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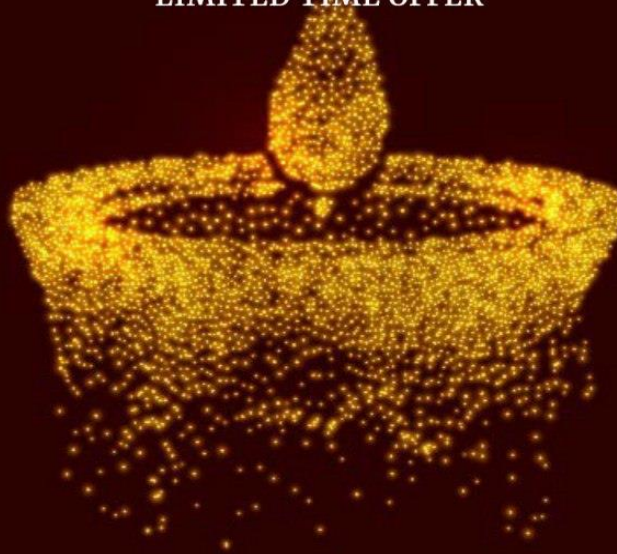
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- ✓ Asian Cricket Council Women's Asia Cup or ACC Women's Asia Cup is a women's One Day International and Twenty20 International cricket tournament
- ✓ First edition : 2004 (Sri Lanka)
- ✓ Latest edition : 2022 (Bangladesh)
- ✓ Current champion : India (7th title)
- ✓ Most successful : India (7 titles)
- ✓ Most runs : Mithali Raj (588)
- ✓ Most wickets : Neetu David (26)

Q. Which company has launched its global rewards programme named 'Play Points' in India?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Google has launched its global rewards programme named 'Play Points' in India.
- ✓ To allow users to earn points and rewards for using Google Play Store billing for in-app purchases, subscriptions and buying apps, games, movies, and ebooks.
- ✓ The rewards programme is divided into four categories– bronze, silver, gold and platinum– based on the points earned by users. The rewards will vary in each category.
- ✓ This programme is fully funded by Google. It will only be available on the use of Google Play billing and will not be applicable on third party billing.
- ✓ This programme was first launched in 2018 and available in 28 other countries

GOOGLE IN NEWS 2022

- Google Cloud has announced an empanelment by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), which allows it to apply cloud technology to solve complex problems for government organizations.
- Alphabet Inc's Google to build its first cloud region in Greece.
- Google is set to launch Play Points, a global rewards Programme for users in India.
- Google has unveiled a programme to upskill 100,000 Indian developers and researchers in cyber security.
- Nasscom joins hand with Google for DigiVaani Call Center.



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- Google launched Startup School India, targets 10,000 startups in small cities.
- Google announced a startup accelerator program for women founders.
- Google to invest upto \$1 Billion in Bharti Airtel.
- Google

Founded : 1998

Founders : Larry Page and Sergey Brin

Headquarters : Mountain View, California, US

CEO : Sundar Pichai

Q. The central government has approved the construction of an iconic cable stayed-cum-suspension bridge across the which River connecting Telangana & Andhra Pradesh?

A) Krishna River

B) Godavari River

C) Kaveri River

D) Tungabhadra River

Answer : A

- ✓ The central government has approved the construction of an iconic cable stayed-cum-suspension bridge across the Krishna River connecting Telangana & Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The Somasila-Siddeswaram bridge will cut short the distance and significantly reduce the travel time between Telangana state and Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The bridge is expected to cut the distance between Hyderabad and Tirupati by 80 km. Currently, the distance between the two cities is 580 km.
- ✓ The iconic cable-stayed cum suspension bridge across Krishna river in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana has been approved at a total cost of Rs 1082.56 crore with the construction period of 30 months.
- ✓ Once completed, the bridge would be 2nd of its kind in the world and 1st in India.

Q. Which company has joined as the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) network, the world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative?

A) TATA Steel

B) JSW Steel

C) Jindal Steel and Power

D) Steel Authority Of India Ltd

Answer : B



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- ✓ Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, a celebrated Aerospace scientist and former President of India (2002-07).
- ✓ The day is marked to acknowledge his efforts toward students and education.
- ✓ Dr. Kalam was born on October 15, 1931. He served as an inspiration to many students to achieve and do something remarkable.
- ✓ On July 2015, he was delivering a lecture at the IIM Shillong, when he collapsed due to cardiac arrest and died at the age of 83.
- ✓ Dr. Kalam is fondly remembered as “People’s President”, and he was known for his dedication towards promoting education.
- ✓ He was honoured with several recognitions including Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan (1990), Bharat Ratna (1997), and Ramanujan Award.
- ✓ Name : Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam (Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam)
- ✓ Occupation : Engineer, Scientist, Author, Professor, Politician
- ✓ Place of Birth : Dhanushkodi, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India
- ✓ Place of Death : Shillong, Meghalaya
- ✓ Wings of Fire: An Autobiography (1999)
- ✓ In 1981, Dr. Kalam received Padma Bhushan from the Government of India
- ✓ In 1990, Dr. Kalam received Padma Vibhushan from the Government of India
- ✓ In 1997, Dr. Kalam received Bharat Ratna
- ✓ He was known as the Missile Man of India
- ✓ He was the 11th president of India (2002 to 2007)
- ✓ 27 July 2022 marked 7th death anniversary of former President and Bharat Ratna Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.

