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Aparchit Super Current Affairs Best 350+ MCQ With Facts December 2022 Set 02
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Q. Who has become the 77th chess Grandmaster of India?

- A) Vidit Gujrathi B) Abhijit Kunte
C) Sagar Shah D) Aditya Mittal

Answer : D

- ✓ 16-year-old Mumbai Player Aditya Mittal has become the 77th chess Grandmaster of India during an ongoing Ellobregat Open tournament in Spain.
- ✓ He had secured three GM norms, crossed live rating of 2,500 ELO points mark during the sixth round of the ongoing tournament.
- ✓ He drew the game against Francisco Vallejo Pons to achieve the feat.

CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2022.

- Aditya Mittal Becomes India's 77th Chess Grandmaster.
- Magnus Carlsen (From Norway) wins Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022.
- R Praggnanandhaa and P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship held in New Delhi.
- D Gukesh becomes youngest to beat World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen.
- Pranav Anand from Bengaluru, Karnataka became India's 76th Chess GrandMaster.
- Alireza Firouzja wins Sinquefield Cup & The Grand Chess Tour.
- Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi wins 28th Abu Dhabi Masters.
- 4th edition of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament will be held in Kolkata.
- Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa has defeated world champion, Magnus Carlsen, in the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami, an international chess Championship.
- 2026 Chess Olympiad to be hosted by Uzbekistan.
- Chess prodigy V Pranav (from Tamil Nadu) becomes India's 75th Grandmaster.
- Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand becomes FIDE deputy president.
- Aravindh Chithambaram has emerged winner in the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open in Spain.



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- India's GrandMaster D. Gukesh (From Chennai) wins Gijon Chess Masters.
- 44th Chess Olympiad: All India Chess Federation (AICF) and Tamil Nadu government sign MoU.
- R. Praggnanandhaa triumphs at the Paracin Open.
- Rahul Srivatshav P of Telangana has become India's 74th Grandmaster.
- Young Indian Grandmaster, R Praggnanandhaa won Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament.
- World No.2 Grandmaster Ding Liren of China won the tournament against India's teenaged Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa in the final of Meltwater Champions Chess Tour Chessable Masters 2022 online tournament.
- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh wins Sunway Formentera Open chess tournament.
- Indian GM D Gukesh won 48th La Roda International Open chess tournament title.
- World's oldest chess grandmaster Yuri Averbakh (Russia) passes away.
- R Praggnanandhaa wins prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament.
- India's S L Narayanan wins Grandiscacchi Cattolica International Open Chess Tournament.
- India's R Praggnanandhaa becomes youngest player to beat World No 1 Magnus Carlsen.
- Priyanka Nutakki becomes the 23rd Woman Grandmaster of India.
- Tata Steel Chess 2022: Magnus Carlsen beats Fabiano Caruana.
- Tamil Nadu's Bharath Subramaniam became India's 73rd chess Grandmaster.
- Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan), won the World Rapid Chess Championship 2021.
- Norway's Magnus Carlsen wins FIDE World Chess Championship in Dubai.
- Indian-origin chess player from New Jersey, USA, Abhimanyu Mishra became the youngest grandmaster in chess history. At 12 years-4 months and 25 days.
- Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu) became India's first grandmaster in 1988.
- S Vijaylakshmi is India's first woman grandmaster in chess.
- Abhimanyu Mishra has become the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster in the world

Q. India has invested about ____ crore in the SWAMIH Investment Fund I and marking its final close at Rs 15,530 crore.

A) Rs 10,000 crore

B) Rs 8,000 crore

C) Rs 5,000 crore

D) Rs 3,000 crore

Answer : C



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- ✓ The government of India has invested an additional Rs 5,000 crore into the SWAMIH Invest Fund-I to help the stressed realty investment platform achieve its final close at Rs 15,530 crore.
- ✓ **Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income (SWAMIH)**
- ✓ In November 2019, the Union Finance Ministry announced creation of a Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) to provide debt financing for the completion of stressed, brownfield and residential projects registered with regulatory bodies that fall in the affordable, mid-income housing category.
- ✓ The corpus of the Fund is Rs 12,500 crore with a green shoe option of Rs 12,500 crore. Green Shoe options means that if required an additional Rs 12,500 crore fund will be raised for the SWAMIH scheme.
- ✓ The Sponsor of the Fund is the Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and Government of India on behalf of the Government of India.
- ✓ The Investment Manager of the Fund is SBICAP Ventures Ltd which is owned by State Bank of India.

Q. Who has been named Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?

- A) Manoj Ahuja B) K V Shaji
C) Bhushan Kumar Sinha D) P. V. S. Suryakumar

Answer : B

- ✓ K V Shaji has been named Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on 7 December. He formerly served as NABARD's Deputy Managing Director (DMD) till May 21, 2020.
- ✓ Before joining NABARD, he worked in Canara Bank in various capacities for 26 years.
- ✓ As his last assignment, he was in charge of Strategy, Planning and Business Development at the Corporate Office of Canara Bank.
- ✓ He successfully handled the project of amalgamation of Syndicate Bank into Canara Bank.
- ✓ About the NABARD
- ✓ It is a development bank focussing primarily on the rural sector of the country.
- ✓ It is a statutory body established in 1982 under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981.
- ✓ Established on the recommendations of Shivaraman Committee.



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✓ Headquarters - Mumbai

Q. PM Modi recently flagged off India's sixth Vande Bharat Express between which of the following routes?

- A) Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) -Nagpur (Maharashtra)
- B) Vasco da Gama (Goa) - Londa (Karnataka)
- C) New Jalpaiguri (West Bengal) - Tinsukia , Ledo (Assam)
- D) Kanyakumari (Tamil Nadu) to Trivandrum (Kerala)

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is on a two day (11-12 December 2022) visit to Maharashtra , Goa and Gujarat inaugurated a number of projects in Maharashtra including the 6th Vande Bharat Express train on 11 December 2022.
- ✓ He inaugurated the 6th Vande Bharat Express which will run on Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)-Nagpur (Maharashtra) route. This is the second Vande Bharat express in the state after the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat express.
- ✓ Vande Bharat is an indigenous semi-high speed train developed by Indian Railways. Government proposes to run 75 Vande Bharat express trains in the country by 15 August 2023.
- ✓ He inaugurated the Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg connecting Nagpur and Shirdi. Built at a cost of ₹55,000 crore, it is one of the longest expressways in the country that passes through 10 Maharashtra districts, including Amravati, Aurangabad and Nashik.

Q. First G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting are scheduled to be held in which of the city on 13-15 December 2022?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Bengaluru will host the first meeting of the G20 Finance Track under India's G20 Presidency.
- ✓ According to the Union Ministry of Finance, First G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting is scheduled to be held in Bengaluru on 13-15 December 2022.
- ✓ It will be hosted jointly by the Union Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India.
- ✓ All the 20 members of the G-20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies will participate in the meeting.



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- ✓ India is currently the President of the G-20 and it will hold the G-20 summit meeting in September 2023 in New Delhi

Q. India's First Carbon Neutral Farm has been inaugurated in which state?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has declared a seed farm, located in Aluva, as the first carbon-neutral farm in the country.
- ✓ A significant reduction in carbon emission has helped the seed farm, under the Agricultural Department, achieve carbon-neutral status.
- ✓ The total amount of carbon emission from the farm, located at Thuruthu in Aluva, in the last one year was 43 tons but its overall procurement was 213 ton.
- ✓ The Kerala government also announced to start of Carbon-neutral farms in all its assembly constituencies

Q. Who has been elected as the new Deputy Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh recently?

- A) Mukesh Agnihotri
B) Govind Singh Thakur
C) Navneet Kapoor
D) Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu

Answer : A

- ✓ Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has been unanimously elected as the new Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh. He succeeds Jai Ram Thakur.
- ✓ Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri also took oath with him.
- ✓ Sukhu was sworn in as the 17th Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ He served as the president of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee from 2013 to 2019.
- ✓ HIMACHAL PRADESH
- ✓ Capital : Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)
- ✓ Chief Minister : Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu
- ✓ Deputy Chief Minister : Mukesh Agnihotri
- ✓ Governor : Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- ✓ Legislative Assembly : 68 Seats



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- ✓ Lower House : 4 Seats
- ✓ Upper House : 3 Seats
- ✓ Number of Districts : 12

Q. Who has been elected as the new President of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)?

- A) Manika Batra B) Neha Aggarwal
C) Ankita Das D) Meghna Ahlawat

Answer : D

- ✓ Meghna Ahlawat has been elected as the first female President of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).
- ✓ While Eight-time national champion Kamlesh Mehta takes over as the new secretary general of the TTFI and Patel Nagender Reddy has been elected as the Treasurer.
- ✓ Ahlawat, who is the wife of Haryana deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala, contested against Gujarat home minister Harsh Sanghvi.
- ✓ Ahlawat succeeded Dushyant Chautala.
- ✓ Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)
- ✓ Founded : 1962
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ President : Meghna Ahlawat
- ✓ International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)
- ✓ Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland
- ✓ Table Tennis sport is also known as "ping-pong".
- ✓ Table tennis is the national sport of China.

Q. Who has been honoured with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement (PLA) Award for his contributions to his community and the country?

- A) Aasif Mandvi B) Sakina Jaffrey
C) Padma Lakshmi D) Krishna Vavilala

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian-American Krishna Vavilala has been honoured with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement (PLA) Award for his contributions to his community and the country.



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- ✓ It is the nation's highest honour for his contributions to his community and the country at large.
- ✓ Vavilala is from Andhra Pradesh & the founder and Chairman of the Foundation for India Studies (FIS).
- ✓ The Presidential Lifetime Achievement (PLA) Awards, led by AmeriCorps

Q. What is the India rank in World's Strongest Passport List 2022?

- A) 93rd B) 87th
C) 71st D) 65th

Answer : B

- ✓ India ranked 87 in the world's strongest passport list, while UAE ranked first in the rating of passports for 2022.
- ✓ UAE was followed by Germany, Sweden, Finland, Luxembourg, Spain and France.
- ✓ Afghanistan remained at the last position while Pakistan was ranked 94th
- ✓ Japan ranked 24th because it had easy access to 171 countries.
- ✓ Earlier this year, Japan's passport was ranked as the best passport in the world in a list released by Henley & Partners.
- ✓ Passport Index 2022 published by Arton Capital ranked the world's strongest and weakest passports.
- ✓ Travellers with UAE passports can enter 180 countries without any hassle.
- ✓ Except European countries like Germany and Sweden, there are more than 7 such countries which are in this index.
- ✓ The Passport Index is based on the 139 members of the United Nations. 6 different aspects have been considered to make this list.
- ✓ The data for this list has been given by the governments of different countries.
- ✓ To make this list, work is done on 3 steps, which rates on the basis of Mobility Score (MS).
- ✓ This also includes the VF portion of Visa-free (VF), Visa on Arrival (VOA), eTA and eVisa (if issued within 3 days).

Q. Central Government announced that it has extended the Rooftop Solar Programme till ____.

- A) 31 March 2024 B) 31 March 2025
C) 31 March 2026 D) 31 March 2027

Answer : C



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- ✓ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has advised that all residential consumers should not pay extra amount to any company for applying on the National Portal, nor should they pay more than the amount fixed by the concerned distribution company for metre and testing.
- ✓ Under this program, the central government gives a subsidy of Rs 14,588 per kilowatt to a person who installs solar panels on the roof of his house.
- ✓ About Rooftop Solar Scheme
- ✓ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing the Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Scheme (Phase II) to generate solar power by installing solar panels on the roof of houses.
- ✓ Phase II aims to achieve a cumulative capacity of 40,000 MW from Rooftop Solar Projects by the year 2022.
- ✓ The objective of the programme is to promote the grid-connected SPV rooftop and small SPV power generating plants among the residential, community, institutional, industrial and commercial establishments.
- ✓ To ease the implementation of the scheme, a National Portal was developed, which was launched by PM Modi on 30 July 2022.
- ✓ The central government has set a target of 450 GW of renewable energy generation by 2030.
- ✓ Under this, many schemes are also going on, in which a target has been set to provide more than 17 lakh solar pumps to farmers in the country through Pradhan Mantri-Kusum Yojana.
- ✓ The government on 8 December said the rooftop solar programme has been extended till March 31, 2026, and therefore, subsidy under the programme will be available until the target for the scheme is achieved.

Q. Who has been appointed as the chair of B20 India which represents the entire G20 business community?

A) Shapoor Mistry

B) T. V. Narendran

C) N Chandrasekaran

D) Rajesh Gopinathan

Answer : C

- ✓ The Government of India has appointed Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran as the chairman of the B20 to lead the business agenda during India's G20 presidency. India took over the presidency of



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G-20 from Indonesia on 1 December 2022 and will hold the G-20 Summit meeting on 9-10 September 2023.

