ FTP 2015-20 provides guidelines for increasing exports of goods and services as well as generation of employment and increasing value addition in the country, in line with the 'Make in India' programme.

Q. Which State has published India's first tribal community-based encyclopedia?

A) Jharkhand

- B) Odisha
- C) Chhattisgarh D) Meghalaya

Answer : B

 ✓ Odisha became the first state in India to publish an encyclopedia based on tribal communities. The "Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha" was unveiled by state chief minister Navin Patnaik. Tribes constitute 22.85% of the population in Odisha. A total number of 62 tribal communities live in the state.

Q. FIFA has released a three-episode series on the life and career of which Indian football player?

- A) I.M. Vijayan
- **B) Pronay Halder**
- C) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- D) Sunil Chhetri

Answer : D

- ✓ FIFA, the Football Governing Body, has released a three-episode series on the life and career of the Indian Football Team Captain Sunil Chhetri in recognition of his achievements and goal-scoring exploits.
- He is also third on the list of active footballers with the most international goals with 84 strikes to his name

Q. In which Indian state for the first time five editions of the Knowledge Base on Tribes have been released?

- A) Jharkhand
- C) Odisha

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

Answer : C

✓ India's state of Odisha has released five editions of a knowledge base on tribal communities to document their age-old and unique traditions. Odisha has become the first state in India to do so.

- \checkmark There are total 3800 pages in this knowledge base.
- ✓ In this, 62 tribes have been told about the sect. In which 418 research references have been published.

Q. Which Indian company has started indigenous production of aviation fuel 'AVGAS 100 LL'?

- A) Indian Oil Corporation B) India Petroleum
- C) Hindustan Petroleum D) ONGC

Answer : A

- ✓ In a major step towards reducing dependence on imports to meet energy requirements, the state-run Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has started indigenous production of AVGAS 100 LL, which can be used for both piston-engined aircraft and unmanned vehicles. It is a special aviation fuel for aerial vehicles.
- ✓ Its indigenous production is being done at Indian Oil's Gujarat Refinery.
- ✓ Presently AVGAS 100 LL is fully imported.

Q. In which city has the Ministry of Culture organized the annual festival 'Bathukamma Utsav' of Telangana?

A) Patna

B) Ahmedabad

C) Varanasi

- b) Anneuabau
- D) New Delhi

Answer : D

- Ministry of Culture organized Bathukamma festival at Kartavyapath, India Gate, New Delhi. Union Culture, Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy also participated in this program.
- Bathukamma Festival is an annual festival in Telangana which lasts for nine days and is celebrated along with the festival of Navratri.
- ✓ This year Bathukamma festival is being celebrated from 25 September to 3 October.

Q. With whom has the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding?

- A) UNESCO
- **B) UNICEF**
- C) United Nations Environment Program
- D) International Solar Alliance

Answer : D

- ✓ A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between International Solar Alliance and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
- ✓ It was signed on the sidelines of the 42nd session of ICAO held in Montreal.
- ✓ The signing was done in the presence of Indian Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, French Transport Minister Michio Clement Beaune, ICAO Council President Salvotore Sashitano.
- India has set a target of installing 175 MW of renewable energy by 2022 and reducing emission intensity by 33-35 percent by 2030.
- ✓ International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- ✓ Founded 2015
- HQ Gurugram Haryana
- ✓ Director General Ajay Mathur
- ✓ Membership : 121
- ✓ ISA : Joint Initiative by India and France
- ✓ International Solar Alliance (ISA) was launched by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Former France Prime Minister Francois Hollande on 30 November 2015 during the 21st session of the United Nations Climate Change COP-21 in Paris, France to promote solar energy.
- Q. Which Ministry has developed a JALDOOT App to capture the water level of selected wells in a village across the country?
 - A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
 - **B) Ministry of Rural Development**
 - C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 - D) Ministry of Culture

Answer : B

- Rural Development Ministry has developed a JALDOOT App to capture the water level of selected wells in a village across the country.
- ✓ The App was jointly launched by Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Kapil Moreshwar Patil, Ministers of State for Rural Development, Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti, and Faggan Singh Kulaste in New Delhi.
- ✓ It will enable Gram Rojgar Sahyak to measure the water level of well twice a year pre-monsoon and post-monsoon.

This app will be used across the country to capture the water level of selected 2-3 wells in a village. Manual monitoring of water levels in open wells will be measured twice in a year, from 1st May to 31st May as pre-monsoon water level and from 1st October to 31st October for post-monsoon level for the same well.

Q. Hitachi Astemo has installed its India's first solar power plant in which state?

A) Telangana

- B) Haryana
- C) Madhya Pradesh D) Maharashtra

Answer : D

- ✓ Hitachi Astemo has installed its India's first solar power plant at Jalgaon manufacturing plant in Maharashtra.
- ✓ The 3 megawatts (MW) solar power plant will be built in an area of 43301 sqm.
- ✓ The 43301-square-meter solar power plant consists of 7128 ground-mounted solar panels and 10 inverters.
- ✓ Hitachi Astemo is a known for the development, manufacture, sale, and service of automotive and transportation components. This solar power plant will embark on its new journey in the field of sustainable energy in India.
- ✓ Hitachi is working to reduce its carbon emissions and become carbon neutral by 2050. With this plant, the company would be able to eliminate close to 4000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions each year. This will be equal to planting around 1,50,000 trees.

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2022

- Hitachi Astemo has installed its India's first solar power plant at Jalgaon manufacturing plant in Maharashtra.
- > Maharashtra to establish an institution similar to NITI Aayog.
- Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari inaugurated the 22nd 'Bharat Rang Mahotsav' at Rabindra Natya Mandir in Mumbai.
- The government-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) reported raising Rs 710 crore through bonds to finance company expansion.
- Maharashtra government signed an MoU with Adani Energy for 11000 MW power generation.

- Rahul Narwekar has been elected as the youngest Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly
- > Eknath Shinde to take oath as Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- > Uddhav Thackeray has resigned as the Chief minister of Maharashtra.
- > Maharashtra Governor presents Honorary Doctorate to industrialist Ratan Tata.
- Maharashtra became India's 1st state to develop Migration Tracking System app for portability of ICDS scheme.
- > Maharashtra Cabinet approved first-of-its-kind 'Maharashtra Gene Bank Project'.
- > Maharashtra and Gujarat celebrated their statehood day on 1st May 2022.
- > Maharashtra is first state in India to launch a bus service with a totally digital ticketing system.
- Maharashtra launches scheme to offer personal loans for prisoners from banks of up to Rs. 50,000.
- > UNEP tie-up with Maharashtra to support 'Majhi Vasundhara' campaign.

Q. Which country has granted citizenship to former US security contractor Edward Snowden?

A) Russia

B) France

C) Germany

D) United Kingdom

Answer : A

- President Vladimir Putin has granted Russian citizenship to former US security contractor Edward Snowden.
- ✓ Snowden, 39, is one of 75 foreign nationals who have been granted Russian citizenship.
- Snowden, a former employee of the U.S. National Security Agency, has been living in Russia since 2013 to escape prosecution in the US after leaking classified documents detailing govt surveillance programs.

RUSSIA IN NEWS 2021-22

- Russia decides to leave the International Space Station after 2024.
- > Russia overtakes Saudi Arabia to become India's 2nd biggest oil supplier.
- President Vladimir Putin has granted Russian citizenship to former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden.