Q. When is the International Day of Rural Women celebrated?

- A) 12 October
- B) 14 October
- C) 13 October
- D) 15 October

Answer : D

- ✓ International Day of Rural Women is observed on October 15 each year.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly established the day on 18 December 2007 and was observed for the first time in 2008.
- ✓ Theme 2022 – Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All



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- ✓ The day recognizes the crucial role of women and girls in ensuring the sustainability of rural households and communities, improving rural livelihoods and overall well-being.
- ✓ In India, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare observes the day as the Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas since 2016, to increase the active participation of women in agriculture.
- ✓ According to a report by UN Women, in 2020, 23.7 billion did not have access to adequate food. This alluded to the fact that around 20% or 3.2 billion people more were pushed towards hunger. Invariably, the groups which faced most of the brunt were rural women and children.
- ✓ October 15 is a significant day to observe the International Day of Rural Women as rebuilding the broken global food system from the bottom up is essential

Q. What is India's rank in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) in 2022?

- A) 110
- B) 103
- C) 107
- D) 102

Answer : C

- ✓ India has been ranked 107 out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2022 with its child-wasting rate at 19.3 percent, being the highest in the world.
- ✓ The Global Hunger Index is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional, and national levels.
- ✓ With a score of 29.1, the level of hunger in India has been labeled 'serious
- ✓ India has been ranked 107th out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2022.
- ✓ With an overall score of 29.1 (see table below to understand the measurement), the level of hunger in India has been categorized as "serious".
- ✓ Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, China and Croatia are the top five countries in GHI 2022.
- ✓ Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Central African Republic and Yemen are the countries ranked at the bottom of the index.
- ✓ India and Neighboring Countries : Among the South Asian countries, India (107) is ranked below Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84), and Pakistan (99).



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- ✓ India was ranked 101st out of 116 countries in the GHI 2021 and 94th out of 107 assessed countries in 2020.
- ✓ India has fared poorer than its neighbours Pakistan (99th), Nepal (81st) and Bangladesh (84th).
- ✓ Pakistan (26.1), Nepal (19.1), Bangladesh (19.6), and Sri Lanka (13.6) have secured a relatively better rank than India.
- ✓ Afghanistan (109) is the only country in South Asia that performs worse than India on the index.
- ✓ The GHI that tracks and measures hunger across the world says that malnutrition among children under five years in India is very high.
- ✓ With 35.5 percent of children below five years stunted (low height for age), India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan are among the worst-performing countries.
- ✓ India is off-track regarding the progress needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of “Zero Hunger” (Goal 2) by 2030.
- ✓ The index calculates the hunger levels and malnutrition across the world.
- ✓ Published by: Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe
- ✓ GHI scores are based on the values of four component indicators:
 - ✓ Undernourishment
 - ✓ Child stunting
 - ✓ Child wasting
 - ✓ Child mortality
- ✓ The GHI is an annual report and each set of GHI scores uses data from a 5-year period. The 2022 GHI scores are calculated using data from 2017 through 2021

Q. What is India's score in the 'Global Hunger Index 2022 report' prepared by 'Welthungerhilfe' and 'Concern Worldwide'?

- A) 27.5
- B) 31.5
- C) 35.5
- D) 29.1

Answer : D

- ✓ India has a score of 29.1 which places it under 'serious' category



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Q. Which of the following is/are the indicators used by IFPRI to compute the Global Hunger Index Report?

- 1. Undernourishment**
- 2. Child Stunting**
- 3. Child mortality**
- 4. Child Wasting**

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- A) 1 only B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1, 2, 3 and 4 D) 1 and 4 only

Answer : C

- ✓ According to report 2022 India's Performance in the Four Indicators.
- ✓ **Child Wasting** : India's child wasting rate (low weight for height), at 19.3%, is worse than the levels recorded in 2014 (15.1%) and even 2000 (17.15%).
- ✓ It is the highest for any country in the world and drives up the region's average owing to India's large population.
- ✓ **Undernourishment** : Prevalence of undernourishment has also risen in the country from 14.6% in 2018-2020 to 16.3% in 2019-2021.
- ✓ It implies that 224.3 million people in India (out of 828 million globally) are considered undernourished
- ✓ **Child stunting** : (low height for age) has declined from 38.7% to 35.5% between 2014 and 2022.
- ✓ **Child mortality** (mortality rate under the age of five) has dropped from 4.6% to 3.3% in the same comparative period.

Q. Global Hunger Index is released by which institutes

- 1. UNICEF**
- 2. World Bank**
- 3. Wealth Hunger Life**
- 4. Consarn-Worldwide**

Select the correct answer using the code given below–

- A) 1 and 2 B) 2 and 3
C) 3 and 4 D) 1, 2 and 3



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- ✓ He added that PM Modi has taken a very historic decision in the new education policy by giving importance to the mother tongue of the child.

Q. Which company has developed India's first aluminum freight train rake?

- A) NALCO
B) Vedanta Limited
C) Jindal Aluminum
D) Hindalco

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's first aluminum freight rake at Bhubaneswar Railway Station in Odisha.
- ✓ The country's first all-aluminum freight rail rakes have been developed by Hindalco with an aim to modernize freight transportation and to reduce carbon footprint because of lower consumption of fuel.
- ✓ As per the Union Minister, a single rake can reduce 14,500 tonnes carbon dioxide emissions during its lifetime.

Q. Union MoS for Electronics & Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar has flagged off the first SemiconIndia Future Design roadshow in which state?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Union MoS for Electronics & Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar has flagged off the first SemiconIndia Future Design roadshow in Gujarat.
- ✓ The roadshow has been launched as part of the efforts to give a boost to the semiconductor design industry in India.
- ✓ The minister also launched the ISRO-tested and qualified NavIC Receiver Chipsets at the event.

Q. The DefExpo-2022 is scheduled to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The biennial defence exhibition is which edition of the premier event?

- A) 14th
B) 12th
C) 10th
D) 15th

Answer : B

- ✓ India's flagship defence exhibition 'DefExpo-2022', is scheduled to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from October 18 to 22, 2022.



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Q. IT services major Infosys president Ravi Kumar S has resigned from his post. Who is the CEO of Infosys 2022?