- ✓ The government has also appointed the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as the B20 India Secretariat. B20 is the voice of the G20 business community and helps in shaping economic policy statements by the G20 grouping over the years.
- ✓ B20 India work will be conducted through Task Forces and Action Councils, which will develop consensus-based policy recommendations to the G20. It will commence work on various task forces and action councils after the inception meeting, scheduled on 22-24 January 2023, culminating into the B20 India Summit in August 2023.
- ✓ B20 India has identified priorities for deliberations under the theme "R.A.I.S.E – Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, and Equitable Businesses. About 100 business policy initiatives will be organised by CII under the B20 calendar across the country during the presidency year.

Q. The "Climate Investment Opportunities in India's Cooling Sector" report was launched by which organization?

A) UNESCO

B) World Bank

C) NITI Aayog

D) World Economic Forum

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, a report titled "Climate Investment Opportunities in India's Cooling Sector" was released by the World Bank. The report states that an investment opportunity of \$1.6 trillion could open up in India by 2040.
- ✓ India also has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly and create nearly 3.7 million jobs.
- ✓ The report states that India is experiencing higher temperatures every year. India is likely to see a drastic reduction in the expected carbon-dioxide (CO₂) levels over the next two decades.
- ✓ The report states that by 2030, more than 160-200 million people across the country could be exposed to deadly heat waves annually if alternative and innovative energy-efficient technologies are not adopted.
- ✓ The report states that around 34 million people in India will face job losses due to loss of productivity related to heat stress.



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- ✓ The World Bank has said that by 2037 the demand for cooling is expected to exceed the current level by eight times.
- ✓ The current food loss due to heat during transportation of food items is close to \$13 billion annually.

Q. Who becomes the world's richest person Forbes on 9th Dec 2022?

- A) Elon Musk
- B) Jeff Bezos
- C) Bernard Arnault
- D) Gautam Adani

Answer : C

- ✓ According to the Forbes, Chief executive of Louis Vuitton's parent company (LVMH), Bernard Arnault and Family replaced Tesla CEO, Elon Musk to become the world richest person
- ✓ As of December 9, 2022, the personal wealth of Bernard Arnault is \$186.1 billion and net worth of Elon Musk is \$185.0 billion.
- ✓ But as per the Bloomberg's Billionaires Index, the Tesla CEO is still estimated to be the world's wealthiest person with a net worth of \$171 billion (As of 9th Dec 2022).

Q. Which organization organized an event to launch the "Toolkit on Enabling Gender Responsive Urban Mobility and Public Spaces in India"?

- A) World Bank
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) World Economic Forum
- D) International Monetary Fund Show

Answer : A

- ✓ World Bank launched the 'Toolkit on Enabling Gender-Responsive Urban Mobility and Public Spaces in India' on 8 December.
- ✓ The toolkit was launched at a session organised by the World Bank and the Chennai Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority in Chennai..
- ✓ About Gender Toolkit
- ✓ The toolkit from World Bank contains practical tools that can inform a wide set of policymakers as well as private or community-based organisations to help ensure safe and inclusive public transport for women in India.
- ✓ It aims to guide Indian cities on how to design public transport that is more inclusive of women's travel needs.
- ✓ It aims to spotlight gender issues surrounding mobility and city design.



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✓ **Background of the toolkit**

- ✓ The toolkit has been designed in response to a 2019 World Bank-supported survey of 6,048 respondents in Mumbai.
- ✓ This survey found that between 2004 and 2019, men shifted to two-wheelers to commute to work, while women used auto-rickshaws or taxis, which tend to be more costly (per trip) than two wheelers.
- ✓ India has amongst the lowest female labour force participation rates globally, at 22.8 per cent in 2019-20.

Q. Who becomes first Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Federal Reserve Bank of New York, effective March 2023?

- A) Sushmita Shukla B) Indra Nooyi
C) Neerja Sethi D) Jayshree Ullal

Answer : A

- ✓ Sushmita Shukla, an Indian-origin veteran of the insurance industry, has been appointed as First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, making her the second-ranking officer at the prominent institution.
- ✓ The appointment was approved by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the New York Fed

Q. Which is India's first payment gateway to support credit cards on UPI?

- A) Paytm B) Phone pay
C) Razorpay D) Google pay

Answer : C

- ✓ Razorpay, India's Leading Full-Stack Payments and Banking Platform for Businesses today. With the aim to further strengthen digital payments and boost India's credit penetration, the platform announced its readiness to support Credit Card Transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- ✓ With this launch, Razorpay becomes India's First PG to support Credit Cards on UPI. Today, customers of HDFC Bank, Punjab National Bank, Union Bank and Indian Bank will be the first to enjoy the benefits of this innovation.
- ✓ Approximately 250 million Indians use UPI for their day-to-day transactions, and nearly 50 million users have one or more credit cards



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✓ Razorpay wins 'Startup of the Year' at the ET Startup Awards 2022

Q. The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, also called as Conference of Parties (COP-15) commenced in which country ?

A) France

B) Germany

C) Poland

D) Canada

Answer : D

- ✓ United Nations COP15 World Conference on Nature begins on Wednesday, 7 December 2022, in Montreal, Canada.
- ✓ Coming on the heels of the recently held 27th Conference of Parties, environmental experts have begun publishing proposals on important agendas that they suggest should be taken into consideration during the conference.
- ✓ What is COP15? It is a UN Biodiversity Conference that will bring together 196 countries that ratified the UN Convention on Biological Diversity which was originally signed in 1996.
- ✓ What is the goal? The goal of this conference is to create a framework to aid countries in environmental conservation and the protection of biodiversity.

Q. FAO of the United Nations, organized an opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets – 2023 (IYM2023) in which city?

A) Rome

B) Paris

C) London

D) Berlin

Answer : A

- ✓ Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, organized an opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets – 2023 (IYM2023) in Rome, Italy.
- ✓ Sushri Shobha Karandlaje conveyed PM Modi's compliments to the United Nations for declaring the Year 2023 as the International Year of Millets.
- ✓ Millets are considered 'Smart Food' as they are easy to cultivate, mostly organic and contains high nutritional value
- ✓ With PM Modi's vision of "Vasudaiva Kutumbakam" (The World is One Family), the IYM2023 celebration is an opportunity for India to promote Nutri-cereal Millets globally and place them in the world's 'food map'.



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- ✓ According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) , India is the largest producer of millet in the world followed by Niger and China .
- ✓ Rajasthan was the largest millet producing state in India.
- ✓ Millet is one of the oldest known foods to humans. However its consumption in the world has declined due to the emphasis given to wheat and rice by the governments.
- ✓ It is also called coarse cereals or nutri cereals due to its high nutritive value.

Q. The Third Global Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance concluded in which country?

A) Bahrain

B) Oman

C) Qatar

D) United Arab Emirates

Answer : B

- ✓ Third Global Ministerial Conference on Anti-microbial Resistance concluded in Oman 25th Nov 2022, with the issue of The Muscat Manifesto, which aims to accelerate One Health actions on antimicrobial resistance to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.
- ✓ The participants, who included more than 30 ministers and representatives of more than 40 countries from around the world in the fields of human, animal and environmental health, adopted the Muscat Manifesto to commit to working towards achieving three goals.
- ✓ The first of these is to reduce the total amount of antimicrobials used in the agri-food system by at least 30-50 percent from the current level by 2030
- ✓ The third goal is to ensure that antibiotics included in the Access group make up at least 60 percent of total antibiotic consumption in humans by 2030.

Q. Which day is celebrated as the International Mountain Day?

A) 12 December

B) 11 December

C) 10 December

D) 9 December

Answer : B

- ✓ The International Mountain Day is observed on December 11 every year.
- ✓ 2022 Theme: Women Move Mountains



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- ✓ Purpose: to create awareness about the importance of mountains to life, to highlight the opportunities and constraints in mountain development and to build alliances that will bring positive change to mountain peoples and environments around the world.
- ✓ It was established by the UN General Assembly in 2003 to encourage sustainable development of mountains.
- ✓ United Nations had declared 2002 as the UN International Year of Mountains.

Q. UNICEF Day is observed on which day annually across the globe?

- A) December 9
- B) December 10
- C) December 11
- D) December 8

Answer : C

- ✓ Every year the UNICEF Day is observed on December 11.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly created UNICEF on December 11, 1946, as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund to improve the health, nutrition, education, and general welfare of children devastated due to World War II.
- ✓ UNICEF's name was subsequently changed from United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund to United Nations Children's Fund though, it continued to be known by the popular acronym based on the previous title.
- ✓ 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

Q. What is the theme of the International Mountain Day ?

- A) #MountainsMatter
- B) Mountains matter for Youth
- C) Women Move Mountains
- D) Mountain biodiversity

Answer : C



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Q. The International Universal Health Coverage Day is observed every year on__

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

Answer : C

- ✓ International Universal Health Coverage Day is a United Nations' recognized international day celebrated every year on December 12.
- ✓ Objective: to provide access to quality and affordable health care to every person across the globe.
- ✓ The day was proclaimed by UN on December 12, 2017.
- ✓ 2022 theme is Build the world we want: A healthy future for all

Q. Who won the title of Time magazine's "Person of the year 2022?"

- A) Greta Thunberg
- B) Joe Biden
- C) Volodymyr Zelensky
- D) Elon Musk

Answer : C

- ✓ Time Magazine has named Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky and "the spirit of Ukraine" as its 2022 Person of the Year.
- ✓ The award goes to an event or person who has had the most influence on global events over the past 12 months.
- ✓ The magazine also recognized "the spirit of Ukraine," pointing to the country's resilience in a rebuke to President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.
- ✓ Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was 2007's Person of the Year.
- ✓ Women in Iran were Time's 2022 Heroes of the year and the K-pop band Blackpink were recognised as Time's Entertainer of the year.
- ✓ American baseballer Aaron Judge has been recognised as the Athlete of the Year and Malaysian actress Michelle Yeoh is the Icon of the Year.
- ✓ Time magazine named President Volodymyr Zelensky as well as "the spirit of Ukraine" as its 2022 person of the year.
- ✓ The Liberty Medal 2022 will be awarded this fall to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.



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TIME MAGAZINE'S IN NEWS 2022

- Time magazine named President Volodymyr Zelensky as well as “the spirit of Ukraine” as its 2022 person of the year.
- Reliance Jio Chairman Akash Ambani listed on Time’s 100 Emerging Leaders’.
- Ahmedabad and Kerala, have been featured in TIME magazine’s list of world’s greatest places of 2022.
- Gautam Adani, Karuna Nundy, Khurram Parvez among Time's 100 most influential people 2022.
- Deepika Padukone gets inaugural TIME100 Impact Award 2022.

Q. What is Oxford's Word of the Year for 2022?

- A) Goblin Mode
- B) VAX
- C) Covid
- D) Climate Emergency

Answer : A

- ✓ Oxford University Press (OUP), publishers of Oxford English Dictionary has selected “goblin mode” as the 2022 Oxford word of the year.
- ✓ It refers to a type of behavior which is an unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations.
- ✓ For the first time, a group of lexicographers at OUP gave people a choice of: “Goblin mode,” “metaverse,” and “#IStandWith”..

Word Of The Year 2022 IN NEWS

- 'Goblin mode' chosen as Oxford word of the year for 2022
- Merriam-Webster announced 'Gaslighting' as its Word of the Year 2022.
- Cambridge Dictionary announced 'Homer' as Word of the Year 2022.
- “Permacrisis” Is Collins Dictionary's Word Of The Year 2022

Q. Which country is the largest trading partner of India after China and US, as of 2022?

- A) Australia
- B) UAE
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Russia

Answer : B



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- ✓ The India-UAE trade is valued at USD 72.8 billion in 2021-22, making the UAE India's third largest trading partner after China and US.
- ✓ Abu Dhabi, UAE's capital city is seeking more investments from India.
- ✓ Abu Dhabi has identified priority sectors including agri-tech, tourism, healthcare, pharma and financial services, where Indian enterprises can invest
- ✓ United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Capital : Abu Dhabi
Currency : Dirham
President : Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Prime Minister : Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Q. Who won silver at the weightlifting World Championship in Colombia?

- A) Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu B) Sukhen Dey
C) Ganesh Mali D) Mirabai Chanu

Answer : D

- ✓ Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu won silver at the 2022 World Weightlifting Championships in Colombia on December 7, 2022.
- ✓ This was Mirabai's second medal at the World Championships, having previously won gold in 2017 with a lift of 194 kg.
- ✓ She beat the Tokyo 2020 champion Hou Zhihua of China.

