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KEY RATE	RATE	FROM DATE
SLR	18%	04-05-22
CRR	4.5%	21-05-22
REPO RATE	4.40%	04-05-22
REV. REPO	3.35%	04-05-22
SDF RATE	4.15%	04-05-22
MSF	4.65%	04-05-22
BANK RATE	4.65%	04-05-22

India's Rank in

Travel & Tourism Development Index	54 th
World Press Freedom Index	150 th
The Wealth Report 2022	3 rd
Sustainable Development Report 2021 (SDR 2021)	120 th
"World Happiness Report 2022"	136 th
International Intellectual property (IP) Index 2022	43 rd
Democracy Index 2021	46 th
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NATIONAL NEWS

MAY

PRESIDENT KOVIND VISITS CARIBBEAN NATIONS



President Ram Nath Kovind made a one week visit to Jamaica and St. Vincent & Grenadines, two tiny island nations in the Caribbean Sea, from May 14 to 21. This is the first-ever visit by an Indian Head of State to these countries. The Caribbean Sea is located adjacent to Northwest South America. The President was in Jamaica from 15th to 18th May. He held delegation-level talks with his counterpart, the Governor-General of Jamaica, Sir Patrick Allen in Kingston, capital of Jamaica. He also met Prime Minister, Andrew Holness and addressed the joint sitting of the two Houses of Jamaican Parliament. On 18th May, he reached St. Vincent & Grenadines and held discussions with the Governor-General, Ms. Susan Dougan. He also met Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves and addressed the House of Assembly of SV&G.

PM ATTENDS QUAD SUMMIT IN TOKYO

Prime Minister Modi visited Japan for two days, 23 and 24 May, at the invitation of his Japanese counterpart Mr. Fumio Kishida. He attended the second in-person Quad (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) Leaders' Summit, which provided an opportunity for the leaders of the four Quad countries (Japan, Australia, India and USA) to review the progress of Quad initiatives.



The group decided to extend over \$ 50 billion of infrastructure assistance and investment in the Indo-Pacific over the next five years. He also met US President Joe Biden to discuss further consolidation of multi-faceted bilateral relations between the two countries. The newly-elected Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese attended the Quad Leaders' Summit for the first time.

PM VISITS LUMBINI, NEPAL



Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to Lumbini, Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima. He offered prayers at the sacred Mayadevi temple in Lumbini. His visit was at the invitation of his Nepalese counterpart Sher Bahadur Deuba.

Lumbini is the holy place where according to Buddhist tradition, Queen Mahamayadevi gave birth to Siddhartha Gautama at around 623 B.C. The day is recognized as the thrice blessed day that marks the Birth, Enlightenment and Mahaparinirvana of Lord Buddha. Lord Buddha was born in Lumbini, he attained enlightenment in Bodhgaya in Bihar, preached his first sermon at Sarnath and attained Nirvana in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh.

INDIA ATTENDS COP-15 AT THE UNCCD

The 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification) was held from May 9 to 20 at Abidjan in Cote d'Ivoire. The Indian delegation was led by Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav.

India is currently the President of UNCCD- COP-14. Mr Yadav addressed the high-level Heads of States Summit also. India assured that it would raise its ambition of the total area that would be restored from its land degradation status, from 21 million hectares to 26 million hectares between now and 2030.

WEF's ALLIANCE FOR INDIA'S CLIMATE ACTION

The World Economic Forum (WEF) at its annual summit in Davos, Switzerland, launched the India chapter of the Alliance of CEO Climate Action Leaders to supercharge India's climate action and decarbonization efforts.

A part of the WEF's Climate Action Platform, the alliance will continue efforts to achieve the vision outlined in the white paper released last year, 'Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India', on India's low-carbon transition by 2070.

The alliance will serve as a high-level platform to support business leaders in planning and implementing plans and programmes to achieve climate targets, including net-zero economic growth. It will bring together the government, businesses, and other key stakeholders to achieve Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious 'Panchamrit' pledge, which includes the country's net-zero target by 2070.

US DFC TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA

India and the USA signed an Investment Incentive Agreement on May 23 in Tokyo, Japan. The agreement is expected to enhance investment support provided by US Development Finance Corporation in India to support the development efforts of the country.

The Ministry of Finance shared that proposals worth four billion dollars are already under consideration by the Corporation for providing investment support in India. The Corporation has provided investment support in sectors like COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing, healthcare financing, renewable energy, financial inclusion and infrastructure, among others.

SC STAYS OPERATION OF SEC 124A OF IPC

The Supreme Court ordered on May 11 that the 152-year-old sedition law under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code should be effectively kept in abeyance till the Union Government reconsiders the provision.

In an interim order, the Court urged the Centre and the State governments to refrain from registering any FIRs under the said provision while it was under reconsideration. Further, it held that all pending cases, appeals, and proceedings with respect to charges framed under Section 124 A be kept in abeyance.

The Court also held that those already booked under Section 124A IPC and are in jail can approach the concerned courts for bail.

Section 124A says a person commits the crime of sedition, if he/she brings or attempts to bring in hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards, the government established by law in India. It can be by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise.

INDIA'S FIRST SEMI-HIGH SPEED RRTS

The first train set under India's first semi-high speed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) for the New Delhi-Meerut corridor was handed over to authorities on May 7 at Alstom's coach manufacturing facility in Savli, Gujarat.

The train has been designed and developed in India by the local arm of global mobility services provider Alstom of France. Designed and built to move passengers at 180 kmph, these trains are expected to reduce the travel time between Delhi and Meerut (82.5 km) by 40%.



BIRTHS DOWN BUT DEATHS RISE IN 2021



The Central government released the Registrar General of India's Civil Registration System (CRS) Report 2020 on May 03, based on actual births and deaths reported at around 3.2 lakh registration units across the country. According to the report, the number of registered births has decreased from 2.48 crore in 2019 to 2.42 crore in the year 2020 showing a decrease of about 2.40 percent.

On the other hand, registered deaths increased by 4.74 lakh from 76.4 lakh in 2019 to 81.2 lakh in 2020, representing a rise of 6.28 per cent between the pre-Covid period and the first year of the pandemic. However, the corresponding increase between the previous years, from 2018 to 2019, was much higher—9.92 per cent.

CRS is a universal, continuous, compulsory, and permanent recording of birth, death, and stillbirth. Registration of birth and death is done under Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969. These figures include deaths due to COVID-19 and other reasons.

BHARAT DRONE MAHOTSAV 2022

India's biggest Drone Festival- "Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022" was held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on May 27-28. The event will prove to be a game changer in making India a drone hub of the world by 2030. Over 1600 delegates participated and more than 70 exhibitors displayed drones at the exhibition.

Drones offer tremendous benefits to almost all sectors of the economy. These include - agriculture, mining, infrastructure, surveillance, emergency response, transportation, geo-mapping, defence and law enforcement.