- A) Salil Parekh
B) C Vijayakumar
C) Dara Khosrowshahi
D) Pravin Kumar Purwar

Answer : A

- ✓ IT services major Infosys president Ravi Kumar S has resigned from his post.
- ✓ Ravi, as president of the company, led the Infosys Global Services Organization across all industry segments.
- ✓ He was appointed as the Infosys president in 2016.
- ✓ Infosys is the 2nd-largest Indian IT company after TCS.
- ✓ INFOSYS
- ✓ Founded : 1981
- ✓ Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka
- ✓ Chairman : Nandan Nilekani
- ✓ MD & CEO : Salil Parekh

Q. Who has inaugurated the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi?

- A) Narendra Modi
B) Amit Shah
C) Draupadi Murmu
D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi.
- ✓ More than 13 thousand farmers from across the country and around one thousand five hundred Agri Startups participated in the conference.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also released the 12th installment amount of 16 thousand crore rupees under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi through Direct Benefit Transfer.



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Answer : C

- ✓ Shehan Karunatilaka, a Sri Lankan author wins the Booker prize for “The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida”.
- ✓ Booker Prize is one of the most prestigious rewards in the world. Karunatilaka is the second Sri Lankan to get the award.
- ✓ The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida dictates the story of the photographer of its title, who in 1990 wakes up dead in what appears like a celestial visa office
- ✓ Karunatilaka is the second Sri Lankan to win the award, following Michael Ondaatje’s victory in 1992 for The English Patient, which was later turned into a blockbuster film.
- ✓ Mr. Karunatilaka received a trophy from Queen Consort Camilla at the English language literary award’s first in-person ceremony since 2019. He also gets a 50,000 pound (\$56,810) prize
- ✓ The Booker Prize for Fiction, (formerly known as the Booker–McConnell Prize (1969–2001) and the Man Booker Prize (2002–2019)), is a literary prize awarded each year for the best original novel written in the English language and published in the United Kingdom. It carries £50,000 prize (\$69,000).
- ✓ Indian Winners: Booker Prize
 1. V.S. Naipaul (A free state In 1971)
 2. Salman Rushdie (Midnight’s children in 1981)
 3. Arundhati Roy (The God of Small Things in 1997)
 4. Kiran Desai (The Inheritance of Loss in 2006)
 5. Aravind Adiga (The White Tiger in 2008)
- ✓ Notes : - V.S. Naipaul is the first person of Indian origin to win the Booker Prize
- ✓ Arundhati Roy is the first Indian Citizen to win the Booker Prize for The God of Small Things in 1997.
- ✓ Arundhati Roy was the first Indian woman to win the Man Booker Prize in the year 1997.
- ✓ Salman Rushdie is the first India Born British Indian to win the Booker Prize
- ✓ DON'T CONFUSED
- ✓ Shehan Karunatilaka, a Sri Lankan author wins the Booker prize 2022 for “The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida”.
- ✓ Indian writer Geetanjali Shree and American translator Daisy Rockwell won the International Booker Prize 2022 for “Tomb of Sand,”



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Q. Which of the following books was awarded the Booker Prize 2022?

- A) Klara and the sun
B) Somebody's Daughter: A Memoir
C) Cloud Cuckoo Land
D) The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida

Answer : D

Q. Shehan Karunatilaka has won the Booker Prize for his second novel The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida. He is from which country?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka won the Booker Prize on Monday for his novel, "The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida.
- ✓ Karunatilaka's book is set in the 1990s and is about a gay photographer who wakes up dead during the country's civil war.
- ✓ Maali Almeida then has seven moons to reach out to loved ones who can find his pictures that document the atrocities of the civil war.

Q. Who is the winner of Men's Ballon d'Or award 2022?

- A) Robert Lewandowski
B) Cristiano Ronaldo
C) Karim Benzema
D) Mohamed Salah

Answer : C

- ✓ Real Madrid's Karim Benzema has won the Ballon d'Or 2022 trophy at the 66th Ballon d'Or ceremony, held at Theatre du Chatelet Paris, France.
- ✓ He is also the fifth Frenchman to claim the prestigious prize, the first since Zinedine Zidane in 1998.
- ✓ For the first time in 16 years, neither Messi nor Ronaldo managed to make a podium finish at the 2022 Ballon d'Or award
- ✓ While Barcelona's Alexia Putellas won the women's Ballon d'Or.
- ✓ The Real Madrid striker also became the first Frenchman to claim the award since Zinedine Zidane did in 1998
- ✓ Kopa Award – Barcelona's Gavi (best-performing player under the age of 21).
- ✓ Club of the Year Award – Manchester City



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- NATO military exercise 'Cold Response 2022' begins in Norway.
- NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg to head Norway central bank.
- NATO member countries will be conducting a 12-day maritime exercise "Neptune Strike '22" Mediterranean Sea.
- NATO's highest Military Authority, the Military Committee, will meet virtually on 12-13 January 2022, in Brussels, Belgium.
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Formation : 4 April 1949
- Headquarters : Brussels, Belgium
- Secretary General : Jens Stoltenberg
- Total Member : 30 (North Macedonia)
- North Atlantic Treaty, also referred to as the Washington Treaty.

Q. Which bank has launched 'KBL Centenary Deposit Scheme'?

A) Karur Vysya Bank

B) Dhanlaxmi Bank

C) Bandhan Bank

D) Karnataka Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ Karnataka Bank has launched a Term Deposit Scheme "KBL Centenary Deposit Scheme" with a higher rate of interest.
- ✓ This deposit will be for a period of 555 days with interest rate of 7.20 percent.
- ✓ The rate of interest will be 7.60 percent for senior citizens. it is a golden opportunity to customers to save and invest to realize better returns.
- ✓ KARNATAKA BANK
- ✓ Founded : 1924
- ✓ Headquarters : Mangaluru, Karnataka
- ✓ MD & CEO : Mahabaleshwara M. S
- ✓ Chairmam : Pradeep Kumar Panja
- ✓ Tagline : Your Family Bank Across India



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Q. Who has become the first Indian woman hurdler to break 13 seconds barrier?

