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**Aparchit Super Current Affairs Best 350+ MCQ With Facts December 2022 Set 04**  
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**Q. Who has won the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22?**

- A) Anuja Chauhan & Anita Desai
- B) Sudeep Sen & Shobhana Kumar
- C) Shashi Deshpande & Anees Saim
- D) Vikram Seth & Sekhar Bandopadhyay

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Sudeep Sen and Shobhana Kumar has won the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22.
- ✓ Sudeep Sen has been recognised for Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation (Pippa Rann Books & Media, 2021).
- ✓ While, Shobhana Kumar for her haibun collection A Sky Full of Bucket Lists (Red River, 2021).
- ✓ The winners, awarded \$10,000 and a Rabindranath Tagore statuette, were picked from a shortlist of 11 at India International Centre with the Tagore Prize for social achievement going to Sanjoy K Roy, producer of the Jaipur Literature Festival
- ✓ The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize was started in 2018 to annually recognise literary and social accomplishments.
- ✓ In 2020, the award was won by Raj Kamal Jha, Chief Editor for The City and The Sea (Penguin Books).

**Q. India's maiden human space flight 'H1' mission is targeted to be launched in which year?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Union minister of state for Space and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh has announced that India's maiden human space flight 'H1' mission is targeted to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2024.
- ✓ The uncrewed 'G1' mission is targeted to be launched in the last quarter of 2023 followed by the second uncrewed 'G2' mission in the second quarter of 2024, before the final human space flight 'H1' mission in the fourth quarter of 2024.





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- ✓ The Rs 10,000 crore project aims to take a three-person Indian crew into orbit for five to seven days before returning them safely to Earth.
- ✓ The Gaganyaan project was conceived in 2007 and it was formally started in 2018.
- ✓ Four Indian Air Force pilots have been identified as crew for the mission who are undergoing training in Russia

**Q. Which state will host India's maiden World Table Tennis (WTT) series event from 27 Feb to 5 Mar 2023?**

- A) Kerala  
B) Andhra Pradesh  
C) Goa  
D) Karnataka

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Goa will host India's maiden World Table Tennis (WTT) series event from February 27 to March 5.
- ✓ The top tier WTT Star Contender Goa 2023 will be staged at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor stadium, located at the Goa University Campus.
- ✓ World Table Tennis (WTT) was created by the International Table Tennis Federation in 2019 to create and manage professional men's and women's Table Tennis events around the world.

**Q. Which company has secured exclusive media rights to broadcast the Paris Olympic Games 2024 recently?**

- A) Disney Star  
B) Star Sports  
C) Network 18  
D) Viacom18

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced that Viacom18 Media Private Limited (Viacom18) has secured exclusive media rights to broadcast the Olympic Games Paris 2024.
- ✓ It has also secured the non-exclusive rights to the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024, in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.
- ✓ In 2024, the Olympics will be hosted by France in Paris, beginning from July 26 to August 11.
- ✓ While IOC did not specify the deal size, media experts peg the deal at Rs 200-250 crore. Viacom 18 had won the broadcast rights of the recently-concluded Fifa World Cup for Rs 450 crore



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**Q. Who is the author of a book titled 'The Indian Navy@75 Reminiscing the Voyage'?**

- A) Rohinton Mistry                      B) Aritra Banerjee  
C) Salman Rushdie                      D) Amrita Pritam

**Answer : B**

- ✓ A book titled, 'The Indian Navy@75 Reminiscing the Voyage' by Commodore Ranjit B Rai (Retd) and defence journalist Aritra Banerjee.
- ✓ The book tells you how the exploits and sacrifices of the British-era Royal Indian Navy (RIN) during World War 2 were omitted by British historians who could not digest the RIN's mutiny in 1946

**Q. Which country will host the next football Club World Cup in February 2023?**

- A) Morocco                                  B) China  
C) Argentina                                D) Spain

**Answer : A**

- ✓ FIFA has announced that Morocco will host the next football Club World Cup.
- ✓ The tournament will take place from 1-11 Feb 2023.
- ✓ The most recent edition of the tournament was held in the UAE in February 2022 and was won by the English football club, Chelsea.
- ✓ Morocco also hosted Club World Cups in 2013 and 2014, which were won by Bayern Munich and Real Madrid, respectively.
- ✓ Only European and South American teams have won the Club World Cup since it was revived in the current format in 2005.

**Q. Which city will host the 36th Asian Wrestling Championships 2023?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The United World Wrestling (UWW) announced that the 36th Asian Wrestling Championships 2023 will be held in New Delhi from 28 March to 2 April 2023.
- ✓ The Asian Championships will be held in New Delhi for the 36th time. The annual gathering will take place for the seventh time in the Indian capital.



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- ✓ It will offer ranking points to the wrestlers which will determine their seedings for the World Championships to be held in Belgrade, Serbia from 16 to 24 Sept 2023.
- ✓ The World Wrestling Championships is scheduled to take place in Belgrade, Serbia from 16 to 24 September 2023.
- ✓ The first edition of the Asian Wrestling Championships in 1979 was also held in India with Jalandhar as the host city. Mumbai hosted it once in 1987

**Q. Veer Guardian 2023 Exercise is a maiden bilateral air exercise set to be held between India and which country?**

- |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| A) Australia | B) United States |
| C) Singapore | D) Japan         |

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) are set to hold their maiden bilateral air exercise, Veer Guardian 23.
- ✓ The exercise will be held at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan in January 2023. It aims to promote mutual understanding and strengthen defence cooperation between the Air Forces.
- ✓ India- Japan : JIMEX (naval exercise), SHINYUU Maitri (air force exercise), and Dharma Guardian (military exercise).

**Q. Which type of cancer is caused by Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)?**

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| A) Breast Cancer   | B) Oral Cancer     |
| C) Prostate Cancer | D) Cervical Cancer |

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Most cervical cancers are associated with the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and the HPV vaccine can prevent most cases of if the vaccine is given before girls or women are exposed to the virus.
- ✓ National Technical Advisory Group for Immunization (NTAGI) has recommended introduction of HPV Vaccine in the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) with for 9-14 year-old adolescent girls.
- ✓ The Centre has written to all States and UTs to create awareness on prevention of cervical cancer and the importance of HPV vaccine.



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**Q. Which of the following entity has received approval from SEBI to set up Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?**

- A) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub
- B) National Stock Exchange
- C) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited
- D) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services

**Answer : B**

- ✓ National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has received in-principle approval from the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to set up a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) as a separate segment of the NSE.
- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Union Budget speech of 2019-20, proposed the creation of a Social Stock Exchange, under the regulatory ambit of SEBI, for listing social enterprises and voluntary organisations.
- ✓ National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE)
- ✓ Founded : 1992
- ✓ Chairman : Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
- ✓ MD & CEO : Ashish Kumar Chauhan
- ✓ Indices : NIFTY 50

**Q. Which country is the host of special negotiation round on three of the four pillars of Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) in February 2023?**

- A) Australia
- B) Kazakhstan
- C) India
- D) Japan

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India will host the next special negotiation round on three of the four pillars of the United States-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) on February 2023.
- ✓ IPEF has four pillars in all namely trade, supply chain, tax and anti-corruption and clean energy. During the first-ever in-person ministerial in September 2022, India decided to join only three pillars, and opted out of the trade pillar.



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**Q. What is the total amount raised by the Government through disinvestment and strategic sale of PSEs since 2014?**

- A) Rs 2.06 lakh crores                      B) Rs 4.04 lakh crores  
C) Rs 8.07 lakh crores                      D) Rs 5.02 lakh crores

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The government has raised over Rs 4.04 lakh crore through disinvestment and strategic sale of public sector enterprises since 2014, the Finance Ministry said.
- ✓ The largest amount of over Rs 1.07 lakh crore was raised through offer for sale in 59 cases.
- ✓ This was followed by a stake sale through Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) in 10 tranches, amounting to Rs 98,949 crore. Strategic sales in 10 companies, including Air India, yielded Rs 69,412 crores.
- ✓ 17 CPSEs were listed since 2014-15, which yielded Rs 50,386 crore.

**Q. Which state/UT generated most number of jobs under the PMEGP scheme in the current fiscal year?**

- A) Kerala    B) Haryana  
C) Madhya Pradesh                                D) Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Jammu & Kashmir has generated the most number of jobs among all the states and UTs under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in the current fiscal year.
- ✓ The scheme by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Since 2008, 62,808 jobs were created by 7,851 assisted projects in Jammu & Kashmir.
- ✓ Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a credit-linked subsidy program.
- ✓ It was launched in 2008 for the generation of employment opportunities through the establishment of microenterprises in rural and urban areas.
- ✓ It is a central sector scheme being administered by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- ✓ Implementing Agency at the National Level is Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC).
- ✓ It is a statutory organization under the administrative control of the Ministry of MSME.
- ✓ Features of the scheme are as follow-



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- ✓ It allows entrepreneurs to set up factories or units.
- ✓ Any individual above 18 years of age is eligible for this scheme.
- ✓ Only new projects/units are considered for sanction of loans.
- ✓ Maximum Cost of Project/Unit Admissible for Manufacturing Sector is Rs. 25 lakh.
- ✓ Maximum Cost of Project/Unit Admissible for Service Sector is Rs. 10 lakh.

**Q. Which organisation has released the '2022 in Nine Charts' report?**

- |                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>A) UNDP</b> | <b>B) UNEP</b>       |
| <b>C) WEF</b>  | <b>D) World Bank</b> |

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The World Bank released a report titled '2022 in Nine Charts', in which it said that the world is in its steepest slowdown since 1970 and 685 million people could be living in extreme poverty by the end of 2022.
- ✓ This would make 2022 the second-worst year for poverty reduction in the past two decades, after 2020.

**Q. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) has 23 targets that the world needs to achieve by which year?**

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| <b>A) 2025</b> | <b>B) 2030</b> |
| <b>C) 2035</b> | <b>D) 2040</b> |

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The 15th Conference of Parties (COP15) to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).
- ✓ The framework has 23 targets that the world needs to achieve by 2030. In 2020, the world had failed to meet the last set of targets, the Aichi Targets. COP15 had representatives of 188 governments on site and agreed on the framework.

**Q. Which of the following company has signed an MoU with GE Power India Limited to reduce carbon intensity at NTPC's coal-fired units?**

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>A) NTPC Limited</b> | <b>B) GAIL Limited</b> |
| <b>C) SAIL limited</b> | <b>D) TATA Steel</b>   |

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ NTPC has signed an MoU with GE Power India Limited to reduce carbon intensity at NTPC's coal-fired units.
- ✓ Carbon reduction from coal power plants is a key challenge and Co-firing of low-carbon fuel will facilitate the transition towards a low-carbon energy economy and subsequent it to "Net Zero" emission.

**Q. Which state government will host the Bekal International Beach Festival from 24 December?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Kerala government will host the Bekal International Beach Festival from 24 Dec at the Spice Coast, in the far north of Kerala.
- ✓ Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will inaugurate the 10-day first international beach festival.
- ✓ The festival also aims at revitalizing the district's development by showcasing its potential.
- ✓ Around five lakh people from across the globe are set to revel at the festival that will be staged at the three venues of Chandragiri, Thejaswini, and Payaswini.
- ✓ The festival will be staged at the three venues of Chandragiri, Thejaswini, and Payaswini.

**Q. Which among the following has signed an MoU with the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) for mutual assistance and cooperation in the area of sustainable finance?**

- A) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- B) International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)
- C) Food Safety and Standard Association of India (FSSAI)
- D) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

**Answer : B**

- ✓ International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has signed an MoU with the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) for mutual assistance and cooperation in the area of sustainable finance.
- ✓ India recently launched Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for the Environment) as an India-led global movement to protect and preserve the environment.
- ✓ CEEW research has estimated that India's net zero by 2070 target would require USD 10 trillion in investments.



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- ✓ The IFSCA aims to develop a strong global connect and focus on the needs of the Indian economy as well as to serve as an international financial platform for the entire region.
- ✓ About CEEW
- ✓ The Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW) is one of Asia's leading not-for-profit policy research institutions.
- ✓ The Council uses data, integrated analysis, and strategic outreach to explain – and change – the use, reuse, and misuse of resources. It prides itself on the independence of its high-quality research, develops partnerships with public and private institutions, and engages with the wider public.

**Q. Which state has launched a 24×7 piped drinking water project 'Drink from Tap' in 19 cities?**

- A) Odisha                                      B) Assam  
C) Haryana                                      D) Rajasthan

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched a 24×7 piped drinking water project — 'Drink from Tap' — in 19 cities.
- ✓ Earlier, the facility was unveiled in Puri and Gopalpur.
- ✓ Under the project, drinking water will be supplied round the clock through taps installed in households.
- ✓ Places, where the project was launched, included Cuttack, Berhampur, Rourkela, Sundargarh, Biramitrapur, Rajgangpur, Keonjhar, and some parts of Bhubaneswar

**Q. Priya Mohan Sinha passed away recently. He was the former Chief of which company?**

- A) Coca-Cola India                              B) Nestlé India  
C) Parle Products                              D) PepsiCo's India

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Former chief executive of PepsiCo India Priya Mohan Sinha passed away.
- ✓ He was the second chairman of PepsiCo India who helmed the company for a decade— from 1993 to 2003.





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- ✓ He headed PepsiCo's India business for a decade, between 1993-2003.
  - ✓ He worked with Hindustan Unilever for more than a decade before joining PepsiCo India in 1993.
  - ✓ Sinha joined Bata as chairman in 2004 and is credited with restructuring the company
- Q. FuelBuddy has partnered with which company for the supply of its automotive and industrial lubricant, 'SERVO', to customers across the country?**
- A) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
  - B) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
  - C) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
  - D) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Doorstep fuel delivery service provider, FuelBuddy has announced a partnership with Indian Oil Corp. Ltd. (IOCL) for the supply of its automotive and industrial lubricant, 'SERVO', to customers across the country.
  - ✓ All customers (new and existing) of FuelBuddy will soon be able to easily place orders of lubricants as per their requirements on the FuelBuddy app.
  - ✓ The physical delivery of the lubricants will be done at their doorstep at the time of their convenience
  - ✓ Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
  - ✓ Founded : 1959
  - ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
  - ✓ Chairman : Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
  - ✓ Owner : Government of India (52.1%)
- Q. Which company has partnered with Japanese transport firm Mitsui OSK Lines for a new-build liquefied natural gas (LNG) carrier and for joint ownership of an existing LNG carrier?**
- A) GAIL Limited
  - B) NTPC Limited
  - C) SAIL Limited
  - D) Adani Enterprises

**Answer : A**

- ✓ State-owned Gail India has partnered with Japanese transport firm Mitsui OSK Lines for a new-build liquefied natural gas (LNG) carrier and for joint ownership of an existing LNG carrier.