- UCO Bank has partnered with Gazprom Bank, while Yes Bank has also formed an arrangement with Russia's Petersburg Social Commercial Bank (PSCB).
- > Russian rocket has successfully launched an Iranian satellite into orbit from southern Kazakhstan.
- An Iranian satellite named Khayyam into orbit by the Soyuz rocket from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan.
- > Vostok-2022: Indo-China military drills to be held in Russia.
- > G-7 Countries Agrees To Price Cap System For Russian Oil.
- Vladimir Putin has declared the Annexaton of 4 Ukrainian regions by Russia namely Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhia.
- Russia test-fired the "RS-28 SARMAT," world's "most powerful" nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile.
- > Russia destroyed the largest plane in the world 'Mriya'.
- > Russia successfully tests fired Hypersonic Cruise Missile 'Zircon'.
- > Indian Navy stealth frigate Tushil launched in Kaliningrad, Russia.
- > Russian filmmaker Klim Shipenko becomes first to shoot film in space.
- Russian film director Klim Shipenko and actress Yulia Peresild spent 12 days in the ISS for filming 30 minutes duration scenes for the film "The Challenge".
- > Imtiaz Ali appointed as Ambassador of Russian Film Festival in India.
- > 101 member Indian Army contingent to participate in International Army Games 2021 in Russia.
- > 12th INDRA NAVY Exercise between India & Russia held in Baltic Sea .
- Indo-Russia Joint Military Drill 'Exercise INDRA 2021' to be held in August 2021 at Volgograd in Russia.
- > Russia successfully test-fires S-500 missile system.
- > India ties with Russia as 4th largest forex reserves holder.
- > Russia 'building first fully stealth warship' .
- Russia says it will launch own space station in 2025.
- Russia to revisit Moon after 45 years, Luna 25 set to launch in October 2021.
- > Russia Registers World's First Covid-19 Vaccine For Animals named 'Carnivac-Cov'.
- > Russia Launches 38 Satellites From 18 Countries Into Space on Soyuz Rocket .
- Russia launches first Arctic-monitoring Satellite 'Arktika-M'.

- > China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station.
- > India to procure 21 MiG-29 and 12 Sukhoi-30MKI fighter aircraft from Russia.
- > Russia successfully test-fires Tsirkon hypersonic missile.
- > Russia Becomes World's 1st Country to Register COVID-19 Vaccine, 'Sputnik V'.
- > Russia first regiment of S-400 anti-air system will be delivered to India .
- > India-Russia to sign MoUs on AK-203 assault rifles.
- RUSSIA

Capital : Moscow Currency : Ruble PM : Mikhail Mishustin President : Vladimir Putin 'Roscosmos' Space Agency : Russia AVIAINDRA Air Exercise : India and Russia

INDRA Military Exercise : India and Russia

Q. Which bank has inaugurated the Ethical Hacking Lab at the Cyber Security Centre of Excellence (CCoE)?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Bank of India inaugurated the Ethical Hacking Lab at the Cyber Security Centre of Excellence (CCoE).
- The lab with a cyber defence mechanism will protect the bank's information system, digital assets, and channels, against potential cyber threats.
- ✓ The lab was inaugurated by the bank's managing director and CEO A. Manimekhalai.
- ✓ Union Bank of India

Founded : 1919

Founder : Seth Sitaram Poddar

Headquarters : Mumbai



MD : A Manimekhalai

Tagline ; Good People to Bank with

✓ Union Bank of India will be merged with Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank.

Q. Who has been appointed as Independent Director of Stashfin?

- A) Deepinder Goyal
- B) Richa Kar

C) Vijay Jasuja

D) Bhavish Aggarwal

Answer : C

- ✓ Leading Fintech platform Stashfin has appointed BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance) expert and former MD and CEO of SBI Cards, Vijay Jasuja as Non-Executive Independent Director.
- ✓ He also served as a Director at PNB Cards.
- ✓ He has held multiple leadership positions at SBI including General Manager, Hyderabad; Country Head and CEO, Maldives and Regional Head, Sub-Saharan Africa.
- ✓ CEO and Founder of Stashfin : Tushar Aggarwal
- Stashfin is a leading fintech platform with a mission to deliver seamless and transparent financial services to consumers across a wide spectrum
- Q. Who has been appointed the director general of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)?
 - A) Rajendra Kumar

B) Matam Venkata Rao

C) Karnam Sekar

D) Anubrata Biswas

Answer : A

- Senior bureaucrat Rajendra Kumar has been appointed the director general of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).
- Kumar, a 1992-batch IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, is currently an additional secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- ✓ ESIC is the statutory social security body under the ownership of the Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- The fund is managed by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) according to rules and regulations stipulated in the ESI Act 1948.

Q. Team World defeated Team Europe to win the Laver Cup 2022 for the first time. Laver Cup is associated to which games?

A) Badminton

B) Tennis

D) Football

C) Hockey

Answer : B

- ✓ Team World defeated Team Europe to win the Laver Cup 2022 (Tennis) for the first time.
- ✓ Frances Tiafoe and Felix Auger of Team World defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas & Novak Djokovic of Team Europe to win the competition.
- ✓ Laver Cup is an international indoor hard court tournament between Team Europe & Team World.
- ✓ Players from all continents, besides Europe, represent Team World.
- Q. National Hydro Electric Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd has signed an agreement with which of the following IITs for undertaking R&D activities in the field of science, engineering & technology?

A) IIT Kanpur B) IIT Guwahati

C) IIT Jammu

D) IIT Hyderabad

Answer : C

- ✓ National Hydro Electric Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd & IIT Jammu have signed a pact for availing services of the IIT Jammu for undertaking R&D activities in the field of science, engineering & technology.
- ✓ NHPC has an established R&D division undertaking various innovative initiatives in different fields of construction, operation, and maintenance of hydropower projects/stations.
- ✓ This MoU will further provide an impetus to the Research & Development (R&D) activities of the company.
- ✓ NHPC is an Indian govt hydropower board under the Ministry of Power.
- Q. Who has announced that the Chandigarh airport will be renamed after Shaheed Bhagat Singh as a tribute to the great freedom fighter?
 - A) Amit Shah

B) Narendra Modi

C) Droupadi Murmu

D) Banwarilal Purohit

Answer : B

- PM Modi has announced that the Chandigarh airport will be renamed after Shaheed Bhagat Singh as a tribute to the great freedom fighter.
- Punjab & Haryana governments had last month (Aug 2022) agreed to name the airport after freedom fighter Bhagat Singh.
- Earlier in 2017, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha had also passed a resolution to name the airport as Shaheede-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh International Airport.
- ✓ The Rs 485-crore airport project is a joint venture of Airports Authority of India (AAI), and the governments of Punjab and Haryana.
- Q. Who announced that it has signed a definitive sale and lease back agreement with Nasdaqlisted Willis Lease Finance Corporation for 34 CFM56-5B engines installed on its Airbus A320 family fleet?

A) IndiGo	B) SpiceJet
C) Air India	D) Go First

Answer : C

- ✓ Air India has inked a sale and lease back agreement with Willis Lease Finance Corporation for 34 units of CFM56-5B engines which are installed on its Airbus A320 family fleet. As per the agreement, the engines will get a cover under Willis Lease's ConstantThrust program which is considered more reliable and affordable than the traditional MRO shop visit programs.
- As part of the sale side of the transaction, Willis Lease will purchase 34 engines from Air India powering
 13 Airbus A321 aircraft and 4 Airbus A320 aircraft.

✓ AIR INDIA

Founded : 15 October 1932

Headquarters : New Delhi

Founder : J. R. D. Tata

MD & CEO : Campbell Wilson (New Zealand)

Chairman : N Chandrasekaran

- Q. When is the World Rabies Day observed?
 - A) 29 September

- B) 27 September
- C) 28 September D) 30 September

Answer : C

- ✓ World Rabies Day is celebrated annually on September 28 to raise awareness about the impact of rabies on humans and animals, provide information and advice on how to prevent the disease and take efforts to control rabies.
- ✓ 2022 is the 16th edition of World Rabies Day.
- ✓ The theme for the WRD in 2022 is 'Rabies: One Health, Zero Death'.
- ✓ The day also marks the death anniversary of the French chemist and microbiologist, Louis Pasteur', who developed the first rabies vaccine
- Q. Which company has partnered with NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) to enable crossborder transactions via Unified Payments Interface (UPI)?

B) PayXpert

- A) Terra Pay
- C) Liquid Group D) Mashreq Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ UK-based TerraPay has partnered with NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) to enable cross-border transactions via Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- In this intended collaboration, both companies will work together to further empower Indian customers with active UPI Ids (350 million bank accounts) to be able to transact at QR locations enabled by TerraPay, globally.
- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) was incorporated on April 3, 2020, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ✓ NPCI introduced UPI in 2016.

NPCI IN NEWS 2021-22

- > TerraPay partnered with NPCI to enable cross-border transactions via UP.
- UPI transactions reached a record 657 crore in August as per NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) data.
- > NPCI and ICICI Bank collaborate to offer RuPay credit cards.
- > NPCI International Signs MoU with PayXpert as UK's first acquirer for UPI and RuPay.
- > Agreement Between NPCI and IIT Kanpur for Research Collaboration.
- > BHIM UPI became operational at NEOPAY terminals in the UAE.
- > NPCI designed "UPI Lite On-Device wallet" functionality for UPI user.