- A) Reeth Abraham B) Anuradha Biswal
C) Debashree Mazumdar D) Jyothi Yarraji

Answer : D

- ✓ Jyothi Yarraji has become the first Indian woman to clock a legal sub-13 second time in 100-meter hurdles while smashing her own record at the National Open Athletics Championships in Bangaluru.
- ✓ She cruised to victory in 12.82 seconds while representing Railways

Q. Women's Indian Premier League (IPL) is set to take place in which year?

- A) 2023 B) 2024
C) 2025 D) 2026

Answer : A

- ✓ Women's Indian Premier League (IPL) is set to take place in 2023.
- ✓ The announcement came after the 91st Annual General Meeting of BCCI gave it a green signal.
- ✓ The women's Indian Premier League is set to start as a five-team tournament in 2023 immediately after the conclusion of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup on February 26.

Q. International Cricket Council (ICC) and which of the following organization has launched a global partnership to empower women & girls & promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket?

- A) UNDP
B) UNEP
C) UNICEF
D) UNESCO

Answer : C

- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC) & United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) have launched a global partnership to empower women & girls & promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket.
- ✓ The partnership will be activated in the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia where all 16 nations will hold 'Cricket 4 Good Coaching Clinics' with up to 40 school children taking part in each one.



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- ✓ The players will introduce the children to 'Criio 4 Good', a cricket development curriculum as the participants will also learn more about gender equity and get to meet their cricketing heroes
- ✓ United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- ✓ Founded : 11 December 1946
- ✓ Headquarters: New York, United States
- ✓ Head : Catherine M. Russell (USA)
- ✓ Total members : 191
- ✓ UNICEF Representative in India : Dr Yasmin Ali Haque
- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC)
- ✓ Formation : 15 June 1909
- ✓ Headquarters : Dubai, UAE
- ✓ Chairman : Greg Barclay (New Zealand)
- ✓ New CEO : Geoff Allardice (Australia)
- ✓ Membership : 108 members
- ✓ Deputy Chairman : Imran Khwaja (Singapore)

Q. Which insurance company has launched a new scheme 'Dhan Varsha'?

- A) Bharti AXA General Insurance B) Life Insurance Corporation
C) Aegon Life Insurance D) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Answer : B

- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched a new scheme 'LIC Dhan Varsha.'
- ✓ This is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan that offers a combination of protection and savings.
- ✓ This is a close-ended plan and would be available for sale till March 31, 2023.
- ✓ Premiums can be paid in single (lumpsum) payment mode only.
- ✓ The policy can be surrendered by the policyholder at any time during the policy term.

LIC IN NEWS 2022

- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched a new scheme 'LIC Dhan Varsha.'
- Life Insurance Company (LIC) is out of the top 10 companies by market capitalization as it has been replaced by Bajaj Finance and Adani Transmission.



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- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), India's largest insurer, has launched "Bima Ratna" .
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has introduced Dhan Sanchay.
- LIC Shares sluggish listing leads to Investors loss over Rs 50,000 crore.
- Sunil Agrawal has been appointed as the chief financial officer (CFO) of LIC.
- 20% FDI in LIC via automatic route approved by the government.
- LIC tie-up with Policybazaar for digital distribution of life insurance.
- As per a brand valuation report released by Brand Finance, LIC has been ranked at 10th in the list of insurance brands globally.
- Centre extends tenure of LIC Chairman M R Kumar by one year till March 2023.
- Govt set to allow 20% foreign direct investment (FDI) in LIC ahead of listing.
- LIC has inaugurated "Digi Zone", at Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai to sell policies online.
- LIC launches Dhan Rekha plan savings life insurance plan.
- IRDAI has stated that LIC, GIC Re and New India continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2021-22.
- LIC gets RBI approval to increase stake up in IndusInd Bank, 4.95% to 9.99%.
- RBI approves to increase LIC's stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank to 9.99% from 4.96%
- LIC Launches Mobile App 'PRAGATI' for Development Officers.
- PRAGATI stands for "Performance Review Application, Growth And Trend Indicator".
- LIC buys 3.9% stake in Bank of India via open market acquisition.
- Govt appoints 10 merchant bankers for managing IPO of LIC.
- LIC launches ANANDA mobile app for Agents/Intermediaries.
- Mini Ipe takes charge as Managing Director of LIC.
- Government extends superannuation age of LIC Chairman to up to 62 years.
- LIC has launched a centralized web-based workflow-based IT platform called "e-PGS".
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
Founded : 1956
Headquarters : Mumbai
Chairman : M. R. Kumar
- Managing Director : 4 (Mini Ipe, BC Patnaik, Siddhartha Mohanty, & Raj Kumar)



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- Life Insurance Corp (LIC), with the initial public offering that fetched ₹20,557 crore to the government, is India's biggest IPO till date.