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- ✓ The vessel will be built by South Korean shipbuilder Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering with a charter period from 2023.
- ✓ The parties signed a contract for the first vessel in 2019 and it has been chartered to Gail through a wholly-owned MOL subsidiary from 2021
- ✓ GAIL India is one of the largest natural gas processing & distribution company. The Government of India held 51.90% stake in Gail (India) as on 30 September 2022.
- ✓ About Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)
- ✓ Founded : 1984
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ Chairman : Sandeep Kumar Gupta

**Q. Which state / UTs government has decided to introduce 'mini snack' breaks and parents counseling sessions in all schools?**

- A) Delhi  
B) Kerala  
C) Bihar  
D) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Delhi government schools to introduce pre-lunch 'mini snack' break
- ✓ To battle malnutrition in children, the Delhi government has decided to introduce mini snack breaks and parents counseling sessions in all city schools.
- ✓ According to a circular by the Directorate of Education (DoE), schools have been directed to include a 10-minute mini snack break in the school timetable.
- ✓ The mini-break should be 2.5 hours before the lunch break.

**Q. Paytm has partnered with which General Insurance company to launch a group insurance plan called 'Paytm Payment Protect'?**

- A) HDFC ERGO General Insurance  
B) ICICI Lombard  
C) Reliance General Insurance  
D) United India Insurance

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ Paytm has partnered with HDFC ERGO General Insurance to launch a group insurance plan called 'Paytm Payment Protect'.
- ✓ The insurance plan is in association with HDFC ERGO General Insurance and it is aimed to insure transactions made through UPI across all apps and wallets
- ✓ This product is expected to further enhance the trusted digital payments experience and increase the adoption of the same in India.
- ✓ With the new insurance offering, which will come at a cost of Rs 30 per annum, users would be able to secure themselves against mobile fraudulent transactions up to Rs 10,000.

**Q. Which ministry has won the Platinum Icon at the Digital India Awards 2022?**

- A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Home affairs
- D) Ministry of Education

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Smart Cities Mission of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has won the Platinum Icon at the Digital India Awards 2022 for their initiative "Data Smart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data".
- ✓ The award was announced under the 'Data Sharing and Use for Socio-Economic Development' category
- ✓ About Data smart Cities Initiative
- ✓ The Data Smart Cities Initiative is a key step in creating a robust data ecosystem that enables evidence-based decision-making in cities.
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**Q. Which of the following banks has introduced ZERO FEE BANKING on savings accounts?**

- A) IDFC First Bank
- B) Yes Bank
- C) Federal Bank
- D) HDFC Bank

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ IDFC FIRST Bank on 17 December announced ZERO Fee Banking on savings accounts and waived fees on 25 commonly used banking services.
- ✓ The banking services include savings accounts such as cash deposits and withdrawals at branches, third-party cash transactions, demand drafts, IMPS, NEFT, RTGS, cheque book, SMS alerts, interest certificates, insufficient balance for ATM transactions, international ATM usage, and so on.
- ✓ The customers maintaining as low as Rs 10,000 Average Monthly Balance, and the Rs 25,000 AMB savings account variant will get these benefits.
- ✓ This is a customer-friendly initiative from IDFC FIRST Bank. Which of the following bank has launched ZERO Fee Banking on savings accounts?

**Q. RBI penalized which of the following foreign banks operating in India Rs. 2.66 crore for not following directions on cyber security framework?**

- A) Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait                      B) Central Bank of Argentina  
C) Central Bank of Brazil                              D) Bank of Ghana

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Banking sector regulator Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs 2.66 crore on Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait BSC, India operations for non-compliance with directions on “Cyber Security Framework” in Banks on 19 December 2022. In a statement, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the bank failed to implement systems to detect unusual and unauthorized, internal or external activities in its database.
- ✓ The fines were imposed on the bank by RBI under the Banking Regulation Act 1949
- ✓ Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait BSC
- ✓ Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK) was incorporated in Bahrain in March 1971.
- ✓ It is a foreign bank which started its India operation in 1986 as a scheduled commercial bank.
- ✓ It has four branches in India in Mumbai, New Delhi, and Hyderabad and at Aluva (Kerala).
- ✓ Country head and Chief Executive Officer: Mallikarjun Kota

**Q. National Consumer Day is observed every year on which day?**

- A) 21 December    B) 22 December  
C) 23 December    D) 24 December

**Answer : D**



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- ✓ National Consumer Day: December 24
- ✓ It was on this day that the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 was enacted.
- ✓ The Act aims to provide consumers with effective safeguards against different types of exploitation, such as defective goods, deficiency in services and unfair trade practices.

**Q. Name the only Indian female player to feature in Forbes List of Highest-Paid Female Athletes 2022?**

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| A) Sania Mirza | B) Saina Nehwal |
| C) Mary Kom    | D) P.V. Sindhu  |

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India's badminton star PV Sindhu is the only Indian sportsperson to feature in the top 25 of Forbes' annual list of the world's highest-paid female athletes.
- ✓ Sindhu, the 2016 Tokyo Olympics silver medalist, is ranked 12th in the list, which is topped by Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka.
- ✓ The 27-year-old Sindhu, who won the singles gold and doubles silver at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham earlier this year, earned \$7 million out of her total earnings of \$7.1 million.
- ✓ For the third year in a row, Osaka topped Forbes' annual list of the world's highest-paid female athletes. The list is once again dominated by tennis players.
- ✓ Naomi Osaka, the world number 42, topped the list with a total annual earning of \$51.1 million, while Serena Williams is a distant second with \$41.3 million and Eileen Gu, the freestyle skier, third with a total coffer of \$20.1 million.

**Q. Who has topped the Forbes Highest-Paid Female Athletes 2022 list?**

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| A) Serena Williams | B) Simona Halep   |
| C) Naomi Osaka     | D) Ashleigh Barty |

**Answer : C**

- ✓ List of 15 highest paid female athletes of the year
  1. Naomi Osaka (Japan) – Tennis – \$51.1 million
  2. Serena Williams (USA) – Tennis – \$41.3 million
  3. Eileen Gu (China) – Skiing – \$20.1 million
  4. Emma Raducanu (UK) – Tennis – \$18.7 million



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5. Iga Swiatek (Poland) – Tennis – \$14.9 million
6. Venus Williams (USA) – Tennis – \$12.1 million
7. Coco Gauff (USA) – Tennis – \$11.1 million
8. Simone Biles (USA) – Gymnastics – \$10 million
9. Jessica Pegula (USA) – Tennis – \$7.6 million
10. Minjee Lee (Australia) – Golf – \$7.3 million
11. Candace Parker (USA) - Basketball - \$7.2 million
12. P.V. Sindhu (India) - Badminton - \$7.1 million
13. Leylah Fernandez (Canada) - Tennis - \$7 million
14. Lydia Ko (New Zealand) - Golf - \$6.9 million
15. Ons Jabeur (Tunisia) - Tennis - \$6.5 million

**Q. Who has received the Sahitya Akademi Award 2022 for the novel 'All The Lives We Never Lived'?**

- A) Anuradha Roy                      B) Mwdai Gahai  
C) Namita Gokhale                    D) Daya Prakash Sinha

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Sahitya Akademi has announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 23 languages.
- ✓ 7 books of poetry, 6 novels, 2 short stories, 3 Play/Dramas, 2 Literary Criticisms, one each of Autobiographical Essays, Collection of Articles, and Literary History have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2022.
- ✓ The awardee will receive an engraved copper plaque, a shawl, and Rs. 1,00,000 in Cash.
- ✓ It also announced the 'Sahitya Akademi Translation' awards for 2022.
- ✓ Sahitya Akademi has announced awards in different languages, which include poetry, story, short story, drama, literary criticism, autobiography, literary past.
- ✓ These awards will be presented on 11 March 2023 in New Delhi. This year, the famous Hindi poet Badri Narayan will be given the Sahitya Akademi Award.
- ✓ Apart from this, Anuradha Roy for English and Anees Ashfaq for Urdu will be given this year's Sahitya Akademi Award.
- ✓ **Sahitya Akademi Awards –**
- ✓ Hindi – Tumadi Ke Shabd (Poetry) – Badri Narayan



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- ✓ English – All The Lives We Never Lived (Novel) – Anuradha Roy
- ✓ Sanskrit – Deepmanikyam (Poetry) – Janardan Prasad Pandey 'Mani'
- ✓ Urdu – Khwab Saraab (Novel) – Anis Ashfaq
- ✓ Punjabi – Main Ayngosh Nahi (Short Stories) – Sukhjit
- ✓ Rajasthani – Alekhun Amba (Play) – Kamal Ranga
- ✓ Gujarati – Gher Jatan (Autobiographical Essays) – Gulam Mohammad Shaikh
- ✓ Assamese – Bhool Satya (Short Stories) – Manoj Kumar Goswami
- ✓ Kannada – Bahutvada Bhaarata mattu Bouddha Taatvikate (Collection of Articles) – Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy
- ✓ Kashmiri – Zael Dab (Literary Criticism) – Farooq Fayaz
- ✓ Dogri – Chhe Roopak (Drama) – Veena Gupta
- ✓ Nepali – Saino (Drama) – K.B. Nepali
- ✓ Manipuri – Leirionnung (Poetry) – Koijam Shantibala
- ✓ Konkani – Amrutvel (Novel) – Maya Anil Kharangate
- ✓ Maithili – Pen-Drive Me Prithvi (Poetry) – Ajit Azad
- ✓ Malayalam – Ashaante Seethayanam (Literary Criticism) – M. Thomas Mathew
- ✓ Marathi – Ujavya Sondechya Bahulya (Novel) – Praveen Dashrath Bandekar
- ✓ Odia – Dayanadi (Poetry) – Gayatribala Panda
- ✓ Santali – Sabarnaka Balire Sanan' Panjay (Poetry) – Kajli Soren (Jagannath Soren)
- ✓ Sindhi – Sindhi Sahit Jo Mukhtasar Itihas (Literary History) – Kanhaiyalal Lekhwani
- ✓ Tamil – Kaala Paani (Novel) – M. Rajendran
- ✓ Telugu – Manodharmaparagam (Novel) – Madhuranthakam Narendra
- ✓ Bodo – Sansrini Modira (Poetry) – Rashmi Choudhury

**Q. Who among the following received the of the Sahitya Academy Awards 2022 in Hindi for her Poetry 'Tumadi Ke Shabd'?**

A) Anita Nair

B) Amitav Ghosh

C) Abha Dawesar

D) Badri Narayan

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Sahitya Akademi Award with Surprise Facts
- ✓ Sahitya Akademi Award is given in the field of Literature.



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- ✓ The awards were instituted in 1954.
- ✓ The first Awards were given in 1955.
- ✓ This award is given annually by Sahitya Akademi (India's National Academy of Letters), New Delhi.
- ✓ It is given in 24 languages including Hindi and English.
- ✓ 24 languages - 22 languages in the 8th schedule and 2 are English and Rajasthani.
- ✓ Makhanlal Chaturvedi was the first recipient in the Hindi category in the year 1955 for his work "Him Tarangini" (Poetry).
- ✓ RK Narayan was the first recipient in the English category in the year 1960 for his novel The Guide.
- ✓ The award comprises a plaque and a cash prize of ₹ 1,00,000.
- ✓ The plaque awarded by the Sahitya Akademi was designed by the Indian film-maker Satyajit Ray
- ✓ Other Literary Awards
- ✓ Vyas Samman.
- ✓ Saraswati Samman.
- ✓ Jnanpith Award : Highest literary award in India.

**Q. Which organization has recently received the Type Certification and RTPO Approvals from DGCA?**

- A) Air Pics                                  B) Garuda Aerospace  
C) Amarillo India                              D) Skylark drone

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Drone maker Garuda Aerospace has become the first drone startup in India to receive 'Type Certification' and 'Remote Pilot Training Organisation' (RTPO) approval by the DGCA for its indigenously designed Kisan drone
- ✓ DGCA Type Certification is provided on the basis of quality checks of the drones and is issued after a rigorous testing process.
- ✓ Kisan Drone has been designed keeping in mind the works related to agriculture. Type certification has been received for its GA-AG model.
- ✓ DGCA gives this certificate on the basis of quality check. It is issued only after strict investigation of the drone (unmanned aircraft).





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- ✓ Remote Pilot Training Organization is a DGCA recognized organization which gives Remote Pilot Certificate under Rule-34 of Drone Rules-2021.
- ✓ In India, the government introduced type certification in August 2021 under the Drone Rules.
- ✓ Priced at Rs 4.50 lakh, the 'Kisan' drone is India's most affordable advanced automated agriculture drone that falls under the sub 25 kg category.
- ✓ Garuda Aerospace recently raised its \$30 million Series A at a valuation of \$250 million.
- ✓ Former Indian cricket team captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has invested in it and is also the brand ambassador of the company.
- ✓ MS Dhoni has recently launched a drone named Droni. Garuda Aerospace has a fleet of 400 drones across 26 different cities and a well-trained team of over 500 pilots

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

- A) Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachand"
- B) Rabi Lamichhane
- C) Sher Bahadur Deuba
- D) Rajendra Prasad Lingden

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal for the third time.
- ✓ President Bidya Devi Bhandari of Nepal has appointed Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' as the new prime minister of Nepal on 25 December 2022. Prachand will become the prime minister for the third time.
- ✓ In the recently held parliamentary election no party got any clear majority. Prachand's Maoist Center Party won 32 seats in Nepal's 275-member House of Representatives.
- ✓ He has formed a coalition government with the support of the Communist Unified Marxist-Leninist (UML) party, Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), Rastriya Prajatantra Party and other smaller parties. Prachanda has the support of 165 lawmakers in the 275-member House of Representatives.
- ✓ According to the deal with the UML party he will remain prime minister for the first half of the five-year term and later will be replaced by a candidate from the UML party.
- ✓ Pushpa Kamal Dahal will replace Sher Bahadur Deuba of the Nepali Congress party as the Prime Minister.
- ✓ The Federal Parliament of Nepal is called Sanghiya Sansad. It is a bicameral house



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- ✓ The Upper house is called the National Assembly or Rastriya Sabha. It consists of 59 members. It is a permanent body and the term of a member of the house is six years.
- ✓ The lower house is called the House of Representative or Pratinidhi Sabha. It consists of 275 members with a term of five years.
- ✓ Currency of Nepal: Nepalese Rupees
- ✓ Capital: Kathmandu
- ✓ President: Vidya Devi Bhandari

**Q. Which country supplies the S-400 air defence missile system to India?**

- A) USA
- B) Israel
- C) Russia
- D) France

**Answer : C**

- ✓ In 2023 Russia will begin supplying India with the third squadron of the S-400 air defence missile system.
- ✓ India has already deployed its first two missile system squadrons to monitor the Ladakh sector, the Chicken's Neck Corridor in West Bengal, and the whole northeastern area.
- ✓ India and Russia have agreed on a three-year contract of around 35,000 crores to purchase five squadrons of S-400 air defence missiles.