INDIA 'COUNTRY OF HONOUR' AT CANNES

India has been selected to be the 'country of honour' at the Marché Du Film, organised alongside the Cannes Film Festival this year. One of the largest film markets and the business counterpart of the Cannes Film Festival, it took place from May 17 to May 25.

INDIA TOPS IN RECEIVING REMITTANCES

The World Bank report titled "Migration and Development Brief" released on May 11, revealed that India was the top recipient of remittances in the year 2021. It received remittances worth over \$89 billion in 2021 which was a healthy 8 per cent higher than the \$82.73 billion in 2020.

According to the report, the remittance growth was powered mainly by government incentives and support from migrants for their families back home. Highest amount of remittances were received from USA.

Second highest recipient was Mexico, which pushed China to third spot.

INDIA SLIPS TO 54TH RANK IN TOURISM

The Travel and Tourism Development Index released by the World Economic Forum on May 24, ranked India at the 54th place, down from 46th in 2019, but still at the top within South Asia. The Index was topped by Japan, followed by the USA and Spain.

WEF's biennial travel and tourism study also showed signs of recovery in the hospitality sector, following pandemic lows. While overall international tourism and business travel is still below pre-pandemic levels, the sector recovery has been bolstered by greater vaccination rates, return to more open travel, and growing demand for domestic and nature-based tourism.

The Index assesses 117 economies, identifying key factors in enabling the sustainable and resilient growth of travel and tourism economies.

PRESS FREEDOM 'VERY BAD' IN INDIA

The World Press Freedom Index released on May 3 by Paris based NGO Reporters Without Borders, placed India at 150th rank in the list of 180 countries. The ranking has fallen from 142 last year. "The violence against journalists, the politically partisan media and the concentration of media ownership all demonstrate that press freedom is in crisis in the world's largest democracy", said the index report.

Norway, Denmark and Sweden – continue to be at the top in descending order, to serve as a democratic model where freedom of expression flourishes. At the bottom was North Korea, preceded by Eritrea and Iran.

The Index highlights the degree of freedom that journalists, news organisations and netizens have in each country, and the government's efforts to respect such freedom. The rankings are made on the basis of a quantitative survey of press freedom violations and abuses against journalists and media, and a qualitative study based on the responses of hundreds of selected press freedom experts to a questionnaire with 123 questions.

WB LOAN FOR MISSION KARMYOGI



The World Bank has approved a \$ 47 million financial support to the Government of India for the Mission Karmayogi, a national program to build civil service capacity. Mission Karmayogi was launched by the Union Cabinet on 2nd September 2020. It aims to reform Indian bureaucracy and prepare civil servants for the future.

APRIL

INDIA WARM WELCOME TO BRITISH PM

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson landed in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on April 21 on his two-day visit to India. He is the first British prime minister to visit India after independence. He was accompanied by a large business delegation to indicate that the focus is on trade and investment. In their wide-ranging talks on April 22, Modi and Johnson expressed zero tolerance for terrorism in all its form and agreed on a new and expanded bilateral defence and security partnership.

The British PM said that the two countries had a shared interest in keeping the Indo-Pacific region free and open, particularly in the face of growing threats of autocratic coercion. Both leaders pushed for closing the negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement by Diwali this year. Two Government -to-Government MoUs and four non-governmental MoUs were exchanged during the official visit.

PRESIDENT VISITS TURKMENI. AND NETHERLA.

President of India Ram Nath Kovind embarked on a 7-day two-nation tour on April 1 to Turkmenistan and the Netherlands. During the first leg of the tour, the President visited Turkmenistan. It was the first-ever visit of an Indian President to Turkmenistan. Serdar Berdimuhamedow, President of Turkmenistan, formally received him in the Oguzhan Presidential Palace in Ashgabat, capital of Turkmenistan. The visit coincides with the 30th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Turkmenistan. The two countries signed four MoUs in the fields of disaster management, financial intelligence, culture and youth matters.

The President reached Amsterdam, Netherlands on April 4 for a three-day visit. President Kovind also visited Keukenhof- the world's largest flower garden. On April 5, the President was received by His Majesty King Willem-Alexander and Her Majesty Queen Maxima at the Royal Palace in Amsterdam. To commemorate the 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and the Netherlands, the President and the first lady named a yellow colour newly bred double Tulip flower as 'Maitri'. The two sides signed four agreements during President Kovind's state visit.

MAURITIUS PM VISITS INDIA

Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth arrived in Mumbai on April 17 on an eight-day official visit to India to strengthen ties between the two countries in both economic as well as strategic sectors, especially in maritime security. He travelled to Gujarat as well as Varanasi before meeting his engagements in New Delhi.

MODI HELD VIRTUAL TALKS WITH BIDEN

Prime Minister Modi and US President Joe Biden held a one to one virtual meeting on April 11. Mr. Modi stated that India and the US are natural partners as they are two of the biggest democracies in the world. He expressed hope that the India-US partnership can contribute to the solution of many global problems.

In his opening remarks, President Biden said India and the US are two vibrant democracies which share a strong and growing major defence partnership. He said continued consultation and dialogue are the key to ensure that the India - US partnership continues to grow stronger.

PM MODI ATTENDS BIMSTEC SUMMIT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually attended the 5th BIMSTEC Summit on March 30. The summit was hosted by Sri Lanka. He gave a clarion call of making the Bay of Bengal the bridge of connectivity, prosperity, and security and stressed that



regional cooperation has become a greater priority in the present scenario. He assured that India will provide \$ one million in financial aid to augment the operational budget of the BIMSTEC secretariat.

The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional organisation. Established in 1997, it comprises seven member states- India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Thailand lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of the Bay of Bengal.

7th RAISINA DIALOGUE HELD IN NEW DELHI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the seventh edition of Raisina Dialogue on 25th of April. President of the European commission Ursula von der Leyen was the chief guest at the Dialogue. This three-day event was based on the theme – Terranova, impassioned, impatient, imperilled. Raisina Dialogue had around 100 sessions with over 210 speakers from 90 countries.

Raisina Dialogue is a multilateral conference committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the global community. Every year, global leaders in policy matters, business, media and civil society are hosted in New Delhi to discuss cooperation on a wide range of pertinent international policy matters. The conference is hosted by the Observer Research Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs.

NEPALESE PRIME MINISTER VISITS INDIA

Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba arrived in New Delhi on April 01 for a three-day official visit. A high-level delegation accompanied the Nepalese Prime Minister. He held extensive talks with Prime Minister Modi. The two leaders inaugurated a cross-border railway network and launched India's RuPay payment card in Nepal. Mr Deuba concluded his tour by visiting Varanasi.

Nepal shares a border of over 1,850 km with five Indian states – Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Land-locked Nepal relies heavily on India for the transportation of goods and services.