Q. Who has been elected as the President and co-president of the International Solar Alliance?

- A) India and France B) UAE and The Netherlands
C) Sweden and Germany D) Italy and Norway

Answer : A

- ✓ India and France have been re-elected as the President and co-President of the International Solar Alliance.
- ✓ As per the official, Union Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh has been re-elected as the President of ISA while France's Minister of State for Development has been re-elected as the Co-President.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Newly members
- ✓ 101 - USA
- ✓ 102 - Antigua and Barbuda
- ✓ 103 - Syria
- ✓ 104 - Bahrain
- ✓ 105 - Nepal
- ✓ 106 - Norway
- ✓ 107 - Hungary



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- ✓ 108 - Panama
- ✓ 109 - Bhutan

Q. Who has been elected as the Prime Minister of Sweden?

- A) Jimmie Akesson
- B) Ebba Busch
- C) Ulf Kristersson
- D) Johan Pehrson

Answer : C

- ✓ Conservative leader Ulf Kristersson has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Sweden.
- ✓ Kristersson is a Conservative Moderate Party leader.
- ✓ Kristersson, 58, was elected with 176 votes in favour and 173 against to form a three-party government between his Moderate Party, the Christian Democrats and the Liberals.
- ✓ Kristersson will succeed Magdalena Anderson as Sweden's new PM.
- ✓ Anderson became Sweden's first female prime minister in 2021.
- ✓ SWEDEN
Capital : Stockholm
Currency : Krona
Prime minister : Ulf Kristersson

NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS 2021-22

- Ulf Kristersson : Sweden
- Liz Truss : United Kingdom
- Ana Brnabic : Serbia
- James Marape : Papua New Guinea
- Dinesh Gunawardena : Sri Lanka
- Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem : Kuwait
- Yair Lapid : Israel
- Hamza Abdi Barre : Somalia
- Anthony Albanese : Australia
- Emmanuel Macron : France
- Robert Golob : Slovenia
- Patrick Achi : Ivory Coast



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- Shehbaz Sharif : Pakistan
- Viktor Orban : Hungary
- Robert Abela : Malta
- Antonio Costa : Portugal
- Mia Mottley : Barbados
- Alikhan Smailov : Kazakhstan
- Petr Fiala : Czech Republic
- Jonas Gahr Store : Norway
- Fumio Kishida : Japan
- Najla Bouden Romdhane : Tunisia
- Aziz Akhannouch : Morocco
- Ismail Sabri Yaakob : Malaysia
- Sher Bahadur Deuba : Nepal
- Najib Mikati : Lebanon
- Abiy Ahmed : Ethiopia
- Nikol Pashinyan : Armenia
- Moctar Ouane : Mali
- Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou : Niger
- Mark Rutte : Netherlands
- Irakli Garibashvili : Georgia
- Kaja Kallas : Estonia
- Jacinda Ardern : New Zealand
- Mikhail Mishustin : Russia

Q. Which of the two countries has emerged as the final bidders to host the 2027 edition of the AFC Asian Cup?

A) Qatar and India

B) Uzbekistan and Iran

C) China and Qatar

D) India and Saudi Arabia

Answer : A



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- ✓ It is being developed as a one-of-its-kind project to not only display India's rich and diverse maritime heritage but to also help Lothal to emerge as a world-class international tourist destination.
- ✓ The project is planned to be completed in different phases

Q. Who has won India's first Greco-Roman medal in U-23 Wrestling World Championship?

- A) Sajjan Bhanwala B) Antim Panghal
C) Aman Sehrawat D) Sagar Jaglan

Answer : A

- ✓ India's Greco-Roman Wrestler Sajjan Bhanwala has bagged a historic Bronze medal in the 77 kg division.
- ✓ He won India's first Greco-Roman Medal in the U-23 Wrestling World Championship.
- ✓ The wrestler got the better of Ukraine's Dmytro Vasetskyi to win the historic medal.
- ✓ Bhanwala secured a 10-10 victory by points over his Ukrainian counterpart

Q. What is the name of the Integrated Pensioners Portal launched for Central Government pensioners?

- A) Kalyan B) Sankalp
C) Jeevan D) Bhavishya

Answer : D

- ✓ Government of India has launched an Integrated Pensioners' Portal named 'BHAVISHYA' for the Central Government pensioners.
- ✓ This portal will act as a non-stop solution for all the needs of pensioners. As per the Government, BHAVISHYA, a portal for pension payment and tracking system is being integrated with the pension Seva portal of SBI

Q. The Union Cabinet has approved an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all Rabi Crops for the Marketing Season 2023-24. The highest increase has been cleared for lentils with a hike of how many rupees per quintal?

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

Answer : D



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- ✓ Union Cabinet has approved an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all Rabi Crops for the Marketing Season 2023-24.
- ✓ The highest increase has been cleared for lentils with a hike of 500 rupees per quintal.
- ✓ The MSP on wheat has been hiked by 110 rupees and barley by 100 rupees.
- ✓ The increase is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of a minimum of 1.5 times of the All-India weighted average Cost of Production.
- ✓ Rabi crops are sown in winter from October to December and harvested in summer from April to June. Some of the important rabi crops are wheat, barley, peas, gram and mustard.

Q. Who has launched the 'One Nation, One Fertilizer' scheme (or PM Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana) at the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in New Delhi?

- A) Hardeep Singh Puri
- B) Smriti Irani
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Piyush Goyal

Answer : C

- ✓ PM Narendra Modi has launched the 'One Nation, One Fertilizer' scheme (or PM Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana) at the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi.
- ✓ The One Nation One Fertilizer scheme will prevent the criss-cross movement of fertilizers and reduce high freight subsidies.
- ✓ Modi has also launched an e-magazine on fertilizers, called Indian Edge.
- ✓ Modi also inaugurated 600 PM Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PM-KSK) that will act as a one-stop-shop for farmers who can buy products and avail of multiple services related to the agriculture sector.
- ✓ The Centre also intends to convert more than 3.3 lakh fertilizer retail shops in the country into PM-Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PM-KSK) in a phased manner.
- ✓ The PM-KSK will supply agri-inputs like seeds, fertilizers, and farm implements. It will also provide testing facilities for soil, seeds and fertilizers. Information about government schemes will also be provided



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Q. Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in which state?

