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

**Q. Which movie has been nominated in two categories at the Golden Globe Awards to be held in January 2023?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ SS Rajamouli-directed period movie 'RRR' has been nominated in two categories at the Golden Globe Awards to be held in January 2023.
- ✓ The Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) has nominated 'RRR'.
- ✓ The film has been nominated in two categories for Best Non-English Language Film and the film's song 'Naatu-Naatu' for Best Original Song.
- ✓ Recently, director SS Rajamouli has also received the New York Film Critics Circle Best Director Award for the film.
- ✓ 'RRR' is the only Indian film to make it to the International Award category.
- ✓ RRR has been released in many languages, this South film is being appreciated globally.
- ✓ 'RRR' is based on a pre-independence story woven around two real-life Indian revolutionaries - Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem - in the 1920s.
- ✓ The film, starring Ram Charan and Jr NTR in the lead, was released worldwide in five languages in March.
- ✓ The Golden Globe Award is held to honor the vast industry - The American TV Series and Films as per the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's (HFPA) choice.

### RRR IN NEWS 2022

- SS Rajamouli-directed period movie 'RRR' has been nominated in two categories at the Golden Globe Awards to be held in January 2023
- RRR bags another honour, SS Rajamouli's team is elated as film wins Spotlight Award at Hollywood Critics Association.
- Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle.





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- Film RRR won the best international film award at the 50th Anniversary Saturn Awards held in Los Angeles, in October 2022..

**Q. Who was crowned Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Player of the Year for 2022?**

- A) Katerina Siniakova                      B) Iga Swiatek  
C) Barbora Krejckikova                      D) Beatriz Haddad Maia

**Answer : B**

- ✓ World number one Iga Swiatek (Poland) was crowned 2022 Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Player of the Year for the first time in her career.
- ✓ While Barbora Krejckikova (Czech Republic) and Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic) were named Doubles Team of the Year
- ✓ Beatriz Haddad Maia of Brazil was named the Most Improved Player of the Year after breaking into the top 20.
- ✓ Germany's Tatjana Maria was named the Comeback Player of the Year.
- ✓ While China's Zheng Qinwen was named Newcomer of the Year.

**Q. The India – Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise, "KAZIND-22", is which edition of the annual bilateral military exercise conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ 6th Edition of Indo - Kazakhstan joint training exercise "KAZIND-22" is scheduled to be conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya from 15 to 28 December 2022.
- ✓ Joint annual training exercise with the Kazakhstan Army was instituted in 2016 as Exercise Prabal Dostyk, which was later upgraded to a company level exercise and renamed as Ex Kazind in 2018

**Q. Which bank approved the divestment of its majority shareholding i.e. 98.57% of the total equity share capital in Nainital Bank Limited (NBL)?**

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

**Answer : C**



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- ✓ State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) plans to sell its majority stake in Nainital Bank.
- ✓ The board of directors of the bank has approved the divestment of its majority shareholding in Nainital Bank Limited (NBL), and authorized the issuance of an advertisement inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) through a Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) from interested parties (IPs).
- ✓ Presently, the bank holds 98.57% of the total equity share capital of Nainital Bank Limited.
- ✓ The Mumbai-based Bank of Baroda had taken over Nainital Bank in 1973 on the directions of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ Bank of Baroda (BOB)
- ✓ Founded : 1908
- ✓ Headquarters : Vadodara, Gujarat
- ✓ MD & CEO : Sanjiv Chadha
- ✓ Tagline : India's International Bank

**Q. Which insurance company has launched a new 'Guaranteed Fortune Plan', a non-linked, non-participating individual savings scheme?**

- A) Canara HSBC Life Insurance      B) Cholamandalam MS Insurance  
C) Bajaj Allianz Insurance      D) Bharti AXA Insurance

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Canara HSBC Life Insurance has launched a new 'Guaranteed Fortune Plan', a non-linked, non-participating individual savings scheme.
- ✓ The product launched offers two plan options: Guaranteed Savings Option and Guaranteed Cash Back Option.
- ✓ The first option provides a lump sum on outliving the policy term.
- ✓ The plan also includes a unique feature called CARE Pay Benefit. This in-built benefit pays 100 per cent of total premiums paid (excluding underwriting extra premiums and taxes) on intimation of death.

**Q. Indian Navy organised the 39th edition of Coordinated Patrol with the Navy of which one of the following countries?**

- A) Indonesia      B) Thailand  
C) Malaysia      D) Japan

**Answer : A**













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- ✓ Veto power is used by the P-5 countries to serve their own and their allies' strategic interests.
- ✓ India being the largest democracy and second most populous country in the world, is the primary reason for granting it permanent membership in the UNSC
- ✓ United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- ✓ It was established in 1945 by the United Nations Charter.
- ✓ It is one of the six major organs of the United Nations.
- ✓ The other 5 organs of the United Nations are - the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the Trusteeship Council, the Economic and Social Council, the International Court of Justice and the Secretariat.
- ✓ It has five permanent members - China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, collectively known as the P5.
- ✓ India is currently a non-permanent member of the UNSC for a two-year term, which expires in December.

**Q. Under whose chairmanship was the 32nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Horticulture Board (NHB) held in New Delhi?**

- A) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat      B) Dharmendra Pradhan  
C) Dr. Jitendra Singh              D) Narendra Singh Tomar

**Answer : D**

- ✓ 32nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Horticulture Board (NHB) was held in New Delhi on 14th December under the chairmanship of the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Chairman of the Board, Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ✓ The new simple design will come into effect from January 1, 2023
- ✓ **Swachh Plant Programme**
- ✓ The meeting also discussed in detail the new initiative of NHB- Swachh Plant Programme.
- ✓ Under the programme the problem of availability of planting material to the farmers will be solved by spending Rs 2100 crore with the assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- ✓ **National Horticulture Board (NHB)**
- ✓ It was set up by the Government of India in 1984 as an Autonomous organisation under the administrative control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.









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**Q. Who broke the national record in the men's 200m individual medley heats at the Short Course World Championships in Melbourne recently?**

- A) Maana Patel  
B) Srihari Nataraj  
C) Sajan Prakash  
D) Siva Sridhar

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Indian swimmer Siva Sridhar broke the national record in the men's 200m individual medley heats at the Short Course World Championships in Melbourne.
- ✓ Siva clocked 1:59.80s to finish first in heat 1 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre.
- ✓ South Africa's Matthew Sates won the championship in 1:50.15s with USA's Carson Foster (1:50.96) and Canada's Finlay Knox (1:51.04) winning silver and bronze, respectively.

**Q. When is the Vijay Diwas or Victory Day observed in India?**

- A) 16 December  
B) 15 December  
C) 14 December  
D) 17 December

**Answer : A**

- ✓ In India, Vijay Diwas (also called Victory Day) is celebrated every year on December 16.
- ✓ The country is celebrating the 51st Vijay Diwas in 2022.
- ✓ Vijay Diwas is observed to commemorate the service, valour, and sacrifices of the gallant men of the Indian Armed Forces' victory over Pakistan in 1971 war.
- ✓ On 16 December 1971, the Indian Armed Forces won the 13-day long decisive war against the Pakistan Army and state for the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan.

**Q. National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research (ICMR-NARFBR) has been inaugurated in which city?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Union Health Minister, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated ICMR-NARFBR (Indian Council of Medical Research- National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research) at Genome Valley, Hyderabad in presence of C. Malla Reddy, Minister of Labour and Employment, Telangana.



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- ✓ The significance of NARFBR can be adjudged from the fact that study of animals in biomedical research becomes crucial in discovering causes, diagnosis and treatment of zoonotic agents and diseases.

#### HYDERABAD IN NEWS 2022

- Hyderabad won the “World Green City Award” 2022 at the International Association of Horticulture Producers(AIPH) 2022, organized in Jeju, South Korea .
- Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC 2022) began in Hyderabad .
- Government of India approved annual commemoration of “Hyderabad Liberation Day ” for the years 2022 to 2023.
- Union Home and Co-operation Minister Amit Shah has formally inaugurated the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL) in Hyderabad.
- Hyderabad hosts India’s first-ever unique kind of Flow Chemistry Technology Hub.
- India’s 1st Flow Chemistry Technology Hub Set up at Hyderabad.
- United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Arbor Day Foundation have jointly recognised Mumbai and Hyderabad as the ‘2021 Tree City of the World.
- SBI to set up Innovation, Incubation and Acceleration Centre in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- India’s First fully owned by women industrial park in Hyderabad.
- Microsoft to set up India’s largest Data Center region in Hyderabad
- PM Modi inaugurates 50th Anniversary Celebrations of Hyderabad-based ICRISAT.
- PM Modi has dedicated to the nation 216-feet tall ‘Statue of Equality in Hyderabad to commemorate Ramanujacharya.
- India’s first Open Rock Museum in Hyderabad, Telangana.