- NPCI announces UPI safety and awareness week observe February 1-7 and the whole of February.
- > TerraPay tie-up with NPCI International to boost cashless transactions.
- > Karnataka govt partnered with NPCI & SBI to implement 'e-RUPI'.
- > Kotak Mahindra Bank partnered NPCI to launch Rupay Credit Cards 'Veer'.
- > IndusInd Bank and NPCI tie-up to offer cross-border payments through UPI.
- > NPCI partners with Udemy Business to encourage skill employees.
- > NPCI partners YES Bank to launch RuPay 'On-the-Go' payment solution.
- NPCI partners with Liquid Group to enable UPI QR-based payments acceptance in 10 Asian markets.
- India and Singapore to link their Fast Payment Systems Unified Payments Interface and PayNow.
- > NPCI in partnership with Fiserv Inc. to launch the plug-and-play RuPay credit card stack, 'nFiNi'.
- > NPCI partners with Mashreq Bank to launch UPI in the UAE.
- > NPCI launches digital payment solution e-RUPI.
- e-RUPI is a type of payment voucher with a one-time payment mechanism. It is built on the UPI platform.
- > NPCI transfers Bharat Bill Payments business to its new subsidiary NBBL.
- > NPCI Partners SBI Payments to launch "RuPay SoftPoS" for Merchants.
- National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI)
 - Founded : 2008
 - HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe
 - Chairmam : Biswamohan Mahapatra

Q.World Bank has approved a loan of \$350 million to which state for spending on healthcare
services?A) AssamB) Odisha

C) Maharashtra D) Gujarat

Answer : D

- ✓ World Bank has approved a loan of \$350 million (over ₹2,832 crores) to the state of Gujarat for spending on healthcare services.
- ✓ It will be specially focused on adolescent girls & disease surveillance.
- The funding will come from the World Bank arm International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), carrying a maturity of 18 years including a grace period of 5.5 years.
- ✓ The loan amount will be utilized through the state government's Systems Reform Endeavours for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G) programme which will enable more people to access a wider range of high-quality health services.

✓ 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

Q. RBI has canceled the license of which of the following co-operative bank?

- A) Laxmi Cooperative Bank
- B) Saraswat Cooperative Bank
- C) Bharat Cooperative Bank
- D) Janata Cooperative Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India has canceled the license of Maharashtra-based Laxmi Co-operative Bank.
- The reason is a lack of adequate capital. Upon the liquidation of the bank, every depositor will be entitled to receive a deposit insurance claim amounting up to Rs. 5 lakh.

As per the data, 99% of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of DICGC.

RBI CANCELLED LICENCE IN NEWS 2022

- RBI has canceled the licence of Maharashtra-based The Laxmi Co-operative Bank, citing a lack of adequate capital.
- > 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
- Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the license of Sarjeraodada Naik Shirala Sahakari Bank, Sangli, Maharashtra

Q. Which country will hold the BRICS Chairship in 2023?

A) Brazil

B) South Africa

C) India

D) China

Answer : B

- Foreign Ministers from Russia, India, China, and Brazil have extended their full support to South Africa for its BRICS Chairship in 2023 and also for holding the 15th summit.
- ✓ BRICS Foreign Ministers held their annual meeting on the margins of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly.
- ✓ They were also briefed on the preparations for South Africa's Chairship of BRICS in 2023.
- ✓ LIST OF BRICS SUMMIT
- ✓ 1st Bric summit 2009 : Russia
- ✓ 4th Brics summit 2012 : India
- ✓ 8th Brics summit 2016 : India
- ✓ 11th BRICS summit 2019 : Brazil
- ✓ 12th BRICS summit 2020 : Russia
- ✓ 13th BRICS summit 2021 : India

- ✓ 14th BRICS summit 2022 : China
- ✓ 15th BRICS Summit 2023 : South Africa
- ✓ BRICS KEY FACTS:-
- ✓ Establishment: 2006
- ✓ BRICS : Brazil, India, Russia, China and South Africa
- ✓ Members: 5 (Brazil, India, Russia, China and South Africa).
- ✓ First summit: 16 June 2009 in Russia (Yekaterinburg).
- ✓ Global exposure: Comprises 43% of the world population, 17% share in the world trade.
- ✓ The term "BRIC" was coined by then-chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, Jim O'Neill in 2001
- ✓ This organisation has a very prominent role in the world economy because it represents around 43% of the world's population and 30% of the world's GDP

Q. Which tennis player has won Chennai Open 2022 title?

- A) Iga Swiatek B) Linda Fruhvirtova
- C) Ons Jabeur
- D) Anett Kontaveit

Answer : B

- ✓ 17-year-old Czech tennis player Linda Fruhvirtova has won Chennai Open 2022 title.
- Fruhvirtova defeated Poland's Magda Linette in the final and won her first career Women's Tennis Association (WTA) singles title.
- ✓ In doubles, the top-seeded pair of Brazil's Luisa Stefani and Canada's Gabriela Dabrowski defeated Russian Tennis Federation's Anna Blinkova and Georgia's Natela Dzalamidze 6-2, 6-1 in the one-sided final.
- As part of the 2022 WTA Tour, it marked the return of a WTA tournament in India for the first time since 2008.
- \checkmark Linda Fruhvirtová is a Czech professional tennis player.
- Q. India will host its maiden Moto Grand Prix World Championships race at which city in 2023?
 - A) Greater Noida
- B) Hyderabad

C) Chennai

D) Mumbai

Answer : A

- India will host its maiden Moto Grand Prix World Championships race at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida in 2023.
- ✓ MotoGP commercial rights owner Dorna has signed an MoU with the Noida-based race promoters Fairstreet Sports to host the premier two-wheel racing event in India for the next seven years.
- ✓ MotoGP has plans to also introduce MotoE into the Indian racing scenario which will not only be a first in Asia but a green initiative with net zero carbon emission.
- ✓ Formula 1 the world's premier four-wheel racing too came to India with a lot of pomp and show 11 years back but lasted only three years from 2011 to 2013 despite a five-year contract due to financial, tax and bureaucratic hurdles.
- ✓ Mahindra Racing is the only Indian team to have taken part during MotoGP weekends. They took part as a team from 2011 to 2014 in Moto3 before becoming an independent constructor till 2017.

Q. Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI) has signed an MoU with which company to empower the youth with industry-relevant skills in emerging technology domains to enhance their employability?

A) Samsung

B) Microsoft

C) Amazon

D) Google

Answer : A

- Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI) has signed an MoU with Samsung India to empower the youth with industry-relevant skills in emerging technology domains to enhance their employability.
- ✓ It will be a part of the government's 'Skill India' initiative.
- To upskill over 3,000 unemployed youth from 18-25 years of age in future technologies such as Al, Coding & Programming.
- The programme will be executed by ESSCI, which is a National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) entity through its nationwide network of approved training and education partners.
- Samsung (South Korea Company)
 Founded : 1938
 Founder : Lee Byung-chul
 Headquarters : Seoul, South Korea
 Chairmam : Lee Jae-yong

- Q. Who has been appointed by the Supreme Court to amend the constitution of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and prepare the Electoral College?
 - A) Narinder Batra B) L Nageswara Rao
 - C) Himanta Biswa Sarma D) Anil Jain

Answer : B

- ✓ Supreme Court has appointed former court judge Justice L Nageswara Rao for amending the constitution of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and preparing Electoral College.
- ✓ The International Olympic Committee (IOC) on 8 Sept 2022 issued a final warning to IOA to "resolve its governance issues' and hold elections by December, failing which the IOC will ban India.
- ✓ The apex court asked Justice Rao to prepare a road map for amending the constitution and holding elections by December 15, 2022.
- ✓ It also gave its permission to Rajeev Mehta, who is currently the secretary general of IOA, and Adille Sumariwalla, vice president of IOA, to participate in the September 27 meeting with the International Olympic Committee.
- ✓ Indian Olympic Association (IOA)

Founded : 1927

Headquarteres : New Delhi

Secretary General : Rajeev Mehta

- Q. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the third edition of the Lok Manthan programme in which city?
 - A) Lucknow

B) Coimbatore

C) Guwahati

D) Gurugram

Answer : C

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the third edition of the Lok Manthan programme in Guwahati.
- The 3-day event will have discussions, seminars, cultural events and exhibitions which will showcase the rich diversity of our nation.
- ✓ Theme 2022 Lokparampara (Lok traditions)
- ✓ The 1st edition of the Lokmanthan which focused on Desh-Kal-Sthithi was held in 2016.