- A) Haryana
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Punjab
D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in Lehragaga, Sangrur, Punjab.
- ✓ The plant has been commissioned with a foreign direct investment (FDI) of approximately Rs. 220 crores by Verbio AG, one of Germany's leading bio-energy companies.
- ✓ The CBG plant at Sangrur is spread across an area of 20 acres. The plant's present production is about six tonnes per day but soon it will process 300 tonnes of paddy straw per day to produce 33 TPD of compressed biogas using eight digesters of 10,000 cubic meters.
- ✓ The present production of plant is about six tonnes per day.

Q. According to a Multidimensional Poverty Index 2022, the number of people living below the poverty line in India decreased by 415 million between 2005-06 & 2019-21. Multidimensional Poverty Index is released by which organization?

- A) FAO
B) UNDP
C) UNEP
D) WEF

Answer : B

- ✓ India lifted 415 million out of poverty in 15 years: UN report
- ✓ The number of people living below the poverty line in India decreased by 415 million between 2005-06 & 2019-21, according to a Multidimensional Poverty Index 2022.
- ✓ The index has been released jointly by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and Oxford University.
- ✓ However, the index has stated that India still has the world's highest number of poor at 228.9 million, followed by Nigeria (96.7 million projected in 2020)..
- ✓ The report found that across 111 countries which were assessed using the most recent comparable data available, 1.2 billion people (19.1 percent) live in acute poverty and almost half of these people (593 million) are children under the age of 18 years.



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- ✓ The developing region with the largest number of poor people is Sub-Saharan Africa (nearly 579 million), followed by South Asia (385 million).
- ✓ According to the report, India had 97 million poor children in 2019-21. This translates into more than one in five children (21.8 percent)—more than the total number of poor people in any other country covered by MPI.
- ✓ Ninety percent of India's poor people live in rural areas and 10 percent in urban areas.
- ✓ Bihar continues to be the poorest state in the country. Others among the top 10 poorest states were Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh, and Rajasthan. West Bengal was the only state among the top 10 poorest in India in 2015-16, and not in 2019-21.
- ✓ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Formation : 22 November 1965
Headquarters : New York City
Head : Achim Steiner
Total Countries : 170

Q. American historian Barbara Metcalf has been awarded the Sir Syed Excellence Award 2022 by which of the following Institute?

- A) Aligarh Muslim University B) Jawaharlal Nehru University
C) University of Delhi D) Jamia Millia Islamia Central University

Answer : A

- ✓ American historian Barbara Metcalf has been awarded the Sir Syed Excellence Award 2022 by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) on the 205th birth anniversary of its founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.
- ✓ She has written extensively on the history of the Muslim population of India and Pakistan.
- ✓ Metcalf pointed out that her studies on Indian nationalism and the role of Indian Muslims, especially Islamic scholars in the freedom movement, had convinced her that Islamic scholars, the Ulemas, are “one social category which has often been subjected to the stereotype derived just by looking at their physical appearance.”

Q. The World Osteoporosis Day (WOD) is an annual day celebrated on_

- A) 18 October B) 21 October
C) 20 October D) 19 October



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Answer : C

- ✓ World Osteoporosis Day (WOD) is observed annually on October 20.
- ✓ The day aims to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease.
- ✓ WOD is organized by the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF), by launch of a year-long campaign with a specific theme.
- ✓ In 2022 the Global WOD Campaign theme is "Step Up For Bone Health"

Q. Which state has observed auspicious harvest festival of Kati Bihu?

- A) Odisha
- B) Assam
- C) Manipur
- D) Meghalaya

Answer : B

- ✓ The people of Assam have observed auspicious harvest festival of Kati Bihu.
- ✓ It is marked annually on the first day of the Kati month in the Assamese calendar and usually falls during mid-October.
- ✓ This year, it is on Tuesday, October 18. The festival, also known as Kongali Bihu, marks a crucial phase of the year for every farmer's family in Assam – the fresh start of the harvest season and the relocation time of rice saplings.
- ✓ Generally, people light lamps outside their homes and create pathways with bamboo to welcome their ancestors.
- ✓ People also worship the Goddess Lakshmi and Tulsi plant for a good harvest.
- ✓ Other fairs and festival of Assam
 - ✓ Bihu Festival
 - ✓ Baikho festival
 - ✓ Rongali Bohag Bihu Festival
 - ✓ Ambubachi Mela
 - ✓ Wanchuwa Festival
 - ✓ Kati Bihu Festival



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LATEST FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2021-22

STATE	FESTIVAL
Kati Bihu Festival	Assam
Bird Festival 2022	Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir
Naga Mircha Festival	Nagaland
Megha Kayak Festival 2022	Meghalaya
Nuakhai Festival	Odisha
Shumang Leela Festival	Manipur
Kharchi Puja	Tripura
Onam	Kerala
Ambubachi Mela	Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam.
Lord Jagannath Yatra	Puri, Odisha
India's biggest shopping festival	New Delhi
Sao Joao	Goa
Kharchi festival	Tripura
Jyotiramaya Festival	New Delhi
Mango Festival	Brussels, Belgium
International literary festival 'Unmesh'	Himachal Pradesh
Baikho festival	Assam
Sital Sasthi	Odisha
4th Edition Shirui Lily Festival 2022	Manipur
Lavendar Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
India's biggest drone festival	New Delhi
Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu Festival	Assam
Sarhul Festival	Jharkhand
Gangaur festival	Rajasthan
Ishan Manthan Festival	New Delhi
Bharat Bhagya Vidhata festival	Red Fort in Delhi



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Herath Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
48th Khajuraho Dance Festival	Madhya Pradesh
Medaram Jatara Festival	Telangana
Maru Mahotsav or Jaisalmer Desert Festival	Rajasthan
Torgya Festival	Arunachal Pradesh
Spituk Gustor Festival	Ladakh
18th Kachai Lemon Festival	Manipur
Losoong (Namsoong) Festival	Sikkim

Q. Which state Wildlife Board has approved a new reserve for tigers named called Durgavati Tiger Reserved?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board has approved a new reserve for tigers of Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR).
- ✓ It has been done because one-fourth of PTR will get submerged due to the linking of the Ken-Betwa Rivers.
- ✓ The 2,339 square kilometres new tiger reserve, to be called Durgavati Tiger Reserve, will spread across Narisinghpur, Damoh and Sagar districts.
- ✓ On September, the Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved the notification of the state's fourth tiger reserve in the Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary (RWS) in the Chitrakoot district.