**Q. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Fiji?**

- A) Sitiveni Rabuka
- B) Voreqe Frank Bainimarama
- C) Naiqama Lalabalavu
- D) Joko Widodo

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Sitiveni Rabuka has been elected as the new prime minister of Fiji. Rabuka will be the 12th prime minister of the country.
- ✓ He also served as the prime minister earlier from 1992 to 1999. Rabuka is the head of the People's Alliance Party.
- ✓ At a meeting of the Fijian Parliament in Suva, the 74-year-old secured the nomination by one vote over incumbent Frank Bainimarama
- ✓ Fiji
- ✓ Capital : Suva



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- ✓ Currency : dollar
- ✓ President : Wiliame Katonivere

**Q. Which institution won the DSCI AISS Award for 'Best Security Practices in Government Sector'?**

- A) IRCTC    B) ISRO  
C) NASSCOM    D) UIDAI

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has won a top data security award for government sector best practices.
- ✓ The Data Security Council of India (DSCI) is a non-profit industry organization in India that was established by NASSCOM.
- ✓ The DSCI recognized UIDAI for its critical contribution to protecting the 'Aadhaar' infrastructure, which offers inhabitants with digital identity-based welfare services.

**Q. The International Space Registry has named one star after whose name?**

- A) Mahatma Gandhi                                      B) Atal Bihari Vajpayi  
C) Sushma Swaraj                                        D) Manohar Parrikar

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Aurangabad chapter of the BJP named a star after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his birth anniversary, which was observed as 'Good Governance Day' across the country, revealed Aurangabad BJP president Shirish Boralkar.
- ✓ The distance of the star from Earth is 392.01 light years. It is the closest star to the Sun.

**Q. Who among the following has been awarded the VinFuture Prize 2022 in Hanoi?**

- A) Kamakoti Veezhinathan                              B) Pradeep Thalappil  
C) Niranjana K. Naik                                        D) Rashmi S Patil

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Renowned researcher and Madras IIT Professor Pradeep Thalappil has bagged the VinFuture Prize 2022 instituted by the VinFuture Prize Council to honour breakthrough research projects on 22 December.



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- ✓ Thalappil has been awarded the 'Special Prize dedicated to Innovators from Developing Countries' for his development of a low-cost filtration system to remove arsenic and other heavy metals from groundwater.
- ✓ The award was presented by Prize Council Chairman Richard Friend at a ceremony in Vietnam's capital Hanoi.
- ✓ He has received the Padma Shri award in 2020 for his distinguished contribution to the field of science and technology.
- ✓ He also received Nikkei Asia Prize in 2020
- ✓ About VinFuture Prize
- ✓ The Winfuture Prize is awarded every year by the Winfuture Fund to recognize breakthrough scientific and technological inventions that have the potential to make a meaningful difference to people's lives.
- ✓ The fund was launched on 20 December 2020 as an independent and non-profit organization, founded by billionaire Pham Nhat.
- ✓ Its objective is to creating positive changes in the everyday lives of millions of people around the world.
- ✓ After 2 seasons, 16 scientists have been honored by the Prize

**Q. Who has been appointed by Hockey India as the captain of the Indian men's hockey team for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023?**

- A) Nilakanta Sharma
- B) Manpreet Singh
- C) Amit Rohidas
- D) Harmanpreet Singh

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Hockey India has announced Dragflicker Harmanpreet Singh as the captain of the Indian men's Hockey team for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023.
- ✓ Amit Rohidas has been named as the vice-captain of the squad. The team coach is Graham Reid.
- ✓ The FIH Men's Hockey World Cup is held every four years and the 2022 event was postponed to 2023 due to the corona pandemic.
- ✓ The last 14th FIH Men's World Cup Hockey was also played in Odisha in 2018.



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**Q. Who has become the Indian Premier League's (IPL) 2023 most expensive ever buy in the players' auction?**

- A) Cameron Green  
C) Will Jacks

- B) Ben Stokes  
D) Sam Curran

**Answer : D**

- ✓ England all-rounder Sam Curran League's became the Indian Premier (IPL) most expensive ever buy in the players' auction held on 23 December 2022.
- ✓ The Punjab Kings bought Sam Curran for Rs 18.5 crore (\$2.23 million) following a bidding war involving the Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians.
- ✓ Curran, who was player-of-the-series in England's T20 World Cup triumph in Australia this year, previously featured for the Punjab Kings in 2019.
- ✓ The earliest highest bid for a player in the IPL was that of South African all-rounder Chris Morris. He was bought by Rajasthan Royals last year for Rs 16.25 crore.
- ✓ The previous record fee paid for Morris was broken once more with Mumbai Indians paying Rs 17.5crore for Australian all-rounder Cameron Green.
- ✓ The highest paid Indian player at the IPL has been Yuvraj Singh. He was bought for Rs 16 crore by the Delhi Daredevil in 2015.
- ✓ Other than Sam Curran, Cameron Green was bought by Mumbai Indians for ₹17.50 crore and Ben Stokes was bought by Chennai Super Kings for ₹16.25 crore.
- ✓ Gujarat Titans are the current IPL champion team. The first IPL was held in 2008 which was won by the Rajasthan Royals team.





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**Q. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated the National level Kabaddi championship in which state?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the National level Kabaddi championship in Udupi in Karnataka on December 24
- ✓ National level Kabaddi tournament will be held at MGM ground in flood light, in which 12 teams from different states will participate.
- ✓ The winner will get the Atal Trophy and prize money of Rs one lakh.
- ✓ The runner-up will be awarded Rs 75,000, the third prize winner Rs 50,000 and the fourth prize winner Rs 25,000.
- ✓ The winners will be presented with the Atal trophy.
- ✓ The Atal Utsav and Booth Sangam will be inaugurated on December 25 by former chief minister B S Yediyurappa along with selected presiding officers of six vote booths.
- ✓ Atal Trophy was started in 1999 by Zilla Yuva Morcha through volleyball tournament and this time kabaddi tournament is also being organized

**Q. Which among the following has provided to make a \$400 million loan to HDFC Ltd, with an aim to drive India's green housing growth?**

- A) International Finance Corporation (IFC)  
B) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)  
C) International Development Agency (IDA)  
D) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

**Answer : A**

- ✓ World Bank Group member International Financial Corporation (IFC) will provide a \$400 million loan to India's largest housing finance company, Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC).
- ✓ HDFC will use around 75% of the loan amount (\$300 million) to provide loans to the affordable green housing sectors in India.



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- ✓ Green Houses are built with sustainable, environmentally-friendly, energy-efficient, and recyclable resources. These houses are constructed in such a way that water, air, solar, and geothermal energy are optimally utilized, thus reducing energy waste. Affordable houses means that it will target Middle income groups.
- ✓ According to the IFC “around 275 million people in India, which is 22 percent of the population, do not have access to adequate housing and rural housing shortage is twice that of urban areas.” The loan will support the government effort to provide Housing for All.
- ✓ It is a part of the World Bank Group and was set up in 1956.
- ✓ It does not provide loans to the government but invests in the private sector companies of the member countries. It invests in the shares and the debt instruments of private companies.
- ✓ Headquarters: Washington DC, United States of America.
- ✓ Director General: Makhtar Diop
- ✓ Member Countries: 186

**Q. 'KAVACH' System recently seen in the news is related to \_**

- A) Missile defence
- B) Asteroid Redirection
- C) Train collision avoidance
- D) Early cancer detection

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps, including development of indigenous equipments, are being undertaken on a continuous basis to prevent train accidents.
- ✓ Indian Railways has indigenously developed an automatic train protection system rechristened as 'Kavach' (Train Collision Avoidance System), to prevent accidents due to human error resulting in Signal Passing at danger and over-speeding.
- ✓ Keeping in view the complexities involved in implementation, which require all Rolling Stock, way side stations and track to be equipped with 'Kavach', it has been decided to implement 'Kavach' in a phased manner.
- ✓ So far, 'Kavach' has been deployed for 1,455 Route Kms on South Central Railway with 77 nos. of locomotives. Currently, 'Kavach' work is in progress on Delhi-Mumbai & Delhi -Howrah corridors (3000 route Kms).
- ✓ At present 'Kavach' is being implemented on Indian Railways in a phased manner. Further, 'Kavach' does have export potential in future



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**Q. Which country passes new transgender law on 22nd Dec 2022, anyone above 16 can change their gender?**

A) Spain

B) France

C) Germany

D) Argentina

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Spain's lower house of Parliament passed a law that allows people over 16 years of age to change their legally registered gender without any medical supervision.
- ✓ Under the law, drawn up by the centre-left coalition government, minors aged 12 or 13 will need a judge's authorisation to make the change, while those between 14 and 16 will have to be accompanied by their parents or legal guardians.

**Q. NIRMAN Accelerator Program, recently seen in the news was launched by**

A) NITI Aayog.

B) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

C) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

D) Start-ups Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) IIT Kanpur

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Ministry of Science and Technology has said that 15 Startups are selected for the NIRMAN accelerator program.
- ✓ This is the first cohort of the NIRMAN Accelerator Program launched by Start-ups Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) IIT Kanpur.
- ✓ The accelerator program is supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the Ministry of Science & Technology through its NIDHI scheme.

**Q. Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud has constituted a committee to audit the "physical and functional accessibility" of the apex court complex to make them disabled-friendly. Who will chair this committee?**

A) S Ravindra Bhat

B) Sanjay Kumar Medhi

C) Ujjal Bhuyan

D) Lanusungkum Jamir

**Answer : A**





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- ✓ The Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud has constituted a committee to conduct an audit of “physical and functional access” of the top court premises to make them disabled-friendly.
- ✓ The committee will be headed by Supreme Court Judge S Ravindra Bhat.
- ✓ The ‘Supreme Court Committee on Accessibility’ has been given a broad mandate to prepare and release a questionnaire for persons with disabilities, including the apex court employees, advocates, litigants and interns, who visit the top court premises to assess the nature and extent of problems they face

**Q. Which edition of the North East Festival began at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi?**

- A) 10th    B) 15th  
C) 18th    D) 14th

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The 10th Edition of the North East Festival began at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on December 23
- ✓ Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane inaugurated the four-day Festival at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in Delhi.
- ✓ The objective of the festival is to promote the diverse life, culture, traditions and tourism of the North East region.
- ✓ The 2022 edition will host colorful dance dramas, musical performances, fashion shows, open-mic sessions, interactive sessions, art and photography exhibitions.
- ✓ An exhibition showcasing 'Made in North East' products will have an MSME zone, wherein over 100 MSME entrepreneurs from North East India will display agro-horticulture products, handlooms, handicrafts, processed food products etc.

**Q. Who has addressed the 75th “Amrut Mahotsav” of Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot recently?**

- A) Draupadi Murmu    B) Nirmala Sitharaman  
C) Amit Shah    D) Narendra Modi

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the 75th “Amrut Mahotsav” of Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan via video-conferencing.



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- ✓ The five-day Amrit Mahotsav celebrations were inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel at Sahajanand nagar in Rajkot.
- ✓ As part of the Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, mega blood donation camps, and free medical check-up camps are being organized at Sahajanand nagar where renowned multi-specialty doctors are providing free medical services and free-of-cost medicine to the people.
- ✓ Established in 1948 by Shri Dharmajivandasji Swami. Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan has more than 40 branches all over the world.

**Q. Veer Bal Diwas is celebrated on which day?**

- A) December 23                      B) December 26  
C) December 22                      D) December 25

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in a historic programme marking the first 'Veer Bal Diwas' at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Delhi on 26th December 2022.
- ✓ On the Prakash Purab(birth anniversary) of the 10th Sikh Guru Sri Guru Gobind Singh on 9th January 2022 the Prime Minister had announced that 26th December will be observed as 'Veer Bal Diwas to mark the martyrdom of Sri Guru Gobind Singh's sons Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh
- ✓ They were brutally murdered by Wazir Khan the Mughal Governor of Sirhind on this day in 1705. .
- ✓ During the programme, the Prime Minister will attend a 'Shabad Kirtan' performed by Baal Kirtanis. On this occasion, Mr Modi will also flag off a march-past by about three thousand children in Delhi

**Q. When is the Good Governance Day observed in India?**

- A) 25 December                      B) 24 December  
C) 22 December                      D) 23 December

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Every year 25 December is observed as Good Governance Day to mark the birth anniversary of the 10th Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The day is celebrated so as to ensure that the citizens of the country are treated fairly by the government and the various government services shall be made available to them fairly.



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- ✓ The purpose of Good Governance Day is to increase public access to various government programmes and services via good governance. It was established with the slogan "Good Governance through e-Governance."
- ✓ In 2014 the Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that from now on 25 December will be observed as 'Good Governance Day' in the memory of the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Vajpayee was born on 25 December 1924 in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ He has been the prime Minister of India three times.
- ✓ He became the Prime Minister for the first time on 16 May 1996 and had to resign on 1 June 1996. He was the Prime Minister for the second time from 19 March 1998 – 13 October 1999.
- ✓ He became the Prime Minister for the third time from 13 October 1999 – 22 May 2004.
- ✓ He was the first person to address the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in Hindi. As an External Affairs Minister he spoke in Hindi at the 32nd Session of the UNGA in 1977.
- ✓ He also holds the distinction of being the prime minister of India for the shortest time, 16 days in 1996.
- ✓ He was the first Prime Minister against whom a no- confidence motion was passed in the Lok Sabha. He lost the no confidence vote by 1 vote in 1999.
- ✓ He was awarded India's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna on 27 March 2015.

**Q. The Good Governance Day is observed to marks the birth anniversary of which leader?**

- A) APJ Abdul Kalam                      B) Rajiv Gandhi  
C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel              D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

**Answer : D**

**Q. Reserve Bank of India has announced the implementation of its revised bank locker rules from which one of the following dates?**

- A) 30 April 2023                      B) 01 April 2023  
C) 01 January 2023                      D) 31 March 2023

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has amended the bank locker rules, which include providing customers with updated locker agreements. The rules will take effect from January 1, 2023
- ✓ What are the new guidelines?