**Q. Which company has granted a fund of \$1 million to IIT Madras to build India’s first Responsible AI center?**

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

**Answer : C**







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#### Answer : B

- ✓ ReNew Power, subsidiary of renewable energy company ReNew Energy Global Plc, announced that it has signed a renewable energy agreement of 150 MW with Microsoft India, in one of the largest such deals in the country.
- ✓ As part of the arrangement, ReNew will produce 150 MW of clean energy from a recently commissioned solar site near Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- ✓ This venture will help contribute towards Microsoft's ambition of shifting to 100 percent supply of renewable energy by 2025
- ✓ Microsoft is striving to run 100% on renewable energy by 2025 and turn carbon negative by 2030

**Q. PM Modi and several Union Ministers paid tribute to \_ on his 71st death anniversary on 14th Dec 2022.**

A) Bhagat Singh

B) Subhas Chandra Bose

C) Lal Bahadur Shastri

D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several Union Ministers paid tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 71st death anniversary on 14th Dec 2022
- ✓ Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known as the "Iron Man of India," was born in Nadiad village in present-day Gujarat on October 31, 1875.
- ✓ Vallabhbhai Patel was given the title of 'Sardar' by Mahatma Gandhi.
- ✓ In 1991, he was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna. Since 2014, his birthday has been celebrated as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day).
- ✓ Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel joined the princely kingdoms in British Indian territory, preventing India from becoming divided.
- ✓ He is known as the 'Bismarck of India.'
- ✓ Modern All India Services was founded by him.
- ✓ He served as India's first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.
- ✓ Sardar Patel, India's first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.



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**Q. Which of the following city makes solar panels mandatory for new homes built after 2025.**

- A) London  
B) Washington D.C  
C) Moscow  
D) Tokyo

**Answer : D**

- ✓ All new houses in Tokyo built by large-scale homebuilders after April 2025 must install solar power panels to cut household carbon emissions, according to a new regulation passed by the Japanese capital's local assembly

**Q. Which edition of Youth Co:Lab, Asia Pacific's largest youth innovation movement was jointly launched by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and UNDP India?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ 5th edition of Youth Co:Lab, Asia Pacific's largest youth innovation movement was jointly launched by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and UNDP India.
- ✓ Youth Co:Lab is an initiative launched in 2019 by UNDP India in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and aims to establish a common agenda for Asia-Pacific countries to invest in and empower youth to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through leadership, social innovation, and entrepreneurship.

**Q. Which of the following has becomes India's first carbon-neutral power exchange.**

- A) GMM Pfaudler Ltd.  
B) Indian Energy Exchange (IEX)  
C) Central Depository Services  
D) Computer Age Management Services

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) has become first carbon-neutral power exchange of India, using market based tradable instruments to offset its carbon emissions.
- ✓ To reduce carbon footprint, IEX has voluntarily cancelled CERs (certified emissions reductions) from clean projects registered under the Clean Development Mechanism, UNFCCC
- ✓ As per the UNEP 2022 report, global greenhouse gas emissions must be cut 45% by 2030 to get on track to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees





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**Q. Which government has signed an MoU with Hinduja group for an investment worth Rs 35,000 crore in 11 sectors?**

- A) Maharashtra  
B) Gujarat  
C) Tamil Nadu  
D) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer : A**

✓ Maharashtra Government on Thursday(15th Dec 2022) said the Hinduja group will be investing Rs 35,000 crore in the state in 11 sectors

**Q. Harvard University has named \_\_\_\_ as the first black president to run an Ivy League university.**

- A) Steven H. Kaplan  
B) Neal Smatresk  
C) Renu Khator  
D) Dr Claudine Gay

**Answer : D**

✓ Harvard University has chosen its first black president. Dr Claudine Gay, the daughter of an immigrant, has been named the first president to run an Ivy League university. Dr Gay, who is a dean at Harvard and a democracy scholar, has been appointed as the university's 30th president.

✓ Dr Claudine Gay will replace Lawrence Bacow as president in July 2023, the university

**Q. Which Company has partnered with Viasat to deliver satellite internet access to 10 million people across the world by 2025?**

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

**Answer : D**

✓ Microsoft announced that it has partnered with global communications company Viasat to deliver satellite internet access to 10 million people across the world by 2025

✓ Viasat is the first satellite partner to work with Microsoft's Airband Initiative, and together they will deepen Airband's work, Microsoft

✓ According to the International Telecommunication Union at the UN, around one-third of the world's population, that is, 2.7 billion people, have still never used the internet



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**Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NHPC Ltd, with effect from December 13, 2022?**

A) Sanjiv Puri

B) Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi

C) Prashant Jain

D) Arun Kumar Singh

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Sate owned NHPC Ltd has announced that the company has appointed Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) with effect from 13th Dec 2022

**Q. Which company has acquired the Poonawalla Housing Finance (PHFL) at ₹3,900 crore valuation?**

A) TPG

B) CVC

C) LGP

D) KKR & Co. Inc

**Answer : A**

- ✓ US-based private equity major "TPG" has agreed to acquire the housing finance arm of Adar Poonawalla-led Poonawalla Fincorp at ₹3,900 crore valuation.
- ✓ TPG also said it will infuse an additional equity of up to ₹1,000 crore in Poonawalla Housing Finance in the near term.

**Q. Which country be the first country to auction spectrum for satellite communication?**

A) Japan

B) India

C) China

D) Russia

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India will be the first country to auction spectrum for satellite communication, and it should be designed to attract investments in the sector, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) chairman "PD Vaghela"
- ✓ **About satellite communication :**
- ✓ Satellite communication refers to any communication link that involves the use of an artificial satellite in its propagation path.
- ✓ Satellite communications play a vital role in modern life.
- ✓ There are over 2000 artificial satellites in use.
- ✓ They can be found in geostationary, Molniya, elliptical, and low Earth orbits and are used for traditional point-to-point communications, mobile applications, and the distribution of TV and radio programs.



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- ✓ Satellite communications tend to use high-frequency signals.

**Q. Who has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the University of Medical Sciences, Cuba?**

- A) National Institute Of Ayurveda
- B) Gujarat Ayurved University
- C) Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda
- D) All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)

**Answer : D**

- ✓ All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the University of Medical Sciences, Cuba, and extended the agreement with Rosenberg European Academy of Ayurveda (REAA), Germany, for five more years to take forward collaborative programmes.
- ✓ The agreements were signed on the sidelines of the 9th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo.
- ✓ The AIIA and REAA had entered into a MoU in September, 2017 with a validity of five years, which has been extended to 2027,

**Q. Argentina won the FIFA World Cup 2022 title third time after defeating which country?**

- A) Croatia
- B) France
- C) Qatar
- D) Brazil

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Argentina won the FIFA World Cup 2022 title third time after defeating defending champions France 4-2 on penalties.
- ✓ The final match was played at Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar.

 **FIFA WORLD CUP 2022**

- ◆ Edition : 22nd
- ◆ Host Country : Qatar
- ◆ Teams : 32
- ◆ Champions : Argentina (3rd title)
- ◆ Runners-up : France
- ◆ Argentina captain : Lionel Messi



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- ◆ France captain : Hugo Lloris
- ◇ Opening match : Qatar and Ecuador [Al Bayt Stadium]
- ◇ Final match : Lusail Iconic Stadium
- ◇ Prize Money Winner : \$42 million
- ◇ Runner-up : \$30 million
- ◇ Most successful team : Brazil (5 times)
- ◇ FIFA World Cup 2026 : Canada/Mexico/USA ( 48 team)
- 🏆 Golden Boot award (Top goalscorer)
- ◇ Kylian Mbappé (France) [8 goals]
- 🏆 Golden Ball award (Best player)
- ◇ Lionel Messi (Argentina)
- 🏆 FIFA Young Player Award
- ◇ Enzo Fernández (Argentina)
- 🏆 Golden Glove award (Best goalkeeper)
- ◇ Emiliano Martínez (Argentina)
- 🏆 FIFA Fair Play Trophy
- ◇ England
- ◆ French player Kylian Mbappé became the first player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final since Geoff Hurst in the 1966 final.
- ✳️ Argentina football team
- ◇ Captain : Lionel Messi
- ◇ Nickname : La albiceleste ('The White and Sky Blue')
- ◇ Argentina won three FIFA World Cups: in 1978, 1986 and 2022
- ◇ Argentina lifts FIFA World Cup after 36 years.
- ✳️ France Football team
- ◆ Captain : Hugo Lloris



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- ◆ Nickname : Les Bleus (The Blues)
- ◆ France national football team has won the FIFA World Cup twice - in 1998 and 2018 .
- Ⓜ First FIFA World Cup was hosted in Montevideo, Uruguay in 1930.
- Ⓜ The winner of this first FIFA World cup was Uruguay and the runner-up was Argentina.