- Q. Which Insurance company has appointed Indian men's cricket team captain, Rohit Sharma and his wife Ritika Sajdeh as their new brand ambassadors for two years?
 - A) SBI Life Insurance B) Max Life Insurance
 - C) Reliance Nippon Life Insurance D) Life Insurance Co
 - D) Life Insurance Corporation Of India

Answer : B

- Max Life Insurance has appointed Indian men's cricket team captain, Rohit Sharma and his wife Ritika Sajdeh as their new brand ambassadors for two years.
- The collaboration will increase the awareness of life insurance among the younger generation and help the company grow further.
- ✓ The core message of Max Life Insurance is to be prepared mentally, physically, and financially for emerging challenges
- ✓ To promote the Max Life brand ethos of valuing the 'self' to determine the right financial value to protect themselves and their family.
- Max Life Insurance
 Founded : 2001
 Headquarters : New Delhi
 MD & CEO : Prashant Tripathy
- Q. Who has been named as the recipient of the Hermann Kesten Prize by the PEN Centre in Germany's Darmstadt?
 - A) Meena Kandasamy
- B) Madhuri Banerjee

C) Preeti Shenoy

D) Namita Gokhale

Answer : A

- Indian author and poet Meena Kandasamy has been announced as this year's recipient of the Hermann Kesten Prize by the PEN Centre in Germany's Darmstadt.
- The Hermann Kesten Prize honours to those personalities who are in the spirit of the charter of the PEN association and stand up for the rights of persecuted authors and journalists.
- ✓ Her novels have been shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction, the International Dylan Thomas Prize, the Jhalak Prize and the Hindu Lit Prize.
- \checkmark She previously held an editorial role at the English-language magazine 'The Dalit'.

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Q. Who has released a collection of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's selected speeches 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi?

- A) M Venkaiah Naidu B) Draupadi Murmu
- C) Dharmendra Pradhan D) Piyush Goyal

Answer : A

- ✓ Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released a collection of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's selected speeches at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi.
- The book titled 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Prime Minister Narendra Modi Speaks (May 2019-May 2020)' was released in the presence of Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan at a function here organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- \checkmark The book focuses on 86 speeches of the prime minister on various subjects.
- ✓ The book portrays the prime minister's vision of a 'New India', which is self-reliant, resilient, and capable of converting challenges into opportunities.
- Q. Who becomes the first Indian bank to get Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approval for rupee trade?

A)	HDF	СВ	ank
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C) Federal Bank

B) UCO Bank D) ICICI Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ UCO Bank becomes first lender to get RBI's approval for rupee trade
- ✓ UCO Bank has received the approval of the Reserve Bank of India to open a special Vostro account with Gazprom Bank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees. UCO Bank which is a Kolkatabased lender is the first bank to receive the regulator's approval following the decision of RBI to allow Indian Banks to settle trade in Indian currency in July.
- ✓ Gazprom Bank is a Russian lender, which was set up by World's largest gas producer and exporter Gazprom to provide banking services for gas industry enterprises
- United Commercial Bank (UCO) Bank
 Founded : 1943
 Headquarteres : Kolkata
 MD & CEO : Soma Shankar Prasad

Tagline : Honours your Trust

Q. Ministry of Defence has signed a Rs 1,700-crore deal for dual role Surface-to-Surface **BrahMos missile with which company?**

- A) NewSpace India Limited
- **B)** Dassault Aviation
- C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- D) BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL)

Answer : D

- ✓ The Ministry of Defence signed a Rs 1,700-crore deal with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL) for acquisition of dual-role capable surface-to-surface BrahMos missiles for deployment on warships of the Indian Navy.
- ✓ BrahMos is a joint venture between the Defence Research and Development Organisation of India (DRDO) and the NPOM of Russia.
- ✓ A joint venture of India-Russian, BrahMos Aerospace, produces supersonic cruise missiles that can be launched from ships, aircraft, submarines, or land platforms.
- BrahMos is named on the rivers Brahmaputra and Moskva
- ✓ BrahMos missile flies at a speed of 2.8 Mach. The range of the advanced version of the missile is 350 km.

Q. Which is the most richly endowed award in science in the world?

- A) Breakthrough Prize
 - **B) Outstanding Structure Award**
- C) Pritzker Architecture Prize D) Right Livelihood Award

Answer : A

- ✓ The Breakthrough Prizes was created in 2010 by a group of Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, including a venture capitalist Milner, Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, of Facebook and Sergey Brin of Google.
- ✓ The 2023 winners of the Breakthrough Prizes, also known as the 'Oscars of Science' were announced recently in the life sciences category, one for mathematics and one for physics.
- ✓ The winners will split a total of more than USD 15 million.

Q. Which is the first e-commerce company to set up solar farms in India?

- A) Snapdeal
- C) Amazon

B) WalmartD) Flipkart

Answer : C

- ✓ Amazon announced its first solar project in India with three new solar farms in Rajasthan, with a combined energy capacity of 420 megawatts (MW). Amazon aims to use 100% renewable energy across its business by 2025.
- The Indian project includes a 210-MW project to be developed by ReNew Power, a 100-MW project to be developed by Amp Energy India, and a 110-MW project to be developed by Brookfield Renewable Partners.
- ✓ AMAZON

Founded : 1994 (Online bookstore) Founder : Jeff Bezos Headquarters : Seattle, Washington DC CEO : Andy Jessy

Q. Who has been elected as President of Hockey India?

- A) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- B) Dilip Tirkey

C) Anil Jain

D) Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh

Answer : B

- ✓ Dilip Tirkey, a former India hockey captain and member of the gold medal-winning team at the 1998 Asian Games, was unanimously elected as Hockey India president.
- First time in history, a former sportsperson and an Olympian has been elected as the head of Hockey India.
- ✓ Tirkey has a record 412 international matches as a defender in his career spanning more than 15 years
- ✓ International Hockey Federation (FIH)

Founded :1924, (Paris France)

Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland

Acting President: Seif Ahmed (Egypt)

CEO: Thierry Weil (France)

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- ✓ FIH World Rankings men's Top : Australia, (INDIA 4th)
- ✓ FIH World Rankings women's Top : Netherlands (INDIA 6th)
- ✓ Rani Rampal is the present captain of Women's hockey team of India.
- ✓ Manpreet Singh is captain the Indian men's hockey team.
- ✓ India to host 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup
- ✓ Hockey India

Founded : 2009

Headquarters : New Delhi

President : Dilip Tirkey

CEO : Elena Norman

Men's coach : Graham Reid

- ✓ Women's coach : Janneke Schopman
- Q. MUFG Bank has boosted the capital of its branches within India by ₹3,000 crores, as the bank looks to expand its India business. MUFG is a bank of which country?

A) Singapore	B) Japan
C) Switzerland	D) France

Answer : B

- ✓ Japan's MUFG Bank has boosted the capital of its branches within India by ₹3,000 crores, as the bank looks to expand its India business.
- ✓ As a result of this capital injection, the total capital of MUFG Bank in India will rise to ₹5,207 crores.
- To strengthen its financial base in India and better respond to the diverse financing needs of its clients through the funds.
- ✓ The bank established MUFG Enterprise Solutions India Pvt. Ltd as its global capability centre that supports the technology and innovation arm for MUFG in the year 2020.
- ✓ bank has already expanded its presence by opening a branch at Gujarat International Finance TecCity.
- ✓ MUFG Bank

Founded : 2006 Headquarters : Chiyoda City, Tokyo, Japan CEO : Hanzawa Junichi

Q. The government is investing how much amount to ensure last-mile network accessibility for
 4G and 5G in every village across the country?