Q. Which movie won the Spotlight Award at the Hollywood Critics Association?

- A) RRR B) Bahubali
C) Sita Ramam D) KGF

Answer : A

- ✓ RRR won the Spotlight Award at the Hollywood Critics Association after director SS Rajamouli won the best director award at the New York Film Critics Circle.
- ✓ The cast and crew of 'RRR,' together with Angela Bassett and Rian Johnson, will accept the award at the 6th HCA Film Awards in Los Angeles.
- ✓ Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle.



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Q. Which telecom company has collaborated with Meta to provide the world's largest subsea cable to India?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The telecom company Bharti Airtel Ltd. entered into a partnership with Meta Platforms, Inc. (formerly Facebook) to support the growth of India's digital ecosystem.
- ✓ Bharti Airtel and Meta agreed to jointly invest in communications platform as a service (CPaaS)-based new-age digital solutions and global connectivity infrastructure to support the requirements of customers and enterprises in India.
- ✓ Bharti Airtel will also partner with Meta and Saudi Telecom Company (STC) to bring the world's largest submarine cable, 2Africa Pearls, to India.
- ✓ Bharti Airtel
Founded : 1995
Founder : Sunil Bharti Mittal
Headquarters : New Delhi
Chairman : Sunil Bharti Mittal
MD & CEO : Gopal Vittal

Q. World Bank has been approved USD 250 million financing to which country to strengthen environment management?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ World Bank approved USD 250 million financing to help Bangladesh strengthen environment management and promote private sector participation in green investment.
- ✓ The Bangladesh Environmental Sustainability and Transformation (BEST) Project will help the country tackle key pollution issues.
- ✓ An E-waste management facility will be set up to process 3,500 metric tons of e-waste annually.



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Q. Which country abolished morality police known as the Gasht-e-Ershad or 'Guidance Patrol'?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ Iran has abolished 'morality police' known as the Gasht-e Ershad or 'Guidance Patrol'. The unit was established in 2006 and their patrols were feared among women.
- ✓ The custodial death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who was picked up by the vice squads in Tehran and declared dead created public outcry and led to protestors.

Q. Which country is the host of the Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ The 17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) began in Singapore.
- ✓ "Integrated policy agenda for a human-centred recovery that is inclusive, sustainable and resilient" is the theme of the meeting.

✓ International Labour Organization (ILO)

Formation : 11 April 1919

Headquarters

Geneva, Switzerland

Head

Director-General : Guy Ryder (United Kingdom)

Total members : 187

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of ONGC?

- A) Arun Kumar Singh
B) Rajesh Kumar Srivastava
C) Pankaj Jain
D) Ashok Kumar Pandey

Answer : A



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- ✓ For the first time, a retired official has been brought back to head a public sector utility in the oil and gas sector, ex-Chairman of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Arun Kumar Singh, has been appointed Chairman and Managing Director of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) for three years.
- ✓ Singh retired from BPCL on October 2022.
- ✓ He will succeed Alka Mittal.
- ✓ ONGC is the India's top oil and gas producer company.
- ✓ Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

Founded : 1956

Headquarters : New Delhi

Chairman : Arun Kumar Singh

Q. Where does India stands in the world's strongest passport list in 2022 published by Arton Capital?

- A) 83
- B) 87
- C) 89
- D) 77

Answer : B

- ✓ India has been ranked 87 in the world's strongest passport list for 2022, published by Arton Capital, while UAE ranked first in the rating of passports that have been made public recently.
- ✓ It is the ranking of the world's strongest and weakest passports.
- ✓ The passport rankings show the number of countries one can enter without acquiring a visa.

Q. Where did the 9th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2022 inaugurated?

- A) Hyderabad
- B) Bhopal
- C) Goa
- D) Pune

Answer : C

- ✓ The 9th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2022 was inaugurated at Panaji, Goa on December 8, 2022, in the presence of the Union Minister of State for Tourism and Shipping and other ministers.



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- ✓ The 9th WAC aims to showcase the efficacy and strength of the AYUSH systems of medicine at the Global level

Q. Who has been officiated as the new chairman of the Rajya Sabha?

- A) Jagdeep Dhankhar B) Piyush Goyal
C) Virendra Kumar D) Giriraj Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Jagdeep Dhankhar has been officiated as the chairman of the Rajya Sabha on December 7, 2022, as the winter session of the Parliament commences.
- ✓ PM Narendra Modi has expressed confidence that the Rajya Sabha will attain a new height under the leadership of new Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar

Q. India's total coal production went up by __ % to 75.87 million tonnes in November 2022.

- A) 9.34% B) 10.51%
C) 11.66% D) 12.96%

Answer : C

- ✓ India's total coal production has increased by 11.66 per cent to 75.87 Million Ton (MT) in November 2022. Last year November 2021 coal production 67.94 MT.
- ✓ Coal Ministry says, 24 mines out of the top 37 mines in coal production have produced more than 100 per cent and production of five mines stood between 80 and 100 percent.
- ✓ During the period, Coal based power generation has also registered a growth of 16.28 per cent

Q. India to Become __ Largest Advertising Market in 2023.

- A) 10th B) 9th
C) 8th D) 7th

Answer : C

- ✓ According to GroupM's global end-of-year forecast, India is expected to surpass Brazil to become the eighth(8th)-largest advertising market in 2023.
- ✓ According to the report, India's total advertising revenue in 2022 has grown by 15.8 per cent to touch \$14.9 billion, led by growth in pure-play digital advertising. In 2023, it is expected to increase by 16.8 per cent.



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- ✓ In comparison, Brazil's advertising market is projected to have grown by 9 per cent in 2022 to \$15.4 billion. In 2023, it is expected to increase by 3.8 per cent.
- ✓ As per the report, retail media which is a subset of digital advertising, is expected to reach \$551 million in 2022 and is also expected to nearly double by 2027.

Q. Which company is launching a new anti-misinformation project in India?

- A) Meta
- B) Twitter
- C) Google
- D) Microsoft

Answer : C

- ✓ Google's (GOOGL.O) Jigsaw subsidiary is launching a new anti-misinformation project in India, aimed at preventing misleading information that has been blamed for inciting violence.
- ✓ * The initiative will use "prebunking" videos – designed to counter false claims before they become widespread – circulated on the company's YouTube platform and other social media sites.
- ✓ GOOGLE
Founded :1998
Founders : Larry Page and Sergey Brin
Headquarters : Mountain View, California, US
CEO : Sundar Pichai

Q. Which country Host Conclave of National Security Adviser (NSAs) of Central Asian Countries on December 2022?

- A) Kyrgyzstan
- B) Tajikistan
- C) Kazakhstan
- D) India

Answer : D

- ✓ National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval connectivity with "Central Asian countries" remains India's key priority.
- ✓ Speaking at the first India-Central Asia meeting of the National Security Advisers, in New Delhi, Mr Doval said, peaceful, secure and prosperous Central Asia is in our common interest.
- ✓ This is the first time India is hosting a conclave of top security officials from Central Asian countries including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan focussing on the evolving security situation in Afghanistan and ways to deal with the threat of terrorism emanating from that country



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Q. 51st Maitri Diwas' Marking Recognition of Bangladesh by India Celebrated in which location on 6th Dec 2022?

- A) Chattogram
- B) Dhaka
- C) Khulna
- D) Sylhet

Answer : B

- ✓ 51st anniversary of 'Maitri Diwas' marking the recognition granted to Bangladesh by India in 1971 was celebrated in Dhaka on 6th December 2022.
- ✓ Speaking on the occasion, Minister Mozammel Haque thanked India for its support extended to the people of Bangladesh during the Liberation War in 1971.
- ✓ He said that the day gives an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past 51 years of India-Bangladesh partnership and the promise for the future
- ✓ Maitree Express or Dhaka-Kolkata Express is an International passenger train serving the railway connecting the Bangladeshi capital of Dhaka and India's West Bengal (Paschim Banga) states capital Kolkata

Q. Who has topped the Forbes 2022 list of 'The World's 100 Most Powerful Women'?

- A) Kamala Harris
- B) Christine Lagarde
- C) Angela Merkel
- D) Ursula von der Leyen

Answer : D

- ✓ Top 3 women in the world in Forbes list
 1. The list was topped by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, who played a key role in handling COVID -19 crisis, the Russia-Ukraine war, etc.
 2. European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde stood at second position on the list.
 3. US Vice President Kamala Harris ranked third on the list.
- ✓ Iran's Zina "Mahsa" Amini was posthumously ranked 100th on the influential list. His death in September sparked one of Iran's worst public protests.



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Q. India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has made into the Forbes 2022 list of 'The World's 100 Most Powerful Women', for four year in a row. What is her rank in the list?

- A) 36 B) 29
C) 41 D) 50

Answer : A

- ✓ Forbes on December 7 released its annual list of the 100 Most Powerful Women in the World, 2022, in which six women from India feature.
- ✓ Name of six Indians
 1. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman - ranked 36, is on the list for the fourth time in a row.
 2. Roshini Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of HCLTech - ranked 53rd.
 3. Madhabi Puri Buch, Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) -ranked 54th.
 4. Soma Mondal, Chairperson of the Steel Authority of India - ranked 67.
 5. Mazumdar-Shaw, executive chairperson and founder of Biocon Limited and Biocon Biologics Limited - ranked 72.
 6. Falguni Sanjay Nayar, the founder and CEO of the beauty and lifestyle retail company Nykaa - ranked 89th.

Q. To what basis points did RBI increase the repo rate on 7 December 2022?

- A) 33 points B) 38 points
C) 32 points D) 35 points

Answer : D

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 7 December raised its key repo rate, or the key lending rate, by 35 basis points (bps) to 6.25%, to curb lingering inflation pressures.
- ✓ This is the fifth time in a row that the RBI has increased the repo rate this year
- ✓ The decision was announced by the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) headed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das.
- ✓ Earlier, the RBI had increased the repo rate by 40 bps in May and 50 bps each in June, August and September.
- ✓ The RBI policy rate is now at its highest level since August 2018.
- ✓ The RBI also cut the growth forecast for the current financial year to 6.8 per cent.



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- ✓ The FY23 inflation forecast is kept unchanged at 6.7%.
- ✓ The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 6.00 per cent.
- ✓ The marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate have been kept at 6.50 per cent.
- ✓ In FY23 Consumer Price Index (CPI) estimated at 6.7 per cent. It remains unchanged.

Q. What is the current Marginal Standing Facility Rate (MSF Rate) and Bank Rate?

- A) 6.25%
- B) 6.50%
- C) 6.35%
- D) 6.75%

Answer : B

- ✓ Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) – 6.00%
- ✓ Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) – 6.50%
- ✓ Bank Rate – 6.50%
- ✓ Repo Rate – 6.25%
- ✓ Reverse Repo Rate – 3.35%
- ✓ Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) – 4.50%
- ✓ Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) – 18%

Q. What is the present Reverse Repo Rate?

- A) 4.00%
- B) 4.25%
- C) 3.35%
- D) 3.25%

Answer : C

Q. What is the cash reserve ratio (CRR) of all banks set by RBI w.e.f December 7, 2022?

- A) 4.00%
- B) 3.50%
- C) 4.50%
- D) 3.75%

Answer : C

Q. Three Indians feature in Forbes Asia's 'Heroes of Philanthropy List' 2022; Which is not one of the following?

- A) Mukesh Ambani
- B) Gautam Adani
- C) Shiv Nadar
- D) Ashok Soota

Answer : A



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- ✓ Three Indian billionaires Gautam Adani, Shiv Nadar, and Ashok Soota were named in the 16th edition of Forbes Asia's Heroes of Philanthropy list released on 6 December 2022.
- ✓ It also included Malaysian-Indian businessman Brahma Vasudevan and his lawyer wife Shanthi Kandiah
- ✓ Asia's richest man Gautam Adani has pledged Rs 60,000 crore to charity. The money will be used in healthcare, education, and skill development. The money will be channelled through the family's Adani Foundation, which was founded in 1996.
- ✓ Co-founder of HCL Technologies, Shiv Nadar has donated Rs 11,600 crore this year to the Shiv Nadar Foundation. The foundation has helped set up educational institutions such as schools and universities and it also promotes art and culture
- ✓ Ashok Soota, founder of Happiest Mind software company has pledged Rs 600 crore (USD 75 million) to the medical research trust he founded in April 2021 for the study of ageing and neurological illnesses

Q. According to Google's annual report released in December 2022, which of the following is the most searched trending topic in India?