Q. The 22nd global edition of the World Blockchain Summit has concluded in which city?

- A) London B) Paris
C) Tokyo D) Dubai

Answer : D

- ✓ The 22nd global edition of the World Blockchain Summit has concluded in Dubai's Atlantis, UAE.
- ✓ To bring experts including government and investors together to initiate conversation and action on the blockchain.



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- ✓ Youth from 70 countries is participate in a Global Youth Climate Summit inaugurates in Khulna, Bangladesh.
- ✓ In the 3-day summit, participating youth will explore how they can lead the fight against climate change.
- ✓ CEO of the Global Youth Leadership Centre (GYLC) Ejaj Ahmad is organised the program.
- ✓ GYLC is being launched as a global organisation to mobilise youth especially from the Global South to tackle the climate crisis.

Q. Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services has partnered with which payment bank to further enhance credit access to a larger customer base?

- A) India Post Payments Bank B) Fino Payments Bank
C) Paytm Payments Bank D) Airtel Payments Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services has partnered with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to further enhance credit access to a larger customer base.
- ✓ As a part of this alliance, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) will provide Lead referral services to MMFSL for Passenger Vehicles, 3-Wheeler, Tractor and Commercial Vehicle Loan categories and provide cash EMI deposit facility to existing MMFSL Customers at Post Offices
- ✓ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
Founded : 1 September 2018
Headquarters : New Delhi
MD & CEO : J Venkatramu
Tag line : Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar

Q. World Statistics Day is celebrated every five years on which day?

- A) 18 October B) 20 October
C) 19 October D) 21 October

Answer : B

- ✓ World Statistics Day is celebrated every five years on October 20.
- ✓ To acknowledge the significance of statistics in our lives. Be it law, healthcare, finance, science, education, and spending habits, statistics make us aware of facts and reveal important information in the language of numbers.



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Q. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and which of the following have come together to focus their efforts on enhancing the reach of financial solutions to large sections of society across India?

- A) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS)
- B) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- C) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
- D) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)

Answer : B

- ✓ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) have come together to focus their efforts on enhancing the reach of financial solutions to large sections of society across India.
- ✓ Under the arrangement, both will plan, design and execute innovative products to bridge the gap by bringing digitalized services at the customer's doorstep.
- ✓ The collaboration between IPPB and RBIH will explore projects which shall have impact on the masses.
- ✓ Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) set up to promote and facilitate an environment that accelerates innovation across the financial sector.
- ✓ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has been established under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication with 100% equity owned by the Government of India.
- ✓ Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor of RBI has inaugurated the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) on March 24, 2022 in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ✓ RBI has set up the RBIH with an initial capital contribution of Rs. 100 crore.
- ✓ The objective of RBIH is to encourage and nurture financial innovation in a sustainable manner through an institutional set-up. It has been setup as a Section 8 company under Companies Act, 2013.
- ✓ Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) is one of the five wholly-owned subsidiaries of the RBI.
- ✓ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
Founded : 1 September 2018
Headquarters : New Delhi
MD & CEO : J Venkatramu
Tag line : Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar



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Q. Liz Truss has resigned from her position as the United Kingdom's Prime Minister. she is belongs to which party?

- A) Left Political party B) Labour Party
C) Conservative Party D) Liberal Democrats Party

Answer : C

- ✓ Liz Truss has resigned from her position as the United Kingdom's prime minister and the Conservative party leader.
- ✓ Truss came to power on September 6 and is the shortest-serving UK prime minister who succeeded Boris Johnson.
- ✓ Rishi Sunak, who lost to Truss last month in the Conservative leadership election, continues to be the key contender to step up for the post.

Q. The Fifth Khelo India Youth Games 2022 will be held in which state?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Fifth Khelo India Youth Games -2022 will be held in the State of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ It will be held at eight locations and more than 8,500 athletes and sportspersons are expected to participate.
- ✓ It will be held at different places in the state including Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Ujjain, and Jabalpur.
- ✓ The upcoming edition of the Khelo India Youth Games will feature a total of 27 disciplines. Water sports being included for the first time in the history of the games.
- ✓ This was announced by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur.
- ✓ Khelo India Youth Games was started in 2016 and provided a very effective platform to the youth of the country to showcase their performance and talents in sports.
- ✓ Haryana won the 4th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021 title. This was Haryana's second KIYG title. Haryana won the inaugural title in 2018 but finished second to Maharashtra in the next two seasons.
- ✓ Haryana grabbed the top position in the medal tally with 137 medals (52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze).



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Q. REC Limited and Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) have partnered with SJVN Thermal Private Ltd (STPL) to finance a 2×660 MW for which plant?

- A) Sasan Ultra Mega Power Plant B) Buxar Thermal Power Plant
C) KSK Mahanadi Power Plant D) Durgapur Steel Thermal Power Station

Answer : B

- ✓ REC Limited and Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) have partnered with SJVN Thermal Private Ltd (STPL) to finance a 2×660 MW coal-based Buxar Thermal Power Plant (BTPP)
- ✓ The total estimated project cost is ₹12,172.74 crores, with debt requirement of ₹8520.92 crores.
- ✓ As per the loan agreement, the debt requirement will be financed by REC and Power Finance.
- ✓ It is a green field project designed on supercritical technology with the objective to improve the reliability of India's Eastern Electricity region and providing power to the state of Bihar.
- ✓ REC Ltd becomes 12th company to gets 'Maharatna' company status.
- ✓ Power Finance Corp. Ltd (PFC) is set to become the 11th Maharatna central public sector enterprise (CPSE).