B) \$30 billion

- A) \$10 billion
- C) \$20 billion D) \$50 billion

Answer : B

- ✓ The government is investing nearly \$30 billion to ensure last-mile network accessibility for 4G and 5G in every village across the country and build a robust digital infrastructure in the rural areas.
- ✓ So far, the government has reached out to over 1.5 lakh gram panchayats.
- ✓ The government is currently looking at 3-4 legislations cumulatively inclusive of the new telecom bill, the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, and the IT Act of 2000 to create an interactive framework.
- Q. Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated Arogya Manthan 2022 to celebrate the how many years of implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri – Jan Arogya Yojana?

A) 4	B) 6
C) 7	D) 8

Answer : A

- ✓ Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated Arogya Manthan 2022 to celebrate the four years of implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ✓ The scheme provides a health cover of five lakh rupees annually to vulnerable families and aims at benefiting more than ten crore poor families across the country.
- ✓ It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2018.
- ✓ PM-JAY was launched on 23 Sept 2018 with the aim to provide health cover to more than 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year.
- 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 state government has decided to launch a campaign on women's safety titled 'Hamar Beti Hamar Maan' (our daughter, our honour)?
 - A) Chhattisgarh

- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Jharkhand

Answer : A

- Chhattisgarh government has decided to launch a campaign on women's safety titled 'Hamar Beti Hamar Maan' (our daughter, our honour)
- ✓ Objective To create awareness on safety measures among school- and college-going girls and prioritise registration and investigation of women-related crimes.
- ✓ Under this campaign, the girls will be taught about various necessary subjects, including their legal rights, good touch-bad touch, and sexual crimes.
- ✓ A helpline number will also be issued under the Hamar Beti Hamar Maan campaign
- Q. The central government has formed a 5-member committee to consider a "legally enforceable" mechanism for regulating the marketing practices of pharmaceutical firms. Who is the chairperson of the committee?
 - A) V K PaulB) K.B. BhardwajC) VK SaraswatD) Ramesh Chand

Answer : A

- ✓ The central government has formed a 5-member committee led by V K Paul, member (health) of NITI Aayog, to consider a "legally enforceable" mechanism for regulating the marketing practices of pharmaceutical firms.
- ✓ S Aparna, secretary in department of pharmaceuticals (DoP); Rajesh Bhushan, secretary in the ministry of health and family welfare (MoHFW); Nitin Gupta, chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT); and a joint secretary (policy) from the department of personnel (DoP) are the four other members of the 'high level' committee.

- ✓ It will also "examine the related issues on the requirement of legally enforceable mechanisms for regulating marketing practices, including study of the practices across the globe.
- ✓ It is expected to submit its report in 90 days.

Which district has achieved 100 percent digitization of banking operations? Q.

A) Leh

B) Baramulla

C) Anantnag

D) Ganderbal

Answer : A

- ✓ Leh district of Ladakh has achieved 100 percent digitization of banking operations.
- \checkmark Leh district has completed the digitization of all the operating banks in a short span of a year.
- Who has been appointed as Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research Q. (ICMR)?
 - A) Dr. Krishna Ella

B) Dr. Pankaj Patel

C) Dr. Rajiv Bahl

D) Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla

Answer : C

- ✓ Dr. Rajiv Bahl has been appointed as Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) & Secretary of the Department of Health Research for a period of three years.
- ✓ Bahl is currently working at the World Health Organization in Geneva.
- ✓ His predecessor, Dr. Balram Bhargava's extended tenure as Director General of ICMR and Secretary of the Department of Health Research ended in July.
- ✓ ICMR is the apex body in India for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research, is one of the oldest medical research bodies in the world.
- ✓ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Founded : 1911

Headquarters : New Delhi

Director General : Dr. Rajiv Bahl

- The Antyodaya Diwas is observed on which day in India? Q.
 - A) 25 September

B) 23 September

C) 24 September

D) 22 September

Answer : A

- In India, the Antyodaya Diwas is observed every year on September 25, to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- ✓ Antyodaya means "uplifting the poorest of the poor" or "rise of the last person"
- The day was declared by the Modi Government on September 25, 2014 and officially celebrated since 2015.
- Through Antyodaya Diwas, the government wants to carry forward the message of Upadhyaya who visualised uplift of the poorest of the poor in the country.
- ✓ This year (2022), the Antyodaya Diwas marks the 106th birth anniversary of Pandit DeendayalUpadhyaya

Q. The celebration of Antyodaya Diwas marks the birth anniversary of which Indian leader?

- A) Bal Gangadhar Tilak B) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
 - C) Syama Prasad Mukherjee
- D) Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

- Answer : B
- Antyodaya Diwas is observed every year on September 25, to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyayay on his death anniversary on February 11, 2021
- ✓ His death anniversary is observed as Samarpan Diwas across the country.

Q.	0. Who has topped the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 202	
	A) Shiv Nadar	B) Gautam Adani
	C) Mukesh Ambani	D) SP Hinduja

Answer : B

- ✓ As per the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022, Gautam Adani has topped the list with an estimated wealth of Rs. 10,94,400 crore.
- ✓ While Mukesh Ambani has been named as the 2nd richest in India with an estimated wealth of Rs. 7,94,700 crore.
- ✓ Nykaa Founder & CEO, Falguni Nayar became India's richest self-made woman, surpassed Biocon chief, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in net worth. She is also the richest female in India, followed by Rekha Jhunjhunwala of Rare Enterprises.

- ✓ The youngest richest person on the list was also a start-up founder, Kaivalya Vohra, the 19-year-old co-founder of quick grocery delivery app Zepto.
- ✓ Co-founders of newly minted unicorn PhysicsWallah Alakh Pandey and Prateek Maheshwari also debuted in the list this year. They were both are ranked at the 399th position with a wealth of ₹4,000 crore.
- ✓ India has 221 billionaires and Mumbai tops the India Rich list with 283 individuals, followed by New Delhi (185) and Bengaluru (89).
- ✓ IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List
- ✓ The report was jointly released by Hurun India and IIFL Wealth. The 2022 list is the 11th annual ranking of the richest individuals in India. It focuses on individuals residing or born and bred in India. It gives a comprehensive overview of factors that contributed towards the increasing wealth in the country.

Q. Who became the richest Indian woman in the IIFL wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022?

A) Falguni Nayar

B) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw

C) Radha Vembu

D) Rekha Jhunjhunwala

Answer : A

✓ India has a new richest self-made woman: How Falguni Nayar built her Rs 38,700 crore net worth.

Q. According to IFFL wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022, who is the third richest person?

- A) Gautam Adani
- **B) Shiv Nadar**
- C) Mukesh Ambani
- D) L N Mittal

Answer : C

- ✓ Top : Gautam Adani (Rs. 10,94,400 crore)
- ✓ 2nd : Mukesh Ambani (Rs. 7,94,700 crore)
- ✓ 3rd : Cyrus Poonawalla (Rs. 2,05,400 crore)
- ✓ 4th : Shiv Nadar (Rs. 1,85,800 crore)
- ✓ 5th : Radhakishan Damani (Rs. 1,75,100 crore)

Q. Nineteen-year-old Kaivalya Vohra is the youngest self-made individual in Hurun India Rich List 2022. He is the co-founder of which company?

A) Paytm

B) PhonePe

D) BharatPe

C) Zepto

Answer : C

- ✓ Nineteen-year-old Kaivalya Vohra, the founder of quick grocery delivery app Zepto, emerged as the youngest Indian to have a net worth of over Rs 1,000 crore in a survey. He stood at the 1,036th spot in the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022, with a net worth of Rs 1,000 crore.
- ✓ Neha Narkhede has been ranked 336 in the Hurun India Rich List with an estimated wealth of ₹ 4,700 crore.
- ✓ Neha Narkhede is the co-founder of the streaming data technology company, Confluent.

Q. India and which country has agreed to take forward Sapta Kosi high dam project?

A) BhutanB) BangladeshC) Sri LankaD) Nepal

Answer : D

- India and Nepal agree to take forward Sapta Kosi high dam project. It is a multipurpose project proposed to be constructed on the Sapta Koshi River of Nepal.
- ✓ It is aimed to control floods in southeast Nepal and northern Bihar and to generate hydropower.
- ✓ This was decided at the 9th meeting of the Joint Committee on Water Resources (JCWR).
- ✓ These meetings comprehensively reviewed the bilateral water-sector cooperation between India and Nepal, including the implementation of the Mahakali Treaty, the Sapta Kosi-Sun Kosi Project and cooperation in areas of flooding and inundation.
- ✓ The Mahakali Treaty was signed in 1996 over the integrated development of the Mahakali River, including the Sarada Barrage, Tanakpur Barrage, and Pancheshwar project.