- A) CoWIN
- B) FIFA World Cup
- C) Indian Premier League (IPL)
- D) Cricket Asia Cup

Answer : C

- ✓ According to Google's annual year end report titled "Year in Search 2022," on 7 December 2022, the Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket tournament remained the top trending query for the third consecutive year.
- ✓ It was followed by CoWIN, a government web portal that facilitates registrations and appointments for COVID-19 vaccines and issues digital vaccine certificates.
- ✓ The third most searched trending topic in India was the FIFA World Cup, which kicked off on November 20 in Qatar.
- ✓ Most searched personalities in India in 2022
- ✓ The most searched personalities in India in 2022 included suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, who bagged the first spot.
- ✓ She was followed by President of India Droupadi Murmu, new United Kingdom Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, and at the 4th spot was Lalit Modi.
- ✓ Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 ended with Gujarat Titans (GT) lifting the trophy by defeating inaugural champions Rajasthan Royals (RR).



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- ✓ Aramco Purple Cap Winner Of The Season : Yuzvendra Chahal (27 Wickets)
- ✓ Aramco Orange Cap Winner Of The Season : Jos Buttler (863 Runs).
- ✓ Indian Premier League (IPL)
- ✓ Administrator : BCCI
- ✓ First edition : 2008
- ✓ Founder : Lalit Modi
- ✓ Number of teams : 10 (2022 Season)
- ✓ Current champion : CSK (4th title)
- ✓ Most successful : Mumbai Indians (5 titles)

Q. Which states has launched Asia's first drone delivery hub for easy access to healthcare?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Meghalaya government in partnership with StartupTechEaglehas unveiled Asia's first drone delivery hub and networkMeghalaya Drone Delivery Network (MDDN),which is aimed at providing universal access to healthcare for the people in the state.

Q. Which bank has received the EAG Award at the International Olympiad of Financial Security?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Bank of Baroda has bagged anEAG Laureate awardin the International Olympiad of Financial Security held at Sochi, Russia on 10 October 2022.
- ✓ It is the second largest public sector bank in India after State Bank of India (SBI).
- ✓ The banks in which the government of India holds 51% or more equity shares are called public sector banks in India



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Q. Four Indians feature in BBC's list of 100 Most Influential Women of 2022; Which is not one of the following?

- A) Priyanka Chopra B) Sirisha Bandla
C) Gitanjali Shree D) PV Sindhu

Answer : D

- ✓ In the annual BBC (British Broadcasting Services) '100 influential Women of the year 2022 list' four India's women, Priyanka Chopra, a former Miss World (2000) and a leading Bollywood actress, Booker-winning author Geetanjali Shree and social worker Sneha Jawale have been included.
- ✓ Priyanka Chopra is a former Miss World (2000) and a leading Bollywood actress.
- ✓ Geetanjali Shree is the first Indian to win the International Booker Prize award 2022 for her Hindi novel "Ret Samadhi," or 'Tomb of the Sand'.
- ✓ Sirisha Bandla was part of Virgin Galactic's first fully crewed sub-orbital spaceflight in 2021. The mission was known as Unity 22 mission. She is the second Indian born woman after Kalpana Chawla to go into space.
- ✓ Sneha Jawale, the fourth Indian on the list, is a domestic abuse victim turned social worker.

Q. Which metropolitan police will use the 'Open Standard Digital Trunking Radio System' (OS-DTRS)?

- A) Kolkata Police
B) Mumbai police
C) Chennai Police
D) Delhi Police

Answer : D

- ✓ Delhi Police is set to design, install and supply the 'Open Standard Digital Trunking Radio System' (OS-DTRS) and will phase out the current tetra net wireless network services. About Rs. 100 crores will be spent on this project, for which tenders were issued on 2 December.
- ✓ About OS-DTRS System:
- ✓ It will be a more efficient internal communication system, aimed at a faster exchange of information and bigger networks.



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Q. Which Indian actresses will unveil the FIFA World Cup trophy in Qatar ahead of the World Cup final?

- A) Priyanka Chopra B) Alia Bhatt
C) Deepika Padukone D) Kiara Advani

Answer : A

- ✓ Deepika Padukone will unveil the FIFA World Cup trophy in Qatar before the World Cup final on December 18.
- ✓ The 36-year-old Deepika will be the first actor to receive such an honour at the world's most-watched sporting event.
- ✓ The FIFA World Cup final will be held on 18 December at the Lusail Iconic Stadium in Qatar.

Q. National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) Limited has signed MoU with which of the following to empower MSMEs in the country?

- A) Reliance Industries Limited
B) Flipkart Global Sourcing India Private Limited
C) Walmart Global Sourcing India Private Limited
D) Amazon Global Sourcing India Private Limited

Answer : C

- ✓ An MoU was signed between Walmart Global Sourcing India Private Limited and The National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) Limited .
- ✓ The MoU was signed at the Walmart Vridhhi Seller Summit in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Walmart Vridhhi Seller Summit is an event to achieve a record 20,000 MSMEs who have completed their training under the Walmart Vridhhi Supplier Development Program (Walmart Vridhhi) of which Swasti is a program partner

Q. Bobby Kinnar of Sultanpur has been elected as the first transgender member of Delhi MCD; He belongs to which of the following party?

- A) Bharatiya Janata Party B) Aam Aadmi Party
C) Congress D) Bahujan Samajwadi Party

Answer : B



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- ✓ Bobby Kinnar, popularly known as Bobby Darling, from Sultanpur became the first transgender member of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) after winning from Sultanpuri
- ✓ It will also be the first time that the MCD will have a transgender member.
- ✓ She won the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) seat from Sultanpuri. Bobi defeated Congress candidate Varuna Dhaka by a margin of 6,714 votes.

Q. Which of the following has decided to set up a \$3 billion green steel plant in Oman in December 2022?

- A) Tata Steel B) Reliance Industries
C) Jindal Shaded Group D) Adani Group

Answer : C

- ✓ The Jindal Shaded Group has announced that it will invest more than \$3 billion to set up a green steel plant in a special economic zone in the southern port city of Duqm, Oman
- ✓ The hydrogen-ready steel project will have the capacity to produce 5 million tonnes of steel a year.
- ✓ The proposed new green steel plant will use natural gas for the production of steel

Q. 'City of Joy' author Dominique Lapierre passed away recently, belongs to which one of the following countries?

- A) Germany B) Belgium
C) France D) Australia

Answer : C

- ✓ Dominique Lapierre, co-author of famous books based on India like "Freedom at Midnight" and "City of Joy" passed away
- ✓ French author Dominique Lapierre, in partnership with American author Larry Collins, wrote six books that have sold over 50 million copies worldwide.
- ✓ Books by Dominique Lapierre and Larry Collins
- ✓ Is Paris Burning?
- ✓ O Jerusalem
- ✓ the fifth horseman
- ✓ Is New York Burning?
- ✓ city of joy
- ✓ freedom at midnight



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- ✓ Or I'll Dress You in the Morning , was written solely by Dominique Lapiere.
- ✓ City of Joy was about the hardships of a rickshaw puller in Kolkata.
- ✓ The book Freedom at Midnight was on the freedom movement in India

Q. Which of the following is the first bank in the country to cross Rs 5 lakh crore personal banking credit mark on 30 November 2022?

- A) State Bank of India B) Bank of India
C) Punjab National Bank D) Canara Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) on 5 December 2022 announced that its personal banking advances excluding high-value home loans have crossed the Rs 5 lakh-crore mark as on 30 November 2022. SBI is the only bank in India that has crossed this milestone
- ✓ SBI is the largest home loan provider in India.
- ✓ Personal Banking advances mainly comprise personal loans, pension loans, auto loans, education loans, gold loans, and other Personal loan products.
- ✓ The Bank reached the 1 lakh crore personal loan mark in January 2015, Rs 2 lakh crore in January 2018, Rs 3 lakh crore in August 2020, and Rs 4 lakh crore in November 2021.
- ✓ SBI has 22,309 branches, over 65,000 automated teller machines, and also 66,757 business correspondent outlets, which drive the entire retail banking franchise.

Q. Who among the following launched the integrated 'Agriculture Investment Portal' on 6th December 2022?

- A) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat B) Om Birla
C) Narendra Singh Tomar D) Jagdeep Dhankar

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the integrated 'Agriculture Investment Portal' on 6 December.
- ✓ The agriculture Investment Portal will prove to be a milestone in terms of investment in the agriculture sector.
- ✓ With the aim to further increase investment in agriculture, the government has allocated a special package of over ₹1.5 lakh crore for agriculture and allied sectors under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'.



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- ✓ Work on these provisions has started, including the Rs 1 lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.

Q. Where does India rank in the 2022 Hurun Global 500 Ranking of valuable firms?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ According to the recently released Hurun Global 500 list 2022, India, with 20 most valuable companies in the world, has moved into the fifth position among countries that are home to the world's top 500 firms. Last year India was ranked 9th with 8 companies.
- ✓ The list, released by the Hurun Research Institute, is a compilation of the 500 most valuable non-state-controlled companies in the world. Companies were ranked according to their market capitalization (for listed companies) and valuations for non-listed companies.
- ✓ Top ranked Indian companies
- ✓ The top ranked Indian companies in the Hurun 500 list are as follows;
- ✓ Reliance Industries Limited was the top ranked Indian company. It was ranked 34th in the world.
- ✓ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) was ranked second , and
- ✓ HDFC bank was ranked third.
- ✓ For the first time, 4 Adani group companies also made to the list. These companies are; Adani Transmission, Adani Green Energy, Adani Enterprises and Adani Total Gas.

Q. Which company has emerged as the world's most valuable company in Hurun's 2022 Global 500 Most Valuable Companies?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ Top ranked company in the world
- ✓ US based Apple was the top ranked company followed by Microsoft, Alphabet (owner of Google), Amazon and Tesla.
- ✓ Country wise ranking
- ✓ The United States of America with 260 companies came at the top. It was followed by
- ✓ China with 35 companies,



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- ✓ Japan with 28 companies,
- ✓ The United Kingdom with 21 companies ,
- ✓ India and Canada were at the 5th position with 20 companies each.
- ✓ Of the 20 Indian companies featured on the list this year, 11 are based in Mumbai, four in Ahmedabad and one each in Noida, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata.
- ✓ Hurun
- ✓ It was set up in the United Kingdom by Rupert Hoogewerf in 1999. Hurun is a research, media and investments group, which publishes a series of research reports.
- ✓ The Company is headquartered in Shanghai, China.

Q. Reliance Industries is the top Indian company in Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2022, ranked at 34 spot. How many Indian companies are there in the list?

- A) 15
B) 18
C) 13
D) 20

Answer : D

Q. Central Government has permitted Work From Home up to the ___ to 100% of employees of the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) units.

- A) 31st March 2023
B) 31st July 2023
C) 31st December 2023
D) 31st March 2024

Answer : C

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry in a notification issued on 8 December 2022 has allowed information technology (IT) companies operating in special economic zones (SEZs) to permit 100 per cent work from home (WFH) or any place outside such zones till December 31, 2023.
- ✓ The government has amended the rule 43A under the SEZ law to allow WFH for employees of IT and information technology enabled services,
- ✓ In July 2022, the Central government had allowed 50 per cent of the employees in SEZs, including contractual workers, to work from home. Till now, WFH was permitted for a maximum period of one year in an SEZ unit.
- ✓ Special Economic Zone (SEZ)



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- ✓ Special Economic Zone in India has been set up under the Special Economic Zone act 2005 which was implemented on 10 February 2006. There are 270 operational SEZ in India as on 22 November 2022. The concept of SEZ was taken from China.
- ✓ The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry is the nodal body of SEZ in India.
- ✓ The objective of the SEZ as per the SEZ act 2005 are as follows:
- ✓ (a) Generation of additional economic activity; (b) Promotion of exports of goods and services; (c) Promotion of investment from domestic and foreign sources; (d) Creation of employment opportunities; (e) Development of infrastructure facilities

Q. Who has been unanimously elected as the new Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh and will take the oath on 11th December 2022?