Q. Who has slapped a fine totalling more than ₹392 crores on online travel aggregators MakeMyTrip (MMT), Goibibo, and OYO for their alleged unfair business practices?

- A) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
B) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
C) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
D) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Answer : A

- ✓ Competition Commission of India (CCI) has slapped a fine totalling more than ₹392 crores on online travel aggregators MakeMyTrip (MMT), Goibibo, and OYO for their alleged unfair business practices.
- ✓ CCI imposes penalties of ₹223.48 crores and ₹168.88 crores upon MMT-Go and OYO respectively, besides directing MMT-Go to amend its market behaviour, for indulging in anti-competitive conduct.
- ✓ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has been investigating the companies since 2019 following allegations by a hotel body that MakeMyTrip gave special treatment to SoftBank-backed Oyo on its platform
- ✓ Competition Commission of India (CCI)



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- ✓ Statue of Unity is the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, first Home Minister of the independent India. The 182-metre-tall statue is the world's tallest statue located in Kevadia, Gujarat.
- ✓ The statue was inaugurated in October 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel 's 143rd birth anniversary.

Q. The 14th World Spice Congress will be held from 16 to 18 February 2023 at CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre in which state?

- A) Maharashtra B) Gujarat
C) Karnataka D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : A

- ✓ 14th World Spice Congress will be held from 16 to 18 February 2023 at CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✓ The World Spice Congress, which is organized by Spices Board India along with various trade and export forums, will be conducted on the sidelines of India's G20 presidency.
- ✓ Theme – Vision 2030: SPICES (Sustainability Productivity – Innovation – Collaboration Excellence and Safety)
- ✓ The summit will be organized by Spices Board India in association with various trade and export farmers.
- ✓ World Spice Congress is the largest exclusive business platform for the spice sector.

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2022

- 14th World Spice Congress will be held from 16 to 18 February 2023 at CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- India's first 'Migration Monitoring Systems' was inaugurated by the Maharashtra Women and Children Development Minister Mangalprabhat Lodha in Mumba.
- Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport makes 100% switch to green energy.
- 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.



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- 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. Ministry of Finance has released an amount of 1,764 crores to how many States for providing grants to Million Plus Urban Cities?

- A) six
- B) four
- C) five
- D) eight

Answer : B

- ✓ Ministry of Finance has released an amount of 1,764 crores to four States for providing grants to Million Plus Urban Cities.
- ✓ Of the total amount, 136 crore rupees was released to Andhra Pradesh, 109 crore rupees to Chhattisgarh, 799 crore rupees to Maharashtra, and 720 crore rupees to Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The grant was released to Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam of Andhra Pradesh, Durg Bhilainagar and Raipur in Chhattisgarh
- ✓ Aurangabad, Greater Mumbai, Nagpur, Nashik, Pune and Vasai-Virar City in Maharashtra and in Uttar Pradesh it was given to Agra, Allahabad, Ghaziabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Meerut and Varanasi



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Q. Which state government has announced that it will come up with a mobile application, which will be a common platform for the entire taxi industry in the state?

- A) Goa
B) Kerala
C) Punjab
D) Rajasthan

Answer : A

- ✓ Goa government has announced that it will come up with a mobile application, which will be a common platform for the entire taxi industry in the state.
- ✓ This new app will be called "Goa Taxi" & it will be launched in the state by the New Year (2023).
- ✓ 95% of the benefits from the Goa Taxi App will go to the taxi operators & 5% will go towards creating a pension or welfare fund

Q. As per the government data, the total balance in the basic bank accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has crossed the ₹1.75 lakh crore mark. The Overdraft limit under the PMJDY Scheme has been increased to Rs _.

- A) Rs 5,000
B) Rs 10,000
C) Rs 25,000
D) Rs 15,000

Answer : B

- ✓ As per the government data, the total balance in the basic bank accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has crossed the ₹1.75 lakh crore mark.
- ✓ The total balance stood at ₹1,75,225 crore as on October 5, 2022, as the total number of beneficiaries touched 47 crores.
- ✓ Women beneficiaries own a larger chunk in the scheme at 26.16 crore accounts of which the bulk (31.42 crore accounts) are in rural and semi-urban areas.
- ✓ Public sector banks (PSBs) have made significant contributions. Of the total ₹1.75 lakh crore balance, PSBs account for ₹1.35 lakh crore, followed by Regional Rural Banks with ₹34,573 crores.
- ✓ **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)**
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is a nation-wide financial inclusion program of Government of India.
- ✓ It was announced by the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 15 August 2014.
- ✓ Slogan Mera Khatha, Bhagya Vidhatha ("My account brings me good fortune")
- ✓ Age of Eligible Beneficiaries 18-65 Years



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- ✓ Overdraft facility up to Rs.10000 after satisfactory operation of the account for 6 months
- ✓ Account holder will get RuPay Debit card with inbuilt accident insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh.
- ✓ Life insurance cover of Rs 30,000

Q. Tech Mahindra has signed an MoU with which of the following state government to promote the IT and ITeS sector in the state?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Punjab
- C) Gujarat
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : C

- ✓ Tech Mahindra has signed an MoU with the Government of Gujarat to promote the IT and ITeS sector in the state and hire over 3000 professionals in the state over the next 5 years.
- ✓ In the first 7 months from the launch of the IT/ITeS policy, the Gujarat state government has signed MoUs with 15 domestic and global IT companies with a proposed investment of over Rs 9,400 crore that will generate approximately 26,750 high-skilled IT employment opportunities.



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