**Q. Which payment gateway has been asked by RBI to pause onboarding of new online payment merchants.**

- A) Paytm
- B) PayU
- C) Razorpay
- D) PayPal

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Fintech firm, Razorpay has been asked by RBI to pause onboarding of new online payment merchants.
- ✓ Reason : As the central bank requires to make certain changes and provide more information before it is granted the final payment aggregator (PA) licence.
- ✓ Another fintech firm, Cashfree has also been asked to temporarily stop onboarding new customers.

**Q. What is the name of the fifth Scorpene submarine of Project 75?**

- A) INS Kalavari,
- B) INS Khanderi
- C) INS Vagir
- D) INS Kharanj

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The fifth submarine, INS Vagir of Project 75, Kalvari Class submarines, Yard 11879, was handed to the Indian Navy on December 20, 2022. Project 75 envisions the indigenous manufacture of six Scorpene-style submarines.
- ✓ Vagir, which was launched on November 12, 2020, began sea testing on February 1, 2022, and it is a source of great pleasure because she has completed all key trials, including weapon and sensor trials, in the lowest amount of time in comparison to previous submarines.

**Q. Which country is the host of the 'UN Biodiversity Conference- COP15'?**

- A) India
- B) Australia
- C) China
- D) Canada

**Answer : D**





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**Answer : A**

- ✓ Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, has inaugurated one of India's first Surety Bond Insurance products from Bajaj Allianz.
- ✓ In response to the product introduction, Gadkari stated that India is well on its way to becoming a \$5 trillion economy

**Q. Who took over as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Counter Insurgency Force Kilo?**

- A) Sanjiv Singh                      B) Mohit Seth  
C) Gaurav Jaiswal                  D) Sanjay Kumar

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Major General Mohit Seth assumed command of Counter-Insurgency Force Kilo as the General Officer Commanding (GOC).
- ✓ Major General Sanjiv Singh Slaria on surrendering the command transferred to Headquarters Northern Command, Udhampur. During the reign of Major General Sanjiv Singh Slaria, the Kilo Force took notable advances toward peace and security in North Kashmir

**Q. 'Rythu Bandhu' is a flagship scheme of which Indian state/UT?**

- A) Telangana                          B) Goa  
C) Madhya Pradesh                  D) Karnataka

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The 'Rythu Bandhu' initiative is being implemented by the state of Telangana. Through this scheme, the government provides agricultural investments to farmers at a rate of \$10,000 per acre for both the Kharif and Rabi seasons. The state government plans to deposit Rs. 7,600 crores in farmers' bank accounts by January, just in time for the Sankranti celebration.

**Q. Which of the following team has won 9th Season of the Pro Kabaddi League title 2022?**

- A) Haryana Steelers                  B) Dabang Delhi  
C) Jaipur Pink Panthers              D) Bengaluru Bulls

**Answer : C**







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- ✓ The nationwide Trophy Tour was launched in Bhubaneswar on 5th December by Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik.

**Q. Who has been crowned the International Tennis Federation (ITF) world champion for 2022 in the men's category?**

- A) Alexander Zverev                      B) Roger Federer  
C) Novak Djokovic                      D) Rafael Nadal

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Rafael Nadal and Iga Swiatek were crowned the International Tennis Federation (ITF) world champion 2022 in their respective categories.
- ✓ Rafael Nadal was crowned the ITF world champion for the fifth time in his career.
- ✓ Nadal swept to the Australian Open and then backed it up with a 14th French Open, taking his majors total to a men's record of 22.
- ✓ Swiatek, who inherited the world number one spot in March following the shock retirement of Ashleigh Barty, claimed a second French Open and then captured the US Open.
- ✓ In the men's doubles category, Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury won the award.
- ✓ While Barbora Krejckova and Katerina Siniakova took the women's doubles honour for the third time.

**Q. Which of the following has opened 'Roshni' branches to push its affordable housing financing scheme?**

- A) ICICI Housing Finance                      B) SBI Housing Finance  
C) PNB Housing Finance                      D) HDFC Housing Finance

**Answer : C**

- ✓ PNB Housing Finance on 16 December 2022 announced that it has opened 'Roshni' branches in various locations, including tier II and III cities, for deepening its customer base in the affordable housing segment.
- ✓ Under the Roshini initiative, PNB Housing Finance will offer retail home loans to individuals in the range of Rs 5 lakh to Rs 30 lakh.
- ✓ The company's Roshni branches have been inaugurated in Chennai, Coimbatore, Ghaziabad, Hyderabad, Indore/Ujjain, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Rajkot and Varanasi.







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- ✓ The conclave was attended by the Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Rameshwar Teli and various experts from the petrochemical fields
  - ✓ Theme of the conclave: India's Petrochem Future - Sustainable and Atmanirbhar
- Q. India has received all 36 Indian Air Force (IAF) Rafale aircraft from France recently. It is a French twin-engine multi-role fighter aircraft. It was designed by which company?**
- A) Dassault Aviation
  - B) Lockheed Martin
  - C) Northrop Grumman
  - D) Hawker Beechcraft

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Rafale, the last of the 36 IAF Rafale aircraft, has landed in New Delhi after refuelling by a UAE Air Force tanker aircraft after taking off from France.
- ✓ With the landing of the last Rafale aircraft, the delivery of 36 Rafale fighter jets to the country has been completed.
- ✓ The first batch of five state-of-the-art Rafale fighter jets arrived in India on July 29, 2021, nearly four years after India signed an inter-governmental agreement with France to procure 36 aircraft at a cost of around Rs 60,000 crore..
- ✓ Earlier, according to the deal, France had handed over 35 Rafale fighter jets to India.
- ✓ These jets are stationed at Ambala, Haryana and Hashimara in West Bengal.
- ✓ The 36th aircraft with RB tail number has been handed over to India by France and all its parts and other components have been replaced as it was being used for upgrading
- ✓ About Rafale aircraft
- ✓ It is a French twin-engine multirole fighter aircraft designed by Dassault Aviation Company of France.
- ✓ It was introduced in the year 2001.
- ✓ State-of-the-art technology has been used in it and it is a 4.5 generation fighter aircraft.
- ✓ The Meteor missile, SCALP cruise missile and MICA missile system present in it make it very important from the point of view of security.
- ✓ It can fly at a speed of 2,222 kilometres per hour and a height of 50,000 feet.
- ✓ Its length is about 15.27 meters and it can carry 9,500 kg of bombs and ammunition at a time.



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**Q. The government has granted Geographical Indications (GI) Tag to Gamocha recently. Gamocha is the product of which state?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The government has granted Geographical Indications (GI) Tag to various products, including Gamosa of Assam, Tandur Redgram of Telangana, and an apricot variety of Ladakh.
- ✓ 'Gamocha' literally means towel and is commonly used on a day-to-day basis in Assamese households.
- ✓ The commerce and Industry ministry said that the total number of GI has reached to 432.
- ✓ The top five states holding the maximum number of GIs are Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala.
- ✓ Recently, the government has supported the promotion of GIs by approving an expenditure of ₹ 75 crore for three years for promotion at awareness programmes.
- ✓ A GI is primarily an agricultural, natural or manufactured product (handicraft and industrial goods) originating from a definite geographical territory.
- ✓ Typically, such a name conveys an assurance of quality and distinctiveness, which is essentially attributable to the place of its origin..

**Q. Which state has applied for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the famous Beypore Uru (boat) recently?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The District Tourism Promotion Council, Kozhikode, Kerala has applied for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the famous Beypore Uru (boat).
- ✓ About Beypore Uru
- ✓ It is a wooden ship/sailing boat handcrafted by skilled artisans and carpenters in Beypore, Kerala.
- ✓ These boats are made purely from premium wood without using any modern technology.
- ✓ Each Uru takes 1-4 years to make and the entire process is done manually.
- ✓ It is a symbol of Kerala's trade relations and friendship with the Gulf countries.
- ✓ Name of some items recently given Geographical Indication (GI) tag







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- ✓ The Reserve Bank issues Sovereign Gold Bonds open for public subscription, on behalf of the government.
- ✓ As per the Finance Ministry, Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) 2022-23-Series III will open for subscription during December 2022 and 2022-23-Series IV during March 2023
- ✓ The issue price of the Bond during the subscription period shall be Rs 5,409 (Rupees Five Thousand Four Hundred Nine only) per gram, as also published by RBI in their Press Release dated December 16, 2022.
- ✓ The Government of India in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India has decided to allow discount of Rs 50 (Rupees Fifty only) per gram from the issue price to those investors who apply online and the payment is made through digital mode. For such investors the issue price of Gold Bond will be Rs 5,359 (Rupees Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine only) per gram of gold.