- A) Jairam Thakur B) Virbhadra Singh
C) Manohar Lal Khattar D) Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Congress state chief Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu was sworn in as the 17th Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh on 11 December by Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar in Shimla.
- ✓ Mukesh Agnihotri was sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister. He is a resident of Nadaun in Hamirpur district of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Two days after the Congress wrested power from BJP winning 40 seats in the 68-member Assembly, the Congress leadership on 10 December named Sukhu as the next CM.
- ✓ Law graduate Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, a four-time MLA from Nadaun constituency in Himachal Pradesh
- ✓ For the first time he won the assembly elections in 2003 from Nadaun in Hamirpur district. He then retained the seat in 2007 but lost it again in 2012 and won it again in 2017 and 2022.
- ✓ About Himachal Pradesh
- ✓ It was made the eighteenth state of India on 25 January 1971 under the Himachal Pradesh State Act, 1971.
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh is also called the Land of Gods.
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh is part of the Shivalik range of the Himalaya Mountains
- ✓ Capital- Shimla



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- ✓ Governor- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- ✓ Legislative Assembly seats- 68
- ✓ Rajya Sabha seats- 3
- ✓ Lok Sabha seats - 4

Q. The 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo 2022 was inaugurated in which state?

- A) Goa
- B) Punjab
- C) Gujarat
- D) West Bengal

Answer : A

- ✓ 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) was inaugurated 8th Dec 2022 at Panaji, Goa in the presence of Union Minister of State for Tourism and Shipping, Ports and Waterways Shripad Naik, Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant and Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha. The 9th WAC aims to showcase the efficacy and strength of the AYUSH systems of medicine at the Global level.
- ✓ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the valedictory function of the 9th World Ayurveda Congress. He also inaugurated 11th Dec 2022 three National Ayush Institutes.
- ✓ The three institutes - All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa, National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM), Ghaziabad and National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH), Delhi - will further strengthen research and international collaborations and will also facilitate affordable Ayush services for people. Developed at a total cost of about Rs 970 crores, these institutes will increase the intake of students by around 400 along with the addition of about 500 hospital beds

Q. Which state becomes the First State To Launch Its Own Climate Change Mission in India?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Tamil Nadu has become the first state in India to launch its own Climate Change Mission.
- ✓ Launching the state climate change mission at the Tamil Nadu climate change summit on 9 December 2022, Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin said that the state will achieve carbon neutrality much ahead of the national target of 2070.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu Climate Summit was held in Chennai from 8 and 9 December 2022.



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- ✓ Carbon neutral refers to the removal of the same amount of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by various means as the amount of carbon dioxide which is released in the atmosphere leaving a Zero balance or zero carbon

Q. Which country prints first banknotes with women's signatures of the Secretary of Treasury 'Janet Yellen' and 'Lynn Malerba'?

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

Answer : C

- ✓ United States prints first banknotes with women's signatures.
- ✓ U.S. The Treasury (United States of America's Finance Ministry) has printed the first US banknotes (currency notes) with two women's signatures. The new currency notes of \$1 and \$5 value carry the signature of the Secretary of Treasury (American Finance Minister) Janet Yellen and Lynn Malerba.
- ✓ The United States currency notes are popularly called as Greenback.
- ✓ Lynn Malerba is Native American and is the chief of the Mohegan Tribe, who holds the position of Treasurer of the United States within the Department of Treasury, United States government.
- ✓ Janet Yellen is a former chairman of the United States Central Bank, Federal Reserve of New York. She was the first female head of the Federal Reserve..
- ✓ INDIA
- ✓ In India the government of India issues currency notes of one Rupees and the Coins under the Coinage act 1906(as amended in 2011).
- ✓ Notes in the denomination of Rs 2 to Rs 10,000 are issued by the Reserve Bank of India under the Reserve Bank of India act 1934.
- ✓ In India Currency notes issued by the RBI are called bank notes. The Bank notes are signed by the governor of RBI. Till date there has been no women governor in RBI.
- ✓ The One rupee note is signed by the Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India
- ✓ Printing of notes in India
- ✓ Bank notes are printed at four currency presses, two of which are owned by the Government of India through its Corporation, Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd. (SPMCIL) and two are owned by the Reserve Bank, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Ltd. (BRBNMPL).



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- ✓ The currency presses of SPMCIL are at Nasik (Maharashtra) and Dewas (Madhya Pradesh).
- ✓ The two presses of BRBNMPL are at Mysuru (Karnataka) and Salboni (West Bengal).

Q. Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat and will take the oath on 12th December 2022?

- A) Acharya Devvrat B) Vijay Rupani
C) Nitinbhai Patel D) Bhupendra Patel

Answer : D

- ✓ BJP leader Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term in Gandhinagar on 12 December in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- ✓ Governor Acharya Devvrat administered the oath as the 18th Chief Minister of the state.
- ✓ Patel was sworn in as the 17th Chief Minister of Gujarat on September 13, 2021.
- ✓ The BJP created history in Gujarat with a landslide and 7th consecutive victory in the 2022 elections.
- ✓ The BJP won 156 seats in the 182-member assembly, its best ever performance in the state..

Q. 4-day meeting of G20 Development Working Group (DWG) to be held in which city?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The 4-day meeting of G20 Development Working Group (DWG) will begin 13th Dec 2022 in Mumbai under the India's Presidency.
- ✓ The Development Working Group meetings aims to discuss developmental issues in Developing Countries, Least Developed Countries and Island Countries.
- ✓ The G-20 possesses the knowledge, expertise, financial resources required to reverse trajectories that have gone off track.
- ✓ The Development Working Group meeting held in the 3rd G-20 at Bali between August 10-12 concluded with the discussion and finalization of key G-20 agreements. The first Development Working Group Meeting during India's Presidency will be held in Mumbai from December 13 -16.



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- ✓ In these meetings, sessions on Data For Development, Role of G-20 in Advancing the 2030 Agenda, Infusing New LiFE into Green Development and Accelerating Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals are organised.
- ✓ The first G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting will begin tomorrow in Bengaluru.

Q. Where will the 1st meeting of G20 Finance Track agenda to be held under G20 Presidency take place?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ The first G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting is scheduled to be held from 13th to 15th December 2022 in Bengaluru.
- ✓ According to Ministry of Finance, this meeting, which will mark the start of discussions on the Finance Track agenda under the Indian G20 Presidency, will be hosted jointly by the Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India.
- ✓ The Minister informed that the first Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting will be held during 23-25 February 2023 in Bengaluru.
- ✓ The Indian G20 Presidency's theme of 'One Earth One Family, One Future' will guide the G0 Finance Track discussions.

Q. Who has been newly appointed as the judge of the Supreme court?

- A) K.M Joseph
- B) Sanjiv Sharma
- C) Dipankar Datta
- D) Abdul Nazeer

Answer : C

- ✓ Bombay High Court Chief Justice Dipankar Datta was on 12 December administered the oath of office as a Supreme Court judge by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud..
- ✓ The number of judges in the apex court has now increased to 28. The sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court is 34, including the Chief Justice of India.
- ✓ Justice Datta, born on February 9, 1965, turned 57 this year and will have a tenure till February 8, 2030, in the Supreme Court where the retirement age is 65..
- ✓ He was made the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court on April 28, 2020



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Q. **PM Modi has inaugurated the Mopa International Airport in Goa has been named after which minister?**

A) Arun Jaitle

B) Pramod Sawant

C) Nandan Nilekani

D) Manohar Parrikar

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the international airport at Mopa in north Goa on 11 December 2022.
- ✓ He named the airport after late Goa Chief Minister and former Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- ✓ Manohar Parrikar was a towering leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Goa .He was the Chief Minister of Goa 2000 to 2005, 2012 to 2014 and from 14 March 2017 until his death in March 2019.
- ✓ Manohar Parrikar was also the Union Defence Minister from October 2014-March 2017. He was awarded Padma Bhushan posthumously in January 2020.
- ✓ **Mopa Airport**
- ✓ In November 2016, the PM laid Mopa airport's foundation stone. It will be the second airport in the state, the first airport in Goa is at Dabolim

Q. **A "Dream Crew" has been announced for the first civilian mission to the Moon, and it includes an Indian actor who?**

A) Rudra Soni

B) Dev Joshi

C) Abhishek Nigam

D) Shridhar Watsar

Answer : B

- ✓ The first civilian mission to the moon features a "dream crew" that includes Indian actor "Dev Joshi".
- ✓ The eight guests who will travel with Japanese businessman Yusaku Maezawa on a SpaceX spaceship to fly past the moon next year include K-Pop sensation T.O.P. and Indian actor Dev Joshi,
- ✓ The rocket created by Elon Musk's SpaceX will travel to the moon and return over the course of a week in 2023
- ✓ T.O.P., who made his debut as the lead rapper for the K-Pop group Big Bang, American DJ Steve Aoki, American filmmaker Brendan Hall, and American YouTuber Tim Dodd are among the eight people Maezawa chose for his "dearMoon project."



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Q. Which state has launched Sanitation Workers' Development Programme?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Telangana
- D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ The Sanitation Workers' Development Scheme was launched by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin to ensure the welfare of conservancy workers in the southern state

Q. India's First Carbon Neutral Farm Inaugurated In Which state?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared a seed farm, located in Aluva here, as the first carbon neutral farm in the country.
- ✓ A significant reduction in carbon emission has helped the seed farm, under the Agricultural Department, achieve carbon neutral status.
- ✓ The total amount of carbon emission from the farm, located at Thuruthu in Aluva, in the last one year was 43 tons but its overall procurement was 213 ton, he said.

Q. How many Himalayan medicinal plants enter IUCN Red List of Threatened Species?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Three medicinal plant species (*Meizotropis pellita*, *Fritillaria cirrhosa*, *Dactylorhiza hatagirea*) have been listed in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, after a recent assessment.
- ✓ Reason : The biodiversity hotspot shows deforestation, habitat loss, forest fires, illegal trade and climate change.
- ✓ *Meizotropis pellita* has been assessed as 'critically endangered', *Fritillaria cirrhosa* as 'vulnerable', and *Dactylorhiza hatagirea* as 'endangered'..
- ✓ **Meizotropis pellita**
- ✓ Commonly known as Patwa, it is a perennial shrub that is endemic to Uttarakhand.



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- ✓ **Fritillaria cirrhosa**
- ✓ It is a perennial bulbous herb
- ✓ **Dactylorhiza hatagirea**
- ✓ This species, also called the salamanpa, is threatened by habitat loss, livestock grazing, deforestation, and climate change .
- ✓ "Red Data Book" is published by IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature).
- ✓ The Red Data Book contains the complete list of threatened species.
- ✓ The objectives of maintaining the Red Data Book, as provided by the IUCN (1996).
- ✓ IUCN Headquarters:- Gland, Switzerland .

Q. Who has been awarded with 1 position in the category for Ayushman Bharat health account ID generation?

- A) Kerala
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : D

- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir has been awarded 1st prize in the category for Ayushman Bharat health account ID generation and 2nd prize in the category for Teleconsultation conducted during the celebration of Universal Health Coverage Day 2022 which is being celebrated on 10th and 11th December at International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the significance of Universal health coverage which aims to ensure quality healthcare closer to the people without any financial hardships.

Q. Who has been officially elected as the first woman president of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) ?

- A) PT Usha
- B) PV Sindhu
- C) Koneru Humpy
- D) Karnam Malleswari

Answer : A

- ✓ High-flying PT Usha is all set to become the first woman president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) .
- ✓ Ajay H Patel has been elected as senior Vice President, Rajlaxmi Singh Deo and Gagan Narang as Vice Presidents of the Indian Olympic Association.



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✓ Kannur International Airport

Q. Spice Money has partnered with which bank to facilitate the opening of instant, zero-balance savings or current accounts for rural citizens through its Adhikari network?

A) Axis Bank

B) HDFC Bank

C) Yes Bank

D) ICICI Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Spice Money has partnered with Axis Bank to facilitate the opening of instant, zero-balance savings or current accounts for rural citizens through its Adhikari network.
- ✓ To bridge the rural-urban divide and bring financial inclusivity by providing access to banking products to the last mile at their doorstep.
- ✓ The Spice Money network, comprising more than 10 lakh Adhikaris, covers more than 18,000 pin codes, 700 districts and 5,000 blocks, serving over 10 crore households.

AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2022

- Spice Money Partnered with Axis Bank for Financial Inclusion in Rural India.
- Axis Bank launches 7th edition of knowledge summit 'Evolve' for MSMEs.
- Axis Bank and Square Yards launched 'Open Doors', a co-branded Home Buyer Ecosystem.
- Axis Bank signed an MoU with FCI to provide "Ultima Salary Package".
- Axis Bank launches "House Work is Work" Initiative.
- IRDA fines Axis Bank Rs 2 crore and Max Life Insurance company Rs 3 crore.
- Axis Bank-PayNearby collaborate for their priority sector lending goals.
- Axis Bank and Airtel Payments Bank collaborate to digitise last-mile cash collection.
- Axis Bank and Airtel tie-up to boost India's digital ecosystem 2022.
- Axis Bank takes Citibank's India consumer business in a Rs 12,325 crores.
- One of India's largest financial deals, Axis Bank-Citi merger, gets approved by CCI.
- Defence ministry gives approval to HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to offer finances for international purchases.
- Axis Bank and EazyDiner collaborate to introduce Dining Delights.
- Axis Bank won 'Asian Bank of the Year' at IFR Asia Awards 2021.
- Axis Bank and IDBI Bank have each been fined Rs 93 lakh by the RBI.