GLOBAL CENTRE FOR TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

The foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) was laid on April 19 in Jamnagar, Gujarat. The GCTM is the first and only global outpost centre for traditional medicine across the world. It aims to bring ancient wisdom and modern science together for developing the holistic treatment protocol for specific diseases so that patients can benefit from both modern and traditional medicines.



KVIC PROMOTES OVER ONE LAKH UNITS

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) broke all previous records to create the highest ever employment under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP) in 2021-22. Total 1,03,219 new manufacturing and service units were established at a total capital outlay of nearly 12,000 crore rupees, leading to creation of over 8.25 lakh jobs. PMEGP emerged as the government's most powerful tool for promoting self-sustainability in the year 2021-22, despite widespread slowdown in the economy due to the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

PMEGP is a central scheme under which any individual of 18 years and above can raise a bank loan for starting a self-employment project, without offering any security or guarantor. The maximum admissible project cost in the manufacturing sector is ₹ 25 lakhs and is ₹ 10 lakhs in the business/service sector. KVIC provides subsidies from 15 to 35 percent of the project cost and the balance is provided as bank loan.

PRADHANMANTRI SANGRAHALAYA IN DELHI



Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya in New Delhi on April 14. The museum pays rich tributes to the lives and contributions of all the fourteen former Prime Ministers of the country. Built at Delhi's Teen Murti Estate, it has employed cutting-edge technology-based interfaces to encompass heterogeneity in content and frequent rotation of display.

Mediums like Holograms, Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Multi-touch, Multimedia, interactive kiosks, and interactive screens have been used to make the visit highly interactive and engaging. The design of the museum is inspired by the story of rising India. The logo of the museum represents the hands of the people of India holding the Dharma Chakra symbolising the nation and democracy.

FIRST "MADE IN INDIA" COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT

First flight of 'Made in India' HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.) Dornier Do-228 aircraft took place on April 12 from Dibrugarh in Assam to Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh. The 19 seater aircraft is a highly versatile multi-purpose light transport aircraft. It has been developed specifically to meet the manifold requirements of utility and commuter transport, third level services and air-taxi operations, coast guard duties and maritime surveillance.

Alliance Air became the country's first commercial airline to fly Indian-made aircraft for civil operations. On the other hand, the First Flying Training Organisation for the North Eastern Region was also inaugurated at Lilabari in Assam.

SUPREME COURT LAUNCHES FASTER SYSTEM



Chief Justice of India, N V Ramana launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system on March 31 to communicate interim orders, stay orders, bail orders etc, of the Supreme Court to concerned authorities through a secured electronic communication channel. This online system will eliminate the delay caused in release of inmates even after the Supreme Court grants them bail.

The system is meant to ensure that under trials are not made to wait for days on end behind bars to be released because the certified hard copies of their bail orders were late to reach the prison. The system would also prevent unnecessary arrests and custody of people even after the court has already granted them its protection.

ECO COOP & TRADE PACT WITH AUSTRALIA

The Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and his Australian counterpart Dan Tehan signed the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA) on April 2 in a virtual ceremony.

The agreement would create enormous trade diversification opportunities for domestic producers and service providers bound for India, valued at up to USD 14.8 billion each year. It will open new avenues in India for Australian farmers, manufacturers, producers and many others, unlocking the huge market of around 1.4 billion consumers in India. It would also facilitate the exchange of students, professionals, and tourists between the two nations.

MICROSOFT FOR STARTUPS FOUNDERS HUB

Global tech giant Microsoft launched a new digital platform in India on March 31. Named "Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub", the platform offers over \$300,000 worth of benefits and credits, providing startups free access to the technology, tools, and resources they need to build and run their business.

Beyond access to technology, the platform will also connect them with mentors who will provide them with industry, business, and technical support. It is designed specifically for early-stage startups to lower the barriers of business creation, be a catalyst for entrepreneurship and innovation, and contribute to easing the journey from an idea to a unicorn.

AFSPA WITHDRAWN PARTIALLY IN NORTHEAST

According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, AFSPA, 1958 (Armed Forces Special Powers Act) is being removed from 15 police station areas in seven districts of Nagaland; 15 police station areas in six districts of Manipur; and 23 districts entirely and one district partially in Assam.

The decision comes in the backdrop of vociferous demands for AFSPA to be lifted after six civilians were gunned down in Nagaland's Mon district last December in a botched operation by security personnel. Seven more civilians and a security personnel died in the retaliatory violence that followed, prompting the Nagaland Assembly to pass a resolution for the repeal of AFSPA.

The AFSPA empowers security forces to conduct search operations and arrest anyone without any prior warrant. They can enter any building/premises and can seize it. It also gives them immunity from arrest and prosecution if they shoot someone dead. AFSPA was completely withdrawn in Meghalaya in 2018, Tripura in 2015 and Mizoram in the 1980s. The Act is imposed for six months at one stretch.

INDIA 3rd IN MILITARY EXPENDITURE

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) from Stockholm, Sweden stated on April 25 that the world military expenditure touched an all-time high of \$ 2.1 trillion in 2021. The United States, China and India were the largest military spenders in the world in 2021. US expenditure reached \$801 billion while China spent \$293 billion. India's military spending was recorded to be at \$76.6 billion in 2021, which shows an increase of 0.9 percent in comparison to 2020.

SIPRI monitors the developments in military expenditure across the world and maintains the most comprehensive, extensive and consistent publicly available data source on military expenditure.

UGC ALLOWS 2 DEGREE COURSES

University Grant Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof. M. Jagadeesh Kumar announced that UGC will now allow students to pursue two UG or PG degrees simultaneously, either both in physical form or in a combination with one online course. The programme will be implemented from the current academic year (2022-23).



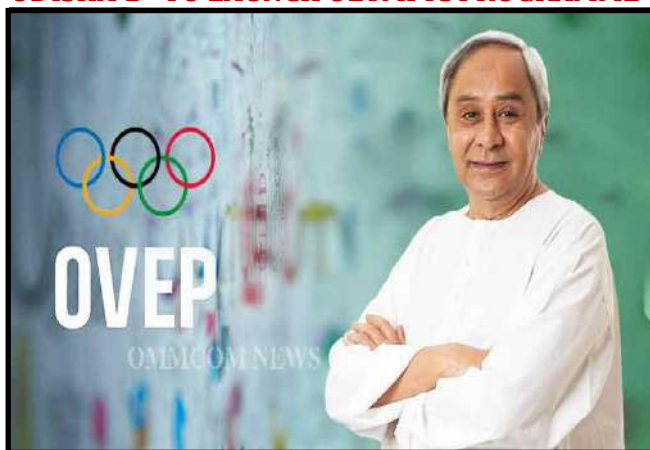
The rationale behind the decision is to help students gain diverse skills. Students will be able to pursue two degree programmes across domains such as sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, and a wide variety of disciplines. Adoption of these guidelines is optional for universities.