NEPAL IN NEWS 202-22

- India and Nepal agrees to take forward Sapta Kosi high dam project.
- India beats Nepal with 4-0 in the SAFF U-17 Championship Title finals was held in Racecourse International Stadium, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

- SAFF Women's Championship 2022: Bangladesh Beat Nepal to Clinch Maiden Title at the Dashrath Rangshala Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- > Indian Army Chief Manoj Pande conferred honorary rank of Nepal Army General.
- > Cabinet approves signing of MoU with Nepal on biodiversity conservation.
- NHPC has signed a MoU with power trading major PTC India Ltd for sale of power from upcoming the West Seti and Seti River-6 hydro power projects in Nepal.
- First Bharat Gaurav tourist train connecting places associated with the Ramayana Circuit in India and Nepal was flagged off from the Safdarjung Railway Sation in New Delhi.
- Nepal's legendary climber Kami Rita Sherpa has climbed Mt Everest, the tallest peak in the world for the 26th time to set a new world record.
- Indian Railway Catering and Ticketing Corporation (IRCTC) will launch its maiden Bharat Gaurav Tourist train, with a stop in Nepal's Janakpur.
- > Nepal will become 1st country to deploy India's UPI platform.
- Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve in Erode district of Tamil Nadu and Bardia National Park in Nepal have jointly won the prestigious TX2 Award for 2022, for doubling their tiger populations since 2010.
- > Four agreements and launch multiple projects signed between India- Nepal.
- After Bhutan, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates, Nepal is now the fourth country outside of India to accept RuPay.
- > Nepal becoming the 105th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- > Rail link from Jayanagar (Bihar) to Kurtha (Nepal) was operationalised..
- President of India confers honorary rank of 'General of Indian Army' on Nepal Army Chief Gen Prabhu Ram Sharma.
- Sher Bahadur Deuba becomes Nepal's Prime Minister for 5th time.
- Nepal has signed a USD 1.3 billion deal with India's hydro power major Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) to develop a 679-megawatt hydropower project in eastern Nepal.
- World's highest mountain peak 'Mount Everest' has become taller by 0.86m, as per a survey conducted jointly by Nepal and China.
- > NEPAL
 - Capital : Kathmandu

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

Q. Dilip Asbe has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which company recently?

A) LIC	B) NPCI
C) NSE	D) BSE

Answer : B

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has approved the reappointment of Dilip Asbe as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a period of five years with effect from January 8, 2023.
- ✓ He took charge as MD & CEO of NPCI in January 2018.
- Previously the chief operating officer of NPCI, Asbe was appointed as the CEO-in-charge in August
 2017 following the retirement of former MD and CEO A P Hota.
- NPCI is an umbrella organization for operating retail payments and settlement systems and infrastructure.
- ✓ It manages products such as the RuPay card, Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM), BHIM Aadhaar, National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC FasTag) and Bharat BillPay.
- National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI)
 Founded : 2008
 HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe

Chairmam : Biswamohan Mahapatra.

- ✓ Founded in December 2008, the NPCI is a not-for-profit organisation registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013, established by the Reserve Bank of India and Indian Banks' Association.
- ✓ The authorised capital has been pegged at ₹3 billion (US\$38 million) and paid-up capital is ₹1 billion (US\$13 million).

Q. Which state government has launched its own health insurance scheme called the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS)?

A) Sikkim

B) Tripura

C) Manipur

D) Nagaland

Answer : D

- ✓ Nagaland Government to launch its own health insurance scheme called the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) on 1st October.
- ✓ To reduce out-of-pocket expenditure on hospital care for all bonafide citizens of the state.
- The beneficiary families will be entitled to free health insurance coverage of up to five lakh rupees per family per year.
- ✓ The scheme will cover two beneficiary categories-State government employees and pensioners including legislators/ex-legislators and their dependents, and all the Indigenous and or Permanent residents of the State who are not beneficiaries under AB PM-JAY or any public-funded insurance scheme.

NAGALAND IN NEWS 2022

- > Nagaland Holds its First Ever Naga Mircha Festival.
- Nagaland gets its second Railway station on Dhansari-Shokhuvi railway line after gap of over 100 years. (in 119 years).
- > Hornbill Festival celebrated in Naga Heritage village Kisama, Nagaland.
- > SAAF & National Cross Country Athletics Championship to be held in Nagaland.
- > Nagaland Prison Department introduced mobile attendance application.
- > Honey Testing Lab in Nagaland inaugurated by Union Agriculture Minister.
- > Nagaland is celebrating its 59th Statehood Day on 1 December 2021.

Recently, on August 1, 2022, the NSCN (I-M) observed the 25th anniversary of the "Indo-Naga" ceasefire with the release of a booklet titled "25 Years of Indo-Naga Ceasefire (1997-2022)".

Q. Indian Railways has announced that it is installing Real-Time Train Information System (RTIS) on the locomotives and trains. It has developed RTIS in collaboration with which entity?

A) HAL

B) ISRO

C) Agnikul Cosmos

D) Skyroot Aerospace

Answer : B

- Real-Time Train Information System (RTIS), developed in collaboration with ISRO, is being installed on the locomotives for automatic acquisition of train movement timing at the stations, including that of arrival & departure or run-through.
- ✓ With this, Train Control will now be able to track the location & speed of RTIS-enabled locomotives /trains more closely, without any manual intervention.
- ✓ RTIS devices have been installed for 2700 locomotives in 21 electric loco sheds.
- As part of Phase-II rollout, 6000 more locomotives across 50 loco sheds shall be covered by utilizing ISRO's Satcom hub.
- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Founded : 15 August 1969

HQ : Bengalore, Karnataka

Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai

- 10th Chairman : S Somanath
- ✓ Aryabhata India's first satellites Launched on 19 April 1975
- ✓ GSAT-1 India's first commercial satellite
- ✓ SLV-3 was India's first experimental satellite launch vehicle,
- ✓ Ariane Passenger PayLoad Experiment, (APPLE) first communication satellite in India 19 June 1981
- ✓ Udupi Ramachandra Rao : satellite Man of India
- \checkmark Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian to orbit in space in the year 1984.
- ✓ Kalpana Chawla, the first Indian origin woman to go to space is related to Karnal district of Haryana.
- \checkmark Yuri Gagarin was the first person to go into space.

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- ✓ Neil Armstrong was the first person to land on the Moon.
- ✓ Rohini (RS-1) was an experimental satellite launched by the ISRO.
- ✓ It was launched by the Satellite Launch Vehicle-3 rocket (SLV-3) on July 18, 1980.
- ✓ Satish Dhawan Space Centre is located in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- Vikram Sarabhai was the first chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from 1963 to 1972.
- Q. Who has launched Virtual Conference 'SymphoNE' to boost Tourism Sector in North East India?
 - A) G Kishan Reddy

- **B) Narendra Modi**
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman D) M. Venkaiah Naidu

Answer : A

- Minister for Tourism and Culture G Kishan Reddy has launched Virtual Conference 'SymphoNE' to boost Tourism Sector in North East India.
- ✓ North East India is blessed with amazing food, culture, stunning landscapes, heritage and architecture and ranks among the most beautiful places on the earth. But, there are grand opportunities that can be filled to boost Tourism Sector in the Region.
- ✓ To create a roadmap to showcase the unexplored beauty of North East India & boost the tourism Sector in North Eastern Region.
- ✓ There are Seven North East Indian Siste State: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram
- Q. Nirmala Sitharaman has launched Bharat Vidya, an online learning platform for Oriental and South Asian studies in Pune. This platform is designed and developed by which Institute?
 - A) Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute
 - B) Amphitheater of Bhandarkar Institute, Pune
 - C) Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research
 - D) Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute

Answer : A

 Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched Bharat Vidya, an online learning platform for Oriental and South Asian studies in Pune.