**Q. 'Panini code' is a 2500-year-old grammatical algorithm in which of the following language?**

- A) Tamil
- B) Sanskrit
- C) Marathi
- D) Bengali

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Panini code is the 2500-year-old grammatical algorithm in Sanskrit, which has been cracked by an Indian PhD student at the University of Cambridge.
- ✓ Rishi Rajpopat solved the algorithm in his thesis, titled 'In Panini, We Trust: Discovering the Algorithm for Rule Conflict Resolution in the Astadhyayi'.
- ✓ Panini was a Sanskrit scholar, philologist and grammarian who lived around the 5th Century BCE in India

**Q. Emission trading system (ETS) is associated with which organisation?**

- A) OPEC
- B) OECD
- C) EU
- D) G-20

**Answer : C**

- ✓ European Union (EU) member states and parliamentarians agreed on a major reform to the bloc's carbon market or Emission trading system (ETS)
- ✓ The deal means emissions in the ETS sectors are to be cut by 62 percent by 2030, based on 2005 levels.





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- ✓ Then previous goal was 43 per cent. The agreement aims to reduce emissions and encourage investments in climate-friendly technologies

**Q. An empowered committee headed by NITI Aayog CEO has approved Rs 357 crore for which company under PLI scheme?**

- A) Samsung India                      B) Nokia India  
C) Qualcomm                              D) Foxconn India

**Answer : D**

- ✓ An empowered committee headed by the Chief executive officer (CEO), NITI Aayog, has approved a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme of over Rs 400 crore for Foxconn India and Padget Electronics for mobile phone manufacturing.
- ✓ Foxconn India would receive an incentive of Rs 357.17 crore for the period between August 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022.
- ✓ It is based on its incremental investments and sales figures.

**Q. Sela Pass tunnel is located in which state/UT?**

- A) Jammu and Kashmir                      B) Himachal Pradesh  
C) Arunachal Pradesh                      D) Ladakh

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Sela Pass tunnel is being built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), to provide all-weather connectivity to China border in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The tunnel being built at a height of 13,000 feet, will give the Indian Army access to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) near Tawang

**Q. As per the UN Nature Deal, what percent of the planet is sought to be protected by 2030?**

- A) 25 %                                      B) 30 %  
C) 50 %                                      D) 40 %

**Answer : B**

- ✓ A UN nature deal has recently proposed calls to protect at least 30 percent of the planet by 2030.
- ✓ At present, just 17% of terrestrial and 10% of marine areas are protected.



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- ✓ The proposal called on rich countries to increase financial aid to the developing world to USD 20 billion annually by 2025, rising to USD 30 billion per year by 2030, to save their ecosystems.

**Q. Which country launched the 'Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft'?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the French space agency Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) have jointly launched the Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) mission to track nearly all the water on Earth's surface.
- ✓ The SWOT mission was launched through a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from the Space Launch Complex at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California, United States of America on 16 December 2022. The mission has a lifespan of three years.
- ✓ Feature of the Mission
- ✓ According to NASA SWOT will cover the entire Earth's surface between 78 degrees south and 78 degrees north latitude at least once every 21 days.
- ✓ It will provide data on more than 95 per cent of the world's lakes larger than 15 acres (62,500 square meters) and rivers wider than 330 feet (100 meters) across.
- ✓ Currently, freshwater researchers have reliable measurements for only a few thousand lakes around the world.
- ✓ The satellite will measure the height of water in freshwater bodies and the ocean on more than 90 per cent of Earth's surface.

**Q. Which Indian initiative has been recognised by the Conference of Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD)?**

- A) Swachh Bharat Mission
- B) Namami Gange
- C) National Mission for Green India
- D) Global Water Project

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India's 'Namami Gange'- river Ganga rejuvenation project- has been recognised as one among world's 10 most "ground-breaking" initiatives for restoration of natural ecosystems, according to a report released during the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15).



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- ✓ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has won the "Public Water Agency of the Year" award at the Global Water Awards, 2019 by Global Water Intelligence.
- ✓ The award was received by G Ashok Kumar, Director General, Namami Gange, at the 15th Conference of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada on 14 December 2022.
- ✓ Namami Gange was selected from over 150 such initiatives from 70 countries across the globe.
- ✓ They were selected under the banner of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, a global movement coordinated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- ✓ Recognized initiatives, including Namami Gange, will now be eligible to receive UN support, funding or technical expertise.
- ✓ About Namami Gange
- ✓ It was approved as a 'Flagship Programme' by the Central Government in June 2014.
- ✓ It was launched to serve the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and conservation and rejuvenation of the national river Ganga.
- ✓ It is being operated under the Ministry of Water Resources, Department of River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ✓ The program is being implemented by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and its State Program Management Groups (SPMGs).

**Q. What is the new name of 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK)'?**

- A) Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)**
- B) Mission Karmayogi**
- C) Samarth Scheme**
- D) Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Scheme**

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Minister of Minority Affairs, Smriti Zubin Irani in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on 15 December informed that the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) has now been named as Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme.
- ✓ This integrated scheme amalgamates the five earlier schemes of the Ministry – Seekho aur Kamao, Ustad, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni and Nai Manzil.



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- ✓ The scheme has been approved by the cabinet for the period of 15th Finance Commission.
- ✓ PM VIKAS aims to improve the livelihood of minorities, especially artisan communities, by using components of skill development, education, women leadership and entrepreneurship.
- ✓ These components complement each other in the ultimate objective of the scheme to enhance the income of the beneficiaries and provide assistance by facilitating credit and market linkages.

**Q. Which company became the official partner of FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023?**

- A) Byju's                                      B) Tata Steel  
C) Reliance Industries                      D) Adani Enterprises

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Tata Steel Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hockey India to become an official partner of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023.
- ✓ The FIH Men's World Cup is the 15th edition of the top tournament for men, and will take place in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela during 2023.
- ✓ The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup will be the fourth time that India will be hosting the prestigious tournament after organizing it in 1982 in Bombay, 2010 in New Delhi, and 2018 in Bhubaneswar

**Q. SURYA KIRAN' is a joint training Exercise conducted between India and which country?**

- A) Nepal                                        B) Sri Lanka  
C) France                                        D) Australia

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The 16th Edition of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise 'SURYA KIRAN-XVI' between India and Nepal commenced at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi.
- ✓ Exercise SURYA KIRAN is conducted annually between India and Nepal.

**Q. Who has the most written-about track and field athlete in 2022, displacing the Jamaican legend Usain Bolt from the top lists?**

- A) Ashton Eaton                              B) Neeraj Chopra  
C) Kenenisa Bekele                              D) Michael Johnson

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Tokyo Olympics gold medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra (India) has the most written-about track and field athlete in 2022, displacing the Jamaican legend Usain Bolt from the top lists.



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- ✓ World Athletics said that in 2022, Indian javelin star Neeraj Chopra displaced the charismatic Bolt, who is still the world record holder in the 100m and 200m despite retiring in 2017.
- ✓ Chopra leads the way with 812 articles ahead of a troika of Jamaican women sprint stars, Elaine Thompson-Herah, with 751 articles, world 100m champion Shelley-Ann Fraser-Pryce (698) and world 200m champion Shericka Jackson (679), with Bolt still featuring in 574 articles.
- ✓ Neeraj Chopra also became the first athlete from India to win the Diamond League final this year.

**Q. ISRO had earned approximately Rs 1,100 crore in the last five years from the launch of foreign satellites. Since January 2018, ISRO successfully launched how many foreign satellites belonging to 19 countries?**

- A) 210                                            B) 177  
C) 198                                            D) 165

**Answer : B**

- ✓ According to the Ministry for Space, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) had earned approximately Rs 1,100 crore in the last five years from the launch of foreign satellites.
- ✓ Since January 2018, ISRO successfully launched 177 foreign satellites belonging to 19 countries.
- ✓ These countries include Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Finland, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and USA.
- ✓ Under a commercial agreement, ISRO launched these satellites on board PSLV and GSLV-MkIII.
- ✓ Foreign exchange generated through the launching of these 177 foreign satellites from January 2018 to November 2022 is approximately 94 million USD and 46 million Euro..

**Q. India has successfully carried out the night trials of the nuclear-capable ballistic missile, Agni-V from Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha. This missile can hit the target beyond \_\_.**

- A) 3,000 km                                        B) 5,000 km  
C) 4,000 km                                        D) 2,000 km

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India on 15 December successfully carried out the night trials of the Agni-5 nuclear-capable ballistic missile. The test comes days after a clash between Indian and Chinese troops in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang district.