- ❖ A special commemorative coin of Rs. 400 and a postage stamp were released on April 21 at Red Fort, Delhi to mark the 400th anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru.

NEWS FROM STATES

MAY

ODISHA 1st TO LAUNCH OLYMPIC PROGRAMME



Odisha became the first state in India to launch on May 24 a pilot project on Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP). The programme aims to disseminate principles-based curriculum to help children become active, healthy and responsible citizens.

The OVEP is based on the Olympic philosophy that learning takes place through the balanced development of body and mind. Adopting the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship means striving for these in all fields of life.

INDIA'S FIRST COMMERCIAL DRONE FLIGHT

Redcliffe Labs, a unit of Redcliffe Lifetech, USA started its first commercial drone flight in the country's healthcare sector. The company opened its commercial drone corridor between Uttarkashi and Dehradun in Uttarakhand. The two cities are 144 km apart and it takes 6-8 hours to cover the distance.

But using drone technology this distance was covered in 88 minutes. Redcliffe Labs delivered 5 kilograms payload in temperature-controlled boxes from Gyansu, Uttarkashi to Vivek Vihar, Dehradun, which is 60 kilometres aerial distance. The diagnostic service provider aims to reach 500 million Indians by 2027.

COUNTRY'S 1st TRIBAL HEALTH OBSERVATORY

India's first and the only observatory that will establish a repository on the health of the tribal population in the state, is about to be set up in Odisha. The Tribal Health Observatory will be an effective, evidence-based and a policy-oriented centre.

It will perform systematic and ongoing observation on disease burden, health-seeking behaviour and healthcare delivery system pertaining to tribal health in Odisha.

COUNTRY'S 1st GENE BANK FOR BIODIVERSITY

The Maharashtra Cabinet approved the country's first-of-its-kind gene bank programme in the State. The programme is aimed at conserving native biodiversity to ensure that natural resources are passed onto the next generation.

Under the project biodiversity, traditional knowledge and local community wisdom about conservation will be documented. It will promote permanent biodiversity conservation and suggest measures on effects on food security due to climate change.

UP DEVELOPS INDIA'S FIRST 'AMRIT SAROVER'

The country's first "Amrit Sarovar" was inaugurated on May 13 at village Patwai in district Rampur, Uttar Pradesh. The pond will not only help in protecting the environment and conserving water but will also be an attraction for people of the nearby areas.

Besides food court, fountains and lighting and other amusements, boating has also been made available there. There is a plan to develop 1,000 such village ponds across Uttar Pradesh.

The Amrit Sarover is an initiative to develop and beautify selected village ponds as attractive tourist spots for the overall development of the area. The initiative is in response to a call given by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to develop 75 ponds (Amrit Sarovar) in every district, during the 75th anniversary of India's independence, described as "Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal", to give a boost to water conservation and environment.

RAJASTHAN TOPS IN SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

Rajasthan became the first state in India to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations, as per Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker. The state has over 16 GW of solar projects under development.

The state has a total of 32.5 GW of installed power capacity, with renewables contributing 55%, followed by thermal energy at 43%, and nuclear energy making up for the remaining 2%. Rajasthan aims to achieve a target of 30 GW of solar power by the FY 2024-25.



SHIRUI LILY FESTIVAL HELD IN MANIPUR



The 4th edition of state-level popular Shirui Lily Festival 2022 was hosted by the Manipur government from May 25 to 29. This annual festival is organised by the state's Department of Tourism, with an aim to create and raise awareness of the Shirui Lily flower which is also the 'State Flower' of Manipur. Village Shirui lies in the Ukhrul district of Manipur.

THE WORLD BANK approved \$ 350 million aid for the Systems Reform Endeavours for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat -SRESTHA-G project. The project will include transforming key health delivery systems in the state.

APRIL

GUJARAT TOPS ENERGY AND CLIMATE INDEX

The NITI Aayog released its State Energy and Climate Index, SECI on April 11. The Index aims to rank States and Union Territories on six parameters – Discoms' Performance, Access, Affordability and Reliability of Energy, Clean Energy Initiatives, Energy Efficiency, Environmental Sustainability and new initiatives. Gujarat topped the index, followed by Kerala and Punjab. The top three performers among smaller states were Goa, Tripura and Manipur.

INDIA'S FIRST PURE GREEN HYDROGEN PLANT

India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant was commissioned by the public sector oil company, Oil India Limited (OIL) at its Jorhat Pump Station in Assam on April 20. The plant has an installed capacity of 10 kg/day. The plant produces Green Hydrogen from the electricity generated by the 500 kW Solar plant using a 100 kW Anion Exchange Membrane (AEM) Electrolyser array. The AEM technology is being used for the first time in India.

INDIA'S FIRST ROAD MADE FROM STEEL SLAG

India's first-of-its kind road made out of steel waste has come up in Surat city of Gujarat at the Hazira Industrial Area. The road has been built by Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India in collaboration with CSIR India (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research), CRRI (Central Road Research Institute) and NITI Aayog. The new experimental road project is 6-lane and 1-kilometre in length. It has been made out of 100 percent processed steel slag.

Steel slag is a by-product of steel making. It is produced during the separation of the molten steel from impurities in steel-making furnaces. It is a complex solution of silicates and oxides that solidifies upon cooling.

JINGKIENG JRI: ROOT BRIDGES OF MEGHALAYA

The famous living root bridges found in the northeastern state of Meghalaya, have been included on the tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites as 'Jingkieng Jri: Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscapes of Meghalaya'. There are around 100 known living root bridges found in 72 villages in the East Khasi Hills district and West Jaintia Hills district of the mountainous state.

Jingkieng Jri, a living root bridge is like a suspension bridge which is formed by stretching and binding the flexible roots of the rubber fig tree across a river or a rivulet and allowing the roots to grow and strengthen over a period of many years. It takes about 15 to 20 years to develop such a bridge and it has a lifespan of several centuries. Some of these bridges are claimed to be over 200 years old, outliving the bridges made through modern technology.

ASSAM-MEGHALAYA END BOUNDARY DISPUTE

The Assam and Meghalaya governments signed an agreement on March 29 in New Delhi to resolve the interstate boundary disputes. The agreement was signed by the Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in the presence of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah. Terming it a historic day for a dispute-free North East, the Home Minister said, "the agreement amplifies cooperative federalism and provides a road map for resolution of other boundary disputes between States."

WB & AIIB LOAN FOR GUJARAT

The World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) granted a loan of Rs. 75,00 crore for the Gujarat government's Mission School of Excellence project, which aims to improve education quality in the state. The funds will be used to develop 50,000 new classrooms, 1.5 lakh smart classrooms, 20,000 new computer labs, and 5,000 tinkering labs.