- ✓ This platform is designed and developed by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI).
- This is a first-of-its-kind online platform that offers both free and paid courses covering various aspects of Indology about art, architecture, philosophy, language, and science.
- ✓ To begin with, six courses Veda Vidya, Bharatiya Darshanshashtra, Sanskrit learning, 18 Parvas of Mahabharata, Fundamentals of Archaeology and Kalidasa, and Bhasha – have been announced.
- ✓ Many courses have been designed on the lines of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. BORI has collaborated with a few Indian and foreign universities for awarding credits for some of its courses
- Q. Which ministry has launched Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan for reducing air pollution upto 40 percent by 2025-26?
 - A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
 - B) Ministry of Environment and Forests
 - C) Ministry of Rural Development
 - D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer : B

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is going to launch Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan that promotes ranking of 131 cities in the country for implementing City Action Plans prepared as part of the National Clean Air Programme for reducing air pollution up to 40 percent by 2025-26.
- ✓ For this survey, 131 cities are categorized into three groups based on population.
- ✓ 47 cities are in the first group having population more than 10 lakh.
- ✓ 44 cities are in the second group having population between 3 to 10 lakh.
- ✓ 40 cities having population less than 3 lakh.
- Cities are required to do the self-assessment as per the framework provided on PRANA online portal.
 This assessment is carried out annually.
- Cities have to report the implementation of activities and measures taken in respect of solid waste management, road dust management, management of construction and demolition waste, control of vehicular emissions and industrial pollution.

- Q. Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) has signed an MoU with Petrobras oil company to help it diversify its crude oil sourcing for energy security in India. Petrobras is the company of which country?
 - A) UAE

B) Saudi Arabia

C) Brazil D) Singapore

Answer : C

- State-run oil refiner Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) has signed an MoU with Brazil's national oil company Petrobras to help it diversify its crude oil sourcing for energy security in Indias
- BPCL has a stake in the upstream sector in an ultra-deepwater hydrocarbon block in Brazil, owned & operated by Petrobras.
- ✓ BPCL imports a large volume of crude oil which is turned into fuel such as petrol and diesel at its three oil refineries at Mumbai, Bina in Madhya Pradesh and Kochi in Kerala.
- ✓ BPCL is the 2nd-largest fuel retailer in India.
- Q. 'Swachh Toycathon' competition has been started by which Union Ministry?
 - A) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - B) Ministry of Culture
 - C) Ministry of Education D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Answer : D

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has started a unique competition 'Swachh Toycathon' under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban-2.0 with an aim to make India a toy hub. Under this, the participants will have to prepare toys from dry waste (waste).
- IT-Gandhinagar's Center for Creative Learning is the knowledge partner of this competition. Which will help the participants participating in the competition.
- Q. Which country has discovered a rare lunar crystal and nuclear power source near the Moon?
 - A) China

C) India

Answer : A

B) GermanyD) USA

- Researchers in China have discovered a new type of crystal among the debris of a volcano near the Moon, as well as a potential fuel source that could help revolutionize the production of clean and efficient energy on Earth. Is.
- ✓ According to the Chinese newspaper Global Times, the name of this small transparent crystal is Changesite- (Y). Which is more than a billion years old and it is as wide as a human hair.

Q. Which national park of Assam has been reopened for tourists recently?

- A) Manas National Park
- **B) Orang National Park**
- C) Kaziranga National Park
- D) Raimona National Park

Answer : C

- Assam's Kaziranga National Park has been reopened for tourists on Saturday, a decision taken in view of the tourist season.
- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma along with Isha Foundation's Jaggi Vasudev and state Tourism Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah formally reopened the park.
- ✓ This national park was closed in May due to monsoon.
- Assam is home to the largest population of greater-one horned rhinos, with more than 90% in Kaziranga National Park

Q. Which Indian woman cricketer has recently retired from international cricketer?

A) Deepti Sharma

B) Poonam Yadav

C) Mithali Raj

D) Jhulan Goswami

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian women's cricketer Jhulan Goswami has retired from international cricketer.
- ✓ He was born in 1982 in West Bengal.
- \checkmark She was a right-arm medium fast bowler and a right-handed batsman.
- ✓ He played 204 ODI matches and in which he took 255 wickets.
- \checkmark He has also been honored with Arjuna Award (2010) and Padma Shri (2012).
- ✓ Goswami made her ODI debut in 2002 against England.
- ✓ She holds the record for taking the most number of wickets in Women's ODI cricket.
- ✓ She also won the ICC Women's Player of the Year award in 2007.

- Q. An Oscar-winning actress Louise Fletcher passed away recently. She is from which country?
 - A) Poland

- **B) Ireland**
- C) United States D) United Kingdom

Answer : C

- ✓ An Oscar-winning actress Louise Fletcher from the USA has passed away at 88 in France.
- ✓ She was awarded the Oscar in 1976 for her role as Nurse Ratched in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975).
- ✓ She was also a recipient of the BAFTA Award, and a Golden Globe Award.
- ✓ She was nominated for two Emmy Awards for her roles in the television series Picket Fences (1996) and Joan of Arcadia (2004).
- ✓ Her final role was as Rosie in the Netflix series Girlboss (2017).
- Q. President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Integrated Cryogenic Engines Manufacturing Facility of HAL in which city?
 - A) Pune
 - **B)** Ahmedabad
 - C) Chennai
 - D) Bengaluru

Answer : D

- President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the Integrated Cryogenic Engines Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru.
- ✓ The Cryogenic engines are used by ISRO for its satellite launch operations.
- ✓ The President has also laid the foundation stone of the South Zonal Institute of Virology virtually at HAL.
- She has also inaugurated the St. Joseph University and attended a Civic reception hosted by the State Government in her honour.
- ✓ The President hailed the role of the ISRO and the HAL in making India Atma Nirbhar. She called upon the scientific fraternity to utilise Amrit Kaal to make India a developed nation by 2047, when the country celebrates its cenetnary of the Independence

BENGALURU IN NEWS 2022

- > 7th Edition of Bengaluru Space Expo 2022 Held in Bengaluru.
- > The theme of the conference is 'Nurturing the NewSpace in India'.
- > India's first 3D-printed post office is slated to come up in Bengaluru, Karnataka .
- Sunil Chhetri-led Bengaluru FC beat Mumbai City FC 2-1 in the final of the 131st edition of Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata.
- > Bosch India's "smart" campus is opened by PM Modi in Bengaluru.
- Union Minister for Road, Transport, and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate 'Manthan' in Bengaluru.
- The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) will be launched the One Health pilot in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Bengaluru-based Spacetech startup Pixxel launches 'Shakuntala' satellite with SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket.
- Infosys and Rolls-Royce launched 'Aerospace Engineering and Digital Innovation Centre' in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- > Nation's first AI & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) launched in Bengaluru.
- > India's 1st Digital Water Bank 'AQVERIUM' launched in Bengaluru.
- > Flight Control System Integration complex inaugurated by Defence Minister in Bengaluru.
- > IBM sets up a key cybersecurity hub for the entire Apac region in Bengaluru.
- Karnataka became India's first state to launch AVGC Center of Excellence in Mahadevapura, Bengaluru.

Q. Who has been named the winner of the first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award?

- A) Priti Patel
- C) James Cleverly

- B) Rishi Sunak
- D) Suella Braverman

Answer : D

 Indian-origin British Home Secretary Suella Braverman has been named the winner of the first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award.

- ✓ She was presented with this award at the Asian Achievers Awards 2022 ceremony in London.
- ✓ These awards were established in 2000 to honour South Asians for their great achievements in the UK.
- ✓ Braverman was previously Attorney General between 2020-2022.
- ✓ Suella Braverman is UK's new Home Secretary.
- Q. Which Airport has won Airport Service Quality (ASQ) 2021-22 award for 'Mission Safeguarding?
 - A) Cochin International Airport, Kochi
 - B) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
 - C) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
 - D) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

Answer : A

- Cochin International Airport Ltd has won the Airport Service Quality award-2022 instituted by Airport Council International (ACI) for its meticulous implementation of a programme 'Mission Safeguarding' in 2021-22.
- ✓ The award is considered to be the highest honour in the global aviation sector.
- ✓ CIAL received the award for implementing its 'Mission Safeguarding' programme, which ensured seamless traffic & reinforced passenger satisfaction during the pandemic.
- Let's recall, Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has won the 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022.
- ✓ Cochin International Airport has become the world's first airport to completely update on solar power.

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- Cochin International Airport awarded ASQ award for 'Mission Safeguarding'.
- PM Modi has announced that the Chandigarh airport will be renamed after Shaheed Bhagat Singh as a tribute to the great freedom fighter on 115th birth anniversary.
- 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'.
- > 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 won the Breakthrough Prize 2023 in Mathematics?