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- ✓ Agni 5 missile capable of striking targets at ranges up to 5,000 kilometres with a very high degree of accuracy.
- ✓ The test was conducted to validate new technologies and equipment on the missile, which is now lighter than before.
- ✓ Defense sources said the test proved the capability of extending the range of the Agni 5 missile if required.
- ✓ The trial was aimed at enhancing the range of the Agni-5 missile if required
- ✓ About Agni 5 Missile
- ✓ Agni-5 is an ingeniously built advanced surface-to-surface ballistic missile developed under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).
- ✓ It is a fire-and-forget missile, which cannot be stopped without an interceptor missile.
- ✓ The Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) is the brain-child of Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, who aimed at making the country self-sufficient in the field of missile technology.
- ✓ The program had five missiles P-A-T-N-A, Prithvi, Agni, Trishul, Nag, and Akash.
- ✓ It was aimed at boosting India's nuclear deterrence against China, which has missiles such as the Dongfeng-41, which have a range between 12,000-15,000 km.
- ✓ The Agni 1 to 4 missiles have ranges from 700 km to 3,500 km and they have already been deployed.
- ✓ Agni Class of Missiles
- ✓ Agni 1 : Range of 700-800 km.
- ✓ Agni 2: Range more than 2000 km.
- ✓ Agni 3: Range of more than 2,500 Km
- ✓ Agni 4: Range is more than 3,500 km.
- ✓ Agni-5: The longest of the Agni series, an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) with a range of over 5,000 km.
- ✓ Agni-P (Prime): It is a canisterised missile with a range capability between 1,000 and 2,000 km. It will replace the Agni I missile.

**Q. India defeated which country by 120 runs in the final to win the 3rd T20 World Cup for Blind played at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, Karnataka?**

A) Pakistan

B) Sri Lanka

C) Bangladesh

D) South Africa



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**Answer : C**

- ✓ India defeated Bangladesh by 120 runs in the final to win the 3rd T20 World Cup for Blind played at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ✓ It was the third title for India having won it in 2012 and 2017. All three T20 World Cup for Blind has been hosted by India.
- ✓ India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Australia, Bangladesh, and South Africa competed in the tournament. The Pakistan team was denied a visa by the Indian government.
- ✓ It was organized by the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI).
- ✓ The 4th T20 World Cup for Blind will be held in Pakistan in 2023.

**Q. External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar announced the candidature of India for non-permanent membership at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the \_\_\_\_ term.**

- A) 2028-29                      B) 2024-25  
C) 2025-26                      D) 2023-24

**Answer : A**

- ✓ External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar announced the candidature of India for non-permanent membership at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2028-29 term.
- ✓ India assumed the monthly rotating Presidency of the UNSC in December.
- ✓ This is the second time India got the Presidency after holding the top spot in August 2021.
- ✓ India has presided over the Security Council during its two-year tenure as an elected member.
- ✓ UNSC rules of procedure say that the Council presidency rotates between each of the 15 members of the UNSC in alphabetical order

**Q. The 48th GST Council meeting was held in which of the following city?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The 48th GST Council meeting was held in New Delhi.
- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the meeting.
- ✓ Tax rates, rules, and regulations under GST are governed by the Council, which consists of the Finance minister, and her counterparts.



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- ✓ The GST Council agreed to decriminalize certain offences and doubled the threshold for launching prosecution to ₹2 crore.
- ✓ The Council has recommended to raise the minimum threshold of tax amount for launching prosecution under GST from Rs. One Crore to Rs. Two Crores, except for the offence of issuance of invoices without supply of goods or services or both.
- ✓ Monetary threshold will be increased, from the current Rs 5 crore to Rs 20 crore, for launching legal proceedings against offenders.

**Q. Which of the following premises have been declared as a “Tobacco Free Zone” recently?**

- A) AIIMS Delhi                                      B) Apollo Hospitals  
C) Fortis Hospitals Group                      D) Max Super speciality Hospital

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi premises have been declared as a “Tobacco Free Zone”.
- ✓ Smoking and spitting of tobacco on the premises of AIIMS Delhi are prohibited and are a punishable offence with a fine of Rs 200.
- ✓ The Director AIIMS has issued guidelines in this regard and mentioned the risk factor for leading causes of death and a number of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) including cancers, and lung disorders.
- ✓ Tobacco is a prominent risk factor for leading causes of death and a number of non-communicable diseases (NCD), including cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and lung disorders.
- ✓ AIIMS New Delhi was established in 1956 and is under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**Q. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) for a period of three years?**

- A) Sekhar Basu                                      B) Ratan Kumar Sinha  
C) Dinesh Kumar Shukla                      D) C. G. Karhadkar

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Senior nuclear scientist, Dinesh Kumar Shukla has been appointed as the chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) for a period of three years.
- ✓ He has succeeded G. Nageswara Rao to the top post.





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**Q. Which country has partnered with PTC India for the supply of power from the Indian power market?**

- A) Japan  
B) Bhutan  
C) France  
D) Bangladesh

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Bhutan, through Druk Green Power Corporation Limited, has entered into an agreement with PTC India Ltd, for purchase of power from Indian power market in order to meet its power requirement during the dry winter season, the power trading company said in a statement.
- ✓ Further, Bhutan has also executed the agreement with Settlement Nodal Agency for settlement of grid operation related charges
- ✓ With all requisite approvals, Bhutan will now start procuring upto 600 MW of power, through PTC, from the Indian power market

**Q. Which is the only university in India to get an A grade by NAAC?**

- A) Delhi University  
B) Guru Nanak Dev University  
C) Chandigarh University  
D) Maharshi Dayanand University

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar has got A grade by scoring 3.85 points in National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) grading, thereby becoming the only University in India to get this score.
- ✓ Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has congratulated the university on the accomplishment, saying it is the result of persistent efforts made by everyone

**Q. Who has launched a programme to create Impact Leaders in the areas of Environmental-Social-Governance (ESG)?**

- A) Centre for Civil Society  
B) Centre for Policy Research  
C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
D) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)

**Answer : D**



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- ✓ Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs(IICA) has launched a programme to create Impact Leaders in the areas of Environmental-Social-Governance (ESG).
- ✓ IICA is an autonomous institution under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- ✓ Environment Secretary Leena Nandan was the Chief Guest at the launch of the programme yesterday. Addressing the gathering, Ms Nandan emphasised the need for creating a cadre of ESG Professionals in India

**Q. Which organisation has released the report titled 'Coal 2022: Analysis and Forecast to 2025'?**

A) FAO

B) UNEP

C) World Bank

D) International Energy Agency (IEA)

**Answer : D**

- ✓ In a report titled 'Coal 2022 : Analysis and Forecast to 2025,' International Energy Agency (IEA) said the global coal use is set to rise by 1.2% in 2022, surpassing 8 billion tonnes in a single year for the first time and eclipsing the previous record set in 2013.
- ✓ Based on current market trends, the report forecasts that coal consumption will then remain at nearly the same level through 2025 as declines in mature markets (US, EU etc) are offset by continued demand for coal in emerging Asian economies.
- ✓ "This means coal will continue to be the global energy system's largest single source of carbon dioxide emissions by far".
- ✓ The largest increases in coal burn are forecast for China (+5%), India (+7%) and Southeast Asia (+14%). Meanwhile, coal-fired power generation will continue to contract in the United States (-18%) while a return to a declining trajectory is expected for the European Union (-29%).
- ✓ Europe, which has been severely impacted by the Russia-Ukraine crisis as its supply of natural gas from Russia has stopped, is on course to increase its coal consumption for the second year in a row. By 2025, however, European coal demand is expected to decline below 2020 levels,

**Q. What is the name of country's first green steel brand launched by Jyotiraditya Scindia?**

A) Zeremis

B) Iberdrola

C) Kalyani Ferresta

D) HBIS group

**Answer : C**



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- ✓ Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched India's first Green Steel Brand - KALYANI FeRRESTA in New Delhi 20th Dec 2022.
- ✓ \* This first-of-its-kind steel has been manufactured by a Pune-based Steel company, Kalyani group by using renewable energy resources, leaving zero carbon footprints in the environment.

**Q. Which countries are talks to use the rupee in foreign trade?**

- A) China and France                      B) Sri Lanka and Russia  
C) United States and Germany        D) United Kingdom & Australia

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Use of rupee in foreign trade : In order to facilitate international trade, Sri Lanka has agreed to utilize the Indian Rupee (INR). It occurs shortly after the Indian government announced it was looking into ways to include nations who are particularly short on dollars in the Indian rupee trade settlement process.
- ✓ Use of rupee in foreign trade: Sri Lanka and Russia
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) clearance is required before the Indian rupee can be designated as Sri Lanka's official foreign currency, according to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).
- ✓ According to reports, banks in Sri Lanka have set up special accounts for trading in INR dubbed Special Vostro rupee accounts, or SVRA.
- ✓ People in Sri Lanka can now hold USD 10,000 (Rs 8,26,823) in real form thanks to the establishment of Vostro accounts.

**Q. Who has been honoured with the first 'Rohini Nayar prize' for outstanding contribution to rural development?**

- A) Kaushal Kumar                      B) Sethrichem Sangtam  
C) Prathap Singh                      D) KS Rajendra Sinhji

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Sethrichem Sangtam (40) has been honoured with the first Rohini Nayar prize for outstanding contribution to rural development.
- ✓ Reason : To triple the incomes of 1,200 marginalised farmers in Eastern Nagaland.
- ✓ He introduced them fruit growing, prompting the farmers to change from shifting farming to permanent farming.