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- Axis Bank & CRMNEXT won IBSi Innovation Awards 2021.
- Axis Bank has launched the 'HouseWorksWork' project.
- Axis Bank tie-up with MinkasuPay for biometric-based banking payments.
- Axis Bank is 2nd largest in PoS machines.
- AXIS BANK
- Founded : 1993
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
- MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Q. What is the name of Peru's first female president?

- A) Liz Truss
- B) Dina Boluarte
- C) Eda Rivas
- D) Ana Jara

Answer : B

- ✓ Dina Boluarte became the first female President of Peru after her predecessor was detained by police and impeached by lawmakers.
- ✓ Boluarte has been sworn into the top job to become Peru's sixth president in under five years.
- ✓ Former Vice President Dina Boluarte has assumed the charge as the first female and sixth president of Peru.
- ✓ Peru
- ✓ Capital : Lima
- ✓ Currency : Sol
- ✓ President : Dina Boluarte

FIRST FEMALE PM & PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2022

- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.
- Natasa Pirc Musar Elected Slovenia's First Female President.
- Xiomara Castro sworn in as first female President of Honduras.



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- Samia Suluhu Hassan sworn in as Tanzania's first woman President.
- Giorgia Meloni looks set to become Italy's first woman prime minister.
- Najla Bouden Romdhane appointed as first woman PM of Tunisia.

Q. Who has won the World Athlete of the Year 2022 award?

- A) McLaughlin-Levrone & Mondo Duplantis
- B) Ellyse Perry & Michael Jordan
- C) Ronda Rousey & Conor McGregor
- D) Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce & Phil Mickelson

Answer : A

- ✓ World champion American hurdler Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone and Swedish pole vaulter Armand "Mondo" Duplantis has won the World Athlete of the Year awards 2022
- ✓ McLaughlin-Levrone- She had broken the world women's 400m hurdles record twice.
- ✓ She became the first American to win Athlete of the Year since fellow 400m hurdler Dalilah Muhammad in 2019.
- ✓ McLaughlin-Levrone & Mondo Duplantis won World Athlete of the Year 2022 awards

Q. ISRO has signed an MoU with which space company for its human and cargo transportation capsule program?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace
- B) AgniKul Cosmos
- C) Vyom Space
- D) Dhruva Space

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed an MoU with Gurugram-based private space firm Vyom Space Exploration and Services Private Limited for its human and cargo transportation capsule program.
- ✓ A 'capsule' in a space mission is the module inside which any cargo is placed for being carried to space. In manned missions, the capsule is what hosts the astronauts.
- ✓ The capsules have typically been single-use in nature, with the exception of US-based private space firm, Elon Musk's SpaceX's reusable human and cargo module, Crew Dragon.
- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)



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- ✓ Ishan Kishan has made a world record of making the fastest double century in a One Day International (ODI).
- ✓ He scored his double century in just 126 balls against Bangladesh in the match played at Chattogram, Bangladesh on 10 December 2022.
- ✓ He became the seventh batter in the world to achieve the feat and fourth from India after Sachin Tendulkar, Rohit Sharma, and Virender Sehwag.
- ✓ He also became the first player to score a double century against Bangladesh in an ODI.
- ✓ The record was earlier held by Chris Gayle of West Indies who scored a 138 balls double century against Zimbabwe in the 2015 World Cup .
- ✓ The quickest double in all ODIs [across men and women] was held by Amelia Kerr of New Zealand .
- ✓ She scored her double century in 134 balls against Ireland in 2018.
- ✓ Ishan Kishan also became the youngest player to score a double hundred in men's ODI. He was 24 years 145 days old when he scored his double century. The previous youngest was of Rohit Sharma, who was 26 years and 186 days old at the time of his first double in 2013 against Australia.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Ashok Leyland?

- A) Vikram Pawah
- B) N Chandrasekaran
- C) Salil Parekh
- D) Shenu Agarwal

Answer : D

- ✓ India's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer Ashok Leyland has appointed Shenu Agarwal as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- ✓ Agarwal is the former president of Farm equipment manufacturer Escorts Kubota Ltd (EKL).
- ✓ The board of Ashok Leyland was looking for a suitable person for the post of MD and CEO after Vipin Sondhi stepped down due to personal reasons in 2021.
- ✓ Ashok Leyland
- ✓ Founded : 1948
- ✓ Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
- ✓ MD & CEO : Shenu Agarwal
- ✓ It is owned by the Hinduja Group.



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Q. American furniture retailer Pottery Barn has appointed which Indian actress as its brand ambassador to promote the international expansion of the company?

- A) Alia Bhatt
B) Katrina Kaif
C) Deepika Padukone
D) Anushka Sharma

Answer : C

- ✓ American furniture retailer Pottery Barn has signed Deepika Padukone as a brand ambassador to promote the company's international expansion.
- ✓ She will also work with the company's in-house design team in San Francisco to co-create a capsule collection, that will be launched in 'Fall 2023'
- ✓ Pottery Barn, a member of the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. portfolio of brands, is a specialty retailer of home furnishings

Q. Who has been appointed as the First Vice President (VP) and Chief Operating Officer (COO) at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York?

- A) Sushmita Shukla
B) Vivek Murthy
C) Neera Tanden
D) Vanita Gupta

Answer : A

- ✓ An Indian-origin veteran of the insurance industry Sushmita Shukla has been appointed as the First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- ✓ The 54-year-old, with a career spanning two decades, takes charge on March 2023.
- ✓ Previously, Shukla led an enterprise-wide transformation program at Healthfirst, where she started as Vice President of Enterprise Business Solutions in 2016 and then served as interim Senior Vice President of Enterprise Transformation in 2017.

Q. Who has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)?

- A) Tribhuvandas Patel
B) R S Sodhi
C) Meenesh C Shah
D) Rajendrasinh Parmar

Answer : C

- ✓ Meenesh C Shah has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).



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- ✓ There has been no regular chairman at NDDB since December 2020.
- ✓ Presently Meenesh Shah was also holding the additional charge of the Chairman NDDB.
- ✓ The National Dairy Development Board is a statutory body set up in 1965.
- ✓ It is under the ownership of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying of the Government of India
- ✓ National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
- ✓ Founded : 1965
- ✓ Founder : Dr Verghese Kurien
- ✓ Headquarters : Anand, Gujarat
- ✓ Chairman : Meenesh Shah
- ✓ NDDB's landmark project in 1970, Operation Flood (milk production).
- ✓ Father of India's White Revolution, Dr. Verghese Kurien.
- ✓ Dr. Verghese Kurien is also nicknamed as Milkman of India.
- ✓ India is the world's largest milk producer.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh is the highest milk producing state in India.

Q. The 7th edition of the Naval Special Forces exercise 'Sangam' has been held in Goa. Indian Navy has done this exercise with which country's Navy?

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The 7th edition of exercise Sangam, a joint Naval Special Forces exercise between Indian Navy MARCOs and US Navy SEARs was held in Goa.
- ✓ Exercise Sangam was first conducted in 1994 and is an important military and diplomatic initiative between the two nations.
- ✓ The present edition will see personnel from SEAL Team Five based at San Diego, USA and Indian Navy MARCOs from INS Abhimanyu.
- ✓ A joint exercise among US SEALs, MARCOs and other participating nations' Naval Special Forces is held annually as part of Exercise Malabar.



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Q. ICICI Lombard General Insurance has signed an agreement with which Small Finance Bank for bancassurance recently?

- A) Equitas Small Finance Bank B) ESAF Small Finance Bank
C) Capital Small Finance Bank D) AU Small Finance Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ ICICI Lombard General Insurance has signed an agreement with the AU Small Finance Bank for bancassurance.
- ✓ To diversify the bank's customers access to the Non-life insurer's portfolio and enhance penetration across India.
- ✓ **Bancassurance**
- ✓ It is the selling of insurance products through banking channels. In Bancassurance a bank enters into an agreement with an Insurance company. The Bank makes its customer database available to the Insurance companies. If the bank customer buys the insurance products then the bank will receive a commission from the Insurance companies.
- ✓ **Regulator of Bancassurance in India**
- ✓ Bancassurance sector is regulated by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank Limited
- ✓ Founded : 1996
- ✓ Founder : Sanjay Agarwal
- ✓ Headquarters : Jaipur, Rajasthan
- ✓ MD & CEO : Sanjay Agarwal
- ✓ Tagline : Chalo Aage Badhein

Q. When is the Human Rights Day observed?

- A) 7 December B) 8 December
C) 9 December D) 10 December

Answer : D

- ✓ Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10 December annually across the world.
- ✓ The 2022 Theme of Human Rights Day is Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All



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- ✓ It was on this day in 1948 that United Nations General Assembly adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).
- ✓ UDHR is a milestone document proclaiming the first ever global enunciation of human rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status

Q. The UN International Anti-Corruption Day is observed on which day?

- A) 6 December B) 8 December
C) 7 December D) 9 December

Answer : D

- ✓ International Anti-Corruption Day is observed annually on 9 December to raise public awareness for anti-corruption.
- ✓ The day is observed since the passage of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption on 31 October 2003.
- ✓ Theme 2022 “UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption”.
- ✓ The theme focuses on recovery through corruption mitigation and emphasizes that inclusive COVID-19 recovery can only be achieved with integrity

Q. RBI signs Currency Swap Agreement with which country?

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

Answer : C

Q. RBI has signed a Currency Swap Agreement with the Maldives Monetary Authority under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework, under which Maldives may make several tranches up to a maximum of how much amount from the RBI?

- A) USD 200 Million B) USD 150 Million
C) USD 100 Million D) USD 250 Million

Answer : A



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- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a Currency Swap Agreement with the Maldives Monetary Authority under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework on 8 December 2022. Maldives Monetary Authority is the central bank of Maldives.
- ✓ This agreement will enable the Maldives authority to make drawals in multiple tranches up to a maximum of 200 million dollars from the RBI.
- ✓ The agreement will provide swap support as a backstop line of funding for short-term foreign exchange liquidity requirements.
- ✓ SAARC (South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation) Currency Swap Framework
- ✓ The SAARC Currency Swap Facility of the Reserve Bank of India came into operation on November 15, 2012. The aim of the facility is to provide a short term funding arrangement to deal with their short term foreign exchange liquidity requirements or balance of payment crises till longer term arrangements are made.
- ✓ The corpus of the SAARC Currency Swap Facility of the RBI is USD 2 Billion.
- ✓ At present the swap facility is available in US dollar, Euro and Indian Rupees.
- ✓ However this facility is available to only those SAARC countries which have signed a bilateral agreement with RBI. India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal and Afghanistan are the members of SAARC

Q. The Government of India has extended the PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme till _.

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

Answer : A

- ✓ The Government of India has extended the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme beyond March 2022.
- ✓ Provisions for the Extended Scheme –
- ✓ The extension of the lending period will be till December 2024.
- ✓ Introduction of 3rd loan of upto ₹50,000 in addition to 1st & 2nd loans of ₹10,000 and ₹20,000 respectively.
- ✓ To extend 'SVANidhi Se Samridhhi' component for all beneficiaries of PM SVANidhi scheme across the country



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- ✓ As on November 30, 2022, 31.73 lakh Street Vendors have availed benefit of 1st loan of ₹ 10,000 loan ; Out of these 5.81 lakh have availed benefit of second loan of ₹ 20,000 loan; Out of those who availed 2nd loan, 6,926 street vendors have availed benefit of third loan of ₹50,000.
- ✓ About PM SVANidhi Yojana
- ✓ PM SVANidhi was launched on 1 June 2020.
- ✓ This scheme was started with the aim of providing financial support to small shopkeepers and hawkers.
- ✓ Under the PM SVANidhi Yojana, people who sell goods on the street tracks or do other small jobs can take a loan of up to ₹ 10,000 from the bank.
- ✓ After repaying the loan taken in the first instance, the beneficiary can get a loan of up to ₹ 20,000 in the second time and up to ₹ 50,000 in the third time.
- ✓ The tenure of the Svanidhi scheme was earlier till March 2022, but the government has extended the deadline of the Svanidhi scheme till December 2024.