- A) Ana Caraiani
- **B)** Ronen Eldan
- C) James Maynard D) Daniel A. Spielman

Answer : D

- ✓ The 2023 winners of the Breakthrough Prizes, dubbed the "Oscars of Science," were announced.
- Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics 2023
 Daniel A. Spielman
- ✓ New Horizons in Mathematics Prize 2023.

Ana Caraiani.

Ronen Eldan.

James Maynard.

✓ Maryam Mirzakhani New Frontiers Prize 2023.

Maggie Miller.

Jinyoung Park.

Vera Traub

✓ Breakthrough Prizes in Life Sciences 2023.

Clifford P. Brangwynne.

Anthony A. Hyman.

Demis Hassabis.

John Jumper.

Emmanuel Mignot.

Masashi Yanagisawa

Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics 2023.
 Charles H. Bennett.



Gilles Brassard.

David Deutsch.

Peter W. Shor

✓ New Horizons in Physics Prize 2023.

David Simmons.

Anna Grassellino.

Hannes Bernien.

Manuel Endres.

Kang-Kuen Ni.

Adam M. Kaufman.

Hannes Pichler.

Jeff Thompson

✓ Breakthrough Prizes

The Breakthrough Prizes are a set of international awards conferred under three categories – mathematics, fundamental physics and life sciences.

First awarded : 2012

These are the most richly endowed awards in science, disbursing more than the Nobel prizes. Each prize carries \$3 million – more than the \$1 million for a Nobel winner. Founder- Sergey Brin, Mark Zuckerberg & Yuri Milner

Q. Who has announced the 'One Week One Lab' theme-based campaign to showcase technological breakthroughs and innovations?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Draupadi Murmu

- C) Jitendra Singh
- D) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has announced the 'One Week One Lab' theme-based campaign to showcase technological breakthroughs and innovations.
- The campaign will be held in each of the 37 Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) labs
 & institutes spread across the country.
- ✓ He announced it while addressing the 1st-ever CSIR Leadership Meet in New Delhi.

- ✓ The laboratories came together during the COVID pandemic last year. They developed several technologies that helped India's fight against COVID.
- CSIR breakthroughs in areas like Drone, Heliborne technology, state of the art Sewage cleaning machines, Aroma Mission has opened up huge opportunities for developing meaningful and equal stake partnership among Research, Academia and Industry.

Q. The 20th Meeting of Prosecutors General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States has been held in which country?

A) Uzbekistan

B) Tajikistan

C) Kazakhstan

D) Kyrgyzstan

Answer : C

- ✓ The 20th Meeting of Prosecutors General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States has held in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Learned Solicitor General of India, Department of Legal Affairs Tushar Mehta, and Additional Secretary,
 Department of Legal Affairs Dr. Anju Rathi Rana attended the meeting from the Indian side.
- ✓ Earlier on 16 Sept 2022, PM Modi had attended the 22nd Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

SCO IN NEWS 2022

- 20th Meeting of Prosecutors General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States has held in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- India takes over SCO rotating presidency and to host SCO summit 2023.
- Varanasi has been nominated as the first-ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital during the period 2022-2023 at SCO Summit 2022 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- > Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Grouping: Iran, Belarus to be Newest SCO Members.
- 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)
Member Countries = 9 (Iran , China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan &
Uzbekistan)
SCO Summit 2021 : Dushanbe,Tajikistan.
SCO Summit 2022 : Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
SCO Summit to be hosted by the Indian side in 2023.
The founding members (5) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) were China, Russia,
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan. India and Pakistan officially joined this organisation in 2017
Trick to remember SCO Countries.
TRICK :- PICK IN KURTA
P - Pakistan
I - India
C- China
K - Kazakhstan
IN - Iran
K - Kyrgyzstan
U - Uzbekistan
R - Russia
TA - Tajikistan

Answer : D

- ✓ Unilever CEO Alan Joe to step down by 2023 end
- ✓ He will depart Unilever after five years as CEO and nearly four decades at the company.
- ✓ Unilever brands include Magnum ice cream, Cif surface cleaner and Dove soap.
- ✓ Under Jope, Unilever became a wholly British company at the end of 2020 after it completed a merger of its Dutch and British corporate entities.
- ✓ Unilever

Founded : 1929

Headquarters : London, UK

CEO: Alan Jope

Chairperson : Nils Andersen

Q. Bandaru Wilsonbabu has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to which country?

A) Ethiopia	B) Belarus
C) Madagascar	D) Nigeria

Answer : C

- ✓ Bandaru Wilsonbabu has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to the Republic of Madagascar.
- ✓ He is presently joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- ✓ Madagascar

Capital : Antananarivo

Currency : Ariary

President : Andry Rajoelina

- ✓ India's ambassador / high commissioner IN NEWS 2022
- ✓ Bandaru Wilsonbabu has been appointed as the next Ambassador to Madagascar.
- ✓ Sibi George appointed India's next ambassador to Japan
- ✓ Prakash Chand has been appointed the next ambassador of India to Eritrea.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Harsh Kumar Jain appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Ukraine.
- ✓ Pradeep Kumar Rawat appointed as India's new envoy to China.
- ✓ Mustafizur Rahman named as Bangladesh High Commissioner to India.
- ✓ Amit Kumar India's ambassador to the Republic of Korea.
- ✓ 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.
- Q. Which of the INS entered Port Victoria Seychelles to participate in the annual training exercise Operation Southern Readiness of Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)?
 - A) INS Sunayna B) INS Tarkash
 - C) INS Kadmatt D) INS Satpura

Answer : A

- INS Sunayna entered Port Victoria Seychelles to participate in the annual training exercise Operation Southern Readiness of Combined Maritime Forces (CMF).
- The joint training exercise is being attended by representative delegations from USA, Italy, Australia,
 Canada, New Zealand and ship participation from UK, Spain & India.
- ✓ This marks the first participation of an Indian Navy ship in the Combined Maritime Forces exercise.
- ✓ It will participate in the annual training exercise Operation Southern Readiness of the CMF.

Q. Which country has granted its citizenship to former US Security contractor Edward Snowden?

A) Germany

B) North Korea

C) Russia

D) Turkey

Answer : C

- President of Russia Vladimir Putin granted Russian citizenship to the former US Security contractor Edward Snowden.
- ✓ He is one of the 75 foreign nationals listed by the decree as being granted Russian citizenship. Edward Snowden is a former contractor with the US National Security Agency who has been living in Russia since 2013 to escape prosecution in the US after leaking classified documents.



Q. The World Tourism Day is observed every year on which day?

- A) 25 September
- C) 24 September

- B) 27 September
- D) 26 September

Answer : B

- ✓ The World Tourism Day is observed worldwide on September 27 since 1980.
- ✓ This date was chosen by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) as on that day in 1970, the Statutes of the UNWTO were adopted.
- ✓ In 2022 the theme of WTD is "Rethinking Tourism".
- ✓ This year's official celebrations will take place in Bali, Indonesia.
- ✓ The purpose of this day is to raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide.
- World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
 Founded : 1975
 Headquarters : Madrid, Spain
 Secretary-General : Zurab Pololikashvili
 Members : 159
- ✓ Don't confuse
 National Tourism Day : 25 January
 World Tourism Day : 27 September
- Q. What is the theme of the World Tourism Day 2022?
 - A) Tourism and Jobs: a better future for all
 - **B) Rethinking Tourism**
 - C) Tourism and the Digital Transformation
 - D) Tourism for Inclusive Growth

Answer : B

- Q. When is the World Environmental Health Day observed globally?
 - A) 23 September B) 24 September
 - C) 25 September D) 26 September
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Answer : D

- ✓ In 2011, the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) declared to observe World Environmental Health Day on 26 September every year.
- ✓ The Theme for the 2022 World Environmental Health Day: Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal.
- ✓ The IFEH was established in 1986 and is based in London, England.
- Q. The International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons is held every year on which day?
 - A) 23 September
 - C) 26 September
- B) 24 September
- D) 25 September

Answer : C

- ✓ International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (or Nuclear Abolition Day) is held every year on September 26 since 2014.
- ✓ The day was declared by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in 2013.
- ✓ The aims of the day is to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.





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