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- ✓ He was awarded the prize by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman, Suman Bery.
- ✓ The award was instituted by the family of late Dr. Rohini Nayyar.

**Q. Which country has launched a 'Group of Friends' to promote accountability for crimes against peacekeepers?**

- A) India
- B) China
- C) Russia
- D) Bangladesh

**Answer : A**

- ✓ India has launched a 'Group of Friends' to promote accountability for crimes against peacekeepers, with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announcing that New Delhi will soon have a database that will record all crimes against the Blue Helmets.
- ✓ India, Bangladesh, Egypt, France, Morocco and Nepal are co-chairs of the 'Group of Friends to Promote Accountability for Crimes Against Peacekeepers' launched during India's current presidency of the UN Security Council.

**Q. How much of a global minimum tax plan has the European Union adopted for large corporations?**

- A) 25%
- B) 15%
- C) 10%
- D) 12%

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The European Union has adopted a plan for a global minimum 15% tax on big business.
- ✓ The landmark deal between nearly 140 countries aims to stop governments racing to cut taxes in a bid to attract companies

**Q. Wipro collaborated with which of the following to pursue digital transformation business from corporate banks in the Middle East?**

- A) FinancialForce
- B) FiscalNote
- C) Flux
- D) Finastra

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Wipro Limited announced a partnership with Finastra, a global provider of financial software applications and marketplaces, to drive digital transformation for corporate banks in the Middle East.



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**Q. Which bank has introduced its sixth annual awards programme for social startups in cooperation with 'Startup India'-Parivartan SmartUp Grants?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ HDFC Bank announced the launch of its sixth annual grants program for social startups in partnership with the Government of India's flagship initiative 'Startup India'.
- ✓ HDFC Bank announced the launch of its sixth annual grants program for social startups in partnership with the Government of India's flagship initiative 'Startup India'. Known as Parivartan SmartUp Grants, the program aims to identify startups working in the social impact space and support them through monetary grants to their incubators

**Q. How many products have received the GI label from the government?**

- A) 432  
B) 433  
C) 343  
D) 456

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Assam Gamosa, the Telangana Tandur Redgram, and a Ladakh apricot variety are just a few of the items that have received the Geographical Indications (GI) label from the government. The overall number of GI has reached 432.
- ✓ The government approved spending of Rs 75 crore for three years for GI promotion at awareness programmes, supporting the promotion of GIs. A GI is primarily a produced product (handicrafts and industrial goods), an agricultural product, or a natural product that comes from a specific geographic region. Such a name typically carries a

**Q. Government has accorded in-principle approval for the setting up of how many Greenfield Airports across the country recently?**

- A) 21  
B) 32  
C) 44  
D) 29

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Government has accorded in-principle approval for the setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country.



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- ✓ So far nine Greenfield airports have already been operationalized and the tenth Greenfield airport at Mopa, Goa has been inaugurated last week
- ✓ This information was given by Minister of State for Civil Aviation General V. K. Singh in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha.
- ✓ During the pre-covid period, in the year 2018-19 the number of passengers footfall at airports across the country had increased by 11.6 per as compared to 2017-18.
- ✓ Passenger footfall had decreased during the pandemic era. However, post-covid, in the year 2021-22, the trend shows an increase of 63.7 percent over the year 2020-21.
- ✓ Development of a Greenfield airport is governed under the Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008.

**Q. Which state government has launched Orunodoi 2.0, a special scheme to provide financial security to economically disadvantaged families?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Assam government has launched a special scheme Orunodoi 2.0.
- ✓ The flagship scheme of the state government aimed at providing financial security to financially disadvantaged families.
- ✓ Around 17 lakh women have been receiving an amount of Rs 1,250 each on the 10th of every month through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) method under the first phase of this social sector scheme
- ✓ April 2023 onwards, all the existing beneficiaries of the Deen Dayal Divyangnan Pension Yojana and Indira Miri Widow Pension Scheme would be subsumed under Orunodoi 2.0. Divyangans and transgenders would also be included under the 'Orunodoi' scheme.

**Q. Which country will host the 13th World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Meeting in February 2024?**

- A) Kazakhstan                                      B) Egypt  
C) UAE                                                  D) Saudi Arabia

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the 13th World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Meeting in February 2024.



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- ✓ Representatives of the 164 countries of the World Trade Organization would meet in the country's capital.
- ✓ The WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from June 12 to June 17. It was originally meant to be held in Kazakhstan in 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic.
- ✓ The last time the conference was held in the Gulf was in 2001 in Doha, which resulted in China being approved as the 143rd member.
- ✓ The Ministerial Conference is the topmost decision-making body of the WTO and usually meets every two years
- ✓ African country Cameroon has also expressed its desire to host the 13th WTO Ministerial Meeting

**Q. Which bank approved the divestment of its majority shareholding i.e. 98.57% of the total equity share capital in Nainital Bank Limited (NBL)?**

A) Canara Bank

B) Indian Overseas Bank

C) Bank of Baroda

D) Bank

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Global Food Security Index (GFSI) 2022 report has been released by the British weekly The Economist.
- ✓ The 11th Global Food Security Index shows a deterioration in the global food environment for the third year, threatening food security.
- ✓ In this report, South Africa overtook Tunisia to become the most food-secure country in Africa.
- ✓ It measures the underlying drivers of food security based on the following factors- Affordability, Availability, Quality and Safety, Natural Resources and Resilience
- ✓ India is ranked at 68th position along with Algeria with the overall score of 58.9. China's position is at 25th with the score of 74.2. While Finland topped.
- ✓ India was ranked at 71st position in the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021 of 113 countries with an overall score of 57.2 points on the GFS Index 2021.

**Q. The Gross collection of Direct Taxes has registered a growth of what percent which stood at Rs 13,63,649 cr in the financial year 2022-23?**

A) 24 .60%

B) 20 .10%

C) 25 .90%

D) 22 .80%



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## Answer : C

- ✓ The Gross collection of Direct Taxes has registered a growth of 25.90% which stood at Rs 13,63,649 cr in the financial year 2022-23.
- ✓ The Gross collection in the corresponding period stood at Rs 10,83,150 cr.
- ✓ The Net Direct tax collection for FY 2022-23 stood at 11,35,754 crore rupees, registering a growth of 19.81%.
- ✓ The Net Direct tax collection for the corresponding period was recorded at 9,47,959 crore rupees.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Advance Tax collections for FY 2022-23 recorded at 5,21,302 crore rupees, which showed a growth of 12.83 percent

**Q. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has informed that note in circulation (NiC) has witnessed an annual growth of how much percent to Rs 31.92 lakh crore as of 2 December 2022?**

- A) 7.98%                                      B) 8.95%  
C) 6.65%                                      D) 5.78%

## Answer : A

- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has informed that note in circulation (NiC) has witnessed an annual growth of 7.98% to Rs 31.92 lakh crore as of December 2, 2022.
- ✓ The demand for currency depends upon several macroeconomic factors, including economic growth and the level of interest rates.
- ✓ The quantum of cash or banknotes in the economy depends on the requirement for meeting the demand for banknotes due to GDP growth, inflation, and the replacement of soiled banknotes

**Q. Who has been appointed as CEO of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in December 2022?**

- A) Cindy Hook                                      B) Larisa Latynina  
C) Carl Lewis                                      D) Michael Phelps

## Answer : A

- ✓ American executive Cindy Hook has been appointed as CEO of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in December 2022.





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- ✓ She is currently a member of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and the Singapore Economic Development Board.
- ✓ She became CEO of the Australian operation in 2015.
- ✓ The International Olympic Committee in July 2021 decided to host the 2032 Games in Brisbane, Australia

**Q. Which of the following vessel of the Indian Navy will participate in the 50th edition of Cape to Rio Race 2023?**

- A) INS Tarangini                      B) INSV Tarini  
C) INS Sudarshini                    D) INS Darshak

**Answer : B**

- ✓ INSV Tarini has set sail for an expedition to Cape Town, South Africa for participating in the 50th edition of Cape to Rio Race 2023.
- ✓ This ocean sailing race will be flagged off on 2nd January 2023 from Cape Town and will culminate at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- ✓ INSV Tarini is known for circumnavigating the globe with an all-women officer crew in the historic expedition titled 'Navika Sagar Parikrama' in 2017.

**Q. The fifth submarine of the Project – 75, Kalvari Class submarines, Yard 11879 was delivered to the Indian Navy. These submarines are being constructed by which company?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The fifth submarine of the Project – 75, Kalvari Class submarines, Yard 11879 was delivered to the Indian Navy.
- ✓ These submarines are being constructed at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France.
- ✓ Project – 75 includes the indigenous construction of six submarines of Scorpene design.