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- ✓ As per the Reserve Bank of India notification, the agreements should follow the model prepared by the Indian Banks' Association (IBA).
- ✓ All existing locker depositors are required to submit proof of eligibility for new locker arrangement.
- ✓ They need to sign a renewal agreement before the specified date.
- ✓ RBI has advised banks to install CCTV cameras at entry and exit points of strong rooms and common areas of operations.
- ✓ It will be mandatory for all banks to keep the recording of cameras safe for at least one hundred and eighty days.
- ✓ RBI has directed banks to ensure that there are no unfair provisions or conditions in bank agreements.
- ✓ As per the guidelines, if a customer makes a complaint to the bank about his locker being opened without his knowledge or any theft or security lapse, the bank will be required to preserve the CCTV recording till the completion of the police investigation and disposal of the case.

**Q. Which of the following country's cuisine has topped the list of world's best cuisines released by Taste Atlas?**

A) Spain

B) Italy

C) Japan

D) India

**Answer : B**

- ✓ According to Taste Atlas, India ranks fifth in the global list of best cuisines for 2022.
- ✓ The ranking is based on audience votes for ingredients, dishes and beverages.
- ✓ Italy's cuisine topped the ranking, followed by Greece and Spain.
- ✓ India received 4.54 points and the best rated foods of the country include "garam masala, malai, ghee, butter garlic naan, keema".
- ✓ There are a total of 460 items in this list. Also, the list has the best restaurants for Indian cuisine like Shree Thakar Bhojnalaya (Mumbai), Karavalli (Bengaluru), Bukhara (New Delhi), Dum Pukht (New Delhi), Comorin (Gurugram) and 450 others.
- ✓ Chinese cuisine, which is the world's most popular, however, ranked 11th on the list
- ✓ Top 5 countries in the world in the list:
  1. Italy
  2. Greece
  3. Spain



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4. Japan
  5. India
- ✓ Top 5 "Best Traditional Dishes" in the world
1. Kare (Japan),
  2. Picanha (Brazil),
  3. Ameijoas à Bulhao Pato (Portugal),
  4. Tangbao (China)
  5. Guotie (China),

- Q. The government decided to provide free food grains for one year to 81.35 crore people under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). What will be the total amount spent on this?**
- A) Rs 1 lakh crore                      B) Rs 3 lakh crore  
C) Rs 2 lakh crore                      D) Rs 5 lakh crore

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The government on 23 December decided to provide free foodgrains to 81.35 crore people for one year under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) at an estimated cost of Rs 2 lakh crore.
- ✓ As per the cabinet decision, beneficiaries under NFSA will get free food grains for one year till December 2023.
- ✓ The decision comes a few days before the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) expires on December 31, 2022.
- ✓ The beneficiaries will not have to pay a single rupee to get foodgrains.
- ✓ **About PMGKAY:**
- ✓ It is a food security welfare scheme announced by the Central Government in March 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ✓ It is a part of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) to help the poor in the fight against COVID-19.
- ✓ The program is run by the Department of Food and Public Distribution under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- ✓ Under the programme more than 80 crore beneficiaries are provided 5 kg free wheat/rice per person per month.
- ✓ It is the largest food security program in the world.





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- ✓ Anil Kumar Lahoti has been named as the Railway Board's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman.
- ✓ The former General Manager of Central Railway was appointed as a Member (Infrastructure) of the board a week ago and will succeed Vinay Kumar Tripathi as Chairman on January 1, 2023.
- ✓ Lahoti was named general manager of Central Railway in July 2021, having previously held various critical posts in both zonal railways and the Delhi Railway Board.

**Q. Who has earned the PRAKASHmay 15th Enertia Awards 2022 for 'Best Globally Competitive Power Company of India-Hydropower and Renewable Energy Sector'?**

- A) NTPC Limited                                      B) ONGC Ltd  
C) HPCL    D) NHPC Limited

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The government of India owned company NHPC Limited has been awarded as Winner of 'Best Globally Competitive Power Company of India – Hydropower and Renewable Energy Sector' at PRAKASHmay '15th Enertia Awards 2022.
- ✓ U.S. Sahi, Executive Director, NHPC received the award on behalf of NHPC at a glittering function held at New Delhi Institute of Management, New Delhi on 22nd December 2022.
- ✓ This award is organized by ENERTIA Foundation and supported by the Renewable Energy Promotion Association and the New Delhi Institute of Management
- ✓ About NHPC
- ✓ It was earlier called the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation.
- ✓ It was set up by the Government of India in 1975.
- ✓ It is the largest organisation for hydropower development in India.
- ✓ The company is now also engaged in the business of solar and wind power
- ✓ Headquarters: Faridabad, Haryana.
- ✓ Chairman and Managing Director: Rajiv Kumar Vishnoi

**Q. Reliance Jio purchased a 100 percent share in Reliance Infratel for around how many crore rupees?**

- A) Rs 2,588    B) Rs 3,720  
C) Rs 5,660    D) Rs 3,840

**Answer : B**



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- ✓ Reliance Projects and Property Management Services, a subsidiary of Jio, has deposited Rs 3,720 crore in an SBI escrow account to acquire mobile tower and fiber assets of Reliance Infratel

**Q. The railways is planning to modernize 1,000 small yet important stations under which initiative?**

- A) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav                      B) Amrit Bharat Station Scheme  
C) Amrit Bharat                                      D) Bharat Gaurav Scheme

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Indian Railway will launch the “Amrit Bharat Station Scheme” under which 1000 small but important stations will be modernized. This scheme is different from the ongoing plan to revamp 200 railway stations.
- ✓ According to the Indian Railways the stations will be selected not only on the passenger traffic but also on the cities they cater to. These stations will be redeveloped under what is called the "Khurda model of redevelopment".
- ✓ Khurda station in Odisha was modernized for Rs 4 crore with all contemporary amenities for passengers. The main structure was renovated, the facade was redone and the number of railway tracks was also increased.
- ✓ Under the “Amrit Bharat Station Scheme” the Divisional Railway Managers will be responsible for the redevelopment of the railway station

**Q. Which institution has set up the ‘Central Excise and Service Tax Settlement Commission’?**

- A) SEBI    B) CBIC  
C) CBDT    D) NITI Aayog

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The Customs, Central Excise, and Service Tax Settlement Commission has been established by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- ✓ It intends to resolve and settle show-cause notifications issued under the Customs Act, the Central Excise Act, and the Service Tax regime.
- ✓ This action will ensure the prompt resolution of issues under the former indirect tax framework.





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**Q. India has agreed to start negotiations for a free trade agreement with which neighbouring country?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India and Bangladesh have decided to begin discussions for a free trade agreement (FTA) as soon as possible.
- ✓ Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and his Bangladeshi colleague Tipu Munshi reached the agreement at a meeting.

**Q. Who has been appointed as the next Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army?**

- A) Lt. General Arvind Walia  
B) Lt. General Harpal Singh  
C) Lt. General Anil Chauhan  
D) Lt. General Gurmeet Singh

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Lieutenant General Arvind Walia has been named the Indian Army's new Engineer-in-Chief.
- ✓ Officials with the Indian Army announced that he will succeed Lt Gen Harpal Singh, who is retiring on December 31, 2022.
- ✓ Lt Gen Arvind Walia was appointed Chief of Staff at Headquarters Southern Command in Pune in August 2021.

**Q. In which state "Khelo India Youth Games 2022" will be held?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh will host the Fifth Khelo India Youth Games in 2022. The games will be placed from January 31st to February 11th, 2023.
- ✓ Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur made the announcement at an event in New Delhi in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan





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- ✓ Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched the revamped Probity Portal, e-HRMS 2.0 Portal and e-Books on major initiatives and achievements of his Ministry in New Delhi.
- ✓ The revamped e-HRMS 2.0 Portal will provide services in a digital mode to the employees including Transfers, Deputation, APAR, Vigilance Status, Deputation Opportunities, Service Book and other basic HR Services like Leave, Tour, and Reimbursements.
- ✓ The Minister has also launched the Mobile Application of iGoTKarmayogi Portal by Karmayogi Bharat to create professional, well-trained, and future-ready civil service for India.
- ✓ The iGOTKarmayogi platform is envisaged as a democratized, competency-driven solution space that all of the government can access to enhance their execution capabilities.
- ✓ Revamped Probity Portal for Government Employees will demand the right attitude towards public service with 'integrity' and 'probity'.
- ✓ The Revamped Probity Portal was launched for central government employees in 2017.
- ✓ It provided limited HR-related services to the employees.

**Q. Which institution has developed an artificial heart that would be of great help to people with acute cardiac problems?**

- A) IIT Kanpur
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Bombay
- D) IIT Hyderabad

**Answer : A**

- ✓ IIT Kanpur is ready with an artificial heart that would be of great help to people with acute cardiac problems.
- ✓ Trial on animals will start from February or March. After success in the trial, transplantation can be done in humans in the next two years.
- ✓ An artificial heart is being developed to reduce the suffering of the patients. A team of 10 scientists and doctors has prepared this artificial heart. After the success of the trial on animals, heart transplantation in humans will begin within two years."



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**Q. Former President Abdulla Yameen has been sentenced to 11 years in prison after being found guilty of money laundering and bribery. Abdulla Yameen was the president of which country?**

- A) Maldives  
B) Bangladesh  
C) Saudi Arabia  
D) UAE

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Former Maldives President Abdulla Yameen has been sentenced to 11 years in prison after being found guilty of money laundering and bribery.
- ✓ Yameen was accused of abusing his position and taking one million US Dollar from a private company to facilitate the sale of Aarah for resort development.
- ✓ Yameen, who lost power in 2018, was sentenced to five years in jail and fined 5 million dollars in 2019 for embezzlement in state funds.
- ✓ Maldives
- ✓ Capital : Male
- ✓ Currency : Rufiya
- ✓ President : Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

**Q. Who has won the Top Arena Junior International Badminton Championship title in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia?**

- A) Dhruv Negi  
B) Pranay ettigar  
C) Satvik Shankar  
D) Geto Sora

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh's 7-year-old Geto Sora has won the Top Arena Junior International Badminton Championship title in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ✓ He won the championship title after beating Malaysia's second seed Jaryl Teh in straight sets 21-5, 21-16.
- ✓ This is Sora's second international badminton title in two months.
- ✓ In November, the 7-year-old Sora won the multinational BTY-Yonex-Singha Championship, which was held at the Banthongyord Badminton School in Bangkok, Thailand



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**Q. The Indian Navy launched the indigenously-built ship INS Arnala at the shipbuilding facility of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) in Chennai's Kattupalli. This ship has built by which company?**

- A) Hindustan Shipyard                      B) Cochin Shipyard  
C) Mazagon Dock                              D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Indian Navy launched the indigenously-built ship INS Arnala at the shipbuilding facility of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) in Chennai's Kattupalli.
- ✓ The ship was built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE).
- ✓ Arnala is the first of the 8 anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft (ASW-SWC).
- ✓ The vessel made its first contact with the water of the Bay of Bengal during a recently-held launch ceremony in Chennai

**Q. Which company is the title sponsor of Maharashtra Open tennis tournament?**

- A) Byjus    B) Unacademy  
C) Tata Motors                                  D) Paytm

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Automobile major Tata Motors has announced that Tata Safari will be the official partner for the Maharashtra Open tennis tournament.
- ✓ This is South Asia's only ATP 250 tournament, which is scheduled to be held in Pune.
- ✓ Tata Motors committed itself as the title sponsor for the fifth consecutive year

**Q. What is the name of the memorial of former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee?**

- A) Shakti Atal                                      B) Sadaiv Atal  
C) Vikas Atal                                      D) Bharat Atal

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Good Governance Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on December 25.
- ✓ Several Leaders paid floral tribute to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at his memorial 'Sadaiv Atal' on his 98th birth anniversary.
- ✓ 'Sadaiv Atal' memorial is located in Raj Ghat, New Delhi.



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- ✓ On Good governance Day, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions launched revamped Probity Portal, e-HRMS 2.0 Portal.

**Q. Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) detected anomalies in updation of National Register of Citizens (NRC) in which of the following state?**

- A) West Bengal                      B) Assam  
C) Odisha                              D) Punjab

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has detected large-scale anomalies in the updation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) for Assam.
- ✓ It also flagged the risk of data tampering due to improper software development for the exercise.
- ✓ The updation process of the 1951 NRC for Assam was done under the supervision of the Supreme Court.
- ✓ The updated final NRC was released on August 31, 2019 and it left out 1.9 million of the 33 million applicants on suspicion of their claims as Indian citizens

**Q. What is the brand name of FMCG products introduced by Reliance?**

- A) Freedom                              B) Independence  
C) Trust                                    D) Faith

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Reliance Consumer Products fully owned subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures launched FMCG brand 'Independence'.
- ✓ Reliance Consumer Products announced the launch of home-grown consumer packaged goods brand in Gujarat.
- ✓ The company's new brand will compete with the likes of Tata Consumer Products, Adani Wilmar and ITC Ltd.

**Q. NTPC commissioned 150 MW & 90 MW Devikot Solar PV Projects in which state?**

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

**Answer : B**









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- ✓ She beat Germany's Amory Olivia Andrich 11–0 on her way to the top of the podium, and beat Kazakhstan's U20 Asian medalist Altyn Shagayeva in the 53kg final.
- ✓ **Other women nominated for the United World Wrestling 2022 Rising Star of the Year award:**
- ✓ Nonoka Ozaki of Japan,
- ✓ Amit Elor of the United States,
- ✓ Emma Malmgren of Sweden,
- ✓ Andreea Ana of Romania

**Q. Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has given Bulandshahr Jail a five-star rating and an 'Eat Right Campus' tag in which state?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has awarded the food provided by the Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh a five-star rating and the tag 'Eat Right Campus'. Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after Farrukhabad jail to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ FSSAI team inspected the kitchen's food quality, storage and hygiene on stringent measures, based on which the Bulandshahr prison was given a five-star rating, the 'Eat Right Campus' tag in addition to the remark of 'Excellent' by the FSSAI.
- ✓ Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been set up under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

## FSSAI IN NEWS 2022

- Bulandshahr prison foods becomes the 2nd jail in UP to be rated five star by FSSAI.
- Himalayan Yak has been approved as a 'food animal' by the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI).
- FSSAI awarded Bhopal Railway Station a 4-star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing "high-quality, nutritious food to passengers".
- Fatehgarh Central jail in Uttar Pradesh's Farrukhabad district has earned a five-star rating from the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for the quality of food it serves to inmates.
- 4th State Food Safety Index 2022



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- Released by : FSSAI
- Major states Top : Tamil Nadu
- 2nd : Gujarat
- 3rd : Maharashtra
- Smallest states Top : Goa
- UTs Top : Jammu and Kashmir.
- National Food laboratory of FSSAI Inaugurated in Raxaul, Bihar.
- FSSAI launched 'Project Dhoop', an initiative aimed at shifting the school assembly time to noon to ensure maximum absorption of Vitamin D in students through natural sunlight.
- FSSAI is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.
- FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statute related to food safety and regulation in India.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- Founded : 2008
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Rajesh Bhusan
- CEO : S Gopalakrishnan

**Q. The leading credit card issuers in India State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank will soon issue RuPay credit cards on the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) feature by which date?**

**A) September 2023**

**B) March 2023**

**C) April 2023**

**D) June 2023**

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Leading credit card issuers in India State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank and Axis Bank will soon issue RuPay credit cards on Unified Payment Interface (UPI) by March 2023.
- ✓ At present three Public sector banks Union Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and Indian Bank and private sector Bank HDFC bank have gone live on the RuPay credit card segment on the UPI platform.