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ADB LOAN FOR NAGALAND TOWNS



The Asian Development Bank granted a two million dollar Project Readiness Financing Loan for designing climate-resilient urban infrastructure, strengthening institutional capacity, and improving municipal resource mobilisation in 16 district headquarters towns in Nagaland.

GOVT. INITIATIVES

MAY

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SURVEY - 2021

The Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education, released on May 25 the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report. The Survey assessed the health of the school education system in the country by conducting a comprehensive evaluation survey of children's learning competencies at classes 3, 5, 8 and 10th with a cycle period of three years.

The Survey aims to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies as an indicator of the efficiency of the education system. It attempts to identify the learning gaps and suggest appropriate remedial measures at different levels.

About 34 lakh students of 1.18 lakh schools in 720 districts from both rural and urban areas had participated in NAS 2021. The last National Achievement Survey was held in 2017.

UPDATED ABHA APP LAUNCHED

National Health Authority has launched revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account, 'ABHA' mobile application on May 24 to manage health records under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. The app, previously known as NDHM Health Records app, is available for download from the Google Play Store and already has over four lakh downloads. The updated version of the ABHA app has a new User Interface and added functionalities that enable individuals to access their health records anytime and anywhere. The existing ABHA app users can also update their previous app versions to the latest one.

GOVT TO SET UP COTTON COUNCIL OF INDIA

The Union Government announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned 'Cotton Man' Suresh Bhai Kotak. 84-year-old Suresh Bhai is the patriarch of Kotak & Co., a cotton trading firm and a highly reputed mediator of the cotton industry.

The Council will have representation from various ministries including Textile, Agriculture, Commerce, and Finance, along with Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Research Institute.

The council will discuss, deliberate, and prepare a robust action plan for bringing out a tangible improvement in protecting the interests of cotton farmers, traders, spinners, weavers and textile mills.

NITI AAYOG LAUNCHES NDA PLATFORM

NITI Aayog launched the National Data and Analytics Platform - NDAP on May 13. NDAP aims to improve access and use of published Indian government data. It provides standardised datasets from across India's vast landscape of administrative data and helps users to search, merge, visualise and download datasets with ease.

Currently, NDAP hosts 203 datasets, selected on the basis of user experience and expert advice. These are interoperable with each other, and easy to download and use.

RAILTEL LAUNCHES "PM-WANI" SCHEME

RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, launched on May 9 Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme to provide access to its Public WiFi services across 100 railway stations across the country. To access this WiFi network, android users can download the mobile app 'Wi-DOT' available on Google Play Store. PM-WANI is an ambitious program of the Department of Telecom to connect all silo Wi-Fi networks for ease of use and facilitate broadband usage for the masses. The government further plans to extend the PM-WANI-based access of RailTel's public Wi-Fi services to all 6,102 railway stations in a phased manner by the end of June 2022, with over 18,000 WiFi hotspots.



ONDC TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES



The pilot phase of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), a first-of-its-kind initiative to pave the way for democratising and decentralising digital commerce and to enhance the penetration of digital commerce in the country, was launched on April 29 in Bengaluru. ONDC aims to onboard 30 million sellers and 10 million merchants online. The plan is to cover at least 100 cities and towns by August.

The government will focus on apps in local languages for buyers and sellers. The apps would highlight small merchants and rural consumers. Small businesses like kirana stores, small restaurants, and small-medium sellers will be able to find a way to do business online.

ONDC has been incubated by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) at the Quality Council of India. It has been incorporated as a private, non-profit (Section-8) company.

NEW NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY

The government has prepared a new draft National Youth Policy (NYP). The draft policy envisages a ten-year vision for youth development that the country seeks to achieve by 2030. The draft policy seeks to catalyse widespread action on youth development across five priority areas -- education, employment and entrepreneurship, youth leadership and development, health, fitness and sports and social justice.

APRIL

E-DAR PORTAL TO PUSH ACCIDENT CLAIMS

The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has developed a portal named 'e-DAR' (e-Detailed Accident Report). The web portal will be linked to the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD). From iRAD, applications to more than 90% of the datasets would be pushed directly to the e-DAR. Stakeholders like the police, road authorities, hospitals, etc., will be required to enter very minimal information for the e-DAR forms.

Details like photos, video of the accident spot, damaged vehicles, injured victims, eye-witnesses, etc., would be uploaded immediately on the portal. The portal would be linked to other government portals like Vaahan and would get access to information on driving licence details and registration of vehicles.

'DAKSH' TO TRAIN 2.71 LAKH PERSONS

The government has said that around 2.71 lakh persons will be trained over the next five years under Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana. The scheme aims to increase the skill levels of the target youth by providing free training for long-term and short-term skills, followed by settlement in employment and self-employment.

Candidates in the age group 18 to 45 years belonging to SC/ OBC, Economically Backward Classes, Transgender community, Safai Karamcharis can apply for the training programme under PM-DAKSH. The training is largely intended for rural artisans, domestic and sanitation workers.

'AVSAR' TO SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISANS

The Airport Authority of India (AAI) has launched an initiative "AVSAR" to encourage and support the talent of women, artisans and craftsmen and provide them with the right opportunities. AVSAR stands for 'Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region'.

Under AVSAR initiative, every AAI operated airport will allocate a space of 100-200 square feet to Self Help Groups (SHGs) for selling/showcasing the self-made products of their region. The space will be allotted to the SHGs on a turn-by-turn basis, for a duration of 15 days at a time.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE RECRUITED IN ARMY

The centre is planning to launch "Agnipath Scheme" to recruit young people for the Indian Army for three year short terms. The scheme will provide an opportunity to those youth who have a desire to serve the nation but are unable to do so due to the current norms of service.

It would also train the youth into becoming well-disciplined patriots who will raise the bar of discipline and work in society when they go back to their civilian life. The young recruits will be called Agniveers.

There is provision to retain some brilliant soldiers after three years of service. The soldiers relieved after their 3-year term will be assisted in getting placed in civilian jobs.



VISIT TEMPLES ACROSS INDIA, ONLINE



The Ministry of Culture launched a website 'Temple 360' on April 02 where anyone can visit a temple of their choice, anytime and from anywhere, including darshan of 12 Jyotirlinga and Char Dham, making dreams come true of millions of devotees.

The Char Dhams that will be live streamed include Puri (Odisha), Rameshwaram (Andhra Pradesh), Dwarka (Gujarat), Badrinath (Uttarakhand). The website also allows a devotee to perform e-Darshan, e-Prashad, e-Aarti and several other services.

ECONOMY & INDUSTRY

MAY

MOODY'S SLASH GROWTH RATE TO 8.8%

Moody's Investors Service slashed India's economic growth projection on May 26 to 8.8% for the calendar year 2022 from 9.1% announced earlier, citing high inflation as the main reason for this. In its update to Global Macro Outlook 2022-23, Moody's said high-frequency data suggests the growth momentum from December quarter 2021 carried through into the first four months this year. However, the rise in crude oil prices, food and fertiliser prices will weigh on household finances and spending in the months ahead.