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- ✓ Launched on November 12, 2020, 'Vagir' commenced the sea trials on February 1, 2022, and has completed all major trials including the weapon and sensor trials in the shortest time in comparison to the earlier submarines.
- ✓ The construction of these submarines in an Indian yard is another step towards 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and instills confidence in the region.
- ✓ What is also a remarkable achievement is that this is the third submarine delivered to the Indian Navy in a span of 24 months

**Q. Karim Benzema announced his retirement from International football after the FIFA World Cup 2022 came to an end. He is from which country?**

- A) Argentina                      B) France  
C) Canada                         D) Croatia

**Answer : B**

- ✓ France forward Karim Benzema announced his retirement from International football after the FIFA World Cup 2022 came to an end.
- ✓ Benzema ends his time with France with 37 goals in 97 appearances.
- ✓ When Benzema made his debut for France against Austria in March 2007, he scored while playing as a substitute.
- ✓ He was included in the France team for Euro 2020, and he ended up being the third-highest scorer with four goals.

**Q. Rehan Ahmed has become the youngest men's Test cricketer to take a five-wicket haul on debut. Rehn Ahmed is from which country?**

- A) Pakistan                         B) Bangladesh  
C) South Africa                    D) England

**Answer : D**

- ✓ England's leg-spinner Rehan Ahmed has become the youngest men's Test cricketer to take a five-wicket haul on debut during the ongoing third match against Pakistan.
- ✓ He made his Test debut at 18 years and 126 days during Pakistan and England match.
- ✓ He claimed three wickets in six overs on his way to 5-48 in the second innings against Pakistan.



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- ✓ Rehan broke the record of now-Australian captain, right-arm fast-bowler Pat Cummins, who was 18 years and 193 days when he took 6-79 on his Test debut against South Africa in 2011.

**Q. Who is the author of the book Fit At Any Age?**

- A) PV Iyer
- B) Rajnish Manga
- C) Subhash Chandra
- D) Abhishek Singh

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Air Marshal PV Iyer has launched his book 'Fit At Any Age' at India International Centre, New Delhi.
- ✓ He penned his journey to fitness in the book and shared anecdotes from his life to explain how he became motivated to work out daily.
- ✓ He also writes about why it's important to work out and why one's journey toward fitness should start early.
- ✓ The book is published by Bloomsbury India

**Q. Which government has made mandatory of Aadhaar number for all eligible for benefits under various government schemes?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu government has announced that all those who are eligible for benefits (other than minor children) under various government schemes are required to submit proof of possession of an Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar identification.
- ✓ According to the order, Aadhaar is mandatory for government employees, government pensioners and beneficiaries of various schemes implemented by the State government through various Departments by their implementing agencies.

**Q. Who has informed in Lok Sabha, that Gaya and Nalanda in Bihar have been selected for development under Swadesh Darshan 2.0?**

- A) Meenakshi Lekhi
- B) Anurag Thakur
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) G Kishan Reddy

**Answer : D**



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- ✓ Gaya and Nalanda in Bihar has been included by the Government of India under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme. Punaura Dham in Sitamarhi District of Bihar has been selected for development under the PRASHAD Scheme of the Government of India.
- ✓ This information was given by the Union Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy in the Lok Sabha on 19 December 2022.
- ✓ Swadesh Darshan 2.0
- ✓ Government of India launched Swadesh Darshan scheme in 2014-15 for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits for eg Buddhist circuit, Ramayana circuit, desert circuit etc. It was later revamped and re-launched as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the focus on developing sustainable and responsible tourism destinations.
- ✓ The Central government provides assistance to the State /Union Territories government to develop the tourism Infrastructure.
- ✓ Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)
- ✓ The Government of India launched the PRASAD scheme in the year 2014-2015 under the Ministry of Tourism. This scheme focuses on developing and identifying pilgrimage sites across India for enriching the religious tourism experience. Under this scheme the Central government provides assistance to the state government.

**Q. A BSF veteran Bhairon Singh Rathore passed away recently. He was the hero of which war?**

- A) Kargil War 1999
- B) World War I 1914
- C) India-Pakistan War 1971
- D) India-China War 1962

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Bhairon Singh Rathore, a BSF veteran, and hero of the 1971 India-Pakistan War died in Jodhpur at the age of 81.
- ✓ He served in the 14th BSF unit during the war and retired from service in 1987.
- ✓ The BSF veteran's bravery at Rajasthan's Longewala post during the war was portrayed by actor Suniel Shetty in the Bollywood movie 'Border'.
- ✓ He was awarded the Sena Medal in 1972 for his bravery.



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**Q. Who set a new national record in the women's 50m breaststroke at the FINA World Swimming Championships 2022 in Melbourne, Australia recently?**

- A) Maana Patel  
B) Srihari Nataraj  
C) Chahat Arora  
D) Shikha Tandon

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Indian swimmer Chahat Arora set a new national record in the women's 50m breaststroke at the FINA World Swimming Championships 2022 in Melbourne, Australia.
- ✓ Arora clocked 32.91s to top heat 2 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre's 25m short course pool and bettered her own previous record of 32.94s set at the National Aquatic Championships 2022 in September.
- ✓ Lithuania's Ruta Meilutyte, topped the overall heats with a timing of 29.10s.
- ✓ This is the 16th edition of the FINA World Swimming Championships 2022.

**Q. Who has won the title of Mrs World 2022 after defeating Las Vegas?**

- A) Shaylyn Ford  
B) Sargam Koushal  
C) Kate Schneider  
D) Caroline Jurie

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India's Sargam Kaushal wins Mrs World 2022 title, Title returned to India after 21 years.
- ✓ America's Mrs. World 2021 Shaylin Ford crowned Mumbai's Sargam Kaushal at an event held at Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino on the evening of 18 December.
- ✓ Mrs. Polynesia was named the first runner-up, followed by Mrs. Canada as the second runner-up.
- ✓ The newly crowned Mrs. World Sargam Kaushal hails from Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ Actress-model Aditi Govitrikar, who brought the Mrs India crown to India in 2001, also shared a congratulatory message on the Mrs World pageant's page.
- ✓ About Mrs World title
- ✓ Mrs World is the first beauty pageant for married women.
- ✓ The pageant was conceived in 1984 and traces its roots to the Mrs. America pageant.
- ✓ Initially this pageant was named Mrs. Woman of the World.
- ✓ It became known as Mrs. World in 1988. Most of the winners are from America.



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- ✓ India has won the title of Mrs. World only once, in 2001 when Dr. Aditi Govitrikar bagged the coveted crown.
- ✓ Dr. Govitrikar has served as a judge for Mrs. India Inc. 2022-23.
- ✓ Sargam Kaushal has won the title of Mrs. World 2022, becoming the winner among contestants from 63 countries. This title has returned to India after 21 years.

**Q. Which of the following bank has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Defence for extending banking services to the Defence Pensioners and their families?**

- A) Bandhan Bank                      B) Bank of Baroda  
C) Yes Bank                              D) Axis Bank

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Bandhan Bank has signed an MoU with the Controller General of Defence Accounts, Ministry of Defence for extending banking services to the Defence Pensioners and their families.
- ✓ The Bank will provide services to Defence Pensioners and their families through 557 branches.
- ✓ The bank is aligned with the vision of the government in being a one-stop solution to all pension-related activities of defence pensioners under the Outreach Programme for Defence Pensioners on System for Pension Administration Raksha (SPARSH).

**Q. Which of the following Small Finance Bank has partnered with HDFC Life for the bancassurance business model recently?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ AU Small Finance Bank has partnered with HDFC Life for the bancassurance business model.
- ✓ This partnership would enable diverse customers of AU Small Finance Bank to access the entire range of life insurance products offered by HDFC Life.
- ✓ According to the Swiss Re report (2019), India has the highest protection gap of 83% in comparison to other insurance markets.
- ✓ Bancassurance – Bancassurance 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 Insurance companies. If the bank customer buys the insurance products then the bank will receive a commission from the Insurance companies.



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**Q. Which financial company has launched Roots, a dedicated platform providing comprehensive investor education and market analysis?**

- A) HDFC Securities                      B) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance  
C) SBI General Insurance              D) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Stock brokerage firm HDFC Securities has launched Roots, a dedicated platform providing comprehensive investor education and market analysis.
- ✓ The site offers multiple forms of valuable information, including articles, bite-sized tips, podcasts by experts, video tutorials and explainers, and live social media feed on the Indian financial markets.
- ✓ The Blog section of Roots is updated with articles addressing all aspects of investing in the Indian financial markets, from intraday trading to ETFs, and more.
- ✓ This platform produces content which are being searched on Google by current or prospective investors and traders

**Q. India's global position in scientific publications has improved from 7th in 2010 to \_ in 2020.**

- A) 4th                                          B) 5th  
C) 2nd                                          D) 3rd

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India has jumped from 7th to 3rd global ranking in scientific publications.
- ✓ This was informed by the Union Minister for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh after a review meeting with the senior official of the Department of Science & Technology in New Delhi.
- ✓ According to the National Science Foundation (NSF)'s Science & Engineering Indicators 2022 report, India's global position in scientific publications has improved from 7th in 2010 to 3rd in 2020.
- ✓ China leads the world in the publication of the maximum number of scientific papers followed by the USA.