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- ✓ RuPay and UPI has been developed by the National Payment Corporation of India. At the present moment transactions done on UPI are free and there are no charges levied on it.

**Q. The UK-based economics consultancy firm Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) has predicted that India will become the third-largest economy by which year?**

- A) 2035
- B) 2027
- C) 2037
- D) 2030

**Answer : C**

- ✓ United Kingdom-based economics consultancy firm Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) has predicted that India will become the third-largest economy by 2037. India's annual rate of GDP growth is expected to average 6.4 percent after which growth is expected to average 6.5 percent in the subsequent nine years.
- ✓ CEBR also adds that by 2037, the world gross domestic product will be doubled as developing economies will catch up with the richer ones.
- ✓ The shifting balance of power will see the East Asia and Pacific region account for over a third of global output by 2037, while Europe's share shrinks to less than a fifth.
- ✓ Its annual report titled 'World Economic League Table' tracks macroeconomic developments globally and country-wise. It presents forecasts for 191 countries of the world.

**Q. Who has been selected for the first KR Gouri Amma national award 2022?**

- A) Mariko Yamada
- B) Celia Williamson
- C) Aleida Guevara
- D) David Crampton

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Cuban social worker and human rights activist Dr. Aleida Guevara has been selected for the first KR Gouri Amma national award 2022.
- ✓ She is an active member of the Cuban Medical Mission which works to improve the health profile of children in Latin America.
- ✓ The award has been instituted by the K R Gouri Amma Foundation.
- ✓ The award will be presented by Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan at Olympia Hall at Chandrasekharan Nair Stadium.
- ✓ The award consists of \$3,000, a statute, and a citation



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**Q. Which startup has launched a carbon footprint sensitizing app?**

- A) MyPlan8  
B) Digital Green  
C) device earth  
D) Zunroof

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Startup firm 'MyPlan8' recently launched an app to sensitize people about their carbon footprint and help them reduce carbon emissions.
- ✓ This app will help people track the carbon footprint generated due to their daily activities.
- ✓ The startup aims to register 100 million people in Myplan8. "Carbon footprint" refers to the total amount of CO2 emissions produced by an individual or organization.

**Q. Union Cabinet decided to provide free food-grains to all beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA), till which date?**

- A) March 2023  
B) August 2023  
C) December 2023  
D) March 2024

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Union Cabinet decided to provide free food-grains to all 81 crore beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) till December 2023.
- ✓ The beneficiary families which used to pay ₹1 for coarse cereals, ₹2 for wheat and ₹3 for rice per kg will now get 35kg of food-grains free for the next one year and others will get 5kg for free in a month till December 2023.
- ✓ The Centre has estimated an additional amount of ₹2 lakh crore for the scheme.

**Q. Which company announced its full ownership separation from PhonePe digital payments platform?**

- A) Amazon  
B) Flipkart  
C) Google  
D) Jio Infocomm

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Flipkart and PhonePe announced the full ownership separation of PhonePe, India's largest digital payments platform.



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- ✓ The PhonePe Group was acquired by the Flipkart Group in 2016 and is one among India's largest digital payments platform.
- ✓ PhonePe has over 400 million registered users, as it builds products and offerings tailored to the Indian market
- ✓ FLIPKART
- ✓ Founded : 2007
- ✓ Founder : Sachin Bansal and
- ✓ Binny Bansal
- ✓ Headquarters : Bengaluru
- ✓ CEO : Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- ✓ PhonePe
- ✓ Founded : 2015
- ✓ Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka
- ✓ Founder & CEO : Sameer Nigam
- ✓ Co-Founder & CTO : Rahul Chari
- ✓ It is owned by Flipkart, a subsidiary of Walmart.
- ✓ PhonePe app, based on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), went live in August 2016.
- ✓ Walmart completed the acquisition of a 77% stake in Flipkart in August 2018.

**Q. As per the Arton Capital Passport Index, which state topped the country in terms of citizens with passports?**

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Punjab

**Answer : B**

- ✓ According to Arton Capital Passport Index, Kerala tops the country in terms of citizens with passports.
- ✓ As per the interactive and real-time ranking tool maintained by Arton Capital, Indians can enjoy visa-free travel to 22 countries.
- ✓ It includes neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bhutan and Mauritius, few Caribbean countries, two Latin American countries, two African countries and one European country namely Serbia.



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**Q. Which state/UT was ranked at the top in the Social Progress Index (SPI)?**

- A) Kerala  
B) Puducherry  
C) Goa  
D) Odisha

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM) along with Institute for Competitiveness and Social Progress Imperative today released the Social Progress Index (SPI) for States and Districts of India.
- ✓ Puducherry has the highest SPI score of 65.99 in the country. It was followed by Lakshadweep, and Goa.
- ✓ The top three performing districts are Shimla in Himachal Pradesh, Solan in Himachal Pradesh, and Aizawl in Mizoram.

**Q. Who among the following topped the '6th Elite National Women's Boxing Championship' 2022 held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh?**

- A) Madhya Pradesh  
B) Haryana  
C) Railway Team  
D) Services

**Answer : C**

- ✓ World Champion Nikhat Zarin of Telangana and the Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain of Assam won gold medals in their respective weight categories at the 6th Elite National Women's Boxing Championships 2022 in Bhopal on 26 December 2022.
- ✓ The 6th Elite National Women's Boxing Championship was held at the Tatya Tope Stadium, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from 20-26 December 2022.
- ✓ 302 women boxers from all over the country participated in the event.
- ✓ The Railways team topped the medals tally with 10 medals - five golds, three silvers and two bronze.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh team came second with one gold, two silver and five bronze and Haryana with two gold and two bronze claimed the third spot

**Q. Reliance Jio to launch 5G services in December 2022 with an investment of Rs 6,500 crore in which states?**

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



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#### Answer : C

- ✓ Reliance Jio has launched its 5G services in Andhra Pradesh with an investment of Rs 6,500 crore, starting with the cities of Tirumala, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Guntur.
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh Information and Technology Minister Gudivada Amarnath and Chief Secretary KS Jawahar Reddy launched the Jio True 5G and Jio True 5G Powered wi-fi services on 26th December.
- ✓ Jio 5G services will be available throughout the state by the end of next year.
- ✓ On December 26, Jio users in these cities were invited for the Jio Welcome Offer.
- ✓ In addition to its existing investment of Rs 26,000 crore, Jio has invested over Rs 6,500 crore for the deployment of 5G network in Andhra Pradesh, showing its commitment towards the development of the state
- ✓ What is 5G technology?
- ✓ The fifth generation mobile network is called 5G.
- ✓ The 5G network will operate in the millimeter-wave spectrum (30-300 GHz) which can send huge amounts of data at very high speeds.
- ✓ It is the newest upgrade in Long Term Evolution (LTE) mobile broadband networks.
- ✓ Internet speeds in the high-band spectrum of 5G have been tested to exceed 20 Gbps (gigabit per second).

**Q. NTPC has tied up with a company named 'Technimont Pvt Ltd' from which of the following countries, for green methanol production?**

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

#### Answer : D

- ✓ India's largest power generation company 'National Thermal Power Corporation Limited' (NTPC) has signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Technimont Pvt Ltd, the Indian subsidiary of Italy-based Maire Technimont Group, on 26 December
- ✓ The objective of this MoU is to jointly evaluate and explore the possibility of developing a commercial scale green methanol production facility at NTPC's project in India.
- ✓ This green methanol project involves capturing carbon from NTPC's power plants and converting it into green fuel.



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- ✓ This agreement will make a significant contribution to the energy transformation in India.
- ✓ Green Methanol :
- ✓ Green methanol has a wide range of applications. It also includes use as a base material for chemical industries, storage of renewable electricity and as a transportation fuel.
- ✓ The NTPC which was earlier known as National Thermal Power Corporation of India is owned by the Government of India. It was set up in 1975

**Q. Ministry of Power has tied up with which of the following to set up an early warning system for power stations ?**

- A) NTPC
- B) DRDO
- C) HAL
- D) SAIL

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Ministry of Power has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) for the implementation of an early warning system for vulnerable hydroelectric projects/power stations.
- ✓ It aims to jointly work towards developing appropriate mitigation measures against avalanches, landslides, glaciers, glacial lakes and other land hazards.
- ✓ DRDO's expertise will also be utilized in developing a comprehensive early warning system for vulnerable hydroelectric projects/power stations in hilly areas.
- ✓ Early Warning System (EWS) :
- ✓ It is an adaptive measure to climate change, which uses integrated communication systems to help communities prepare for dangerous climate-related events.

**Q. In which one of the following states Indian Bank has launched its flagship program 'MSME Prerna' ?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Government of India owned Public Sector Bank, Indian Bank has launched its flagship business mentoring program for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) entrepreneurs – 'MSME Prerna' – in the state of Rajasthan.





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- ✓ "MSME Prerana", is a first-of-its-kind initiative for the MSME sector in the country by any bank.
- ✓ It aims at empowering MSME Entrepreneurs through skill development and capacity building training in their local languages, assisting them in acquiring necessary financial and managerial skills, capacity to handle crisis in business, understanding of dynamics of credit rating and risk management.
- ✓ Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) :
- ✓ MSMEs are regulated under the 'Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006'. The law had defined MSME in India.
- ✓ The enterprises or businesses which are engaged in either manufacturing or service sector are defined as Micro Small or Medium enterprises on the basis of their turnover(sales) and investment in plant and machineries.
- ✓ Micro enterprises:
- ✓ Enterprises with an annual turnover of less than Rs 5 crore and the maximum investment in plant and machinery or equipment shall not be more than one crore rupees.
- ✓ Small Enterprise:
- ✓ The enterprises where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed ten crore rupees and turnover does not exceed fifty crore rupees.
- ✓ Medium Enterprise:
- ✓ The enterprises where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does exceed fifty crore rupees and turnover does not exceed two hundred and fifty crore rupees.

**Q. Who was appointed as the Chairman of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)?**

- A) Ashok Nair                                      B) Chandu Kumar  
C) Santosh Kumar Yadav                        D) Harshdeep Singh

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Government of India has appointed senior IAS officer Santosh Kumar Yadav as the chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on 26 December 2022.
- ✓ A 1995-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, Santosh Yadav is currently additional secretary in the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.
- ✓ Government has also appointed Ganji Kamala V Rao as the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.





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- ✓ The Losar festivities continue for nine more days from the New Year with the offering of prayers in the name of God and Goddess, dances and songs in honour of Ibex, and the pilgrimage of Mount Kailash.
- ✓ The lighting of prayer lamps, illumination of buildings, houses, religious places like monasteries, stupas, and other business establishments making appear that the entire Ladakh is lit in lights are part of celebrations of the Losar Festival.
- ✓ Prayer lamps are lit and buildings, homes, places of worship, stupas and business places are decorated during this festival which is held for 15 days from 24 December every year.
- ✓ Other Famous Festivals in Ladakh
- ✓ Sindhu Darshan Festival
- ✓ Hemis Tsechu
- ✓ Spituk Gustor Festival
- ✓ Diskit Gustor Festival
- ✓ Chemrey Wangchok Festival
- ✓ Galdan Namchot Festival
- ✓ Saka Dawa Festival

**Q. Dharmadam becomes the first complete library constituency in India. Dharmadam is the town of which state?**

- A) Madhya Pradesh                      B) Kerala  
C) Karnataka                              D) Uttarakhand

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's constituency Dharmadam has become the first complete library constituency in India
- ✓ Kerala which was the first state to achieve 100% literacy status in India is also perhaps the only state in India that has a library in every village.
- ✓ Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker of Kerala is also known as the Father of the Library Movement in India.

**Q. Who has been awarded the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2022?**

- A) Leah Williamson                      B) Harry Kane  
C) Bukayo Saka                            D) Jude Bellingham

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ English football player Beth Mead has been awarded the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2022 as she was the player of the tournament and top scorer at Euro 2022.
- ✓ Beth Mead has defeated Germany in the finals at Wembley to win England's first major women's football trophy.
- ✓ The 27-year-old competed against Ben Stokes and Ronnie O'Sullivan for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022 award.
- ✓ While Sarina Wiegman (England's manager) has won the Coach of the Year.

**Q. Who among the following has become the second batsman in the world to score a double century in his 100th Test?**

- A) Joe Root
- B) Ben Stroh
- C) Kane Williamson
- D) David Warner

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Australia's star opener David Warner has become the second batsman in the world to score a double century in his 100th Test, along with England batsman Joe Root, he has joined an exclusive club.
- ✓ David Warner has also become the 10th player in the world to score a century in his 100th Test.
- ✓ He has become the second Australian batsman after Ricky Ponting to achieve this feat.
- ✓ Along with this, he has also become the eighth Australian player to complete 8,000 Test runs.

**Q. Who has been elected the President of the Indian Oil Officers Association (IOOA)?**

- A) Anil Saxena
- B) Kuldeep Singh Rana
- C) Sanjay Singh
- D) Rituraj Baruah

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Indian Oil Officers Association (IOOA) today announced that Sanjay Singh has been elected All India President of Indian Oil Officers Association in the recently concluded office bearers election.
- ✓ He holds a degree in chemical engineering from IIT-Roorkee. He joined IOC in December 1981 as Trainee Engineer. Apart from these, Rituraj Baruah has been elected as the Vice President and Anoop Singh as the General Secretary.