WESP CUTS INDIA'S GROWTH TO 6.4%

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs released on May 18 its "World Economic Situation and Prospects" (WESP) report. It mentions that as the Ukraine conflict impacts the global GDP, India is projected to grow by 6.4 per cent in 2022, slower than last year's 8.8 per cent but still the fastest-growing major economy. It is due to higher inflationary pressures and uneven recovery of the labour market curbing private consumption and investment.



S&P PUTS INDIA'S GROWTH RATE AT 7.3%

International credit rating agency Standard and Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings forecasted a cut in India's growth rate for the current fiscal to 7.3 percent from 7.8 percent announced earlier on account of rising inflation and higher input cost due to prolonged Ukraine conflict.

S&P's current projection of 7.3 per cent still remains above the RBI's recently revised forecast of 7.2 per cent. The World Bank and IMF, however, still have higher growth projections of 8 and 8.2 per cent, respectively.

HIGHEST EVER FDI RECEIVED IN 2021-22

India emerged as a preferred investment destination during 2021-22, as India recorded the highest ever annual Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of \$ 83.57 billion in the last fiscal year. Computer software and hardware emerged as the top recipient sector of FDI inflow with 25 per cent share followed by Services Sector and Automobile Industry. Karnataka was the top recipient state with 38 per cent share of the total FDI inflow followed by Maharashtra and Delhi.

RECORD FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION EXPECTED

The Agriculture Ministry released on May 19 the third advance estimate of production of major agricultural crops for 2021-22. The production of foodgrains in the country is estimated at a record 314.51 million tonnes (mt) which is higher by 3.77 mt than the production of foodgrain during 2020-21. The production during 2021-22 is higher by 23.80 mt than the previous five years' average production of foodgrains.

Total production of Rice during 2021-22 is estimated at a record 129.66 mt, higher by 13.23 mt than the last five years' average production of 116.43 mt. Wheat production is estimated at 106.41 mt, higher by 2.53 mt than the last five years' average of 103.88 mt.

Estimated production of other major crops during 2021-22 is expected to be as under (in mt):

Coarse Cereals: 50.70; Pulses: 27.75; Oilseeds: 38.50; Sugarcane: 430.50.

KVIC BECOMES LARGEST FMCG COMPANY

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, exceeded turnover of one lakh crore rupees in 2021-22. It is the first time KVIC clocked a massive turnover of 1.15 lakh crore rupees, and has beaten all FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods) companies in the country in this regard.

The biggest surge came from the Khadi sector which registered a growth of 43.20% from ₹3528 crore in 2020-21 to ₹5052 crore in 2021-22. This massive turnover has come despite partial lockdown in the country in April-June in 2021, due to the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

ADANI ACQUIRES AMBUJA CEMENTS & ACC



Billionaire Gautam Adani added another feather to his cap on May 15 by winning the race to acquire Swiss cement major Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC for \$10.5 billion (around Rs 81,361 crore). The value of the deal makes it the largest ever acquisition by Adani and India's largest-ever Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) transaction in the infrastructure and materials space. Ambuja and ACC currently have a combined installed production capacity of 70 million tonnes per annum, from 23 cement plants.

RELIANCE 1st TO CROSS \$100 Bn REVENUE

The biggest industrial cum services giant of India, Reliance Industries reported a net profit of Rs 60,705 crore in the year ended March 31, 2022, on a revenue of Rs 7.92 lakh crore (\$102 billion), becoming the first Indian company to have crossed \$100 billion revenue in a year.

The profit increased by 26% over the year while the revenue jumped by a whopping 47%. The surge came on the back of bumper oil refining margins, steady growth in telecom and digital services and strong momentum in the retail business.

'OPEN' BECOMES INDIA'S 100TH UNICORN

Marking a major milestone in India's start-up ecosystem, homegrown Kerala fintech company "Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd" has become India's 100th unicorn having valuation of \$1 billion and above. In its latest funding round, it raised \$50 million from the Mumbai-headquartered IIFL Finance.

Open offers a neobanking platform that integrates all the tools used by small businesses and integrates it with the business's current account. It has partnership with over a dozen top banks in India. It processes over \$30 billion in annualised transactions and has raised over \$140 million in funding to date.

Open was founded by Anish Achuthan along with his wife Mabel Chacko and brother Ajeesh Achuthan in 2017, with a fourth cofounder, Deena Jacob.

A neobank, also known as an online bank, internet-only bank, virtual bank or digital bank, typically operates exclusively online without traditional physical branch networks. It uses artificial intelligence and cutting edge technology to offer personalised services to its clients, at lower operating costs.

APRIL

IMF CUTS GDP GROWTH RATE TO 8.2%

The latest World Economic Outlook report released by the IMF on April 20 has slashed its forecast for India's FY-2022-23 GDP growth to 8.2 percent from earlier 9 percent. The IMF cited the negative impact of higher oil prices led by the Ukraine-Russia conflict on domestic consumption and private investment. It recommended monetary tightening by central banks to keep inflationary expectations in check amid global supply side disruption.

WB SLASHES INDIA'S GROWTH RATE TO 8%

The bi-annual report "South Asia Economic Focus" by the World Bank has slashed the GDP growth forecast for India in FY 2022-23 to 8 percent, due to the negative impact of the war in Ukraine on FY23 growth. Earlier in January 2022, growth forecast for FY23 was estimated at 8.7 percent. The international lender said that in India, household consumption will be constrained by the incomplete recovery of the labour market from Covid-19 and inflationary pressures.

EXPORTS BREAK ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

India achieved its highest ever merchandise exports of 417.8 billion dollars in the FY ending March 31, 2022. In terms of months, the highest monthly value of merchandise export was achieved in March this year amounting to 40.38 billion dollars. This is an increase of 14.53 percent over 35.26 billion in March last year.

This is the first time ever in history when India has managed to break free of the band of 300 billion dollars which used to be India's export figure in the past. Even the agricultural products export achieved the highest ever level of over 50 billion dollars during 2021-22.

ADB PUTS INDIA'S GDP GROWTH AT 7.5%

The Asian Development Bank in its recent "Asian Development Outlook 2022", has projected Indian Economy's growth by 7.5 percent in 2022-23 and the growth will further accelerate to 8% in 2023-24. It said that the growth in the coming years will be supported by increased public investment in infrastructure and a pickup in private investment.



SUGAR EXPORTS UP BY 291%



India's sugar export has witnessed an astounding growth of 291 percent in 2021-22, reaching \$4,600 million, from \$1,177 million in 2013-14. The export volume has exceeded 10 million tonnes for the first time. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry said sugar exports jumped 65 per cent in the last financial year corresponding to its previous year, despite logistical challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic.