**Q. Who has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth over 6,800 crore rupees in Tripura and Meghalaya?**

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

**Answer : D**



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- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth over 6,800 crore rupees in Tripura and Meghalaya.
- ✓ In Tripura, the Prime Minister launched projects worth 4,350 crore rupees.
- ✓ The projects include 'Grih Pravesh' programme for beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Rural
- ✓ These houses, which have been developed at a cost of more than 3400 crore rupees, will cover over two lakh beneficiaries.
- ✓ In Meghalaya, the Prime Minister unveiled projects worth over 2,450 crore rupees.

**Q. India will start a passenger ferry service between Kankesanthurai port in Jaffna district and Karaikal ports in Pondicherry in January 2023. Kankesanthurai port is located in which country?**

- A) Maldives  
B) Egypt  
C) Afghanistan  
D) Sri Lanka

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Sri Lanka and India will start a passenger ferry service between Kankesanthurai port in Jaffna district and Karaikal ports in Pondicherry in January 2023.
- ✓ A large number of Indian citizens are engaged in business activities in the Jaffna Peninsula.
- ✓ With such engagement, the new service is expected to generate a large portion of foreign revenue. It will also be of immense convenience for Buddhist pilgrims to India.
- ✓ The ferry service between Tamil Nadu and the Northern part of Sri Lanka which is dominated by Sri Lanka Tamils was disrupted in 1980's due to the civil war in Sri Lanka.

**Q. Who has announced the launching of "One Week, One Lab" countrywide campaign from January 6, 2023?**

- A) Narendra Modi  
B) Nirmala Sitharaman  
C) Dr. Jitendra Singh  
D) Nitin Gadkari

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Union Minister for Science & Technology Jitendra Singh has announced the launching of "One Week, One Lab" countrywide campaign from January 6, 2023.
- ✓ Singh is also the vice president of CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research).





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- ✓ Jitendra Singh announced this while addressing the 200th Governing Body Meeting of CSIR at the Science Centre in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Prime Minister had urged CSIR in the Society meeting to develop a vision for 2042 when CSIR turns 100 years old and also highlighted the significance of documenting the journey of the past 80 years, which can help take a review of progress achieved and identify areas of lacunae which can be addressed.
- ✓ CSIR was established on 26 September 1942 and was registered as a CSIR Society under the Societies Registration Act, of 1860. The first meeting of the Governing Body was held on 09 March 1942 that framed the Bye-Laws for the Council amongst other agenda items.

**Q. Which of the following company has won the Institution of Engineers, India (IEI) Industry Excellence Award 2022 in Chennai?**

- A) Glaceau Smartwater                      B) Aquafina  
C) Tata Water Plus                              D) National Mineral Development Corporation

**Answer : D**

- ✓ National Miner National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) won the Institution of Engineers, India (IEI) Industry Excellence Award 2022 in Chennai.
- ✓ The largest producer of iron ore in the country was felicitated at the 37th Indian Engineering Congress for its outstanding performance and high level of business excellence.
- ✓ The Institution of Engineers (India) has given the Industry Excellence Award to NMDC, after reviewing the business operations, financial performance, environmental performance, research and development, CSR, and corporate governance policies of a company.
- ✓ NMDC
- ✓ Founded : 1958
- ✓ Headquarters : Hyderabad
- ✓ It is India's largest producer of iron ore.

**Q. Which Indian movie has been shortlisted for the "International Feature Film" category in Oscar 2023?**

- A) KGF                                              B) RRR  
C) Bahubali                                        D) Chhello Show

**Answer : D**



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- ✓ Chhello Show, directed by Pan Nalin, is a Gujarati-language coming-of-age story about a young boy's love affair with a film in a Saurashtra hamlet.
- ✓ The film, produced by Siddharth Roy Kapur and Dheer Momaya, is on the international feature film shortlist.
- ✓ The "Chhello Show" crew expressed their gratitude and excitement at the Academy's recognition of their sincere dedication to the cinematic medium.

**Q. Which Indian documentary movie has been shortlisted for the "Documentary short film category" in Oscar 2023?**

- A) The Elephant Whisperers                      B) Nothing Is Los**  
**C) The Last Film Show                              D) All That Breathes**

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Last Film Show (Chhello Show) and RRR's 'Naatu Naatu' song have made it to the shortlist for the Oscars 2023.
- ✓ Shortlists for 10 categories have been announced, including the Netflix documentary 'The Elephant Whisperers' and Shaunak Sen's 'All That Breathes'.
- ✓ The 10 announced categories include Best Documentary Feature Film, Documentary Short Film, International Feature Film, and Music (Original Song) among others
- ✓ 'The Elephant Whisperers', directed by Kartiki Gonsalves, has also been shortlisted in the "Best Documentary Short Film category".
- ✓ All That Breathes' by Shaunak Sen has been shortlisted under the Best Documentary Feature Film category

**Q. The India's first Infantry Museum has been opened for the general public at which state?**

- A) Gujarat                                              B) Madhya Pradesh**  
**C) Karnataka                                              D) Uttar Pradesh**

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The country's first Infantry Museum has been opened for the general public at Mhow, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ On the eve of 75 years of raising of the Infantry School and to commemorate the Vijay Diwas, the country's first Infantry Museum opened to the general public on December 16, 2022











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**Q. Which Union Ministry organizes the AI Pe Charcha (AI Dialogue) event?**

- A) Ministry of Finance**
- B) Ministry of Electronics and IT**
- C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs**
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology**

**Answer : B**

- ✓ National eGovernance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) recently organized an AI Pe Charcha (AI Dialogue) wherein the panelists discussed the importance of and approaches for enabling access to quality datasets for AI.
- ✓ \* The session was chaired by Shri Abhishek Singh, President & CEO, NeGD and had speakers from diverse backgrounds leading to an engaging session for Government officials, AI enthusiasts, AI practitioners, youth, and those who want to understand the role of data in catalyzing the AI innovation ecosystem.
- ✓ The AI Pe Charcha series has been initiated as a part of Responsible AI for Social Empowerment (RAISE), India's first global AI summit, which was organized by MeitY in 2020

**Q. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom to Saudi Arabia?**

- A) Nagesh Singh**
- B) Parvathaneni Harish**
- C) Monika Kapil Mohta**
- D) Suhel Ajaz Khan**

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Suhel Ajaz Khan, India's ambassador to Lebanon, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)

**Q. National Farmer's Day is observed in India on which day?**

- A) December 23**
- B) December 22**
- C) December 21**
- D) December 20**

**Answer : A**

- ✓ National Farmer's Day (Kisan Diwas) is observed every year on December 23 in India to remember the role of Indian farmers in the economy.
- ✓ The day was first celebrated in 2001.



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- ✓ The day is observed to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh.
- ✓ He brought farmer-friendly policies and worked towards the welfare of the farmers.
- ✓ Chaudhary Charan Singh was the fifth Prime Minister of India and served the country as Prime Minister from 28 July 1979 to 14 January 1980
- ✓ \*As the second Prime Minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri, gave the farmers the famous slogan, "JAI JAWAN JAI KISAN", Chaudhary Charan Singh followed it.

**Q. When was National Mathematics Day observed?**

- A) 19 December                      C) 18 December  
B) 20 December                      D) 22 December

**Answer : D**

- ✓ National Mathematics Day is observed on 22 December to commemorate the 144th birth anniversary of ace mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, who was born on 22 December 1887
- ✓ Every year, the International Day of Mathematics is observed on March 14.

**Q. National Mathematics Day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of \_\_\_\_.**

- A) C. R. Rao                              B) Srinivasa Ramanujan  
C) P. C. Mahalanobis                      D) D. R. Kaprekar

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India observes the National Mathematics Day every year on 22 December since 2012 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- ✓ 2022 marks the 145th birth anniversary of Ramanujan.
- ✓ The day was announced on 26 February 2012 by the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Indian mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan (22 Dec 1887- 26 Apr 1920).
- ✓ 2012 was also observed as National Mathematics Year.

**Q. National Farmer's Day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?**

- A) Atal Bihari Vajpayee                      B) Jawaharlal Nehru  
C) Chaudhary Charan Singh                      D) P V Narasimha Rao

**Answer : C**





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- ✓ National Farmer's Day is being observed on December 23 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the fifth Prime Minister of India, Chaudhary Charan Singh, and his contributions towards the upliftment of farmers in the country.
- ✓ Various awareness campaigns and drives are organised across the country to educate people about the role of farmers and their contribution to the economy





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