Q. Which country has successfully launched first-ever Arab-Built lunar spacecraft Rashid Rover recently?

- A) UAE
- B) Iran
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Qatar

Answer : A

- ✓ UAE successfully launches first ever Arab-Built lunar spacecraft
- ✓ A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket has carried into space the first ever Arab-built lunar spacecraft.
- ✓ It has launched from the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.
- ✓ The Rashid Rover was built by Dubai's Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and is being delivered by the HAKUTO-R lander, engineered by Japanese lunar exploration company ispace.
- ✓ The mission is due to arrive at Moon around April 2023. Its rover weighs just 22 pounds (10 kg) and will work on the surface for about 10 days.
- ✓ United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- ✓ Capital : Abu Dhabi
- ✓ Currency : Dirham
- ✓ President : Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- ✓ Prime Minister : Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum



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Q. Who signed the MoU for setting up a Center of Excellence for Defense Studies and Applied Research under the Army Training Command (ARTRAC) of the Indian Army?

A) IIT Jammu

B) IIT Varanasi

C) IIT Ropar

D) IIT Hyderabad

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar and the Army Training Command (ARTRAC) of the Indian Army has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for setting up a centre of excellence for studies and applied research in defence and security at the premier institute.
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh is also called the Land of Gods.
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh is part of the Shivalik range of the Himalaya Mountains
- ✓ Capital- Shimla
- ✓ Governor- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- ✓ Legislative Assembly seats- 68
- ✓ Rajya Sabha seats- 3
- ✓ Lok Sabha seats - 4

Q. Which company has announced the acquisition of the cement assets of Jaypee Group's flagship company Jaiprakash Associates Ltd and its associate firms at an enterprise value of Rs 5,666 crore?

A) UltraTech Cement

B) Dalmia Bharat

C) Ambuja Cements

D) Orient Cement

Answer : B

- ✓ Dalmia Bharat Ltd has announced the acquisition of the cement assets of Jaypee Group's flagship company Jaiprakash Associates Ltd and its associate firms at an enterprise value of Rs 5,666 crore.
- ✓ The deal includes a total cement capacity of 9.4 Million tones (MnT) per annum, along with clinker capacity of 6.7 MnT and thermal power plants of 280MW at an enterprise value of Rs 5,666 crore.
- ✓ These assets are situated in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh.
- ✓ Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) presently has an aggregate capacity of around 6 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) and Jaiprakash Power Ventures Ltd has around 4 MTPA



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Q. Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud has virtually inaugurated District Court Digitization Hubs (DCDH) in 10 districts of which state?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud has virtually inaugurated District Court Digitization Hubs (DCDH) in 10 districts of Odisha.
- ✓ The hubs at Angul, Bhadrak, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh, and Sonapur, will take care of digitization work of all 30 districts of the state.
- ✓ Each DCDH will be assigned the task of digitizing the surrounding districts.
- ✓ The objective of the Hub would be to digitize the disposed case records of the nearby assigned districts.

Q. Who has inaugurated the statue of Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar at the renovated house of Bharathiyar at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh?

- A) M.K.Stalin
B) Narendra Modi
C) Piyush Goyal
D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K.Stalin has inaugurated the statue of Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar at the renovated house of Bharathiyar at Varanasi, UP via video conference.
- ✓ Stalin also released a souvenir on his centenary. Bharathiyar's 141st birth anniversary on behalf of the State Government in various places in the State.
- ✓ Bharathiyar was a Tamil writer, poet, journalist, Indian independence activist, social reformer, and polyglot.

Q. Which country will host an International Conference "Standing with the Ukrainian People"?

- A) Australia
B) United States
C) Canada
D) France

Answer : D

- ✓ France will host an International conference "Standing with the Ukrainian People" in Paris.
- ✓ Objective – To coordinate international support for civilian resilience in Ukraine and address the people's urgent humanitarian needs.



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- ✓ The Ukrainian people are facing dire difficulties in all sectors essential to life: electricity supply, food security, water supply, and access to medical care.
- ✓ This situation is aggravated by the onset of winter and by the increased Russian bombardments against civilian infrastructures in Ukraine, particularly energy infrastructure, resulting in severe blackouts.
- ✓ The goal of the conference is therefore to muster international humanitarian aid to bolster the Ukrainian people's resilience through the harsh winter, and establish a coordination mechanism to ensure effective and needs-based delivery of aid.
- ✓ Russian forces attacked Ukraine on 24 Feb 22.
- ✓ This event will gather representatives from 47 countries as well as 22 International organizations.

Q. Who has been conferred with the 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES) recently?

- A) Narendra Modi B) Venkaiah Naidu
C) Amit Shah D) Nitin Gadkari

Answer : B

- ✓ Former vice president Venkaiah Naidu has been conferred with the 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES).
- ✓ Other awardees in various categories included the Governor of Kerala Arif Mohammed Khan, eminent industrialist Ratan Tata, renowned cardiologist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Dr. Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valianathan, Scientific Advisor to the Government of India Ajay Sood and famous Harikatha artiste Vishakha Hari.
- ✓ The awards are given in the fields of public leadership, community leadership, science and technology, and social thinkers who have made outstanding contributions in their respective fields.
- ✓ The awards were instituted by the South Indian Education Society in 1998 in memory of the late Seer of Kanchi, Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati.

Q. Who has become the third cricketer in history to score 10000 Test runs recently?

- A) Joe Root B) Ben Stokes
C) Alex Hales D) Mark Wood

Answer : A



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- ✓ Former England captain Joe Root has become the third cricketer in history to score 10000 runs and pick up 50 wickets in Test cricket.
- ✓ He achieved the feat during the ongoing second Test against Pakistan in Multan.
- ✓ Root reached the milestone when he dismissed Faheem Ashraf in the 70th over of Pakistan's second innings at the Multan Cricket Stadium.
- ✓ He has joined Jacques Kallis (South African) and Steve Waugh (former Australian skipper) in scoring 10000 runs and claiming 50 wickets in the longest format.
- ✓ Root currently has 10629 Test runs and 50 wickets under his belt. Waugh has 10927 runs and 92 wickets, while Kallis tops the chart with 13289 runs and 292 wickets

Q. Which team has been crowned as champions of 4th Tennis Premier League (TPL) 2022?

- A) Siecham Madurai Panthers B) Hyderabad Strikers
C) Ruby Trichy Warriors D) Mumbai Leon Army

Answer : B

- ✓ Hyderabad Strikers crowned as champions of 4th Tennis Premier League (TPL) 2022.
- ✓ The final of the 4th TPL was held in Pune, Maharashtra.
- ✓ The final score of the Hyderabad Strikers was 41-32 and was crowned champions of the event for the 2nd year in a row.
- ✓ Hyderabad's pair S. Balaji and Nikki Poonacha defeated Mumbai's R. Ramanathan and J. Nedunnchezhiyan 14-6 to win the title.
- ✓ The TPL Plus, the grassroots league of the Tennis Premier League that allows young tennis athletes a platform to learn from international and Indian stars was won by Mumbai Leon Army

Q. Who won the gold medal in the 10-metre pistol junior women's event at the 65th National Shooting Championship in Bhopal?

- A) Manu Bhaker B) Saurabh Chaudhary
C) Rahi Sarnobat D) Abhinav Bindra

Answer : A

- ✓ Manu Bhaker won the gold medal in the 10-metre pistol junior women's event at the National Shooting Championship in Bhopal.



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- ✓ Representing Haryana at the 65th edition of the National Shooting Championship Manu Bhaker beat Telangana's Esha Singh 17-13 in the final after topping the qualification with 583 points.
- ✓ Olympic silver medallist Vijay Kumar from Himachal Pradesh bagged the national title in the men's 25m centre fire pistol

Q. General Mirosław Hermaszewski, who passed away recently, was the only astronaut of which country?

- A) Finland B) United States
C) Poland D) Russia

Answer : C

- ✓ Poland's only cosmonaut Gen Mirosław Hermaszewski passed away recently at the age of 81.
- ✓ Hermaszewski circled the Earth in a Soviet spacecraft in 1978.
- ✓ For nine days in June and July 1978, he and Soviet cosmonaut Pyotr Klimuk circled the Earth in the Soyuz 30 spaceship that docked at the Salyut 6 orbital space station.
- ✓ They went around the globe 126 times. He was the 89th human to reach outer space.
- ✓ He was a part of manned space flight for the USSR on June 27, 1978

Q. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav has announced a new train – Kashi Tamil Sangamam as part of which of the following initiative?

- A) Shrestha Bharat B) Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav
C) Digital India D) Make in India

Answer : B

- ✓ Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav has announced a new train – Kashi Tamil Sangamam between Kashi in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to commemorate the incredible cultural bond between Kashi and Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The Kashi Tamil Sangamam is a unique celebration of the union of two cultures.
- ✓ Sangamam is a remarkable event of an exchange of knowledge and art.
- ✓ He also informed that Rs 7000 crore would be spent in revamping the Varanasi station to make it one of the best in the world.
- ✓ Kashi Tamil Sangamam is a month-long programme organized by the Ministry of Education, as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.



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Q. Which state forest department has launched 'Vanikaran' project to restore natural vegetation?

- A) Kerala
B) Maharashtra
C) Karnataka
D) Telangana

Answer : A

- ✓ Kerala forest department has launched 'Vanikaran' project to restore natural vegetation.
- ✓ It is an afforestation project to root out invasive plants, especially Senna spectabilis.
- ✓ It is being executed in Sulthan Bathery forest range of Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS).
- ✓ Its pillars include planting saplings of Bamboo, fruit plants etc. and rainwater harvesting.

Q. Who has inaugurated Phase – I of Samruddhi Mahamarg connecting Nagpur and Shirdi covering a distance of 520 Kms?

- A) Nitin Gadkari
B) Amit Shah
C) Narendra Modi
D) Piyush Goyal

Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Phase – I of Samruddhi Mahamarg connecting Nagpur and Shirdi covering a distance of 520 Kms.
- ✓ The 701 Km expressway is one of India's longest expressways and will pass through Maharashtra's 10 districts. It is being built at a cost of about 55,000 crore rupees.
- ✓ .The Prime Minister also dedicated AIIMS Nagpur to the nation to strengthen health infrastructure in the country. The foundation stone of the hospital was laid by the Prime Minister in July 2017. AIIMS Nagpur has been developed at a cost of more than 1,575 crore rupees.
- ✓ Earlier, the Prime Minister dedicated 'Nagpur Metro Phase I' to the nation, and laid the foundation stone of 'Nagpur Metro phase- II' at Khapri Metro Station.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also flagged off two inaugural metro trains from Khapri to Automotive Square and Prajapati Nagar to Lokmanya Nagar. Phase I of the Nagpur Metro is developed at a cost of more than Rs 8650 crore while Phase- II will be developed at a cost of more than Rs 6700 crore.
- ✓ Nagpur-Bilaspur Vande Bharat Train connecting Nagpur and Bilaspur will be operated six days a week except for Saturdays from both sides. The travel time from Nagpur to Bilaspur will be reduced to 5 hours 30 mins from 7-8 hours.



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Q. Justice Dipankar Datta was administered the oath of office as a Supreme Court judge by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud. Now present judicial strength of the Supreme Court of India has been reached to ____.

- A) 30 B) 28
C) 32 D) 33

Answer : B

- ✓ Bombay High Court Chief Justice Dipankar Datta was administered the oath of office as a Supreme Court judge by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud.
- ✓ With the swearing-in of Justice Datta, the total number of judges in the top court has reached 28 against the sanctioned strength of 34, including the CJI.
- ✓ Justice Dutta will have a term till February 8, 2030.
- ✓ His name was recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium then headed by Justice UU Lalit (now retired) in September last year.
- ✓ Justice Datta was elevated to the bench of the Calcutta High Court as a permanent judge on June 22, 2006

Q. National Energy Conservation Day is observed every year on which day?

- A) 14 December B) 12 December
C) 13 December D) 11 December

Answer : A

- ✓ National Energy Conservation Day is celebrated every year on 14 December by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under Ministry of Power.
- ✓ Purpose: to raise awareness among the general public about the importance of energy conversation and energy efficiency, as well as holistic development for overall effort towards climate change mitigation.
- ✓ The Energy Conservation Act in India was executed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in the year 2001.
- ✓ BEE is a constitutional body that comes under Government of India and helps in the development of policies and strategies in order to reduce the energy use.



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Q. India's first mass-segment flex-fuel car is launched by which company?