UP TOPS IN VEGGIES; ANDHRA IN FRUITS

The recent data released by the Ministry of Agriculture shows that Uttar Pradesh is the leading producer of vegetables, 29.58 million tonnes (MT) in the 2021-22 crop year (July-June), followed by West Bengal (28.23 MT) in second place and Madhya Pradesh at third place, producing 20.59 MT of vegetables.

Andhra Pradesh, on the other hand, continues to be the leading fruit producer, reaching 18.01 MT in 2021-22 crop season, followed by Maharashtra producing 12.30 MT of fruits and Uttar Pradesh at 11.26 MT.

TATA POWER INSTALLS 300 MW SOLAR PLANT

India's largest single-axis solar tracker system has been commissioned by the Tata Power Renewables Energy Ltd in Dholera, an industrial hub near Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The 300 MegaWatt plant will generate 774 million units of power annually. Along with this, it will reduce carbon emission by approximately 7 lakh metric tonnes per year. The single-axis solar tracker systems track the sun from east to west while rotating on a single point. A total of 8,73,012 solar panels have been in an area spread over 1,320 acres.

IMPORTS FROM CHINA UP BY 46.14%

The Indian Embassy in China in its annual commercial report on trade with China in 2021 has informed that India-China bilateral trade in the year 2021 increased by 43.31% year on year basis to reach \$125.62 billion. India's exports to China increased by 34.28% to reach \$28.03 billion, while imports from China witnessed an increase by 46.14% to reach \$97.59 billion. The trade deficit came at US\$ 69.56 billion, increasing by 51.53%.

BANKING & FINANCE

MAY

RBI C'TEE TO REVIEW CUSTOMER SERVICE

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced on May 23 to set up a committee to evaluate the efficacy, adequacy and quality of customer service in banks, NBFCs and all other entities regulated by it. The committee will examine the existing RBI guidelines on customer service, identify gaps, if any, and suggest measures to improve customer service, with focus on technology based solutions.

It will also review the emerging and evolving needs of the customer service landscape, especially in the context of evolving digital/ electronic financial products and distribution landscape and suggest suitable regulatory measures.

Besides, it has also been asked to identify the best practices, adopted globally and domestically, in customer service and grievance redressal, especially for improvement in services rendered to retail and small customers, including pensioners and senior citizens.

RBI TRANSFERS Rs 30K TO GOVERNMENT

The Reserve Bank of India approved the transfer of 30,307 crore rupees as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year ending March 31, 2022. The decision was taken in the 596th Meeting of the Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India, held in Mumbai on May 20 under the Chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das, wherein the board approved the Annual Report and accounts of the Reserve Bank for the said year.

NO NEED OF CARD FOR ATM WITHDRAWAL

The Reserve Bank asked banks on May 19 to provide the option of Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) at their ATMs, also including white label ATMs. The move is aimed at curbing frauds like skimming, card cloning and device tampering. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has been advised to facilitate Unified Payments Interface (UPI) integration with all banks and ATM networks. The on-us/off-us ICCW transactions shall be processed without levy of any extra charges.

An on -us transaction is carried out at an ATM of the card-issuing bank while a transaction carried out at any other ATM is called an off-us transaction.



PAN/AADHAAR MANDATORY FOR Rs. 20 LAKH



The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing or withdrawing over Rs 20 lakh in a financial year or opening of a current account.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), in a notification, said furnishing the Permanent Account Number (PAN) or biometric Aadhaar will be mandatory for such high-value deposits or withdrawals from banks in a financial year, or opening of a current account or cash credit account with a bank.

REPO RATE HIKED TO 4.40%: CRR TO 4.50%

With a view to put a leash on the rising inflation, the Reserve Bank of India hiked the repo rate on May 4 by 40 basis points, taking it to 4.40 per cent with immediate effect.

The announcement was made by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das after the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) at its meeting decided to increase the policy repo rate under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility.

It is the first hike since August 2018 as well as the first instance of the MPC holding an unscheduled meeting for raising interest rates.

Consequently, the Standing Deposit Facility Rate raised to 4.15%; Marginal Standing Facility Rate and Bank rate to 4.65% and Fixed Reverse Repo Rate remains at 3.35%.

(The SDF is a liquidity window through which the RBI will give banks an option to park surplus funds with it. It is different from the reverse repo facility in that it does not require banks to provide collateral while parking funds. It was launched on April 8, 2022 at a rate of 3.75%.)

The RBI also hiked the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 50 basis points to 4.5 per cent, wef fortnight beginning May 21. As such, the banks will now be required to park more money with the central bank and leave them with less funds to lend to consumers. This would drain around Rs 87,000 crore of liquidity from the banking system.

The MPC also decided to remain accommodative while focusing on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation remains within the target going forward, while supporting growth.

APRIL

LEI TO COVER BORROWERS OF 5 Cr AND ABOVE

The Reserve Bank of India has decided to extend the guidelines on LEI (Legal Entity Identifier) to Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs) and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). The non-individual borrowers enjoying total exposure of ₹5 crore and above from all banks and financial institutions shall be required to obtain LEI codes in the manner given below:

Exposure above ₹25 crore: By April 30, 2023

Above ₹10 cr, up to ₹25 cr: By April 30, 2024

₹5 cr and above, up to ₹10 cr: By April 30, 2025

LEI is a 20-digit unique code to identify parties to financial transactions worldwide. It has been conceived as a key measure to improve the quality and accuracy of financial data systems for better risk management post the global financial crisis.

RBI ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR DBUs

The Reserve Bank of India released the guidelines on establishment of Digital Banking Units (DBUs) on April 7 towards fulfilment of budget announcement for setting up of 75 DBUs in 75 districts to commemorate 75 years of independence of the country.

DBU is a specialised fixed point business unit or hub housing certain minimum digital infrastructure for delivering digital banking products and services as well as servicing existing financial products and services digitally in self-service mode at any time, all year round.

The services include saving bank accounts under various schemes, current account, fixed deposit and recurring deposit account, digital kit for customers, mobile banking, internet banking, debit card, credit card, and mass transit system cards, digital kit for merchants, UPI QR code, BHIM Aadhaar and point of sale (PoS).

Digital services include cash withdrawal and cash deposit only through ATM and cash deposit machines respectively without physical cash acceptance or disbursement across counters, passbook printing, statement generation, transfer of funds (NEFT/IMPS support) and updation of KYC and other personal details.

Commercial banks (other than RRBs, payment banks and LABs) with past digital banking experience are permitted to open DBUs in tier 1 (centres with population above one lakh) to tier 6 (centres with population below 5,000) centres.