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**Q. Which country has recently released a special stamp in honor of the 75th anniversary of India's independence?**

- A) Russia  
B) Serbia  
C) Spain  
D) Argentina

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Postal Department of Serbia has recently issued a special postage stamp in honor of the 75th anniversary of India's independence (AzadiKaAmritMahotsav). It was issued in the presence of the First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Serbia.
- ✓ Serbia is a landlocked country in Southeast Europe whose capital is Belgrade

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**Q. Union Home Ministry has approved the renaming of two places in which of the following states?**

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

**Answer : C**



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- ✓ Union Home Ministry on 27 December 2022 gave its consent to change the names of two places in Uttar Pradesh following recommendations from the state government.
- ✓ The 'no-objection' certificates were issued by the ministry for changing the name of the municipal council 'Mundera Baazar' in Gorakhpur district to 'Chauri-Chaura' and that of 'Telia Afghan' village in Deoria district to 'Telia Shukla'.
- ✓ Under Article 3 of the constitution, Parliament has the power to change the name of a state

**Q. International Day of Epidemic Preparedness is observed every year on which day?**

- A) 25 December                      B) 26 December  
C) 27 December                      D) 28 December

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The purpose of this day is to create awareness about the pandemic.
- ✓ The day aims to facilitate exchange of information, dissemination of scientific knowledge and ensure exchange of best practices at the international level.
- ✓ This will help prevent pandemics like COVID-19 in future as it has had a devastating impact on human lives
- ✓ A resolution passed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 7, 2020 declared December 27 as the International Day for Pandemic Preparedness.
- ✓ The coronavirus outbreak in China began in late 2019. As the infection rate started rising and the number of infected people increased, many parts of the city were sealed.
- ✓ In light of this, the first International Day of Pandemic Preparedness was observed on December 27, 2020.

**Q. Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a \$150 million loan to provide access to resilient and sustainable housing for the urban poor in which of the following state?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide USD 125 million loan to India to develop climate-resilient sewage collection and treatment, and drainage and water supply systems in three cities in the state of Tamil Nadu.



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- ✓ In 2018 ADB agreed to provide USD 500 million loan to build priority water supply, sewerage, and drainage infrastructure in strategic industrial corridors across 10 cities in Tamilnadu. The loan amount was to be provided in three tranches. Under the third tranche \$125 million will be provided and the amount will be used to build priority water supply, sewerage, and drainage infrastructure in Coimbatore, Madurai and Thoothukudi.

#### ADB IN NEWS 2021-22

- ADB to provide \$125 million loan to improve Urban Services in Tamil Nadu.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a USD 350 million (about Rs 2,900 crore) loan to improve the road connectivity in Maharashtra.
- Asian Development Bank announces \$14 billion support for food security in Asia Pacific.
- IndusInd Bank and ADB collaborate to improve financing for supplier chains
- ADB, India sign \$96.3 mn loan to improve water supply, sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh.
- Maharashtra to take ₹4,000 crore loan from ADB to set up medical colleges in 12 districts.
- ADB cuts India GDP growth forecast for FY23 to 7.2%.
- ADB approves USD 96.3 million loan for safe drinking water project in Himachal Pradesh.
- ADB approves \$2 million loan to support urban development in Nagaland.
- ADB and HSBC India partners to establish \$100 million Partial Guarantee Program for Microfinance in India.
- IIFL Home Finance signs \$68-million loan agreement with ADB for affordable Green Housing.
- ADB lends record USD 4.6 bn loans to India in 2021.
- ADB approves \$112 million loan to establish Assam Skill University.
- ADB approves \$500-million loan to improve quality of school education.
- ADB has approved a Rs 2653.05 crore (USD 350 million) policy-based loan to improve urban services in India
- India and ADB sign USD 300 million loan agreement to improve primary health care in India.
- ADB approves USD1.5 bn loan to India for COVID-19 vaccine procurement.
- ADB approved \$61 Million loan under 'Agartala City Urban Development Project.
- ADB approves \$250 million loan for India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP).



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- ADB, India Sign \$100 Million Loan for Agribusiness Development in Maharashtra.
- ADB and India sign \$251 million loan for Integrated Urban Flood Management in Chennai.
- ADB, AIIB processing \$2 billion loan for India to buy COVID-19 vaccines (ADB USD 1.5 billion, AIIB, USD 500 million).
- India and ADB inks \$4.5 million project readiness financing loan to support urban mobility in Mizoram.
- ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)
- Founded : 19 December 1966
- HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- President : Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)
- Vice President : Ashok Lavasa (Indian?)
- Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi
- Executive Director : Sameer Kumar
- Member Countries : 68 (Nuie).
- ADB has grown to encompass 68 members; of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- Japan is the largest contributor in the subscribed capital of the country.
- Asian Development Outlook, reports published by ADB.

**Q. Which IIT has won the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards at the Wharton Campus, Philadelphia, USA?**

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Hyderabad
- D) IIT Kanpur

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT) Madras has won the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards at the Wharton Campus, Philadelphia, USA.
- ✓ The institute has been awarded and its BS in Data Science and Applications is awarded the silver in the best online programme category.
- ✓ While, the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL), a joint initiative of IITs and IISc, run by IIT Madras, won the gold in the lifelong learning category.
- ✓ The NPTEL-National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning has won the Gold in the 'Lifelong Learning' category.





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- ✓ The Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards are considered to be the Oscars of Education.

#### IIT MADRAS IN NEWS 2022

- IIT Madras has won the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards at the Wharton Campus, Philadelphia, USA.
- IIT Madras is partnering with Australian Universities to launch 'Australia-India Centre for Energy (AICE).
- Cochin Shipyard, IIT-Madras sign pact to support maritime startups.
- IIT-Madras and NASA researchers study microbes on space station.
- National Intellectual Property Award won by IIT Madras for 2021 and 2022.
- Ashok Leyland, IIT Madras tie up to develop hybrid EVS Using Turbine Tech.
- IBM and IIT Madras collaborate to promote quantum computing in India.
- IIT Madras joins Inspire Institute of Sports for innovative boxing analytics software.
- Vedanta collaborates with company started from IIT Madras.
- Indian Railways and IIT Madras Partner To Develop India's First Indigenous Hyperloop .
- IIT Madras creates robots to clean septic tanks without human under the name "HomoSEP," .
- Nilekani Center established by IIT-M to promote Indian language technology .
- Indian Air Force (IAF) Ties Up with IIT Madras to Develop Solutions to Maintain Weapon Systems.
- IIT-Madras technology to play 'Pivot'al role in providing patients with cancer with individualised care.
- IIT Madras bagged the first position in ARIIA Rankings 2021.

**Q. Which entity has released its web publication entitled 'Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India: 2021-22' covering the activities of the Indian banking sector?**

- A) SEBI
- C) NPCI

- B) RBI
- D) NITI Aayog

**Answer : B**

- ✓ RBI releases web publication entitled 'Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India: 2021-22
- ✓ The publication presents entity-wise information on major items of liabilities and assets along with their maturity profile, income and expenses, select financial ratios, number of employees, and details of priority sector advances for scheduled commercial banks excluding regional rural banks.



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- ✓ In addition, capital-to-risk-weighted asset ratios, non-performing assets, exposure to sensitive sectors, contingent liabilities, and unclaimed deposits are included.
- ✓ State-wise distribution of consolidated balance sheet of rural cooperative banks are also presented.
- ✓ The publication can be accessed on the RBI website through the link 'Time Series Publications' under the Database on Indian Economy.

**Q. Who became the first state in the country to pass the Lokayukta Bill?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Maharashtra became the first state in the country to pass the Lokayukta Bill
- ✓ The Maharashtra Assembly passed the Lokayukta Bill 2022 on December 28, which brings the chief minister and council of ministers under the ambit of the anti-corruption ombudsman. It is the first state in the country to do so.
- ✓ The Lokayukta shall have a Chairperson, who shall be a present or former Chief Justice of a High Court.
- ✓ The Lokayukta shall have a maximum of four members, of whom two shall be from the judiciary.

**Q. Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of Baskar Babu Ramachandran as MD & CEO of which small Finance Bank?**

- A) Au Small Finance Bank  
B) Capital Small Finance Bank  
C) Suryoday Small Finance Bank  
D) Equitas Small Finance Bank

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of Baskar Babu Ramachandran as MD & CEO of Suryoday Small Finance Bank for three years with effect from January 23, 2023
- ✓ Prior to co-founding Suryoday Micro Finance Pvt Ltd, he held various positions with various companies including GE Capital Transportation Financial Services Ltd, HDFC Bank Ltd.
- ✓ Suryoday Small Finance Bank (Suryoday SFB) is a scheduled commercial bank.
- ✓ The Bank was originally incorporated as Suryoday Micro Finance Pvt Ltd at Chennai in 2008 and subsequently got converted into a public limited company as Suryoday Micro Finance Ltd in 2015



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**Q. Who is the Author of the book titled "Forks In The Road My Days At Rbi And Beyond "?**

- A) Bimal Jalan  
B) Y Venugopal Reddy  
C) Raghuram Rajan  
D) C Rangarajan

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Dr C Rangarajan in his book, 'Forks In The Road- My Days at RBI and Beyond.
- ✓ This book is a memoir of Dr C. Rangarajan, an Indian economist, a former Member of Parliament, and the 19th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. The book includes his journey as an economist and RBI Governor and brings to light some of the hidden truths surrounding India's economic history.
- ✓ published by Penguin Random House

**Q. Which Union Ministry has launched the 'City Finance Rankings 2022'?**

- A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs  
B) Ministry of Finance  
C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
D) Ministry of MSME

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The draft rules for a new city ranking system based on financial performance and beauty were recently announced by the Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- ✓ The goal of the 'City Finance Rankings 2022' is to evaluate and reward urban local governments based on their resource mobilization, spending performance, and fiscal governance systems.

**Q. The 'National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS)' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Development  
B) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
C) Ministry of Defence  
D) Ministry of Rural Development

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Minister of Rural Development launched the National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) App in 2021.
- ✓ From January 1, 2023, employees employed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGREGS) will be required to digitally capture their attendance.



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- ✓ The National Smartphone Monitoring System (NMMS) mobile application is used to track attendance

**Q. The G20 digital innovation alliance campaign will be organized in which city?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ As part of India's G20 presidency, the Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched the "Stay Safe Online" campaign and the "G20 Digital Innovation Alliance" (G20-DIA), at Delhi
- ✓ MeitY, the nodal ministry for the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG), has represented India in several working groups and ministerial sessions..
- ✓ About Stay Safe Online Campaign
- ✓ It aims to raise awareness among citizens to stay safe in the online world due to the widespread use of social media platforms and rapid adoption of digital payments.
- ✓ Rapid growth in the number of Internet users in India and rapidly evolving technology have presented unique challenges.
- ✓ About G20 Digital Innovation Alliance (G20-DIA)
- ✓ It aims to identify and enable adoption of innovative and impactful digital technologies developed by startups from G20 countries.
- ✓ It can address the needs of humanity in the critically important sectors of agri-tech, health-tech, ed-tech, fin-tech, secured digital infrastructure, and circular economy.
- ✓ Startup products in the aforementioned six themes enabled through Digital Public Goods Infrastructure can create a global population-scale impact and reduce the digital divide and enable sustainable, and inclusive techno-socio-economic development.

**Q. Which state and Home Affairs Ministry has signed cessations of operations agreement with the ZUF armed group?**

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

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ The government of India and the Manipur government have signed a Cessation of Operation Agreement with an insurgent group of Manipur, Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF), in New Delhi
- ✓ Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF)
- ✓ The Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) was established in 2011. It is a Naga group which is active in Manipur. The group claims its objective is to safeguard the interest of 'Zeliangrong Naga tribes in Manipur, Assam and Nagaland. It aimed to create a 'Zeliangrong' state within the Indian Union comprising the Zeliangrong Naga tribe's area in Manipur, Assam and Nagaland

**Q. The Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project is how many megawatts?**

- A) 500 MW                                      B) 720 MW  
C) 940 MW                                      D) 800 MW

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India-assisted 720 Megawatt Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project in Bhutan was recently turned over to Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC).
- ✓ India and Bhutan have completed four major hydroelectric power plants with this project.
- ✓ The project's completion boosted Bhutan's electrical power generation capacity by 44%

**Q. Who has inaugurated the project "Development of Srisailam Temple" at Srisailam Temple Complex Andhra Pradesh?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ President Draupadi Murmu on December 27 inaugurated Srisailam temple development project and a tourism facilitation center under the scheme 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD)' at Srisailam Temple in Andhra Pradesh
- ✓ The project has been sanctioned and executed under the PRASAD scheme.
- ✓ The project "Development of Srisailam Temple in the State of Andhra Pradesh" has been completed at a cost of Rs.43.08 crore. The project is 100 percent funded by the Ministry of Tourism.
- ✓ About PRASAD scheme
- ✓ The scheme was launched in the year 2014-2015, It comes under the Ministry of Tourism.



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- ✓ The scheme focuses on the development and identification of pilgrimage sites across India to enrich the religious tourism scene.
- ✓ Under this scheme, several religious places like Amaravati and Srisaillam (Andhra Pradesh), Kamakhya (Assam), Parashuram Kund (Lohit district, Arunachal Pradesh), Patna and Gaya (Bihar), etc. have been identified for development.
- ✓ The scheme aims to harness pilgrimage tourism to its multiplier effect and have a direct impact on employment generation and economic growth.
- ✓ About Srisaillam Temple
- ✓ Mallikarjuna Temple or Srisaillam Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to the deity Shiva. It is located at Srisaillam in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ It is considered as one of the twelve Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva. Here Parvati is worshipped as "Mallika" and Shiva is worshipped as "Arjuna", represented by a lingam.
- ✓ According to the epigraphical evidence of the Satavahana dynasty, this temple has been in existence since the 2nd century

**Q. Which state government has inaugurated the 'E-Sushrut' hospital management information system in the state medical colleges?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brijesh Pathak and Minister of State for Medical Education Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh have inaugurated the 'E-Sushrut' Hospital Management Information System.
- ✓ The first phase, the E-Sushrut system has been started in 22 medical colleges of the state. With this software patient registration, admission, discharge, ambulance, food, medicines, and details of doctors will be done online

**Q. Union Cabinet has approved the opening of new Consulates in which of the following countries?**

- A) Egypt and Kuwait                                      B) Qatar and Ecuador  
C) Mauritius and Maldives                                      D) Maldives and Lithuania



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#### Answer : D

- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the opening of new Consulates in Maldives and Lithuania.
- ✓ India has opened missions in 14 African countries out of the 18 announced in March 2018.
- ✓ Three new Missions in Estonia, Paraguay, and the Dominican Republic, approved by Cabinet in December 2020, were made operational in January-February, 2022.
- ✓ The decision to open a new Indian Mission in Lithuania is a forward-looking step in pursuit of our national priority of growth and development or 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'.
- ✓ Maldives
- ✓ Capital : Male
- ✓ Currency : Rufiya
- ✓ President : Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- ✓ Lithuania
- ✓ Capital : Vilnius
- ✓ Currency : Euro
- ✓ President : Gitanas Nausėda

**Q. Who has been appointed as the chief advisor to Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel?**

- A) Hasmukh Adhia
- B) Dinesh Bhatia
- C) Raju Ahmed
- D) Rahul Srivatshav

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Former Union finance secretary Hasmukh Adhia has been appointed as the chief advisor to Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.
- ✓ The government has also appointed SS Rathod, the managing director of Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited and former CMD of Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited, as the chief minister's advisor.
- ✓ Hasmukh Adia is a former Gujarat cadre IAS officer. Adhia retired from service in November 2018.
- ✓ He was made the secretary in the Department of Financial Services, Union Ministry of Finance when Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister of India in 2014.