- A) Tata Motors
- B) Hyundai
- C) Maruti Suzuki
- D) Kia Motors

Answer : C

- ✓ Maruti Suzuki India Limited (Maruti Suzuki) informed the exchanges on 12 December 2022 that it has unveiled the Wagon R Flex Fuel prototype model in Delhi.
- ✓ The first-of-its-kind mass segment Flex Fuel prototype car was launched in the presence of Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari.
- ✓ Aligned with the government's clean and green initiatives, the Wagon R Flex Fuel prototype has been designed to run on any ethanol-petrol blend between 20 percent (E20) and 85 percent (E85) fuel.
- ✓ The car is designed and developed locally by engineers of Maruti Suzuki, with necessary support from Suzuki Motor Corporation, Japan.

Q. How many crores has the Central government allocated for the "New India Literacy Programme (NILP)" for the next 5 years?

- A) Rs 1004.32 Crore
- B) Rs 1037.90 Crore
- C) Rs 1158.25 Crore
- D) Rs 1250.50 Crore

Answer : B

- ✓ The central government has allocated a total financial outlay of the New India Literacy Programme (NILP) for five years to be Rs.1037.90 crore, MoS for Education "Annapurna Devi" .
- ✓ The minister said that the government has announced a Centrally Sponsored Scheme NILP for implementation during five years from 2022-23 to 2026-27.
- ✓ The Ministry of Education (MoE) approved the NILP this year to include all aspects of adult education in line with the new National Education Policy, for the following five years. The ministry has also opted to use the phrase "Education for All" in place of "Adult Education" because the latter did not accurately describe all non-literates in the age bracket of 15 and older.
- ✓ Objectives of New India Literacy Programme :
- ✓ The program's Foundational Literacy and Numeracy component intend to reach 5.00 crore learners during a five-year period.
- ✓ The programme has five objectives :



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- (i) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy,
 - (ii) Critical Life Skills,
 - (iii) Vocational Skills Development,
 - (iv) Basic Education,
 - (v) Continuing Education.
- ✓ The total financial outlay of NILP for five years (FYs 2022-23 to 2026-27) is Rs.1037.90 crore, out of which Rs.700 crore is Central share and Rs.337.90 crore is State share..
 - ✓ The Central and State shares are in the ratio of 60:40 for all States other than North Eastern Region (NER) and the Himalayan States where the sharing pattern between the Centre and the State is in the ratio of 90:10.
 - ✓ For UTs with legislature the ratio is 60:40, except in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir where the ratio is 90:10, and for all other UTs without legislature the Central share is 100%.

Q. 8th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2022 to be held in which city in January 2023?

- A) Bhopal
- B) Mumbai
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Bhubaneswar

Answer : A

- ✓ The India International Science Festival (IISF)-2022 will be held in Bhopal in January 2023 and incidentally, it is one of the major events to be organized after India assumes the G-20 Presidency.
- ✓ India International Science Festival (IISF)-2022 will be held at the capital city of India's Heart-Bhopal from 21st to 24th January 2023.
- ✓ IISF 2022 is the eighth(8th) edition since its inception in 2015.
- ✓ IISF is an initiative of the Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India in collaboration with Vigyan Bharati which is a science movement with indigenous spirit led by eminent scientists of the country..

Q. Who won 'Safety Performer of the Year' 2022 award by Delhi Airport?

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

Answer : B



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- ✓ SpiceJet has been awarded the 'Safety Performer of the Year' award by GMR Delhi Airport Awards 2022 for being the top performer among the self-handling airlines and as it has been able to reduce ground safety violations significantly.
- ✓ SpiceJet said its ground handling team at Delhi Airport achieved this performance through constant focus on quality improvements, innovation and hard work. Moreover, their role in minimising incidences of ground safety violations ensured compliance with safety guidelines and regulatory requirements.
- ✓ "To be awarded the 'Safety Performer of the Year' by the country's biggest airport is indeed a proud moment for us.
- ✓ SpiceJet meeting the highest safety standards of our country's aviation regulators and airports is a great honor and a true reflection of what we truly stand for," GP Gupta, Chief Strategy Officer of SpiceJet.
- ✓ "Safety of our passengers and employees is the top priority for us at SpiceJet"

Q. Which state health department awarded for Best Practice in Tuberculosis Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilisation (ACSM)?

- A) Meghalaya
- B) Mizoram
- C) Tripura
- D) Nagaland

Answer : A

- ✓ Meghalaya government, which has adopted a 'jan andolan' (people's movement) against Tuberculosis, received an award for best practices in controlling the disease that affects 2.6 million people in India every year..
- ✓ * The award for Best Practice in Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilisation(ACSM) in Tuberculosis control was presented to representatives of the health department at a national workshop, aimed at ending TB infections, in the national capital.
- ✓ The state registered 4,189 TB cases in 2021 while in the first quarter of 2022, around 1,075 patients have been enrolled for treatment.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi had put a national target to eliminate the disease that affects over 26 lakh Indians each year by 2025, five years ahead of WHO's Sustainable Development Goals.
- ✓ A National Strategic Plan for TB Elimination (2017-25) has also been launched reorienting the programme's focus to ensure greater community engagement.



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Q. India signed the joint declaration of Intent on migration and mobility with which country?

- A) Finland
B) Sweden
C) Denmark
D) Ireland

Answer : A

- ✓ India and Finland signed a joint declaration of intent to work towards developing a common framework to make it easier for people to study, do research and work in each other's country.
- ✓ The declaration was signed by Minister of State for External Affairs "V Muraleedharan" and Finland's Minister of Employment "Tuula Haatainen" primarily to arrive at a mutually beneficial arrangement on migration and mobility.
- ✓ FINLAND
- ✓ Capital : Helsinki
- ✓ Currency : Euro
- ✓ PM : Sanna Marin

Q. Who has been appointed as a new chief scientist of the World Health Organization (WHO) and will join WHO in the second quarter of 2023?

- A) Cheryll Tickle
B) Jeremy Farrar
C) Mark Walport
D) Christiane Dolecek

Answer : B

- ✓ WHO announced that Dr Jeremy Farrar will become its new Chief Scientist. Currently, Director of the Wellcome Trust, Dr Farrar will join WHO in the second quarter of 2023.
- ✓ Dr Amelia Latu Afuhamango Tuipulotu will become WHO's Chief Nursing Officer. Previously Minister for Health of the Kingdom of Tonga, and before that Tonga's Chief Nursing Officer, Dr Tuipulotu will join WHO in the first quarter of 2023.
- ✓ World Health Organization (WHO)
- ✓ Formation : 7 April 1948
- ✓ Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland
- ✓ First President : Andrija Štampar
- ✓ Director General : Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)
- ✓ Deputy Director General : Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)



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✓ Member Countries : 194

Q. Which Edition of the Kathmandu International Mountain Film Festival kicked off in Kathmandu, Nepal from December 8 to 12, 2022?

A) 19th

B) 20th

C) 21st

D) 22nd

Answer : B

- ✓ 20th Edition of the Kathmandu International Mountain Film Festival kicked off on 8 December 2022 in Kathmandu, Nepal
- ✓ Hindi film Ayena, directed and produced by Siddhant Sirin, showcased at the 20th edition of Kathmandu International Mountain Film Festival.
- ✓ 55 films in Nepali, Korean, Hindi, Spanish, Russian, French, Dioula, Italian and Albanese language have been presented.
- ✓ This year the theme of the film fest is 'Sustainable Summits' and it showcased documentaries, fiction, shorts as well as experimental and animated films.

Q. Which country passed the tobacco law to ban smoking for the next generation?

A) Japan

B) France

C) South Korea

D) New Zealand

Answer : D

- ✓ New Zealand government passed a law to completely end tobacco smoking by banning youth from buying cigarettes for life.
- ✓ The Smoke Free Environments and Regulated Products (Smoking Tobacco) Amendment Bill has been passed in New Zealand which aims to make New Zealand smoke free by 2025.
- ✓ The bill aims to ban the sale of tobacco to anyone born after January 1, 2009, and reduce the number of cigarette retailers in the country.
- ✓ The bill has received bipartisan support in New Zealand's parliament and Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern also plans to reduce the amount of nicotine allowed in smokeless tobacco products.
- ✓ The legislation aims to prevent the high number of deaths caused by tobacco consumption in New Zealand which disproportionately affects the native Māori population.



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- ✓ New Zealand's voting age has been ruled discriminatory by the country's highest court. The case was brought by advocacy group make it 16 in 2020, in a bid to lower the voting age from 18 to 16.
- ✓ New Zealand
- ✓ Capital : Wellington
- ✓ Currency : dollar
- ✓ Prime Minister : Jacinda Ardern

Q. Which state Forest department launched 'Vanikaran' project to restore natural vegetation?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ Kerala Forest department in association with Noolpuzha grama panchayat has launched the 'Vanikaran' (afforestation) project to root out invasive plants, especially *Senna spectabilis*, and restore natural forests.
- ✓ The project was being executed on 30 hectares of forestland under the Sulthan Bathery forest range of the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, where exotic invasive plants, including *Senna spectabilis*, *Eupatorium*, *Mikania micrantha*, and *Lantana camara*, were posing a serious threat to the local species of trees, S. Ranjith Kumar, Assistant Wildlife Warden of the sanctuary.
- ✓ About the Vanikaran project :
- ✓ * As many as 87 workers of Kadambakkad, Golur and Kalichira tribal hamlets had planted 3,000 bamboo seedlings and 1,000 fruit plant saplings on 3.5 hectares of forestland so far,

Q. On 13 December 2022 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the program to celebrate whose 150th birth anniversary?

- A) Mrinalini Devi B) Dayananda Saraswati
C) Swami Vivekananda D) Sri Aurobindo

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually participate in a programme commemorating Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary on 13 December 2022.



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- ✓ The programme, being held in Kamban Kalai Sangam, Puducherry, under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, will witness the Prime Minister releasing a commemorative coin and postal stamp in honour of Sri Aurobindo.
- ✓ Sri Aurobindo, born on 15th August 1872, was a visionary who made lasting contributions to India's freedom struggle

Q. Who was formally elected as the president of the Cardiological Society of India (CSI) for one year (2023-24)?

- A) Dr Pratap Chandra Rath
- B) Dr. Ranga Reddy
- C) Dr. Tripti Deb
- D) Dr Alla Gopala Krishna Gokhale

Answer : A

- ✓ Senior cardiologist from Hyderabad, Dr P C Rath (Dr Pratap Chandra Rath) has been elected as president of the Cardiological Society of India (CSI) for the year 2023-24, in the annual meeting held at Chennai.
- ✓ Dr. P C Rath, who is currently heading Cardiology wing at Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills, is credited for pioneering several heart procedures including complex coronary angioplasty and stenting, robotic angioplasty and TAVI.
- ✓ The CSI will be celebrating its 75th year in December, 2023 at Kolkata and president elect Dr P C Rath is expected to play a vital role in framing the scientific program for the platinum jubilee celebrations

Q. Which company inks MoU with Goa Tourism department to promote inclusive tourism?

- A) Vrbo
- B) Agoda
- C) Airbnb
- D) Skyscanner

Answer : C

- ✓ Department of Tourism, Goa has signed an MoU with the Airbnb to promote Goa Tourism.
- ✓ This partnership aimed at encouraging travel to unique destinations that are lesser-known and enabling economically regenerative community-led tourism in the state.



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- ✓ Both joined hVrboards to scale homestay capacity across the state and provide support to Goan homestay Hosts in delivering quality tourism experiences to guests, both domestic and international..

Q. How many Zonal Cultural Centres(ZCCs) have been set up by the Ministry of Culture to conserve art?

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

Answer : D

- ✓ Ministry of Culture has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur.
- ✓ These centers aim to conserve and develop art, culture and crafts across the country.
- ✓ This information was given by the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region G. Kishan Reddy while replying to a question in the Lok Sabha
- ✓ ZCCs organize a minimum 42 Regional Festivals for promotion of art and culture every year as per their programme calendar

Q. Which Government Plans Genetic Enhancement of Its Indigenous 'Badri breed' Cow?

- A) Gujarat B) Punjab
C) Uttarakhand D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : C

- ✓ Badri breed derived its name from the holy shrine of Char Dham at Badrinath.
- ✓ It is found only in the hill districts of Uttarakhand and was earlier known as the 'pahadi' cow.
- ✓ * The cattle breed is small in size with long legs and varied body colours— black, brown, red, white or grey.

Q. Who signed the MoU for setting up a Center of Excellence for Defense Studies and Applied Research under the Army Training Command (ARTRAC) of the Indian Army?

- A) IIT Jammu
B) IIT Varanasi
C) IIT Ropar
D) IIT Hyderabad

Answer : C



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