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**Q. Who among the following has been awarded Atal Samman Award?**

- A) Anar Mehta  
B) Shikha Verma  
C) Vaishali Shah  
D) Prabhu Chandra Mishra

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Prabhu Chandra Mishra has been awarded Atal Samman Award for his excellence in field of science & research.
- ✓ His area of work is StemCell & Regenerative Medicine in infertility especially when IVF also fails.
- ✓ The diseases like premature ovarian failure, thin endometrium, Asherman syndrome Etc have shown satisfactory results with body's own cells.
- ✓ PRP & bone marrow-derived StemCells Research have shown promising hope for these patients/ couples who are struggling for their own child's.
- ✓ He is the President of the International Association of StemCell & Regenerative Medicine.

**Q. The government has extended the free import of Urad and Tur pulses by one more year to —.**

- A) 31 March 2024  
B) 31 March 2023  
C) 31 March 2026  
D) 31 March 2025

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Government extends free import of Urad and Tur pulses till March 2024.
- ✓ Earlier in March 2022 the government had allowed free import of tur and urad till 31 march 2023. Now importers can import any quantity of urad and tur dal without any quantitative restrictions. The government has taken this step to ensure adequate domestic supply in the country and to control the prices of these pulses.
- ✓ Pulses and India
- ✓ India is the largest producer, importer and consumer of pulses in the world accounting for nearly 25% of global production, 15% of International trade and 27% of world consumption.
- ✓ In 2020-21 the total pulse production in India was 26.96 million tonnes.
- ✓ India meets around 10-12 % of its demand for pulses through import.
- ✓ Source of pulse import
- ✓ India buys maximum pulses from Canada followed by Myanmar





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✓ Largest Producer of pulses in India (2020-21) (in descending order)

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Rajasthan
3. Maharashtra

✓ Largest Producer of Tur in India (2020-21) (in descending order)

1. Maharashtra
2. Karnataka
3. Telangana

**Q. India recently signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) with which country?**

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| A) Russia    | B) France    |
| C) Singapore | D) Australia |

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India, Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement comes into force from 29 December, 2022.
- ✓ Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)
- ✓ India and Australia signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) on the 2nd of April 2022.
- ✓ ECTA is the first trade agreement of India with a developed country after more than a decade.
- ✓ India-Australia Trade Relations
- ✓ Australia is the 17th largest trading partner of India and India is Australia's 9th largest trading partner.
- ✓ India-Australia bilateral trade in goods and services is pegged at US\$ 27.5 billion in 2021.
- ✓ India's merchandise exports to Australia grew by 135% between 2019 and 2021.
- ✓ India's exports to Australia - Manufactured goods such as petroleum, medicaments, diamonds, jewellery, railway coaches and vehicles, milled rice and herbicides.
- ✓ India's imports to Australia - 82% of its imports from Australia are coal, gold, copper ore, aluminium oxide, liquified natural gas, manganese ore, aluminium waste, pigments, lentils, etc.



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**Q. Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Israel for the \_\_\_\_ time.**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Benjamin Netanyahu sworn in as the Prime minister of Israel for a record 6th time.
- ✓ He replaced Yair Lapid whose party failed to win a majority in the Israeli Parliamentary election held on 1 November 2022. This was the 5th general election in Israel in the past four years.
- ✓ The longest serving Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu heads a coalition government which is considered to be one of the most right wing governments in the history of the country.
- ✓ The Israeli Parliament is called the Knesset. It is a unicameral house which has a term of four years. It has 120 members.
- ✓ In the 120 member Israeli Parliament called as Knesset, Netanyahu has the support of 64 members. It included his Likud party supported by the ultra-orthodox Shas, United Torah Judaism, the far-right Otzma Yehudit, Religious Zionist Party, and Noam.
- ✓ The Israeli Parliament is called the Knesset. It is a unicameral house which has a term of four years. It has 120 members
- ✓ ISRAEL
- ✓ Capital : Jerusalem
- ✓ Currency : New Shekel
- ✓ President : Isaac Herzog
- ✓ 15th Prime Minister : Benjamin Netanyahu

**Q. Which company has organized 'Bijli Utsav' in the Baksa district of Assam?**

- A) REC Limited
- B) SJVN
- C) NHPC Limited
- D) Vedanta Limited

**Answer : A**

- ✓ As a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', REC Limited, a Maharatna Company under the Ministry of Power, Govt of India organised 'Bijli Utsav' in Anandapur Gaon of Baksa district and adjoining villages in Assam



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- ✓ The event highlighted the consumer rights of electricity, benefits of electricity and challenges faced during electrification in remote areas and improving the quality of life with access to electricity by utility officials.
- ✓ About REC Limited
- ✓ It is an NBFC focusing on Power Sector Financing and Development across India.
- ✓ Established in 1969, REC Limited has completed fifty years in its field of operations
- ✓ REC Limited, formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- ✓ Founded : 1969
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ CMD : Vivek Kumar Dewangan.
- ✓ REC Ltd has become the 12th company to attain the Maharatna status.

**Q. The 'Dhanu Yatra' festival, an 11-day long festival, started in which city in western Odisha?**

- A) Cuttack                                      B) Bargarh  
C) Balasore                                     D) Sambalpur

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The 'Dhanu Yatra' festival, considered to be the world's largest open-air theatre, began on 27th December in the Western Odisha town of Bargarh.
- ✓ President Draupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the people of the eastern state as the 11-day festival began. The festival began after a gap of two years.
- ✓ In this festival, events related to Lord Shri Krishna will be presented through folk arts that touch the hearts of millions of people.
- ✓ About 'Dhanu Yatra'
- ✓ The 'Dhanu Yatra', which symbolises the victory of good over evil, came into being in Bargarh as part of the country's independence celebrations in 1947–48 and is held annually.
- ✓ 'Dhanu Yatra' is associated with the culture of Odisha.
- ✓ As per tradition, for the whole eleven days, the people of Bargarh obey the orders of Raja Kansa and not the district administration
- ✓ Background of the festival



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- ✓ Dhanu Yatra was started after the harvest season of the year 1947-48, just after the independence of India as a reflection of the atmosphere of joy in the society for the end of British misrule.
- ✓ Since then it is performed every year at the end of the harvesting of paddy, the main crop of the area.
- ✓ It starts from the 5th day of 'Pousasukla' to end on 'Pousapurnima'.
- ✓ During 11 days the entire area of Bargarh city and sub-urban areas around Bargarh block turns into 'Mathura Nagari', the kingdom of Kansa.
- ✓ The festival begins with a drama depicting the downfall of Ugrasena, the emperor of Mathura, by Kansa, enraged at the marriage of his sister Devaki with Vasudeva.
- ✓ The festival ends with the death of the demon king Kansa and the restoration of the throne to Ugrasena.

**Q. According to the report, released by the Road Transport and Highways Ministry, the road accidents in India have been decreased by \_\_\_\_ in 2021 as compared to 2019.**

- A) 5.1%                                      B) 6.1%  
C) 7.1%                                      D) 8.1%

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Road accidents in the country have decreased by 8.1 percent in the year 2021 as compared to 2019.
- ✓ According to a report released by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on 28 December 2022 a total of 4,12,432 road accidents occurred in the 2021 calendar year which claimed 1,53,972 lives while 3,84,448 people were injured.
- ✓ The report titled 'Road accidents in India — 2021', said major indicators related to accidents have performed better in 2021 when compared to 2019.
- ✓ The report titled 'Road accidents in India — 2021', said major indicators related to accidents have performed better in 2021 when compared to 2019.
- ✓ According to the report, "Road accidents decreased by 8.1 percent and injuries decreased by 14.8 percent in 2021 compared to 2019. Fatalities, however, on account of road accidents increased by 1.9 percent in 2021 corresponding to the same period in 2019,"
- ✓ The report is based on the data/information received from police departments of states/Union Territories collected on a calendar year basis in standardized formats as provided by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) under the Asia Pacific Road Accident Data (APRAD) base project.



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**Q. Which state government has launched an initiative for the conservation of the Nilgiri Tahr (State animal) at a cost of ₹25.1 crore?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu is set to implement Project Nilgiri Tahr, aimed at developing a better understanding of the population, distribution and ecology of the endangered species which is the state animal.
- ✓ The project, to be set up at a cost of ₹25.1 crore, will be implemented during the 2022-27 period
- ✓ Nilgiris Tahr (*Nilgiritragus hylocrius*), endemic to the Western ghats and locally known as 'Varaiaadu', has been classified a critically endangered species in the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) red list and protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (protection) Act of India, 1972.
- ✓ A World Wide Fund for Nature Report in 2015 estimated that there were 3,122 Nilgiri Tahr in the wild.

**Q. Who inaugurated the National Championship "Tehri Water Sports Cup" at Tehri Lake, Uttarakhand?**

- A) RK Singh  
B) Pralhad Joshi  
C) Nitin Gadkari  
D) Hardeep Singh Puri

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy RK Singh, a world-class Kayaking-Canoeing Academy is to be set up at Tehri in Uttarakhand.
- ✓ Speaking at the inauguration of the National Championship "Tehri Water Sports Cup" at Tehri Lake 28th Dec 2022, he exclaimed, the promotion of sports is the priority of the Union Government
- ✓ About Tehri Lake
- ✓ Tehri was a small town situated at the confluence of Bhagirathi and Bhilangana rivers in Uttarakhand.
- ✓ The city was submerged in water to create a large catchment area and thus the old Tehri city became the Tehri Lake, the largest man-made lake in Asia.
- ✓ To make room for the Tehri Dam, Tehri town was evacuated and the population shifted to New Tehri town.
- ✓ The State Government (Uttarakhand) has decided to convert Tehri Lake into adventure tourism in the Tehri Dam Construction Scheme.



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**Q. Who has flagged off the first metro rail in Dhaka for its first journey between Diabari and Agargaon station?**

- A) Khaleda Zia  
B) Sheikh Hasina  
C) Sajeeb Wazed  
D) Mohammad Abdul Hamid

**Answer : B**

- ✓ First metro rail in Bangladesh was inaugurated in Dhaka by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
- ✓ The train was flagged off in Dhaka for its first journey between Diabari and Agargaon station
- ✓ This is part of the ambitious Bangladesh project of Mass Rapid Transit to be completed by 2030.
- ✓ Bangladesh entered another glorious era in its developmental journey today with the inauguration of the metro rail in Dhaka.
- ✓ The approximately 12-kilometre-long metro route which was opened 28th Dec 2022 will connect Diabari to Agargaon station in Dhaka.
- ✓ Ten pairs of trains with 6 six coaches each will run on this route initially for 4 hours carrying about 5 lakh passengers daily.
- ✓ Built with financial and technical support from Japan, the metro rail network after completion in 2030 will cover a total length of 129 kilometres out of which 61 kilometres will be underground

**Q. Which Company has signed an MoU with the Central TB Division (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare), Uttar Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh to undertake intensified TB elimination project?**

- A) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation  
B) Indian Oil Corporation Limited  
C) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited  
D) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The government of India owned Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central TB Division under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the states of Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh to undertake an intensified TB elimination project. This effort of the IOCL is part of its Corporate Social Responsibility. .



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- ✓ According to the World Health Organisation 26% of Tuberculosis (TB) cases in the world in 2020 was reported from India. Within India Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh share the highest burden of TB cases among large states in India.
- ✓ The Indian Government has set a target to eliminate TB in India by 2025.
- ✓ Indian Oil has emerged as the first corporate to supplement state efforts in Active Case Finding campaign (ACF) by investing close to Rs. 64 crore in all 75 districts of UP, covering approximately 10% of its population once a year for three years.
- ✓ Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) certain public or private sector companies have to spend a minimum 2% of the average net profits made during the 3 immediately preceding financial years on certain sectors identified by the government...
- ✓ Every year March 24 is observed as World Tuberculosis Day in the world
- ✓ National Strategic Plan 2017-2025 for TB Elimination in India.

**Q. Who has been appointed as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)?**

- A) Praveen Kumar Srivastava      B) S.D. Sharma  
C) Rani Shalini                      D) Sudhir Kumar Sharma

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The government of India has appointed the vigilance commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) on 28 December 2022.
- ✓ The incumbent CVC chief Suresh N Patel completed his term on 24 December 2022.
- ✓ The Vigilance Commission is headed by a CVC and can have a maximum of two other Vigilance Commissioners.
- ✓ Besides Srivastava, former Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief Arvind Kumar is the other Vigilance Commissioner.
- ✓ The tenure of a CVC and vigilance commissioner is of four years or till the incumbent attains the age of 65 years.
- ✓ Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)
- ✓ The Central Vigilance Commission was set up by the Government in February, 1964 on the recommendations of the Committee on Prevention of Corruption, headed by Shri K. Santhanam, to advise and guide Central Government agencies in the field of vigilance.



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- ✓ It was made a statutory body by an ordinance issued by the President in 1998 and later the ordinance was replaced by the Central Vigilance Commission Act 2003.
- ✓ Government of India has authorized the Central Vigilance Commission as the "Designated Agency" to receive written complaints for disclosure on any allegation of corruption or misuse of office and recommend appropriate action.

**Q. Which among the following will serve as the secretariat for Science 20 (S20), one of the G20's multiple groupings?**

- A) IISc Bengaluru                      B) IIT Madras  
C) IIT Bombay                            D) IIT Hyderabad

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) will serve as the secretariat for Science 20 (S20), one of the G20's multiple groupings.
- ✓ The G20 is being presided over by India and the theme of the S20 in 2023 is 'Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Development'.
- ✓ Three issues will be discussed at the discussions in Agartala, Lakshadweep, and Bhopal: universal holistic health, clean energy for a greener future, and bridging science and society.

**Q. Which of the following state has organized Bekal International Beach Festival?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ First International Beach Festival in Kerala
- ✓ The 'Spice Coast' in the far north of Kerala, popularly known as North Malabar, is celebrating myriad colours and the 'Bekal International Beach Festival'
- ✓ The festival reflects the entirety and essence of the cultural and artistic uniqueness of the state.
- ✓ It showcases the country's rich cultural diversity and magnificence in the majestic Bekal Beach Park.
- ✓ Around five lakh people from all over the world enjoy this festival at three places of Chandragiri, Tejaswini and Payaswini.
- ✓ The festival reflects a cross-section of culture and the unique identity of the land.





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- ✓ More than 1,000 international, national and local artists performed at the Beach Festival
- ✓ Bekal International Beach festival
- ✓ It is organised by Bekal Resorts Development Corporation (BRDC) in association with the District Tourism Promotion Council, Kudumbashree, Asmi Holidays, and the local self-government bodies in the district

**Q. National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) has partnered with which of the following to organize a two-day capacity-building program for EMRS teachers to implement the Future Engineer Program?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) has partnered with Amazon to organize a two-day capacity-building program for EMRS teachers to implement the Amazon Future Engineer Program.
- ✓ The partnership between NESTS and amazon will empower teachers and students in the field of digital education.
- ✓ The initiative will help in initiating a digital communication with the people living in far-flung areas.
- ✓ The students of EMRS will benefit a lot from the Future Engineer Programme. It will serve as a stepping stone in creating Computer awareness for the tribal students of EMRSs.
- ✓ AMAZON
- ✓ Founded : 1994 (Online bookstore)
- ✓ Founder : Jeff Bezos
- ✓ Headquarters : Seattle, Washington DC
- ✓ CEO : Andy Jessy

**Q. Which General Insurance company has launched a unique health insurance rider 'Respect Senior Care Rider' recently?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Leading private general insurer of India Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has launched a unique health insurance rider 'Respect Senior Care Rider'.



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- ✓ It might become difficult to fulfil all the responsibilities associated with caring for aging parent; this rider helps one fulfill their parental responsibility smoothly.
- ✓ The company offers a comprehensive network of services and professionals who collaborate with one another to ensure that senior citizen will always receive the highest possible level of care

**Q. Which entity will soon introduce “Bima Vahaks” in each gram panchayat?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ IRDAI to Introduce ‘Bima Vahaks’ to Expand Insurance Force
- ✓ To enhance the insurance force in India the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) will soon introduce “Bima Vahaks” in each gram panchayat.
- ✓ Each Gram Panchayat will have a ‘Bima Vahak’ who would be tasked to sell and service simple parametric bundled insurance products, Bima Vistar, covering health, property, life, and personal accident.
- ✓ The insurance companies have adopted a state each and with the help of state governments are looking to develop state-level insurance plans. Much like what has been done in the banks.
- ✓ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)
- ✓ Founded : 1999
- ✓ Headquarteres : Hyderabad
- ✓ Chairman : Debasish Panda

**Q. Who has been named the nominee for the ICC Emerging Men’s Player Cricketer of the Year 2022 Awards?**

- A) Arshdeep Singh
- B) Virat Kohli
- C) Suryakumar Yadav
- D) Rohit Sharma

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Arshdeep Singh, Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh nominated for ICC emerging cricketer of the year 2022
- ✓ The International Cricket Council (ICC) named the nominees for the Emerging Cricketer of the Year for 2022



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- ✓ Indian Arshdeep Singh has been included in the men's and Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh in the women's section of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) emerging player of the year 2022 award nominee list.
- ✓ ICC emerging Men's player of the year award 2022 nominee
- ✓ Arshdeep Singh (India)
- ✓ Marco Jansen (South Africa)
- ✓ Ibrahim Zardan (Afghanistan)
- ✓ Finn Allen (New Zealand)
- ✓ ICC women's player of the year award 2022 nominee
- ✓ Renuka Singh (India)
- ✓ Yastika Bhatia (India)
- ✓ Alice Capsy (England)
- ✓ Darcie Brown (Australian)

**Q. How many crores has been invested so far under the Production Based Incentive (PLI) scheme by the food processing industry?**

- A) Rs 4,900 crore
- B) Rs 5,400 crore
- C) Rs 6,100 crore
- D) Rs 7,600 crore

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The government food processing industry has invested Rs 4,900 crore so far under the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme.
- ✓ The PLI scheme for the food processing industry was approved in March 2021, with a budget outlay of Rs 10,900 crore. It will be implemented for seven years, until 2026-27.
- ✓ "A total of 182 applications have been approved under the PLI scheme for the food processing industry," an official statement read.
- ✓ As per the ministry, the 'One District One Product (ODOPY) scheme (under the Prime Minister-Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme) has been approved for 713 districts across 35 states and union territories, with 137 distinct products



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**Q. The Indian Army has inaugurated its first 3-D Printed House Dwelling Unit (with Ground plus One configuration) for soldiers at which city?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ The Indian Army inaugurated its first 3-D Printed House Dwelling Unit (with Ground plus One configuration) for soldiers at Ahmedabad Cantt.
- ✓ The dwelling unit has been constructed by the Military Engineering Services (MES) in collaboration with MiCoB Pvt Ltd incorporating the latest 3D Rapid Construction Technology.
- ✓ Construction work of the dwelling unit measuring 71 sqm with garage space was completed in just 12 weeks by utilizing the 3D printed foundation, walls, and slabs.
- ✓ The disaster-resilient structures comply with Zone-3 earthquake specifications and green building norms. The 3-D printed houses are symbolic of the modern-day rapid construction efforts to cater for growing accommodation requirements of the Armed Forces personnel.
- ✓ This structure also stands testament to the commitment of Indian Army in fostering the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

**Q. India has given permission to which of the following country's electricity authority to export additional 40 megawatts of electricity from two more hydroelectric projects?**

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

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India has given permission to the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) to export additional 40 megawatts of electricity from two more hydroelectric projects.
- ✓ According to NEA, the Central Electricity Authority of India has approved the sale of surplus power from two more hydropower projects – 25 MW Kabeli B-1 and 20 MW Lower Modi – at competitive rates in the Indian energy market.
- ✓ With this, 452.6 MW surplus power can be exported to India from 10 hydropower projects.
- ✓ NEA has generated a net income of Rs 11.16 billion by trading 1.36 billion units of surplus power at a competitive rate in the Indian energy market till 18 December.



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- ✓ The current electricity demand of Nepal stands at around 1,680 MW, while the domestic production is 1,000 MW.

**Q. Which department has launched an 'Online request Transfer Portal' for Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS)?**

- A) Department of Posts
- B) Department of Telecommunications
- C) Department of Public Grievances
- D) Department of Public Enterprises

**Answer : A**

- ✓ The Department of Posts under the Ministry of Communications has launched an 'Online request Transfer Portal' for Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS).
- ✓ The entire transfer process, from the stage of seeking applications, approval, and issuing transfer orders, has now been made paperless and simple through this portal.
- ✓ The Department of Posts has the largest network of Post Offices in the world consisting of more than 1,56,000 Post Offices across India, out of which more than 1,31,000 Branch Post Offices (BOs) are in rural areas, where the Postal facilities are rendered through Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS).
- ✓ The online process will also result in saving time and resources. The transfer of more than five thousand Gramin Dak Sevaks has been approved today through the online portal.

**Q. Who has launched the Mobile App 'Prahari' of the Border Security Force (BSF) in New Delhi?**

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

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has launched the Mobile App 'Prahari' of the Border Security Force (BSF) in New Delhi.
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai, and Director General of BSF Pankaj Kumar Singh were amongst those dignitaries present on the occasion.
- ✓ The BSF 'Prahari' app is a great example of Proactive Governance. "Now jawans can get personal information and information related to accommodation, Ayushman-CAPF and leaves on their mobiles



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- ✓ Be it GPF, Bio Data or grievance redressal on Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System” (CP-GRAMS) or information on various welfare schemes, now Jawans can get all this information through the app and this app will also connect them with the portal of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ✓ The BSF was raised on 1 December 1965 after the India-Pakistan war of 1965. It is a border force which is deployed along the International border with Bangladesh and Pakistan.

**Q. Which state government has launched the 10th phase of Rythu Bandhu, the investment support scheme for farmers?**

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

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Telangana government has launched the 10th phase of Rythu Bandhu, the investment support scheme for farmers.
- ✓ Under this phase, 7,676 crores will be deposited in the bank accounts of over 70 lakh 54 thousand farmers towards investment support for the Rabi crop season.
- ✓ On the first day, over 607 crore rupees was deposited in the accounts of over 21 farmers holding up to one acre of land. The investment support is being disbursed at a rate of 5000 rupees per acre.

**Q. Which state police has received the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 2022 Award for the ‘Nijaat’ campaign?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the US-based international organization has selected the anti-drug & illicit liquor campaign ‘Nijaat’ of Chhattisgarh police for ‘Leadership in Crime Prevention’ in the institutional category.
- ✓ The campaign was launched by the Chhattisgarh police under the leadership of the IPS officer Santosh Kumar Singh.
- ✓ The drive took the onus to wipe out the abuse of illicit drugs, narcotics, and bootlegging while simultaneously preventing its smuggling or trading



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**Q. Brazilian legend Pele passed away recentl. He was associated with which sport?**

- A) Football  
B) Hockey  
C) Badminton  
D) Tennis

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Brazilian football legend Pele, who won a record three World Cups has passed away at the age of 82.
- ✓ Widely regarded as one of soccer's greatest players, Pele is credited with scoring a world record 1,281 goals in 1,363 appearances during a 21-year career, including 77 goals in 92 matches for his country.
- ✓ The only player to win the World Cup three times, lifting the trophy in 1958, 1962 and 1970, Pele was named Fifa's Player of the Century in 2000.
- ✓ Edson Arantes do Nascimento, better known as Pelé, became a global star when, at the age of 17, he helped Brazil win the 1958 World Cup in Sweden.

**Q. Who has been appointed as the UN Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative?**

- A) Ganji Kamala  
B) Hasmukh Adhia  
C) Pushpa Kamal Dahal  
D) Abdullah Abdul Samad Dashti

**Answer : D**

- ✓ United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced 29th Dec 2022 the appointment of Abdullah Abdul Samad Dashti of Kuwait as United Nations Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative, Trend reports citing the press service of UN.
- ✓ The Initiative was launched by Ukraine, Türkiye, Russian Federation and the United Nations on 22 July 2022 to enable the resumption of exports from Ukraine of grain, foodstuffs and fertilizer, including ammonia, through a safe maritime humanitarian corridor

**Q. PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated railway projects worth over Rs 5,800 crore in which state?**

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

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and dedicated to the nation railway projects worth over ₹ 5,800 crore in West Bengal through video-conferencing.



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- ✓ PM Modi, who lost his mother this morning, was scheduled to be part of the event to launch the connectivity and infrastructure projects in the state.
- ✓ The projects include the inauguration of the Joka-Taratala stretch of the Joka-Esplanade Metro Project (Purple Line) and the flagging off of the Howrah-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express.
- ✓ The Joka-Taratala 6.5-km stretch having six stations has been constructed at a cost of more than ₹ 2,475 crore.
- ✓ Passengers of southern parts of Kolkata such as Sarsuna, Dakghar, Muchipara and South 24 Parganas will be immensely benefited by inauguration of this project.

**Q. Which countries have signed agreements in various areas including on Defence and Military Cooperation?**

- A) India and Turkey                      B) India and Cyprus  
C) India and Albania                      D) India and Lithuania

**Answer : B**

- ✓ India and Cyprus have signed agreements in various areas including on Defence and Military Cooperation.
- ✓ Both countries have also signed a Letter of Intent on Migration and Mobility Partnership to provide a common framework of arrangement and cooperation to facilitate the mobility of students, business people and professionals.
- ✓ It will also help in combating irregular migration.
- ✓ The agreements were signed between EAM Dr. S Jaishankar and Foreign Minister of Cyprus.

**Q. Who has been inaugurated the phase 1 of Zuari bridge in Goa, that connects North and South Goa?**

- A) Rajnath Singh                      B) Nitin Gadkari  
C) Nirmala Sitharaman                      D) Ashwini Vaishnaw

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated phase 1 of the New Zuari Bridge in Goa 29th Dec 2022.
- ✓ Located on the Zuari river at Cortalim village on Margao-Panaji National Highway, the bridge aims to ease the traffic woes of the state.





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- ✓ Under the 1st Phase, the 4 Lane Right Hand Side Corridor of the 8 Lane Stayed Cable bridge has been inaugurated.
- ✓ The Rs.2530 Crore project consists of the new bridge and the approaches from Bambolim to Verna and has a total project length of 13.20 KM.

**Q. Which Cabinet has approved the provision of Rs 367.19 crores for five years (2022-23 to 2026-27) for empowerment of women in agriculture?**

- A) Odisha  
B) Bihar  
C) Gujarat  
D) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Odisha Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved the provision of Rs 367.19 crores for five years from 2022-23 to 2026-27 for implementation of the State Sector Scheme “empowerment of women in agriculture-promotion of entrepreneurship for women SHG”.
- ✓ “The scheme is introduced with an objective to double the mushroom production across the State through area expansion involving women beneficiaries/WSHG’s and to make the state self-sufficient in the production of button mushroom and loose flowers”.

**Q. New British Indian Army Memorial to be made in which location?**

- A) Wales  
B) Ireland  
C) Norway  
D) Scotland

**Answer : D**

- ✓ A new British Indian Army Memorial, commemorating the sacrifice of millions of Indian soldiers who fought for the British during the two World Wars, is set to be built in the Scottish city of Glasgow.
- ✓ The memorial is visualised as Scotland’s first permanent memorial wall to recognise the service and sacrifice of the British Indian Army during the world wars.
- ✓ World War I was the largest human conflict in history (till that point) spanning from mid 1914 to late 1918.

**Q. Which anniversary of indigenously developed payment application BHIM is celebrated on 30 December 2022?**

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



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## Answer : D

- ✓ 30th Dec 2022 is the sixth anniversary of indigenously developed payment application BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money)
- ✓ BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) was launched on 30th Dec 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ BHIM is a biometric payment system app using the Aadhar platform and is based on Unified Payment Interface (UPI) to facilitate e-payments directly through bank.
- ✓ The payments through the BHIM App can be made by just a thumb impression after the bank account is linked with Aadhaar gateway.
- ✓ UPI transaction has gained traction over the year. UPI transaction value for the month of November this year was 11.90 lakh crore rupees while the transaction volume was 7.30 billion



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