HDFC ANNOUNCES MERGER WITH HDFC BANK



The HDFC twins announced on April 04, corporate India's biggest merger to create a banking conglomerate with a combined balance sheet of about Rs 17.87 trillion. HDFC Limited, a leading housing finance company and the parent company of the HDFC Bank, announced its decision to merge with the latter, creating a banking behemoth. The merger is set to make the HDFC Bank the second most valuable company in the country, with a market cap of over Rs.14 trillion.

HDFC will acquire a 41 percent stake in HDFC Bank through the transformational merger. HDFC Limited Chairman Deepak Parekh described it as a merger of equals. Sashidhar Jagadishan, MD & CEO of the HDFC Bank stated that the merger is aimed at expanding the customer base and building a product portfolio in the housing loan category. The merger will put HDFC Bank in a position to challenge the top slot in retail housing held by the State Bank of India.

RBI KEEPS THE RATES UNCHANGED

In its first Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting on April 8, the Reserve Bank of India kept the benchmark interest rate unchanged at 4 percent and decided to continue with its accommodative stance despite rising inflation. It is the 11th time in a row that the MPC has maintained the status quo. RBI had last revised its policy repo rate on May 22, 2020.

The central bank lowered its GDP growth projection to 7.2 per cent for the current financial year 2022-23 from an earlier estimate of 7.8 per cent, announced in February, 2022. The inflation forecast for the fiscal 2022-23 was increased to 5.7 per cent against the previous estimate of 4.5 per cent.



DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MAY

'NIRDESHAK' JOINS INDIAN NAVY

The Indian Navy received the second of the four survey vessels at sea in Chennai on May 26. Named 'Nirdeshak', the ship has been built jointly by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers and L&T Shipbuilding.

The first ship 'Sandhayak' was launched on December 21, 2021. These survey ships will replace the existing ones with new generation hydrographic equipment to collect valuable oceanographic data from coastal areas.

INDIAN NAVY GETS TWO NEW WARSHIPS



Two frontline warships of the Indian Navy were launched at Mazgaon Docks Limited in Mumbai on May 17. The two ships are Surat, a Project 15B Destroyer and Udaygiri, a Project 17A Frigate. Both the ships are the next-generation stealth guided-missile destroyers of the Indian Navy, built at the Mazgaon Docks Ltd, Mumbai.

Both, Destroyer and Frigates play the role of escort ships to bigger warships. Destroyers are generally bigger and more advanced than Frigates.

FIRST NAVAL ANTI-SHIP MISSILE TESTED

Indian Navy in association with the DRDO successfully carried out maiden test-firing of the first indigenously developed naval anti-ship missile on May 18. The missile was launched from a Naval helicopter from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha. The missile successfully employed many new technologies, including an indigenously developed launcher for the helicopter.

The Indian Coast Guard commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron on May 04 at the Coast Guard Air Enclave at Nedumbassery in Kochi, Kerala. The new Air Squadron is equipped with the indigenously developed Advanced Mark III (ALH Mark III) helicopters.

ICGS Kamla Devi: Fast patrol vessel, named after social reformer and freedom activist Kamla Devi Chattopadhyay and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., Kolkata was inducted in the Indian Coast Guard on May 2 in Kolkata.



INDIA RANKED 3rd IN AIR FORCE POWER

The World Air Powers Ranking 2022 released by the World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft, has placed the Indian Air Force (IAF) at the third position on the World Air Power Index in terms of the total fighting strength of the various air services of different nations of the world.

The report says that the Indian Air Force (IAF) currently counts 1,645 total units in its active aircraft inventory. Only the US Air Force (First) and Russian Air Force (Second) are ahead of it. China is placed at fourth place.

WARGAME RESEARCH & DEV CENTRE

India's first simulation-based war training centre, which will use artificial intelligence (AI) to create virtual reality wargames, will soon be set up in New Delhi. The project named "Wargame Research and Development Centre"- dubbed as WARDEC will be set up jointly by the Army Training Command, Delhi and Gandhinagar-based Rashtriya Raksha University.

Soldiers's abilities and talent will be tested in the metaverse, which will combine virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) to imitate their surroundings. Besides the Indian Army, personnel of all the para military forces will also get the benefit of this advanced facility.

ER VERSION OF BRAHMOS LAUNCHED

The first ever launch of the Extended Range (ER) Version of BrahMos Air Launched supersonic cruise missile was successfully conducted on May 12 from a Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft in an area of Bay of Bengal. The ER of BrahMos is 350 km, 60 km more than its normal range of 290 km. The dedicated and synergetic efforts of the IAF, Indian Navy, DRDO, BAPL and HAL have proven the capability of the nation to achieve this feat.

Bongosagar: The third edition of Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral exercise Bongosagar commenced on 24 May at Port Mongla, in Southwestern Bangladesh. The Sea Phase of the exercise was held in the Northern Bay of Bengal on 26-27 May.

The fourth edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol CORPAT was held in the Northern Bay of Bengal on May 22-23. The two navies undertook joint patrolling along the International Maritime Boundary Line.

SUPERCOMPUTER 'PARAM PORUL' LAUNCHED

In a joint initiative by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), a state-of-the-art Supercomputer 'PARAM PORUL' was inaugurated at NIT Tiruchirappalli on the 25th of May. This supercomputer has been established under Phase 2 of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM). The majority of the components that have been used to build this supercomputer have been assembled and manufactured in India.

INDIA'S FIRST FCT HUB SET UP IN HYDERABAD

India's first Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub) has been set up at Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences in Hyderabad with support from the government of Telangana. This hub is expected to promulgate adoption of flow chemistry from laboratory to manufacturing, and transition to more modern approaches to manufacturing Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs).

The flow chemistry deals with the process of performing chemical reactions in a tube or pipe.

A simple API meaning in pharma is that it's a raw material that is included in medicines. It is a biologically active component used in drugs and medicines to produce the intended outcome.

APRIL

'URJA PRAVAH' INDUCTED IN COAST GUARD

Indian Coast Guard inducted an Auxiliary Barge, Urja Pravaha, at Bharuch in Gujarat on April 23. The auxiliary ships are not primary combatant vessels, though they may have some limited combat capability, usually for purposes of self defence. It has been designed to carry cargo ship fuel, aviation fuel and freshwater. It will enhance the desired logistics support for ships deployed at far-flung areas in the maritime operational area.

FIRST ALH MK III SQUADRON IN ICG

The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the first advanced light helicopter (ALH) MK III Squadron in Bhubaneswar on 10 April to bolster maritime security. ALH MK III helicopters feature modern surveillance radar and electro-optical equipment which enables them to undertake the role of long-range maritime reconnaissance.

INS VAGSHEER LAUNCHED IN MUMBAI



The sixth and the last of the Scorpene-class submarines of Project-75, INS Vagsheer, was launched on April 20 in Mumbai. The Vagsheer has been named after the Sand Fish, a deadly deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean. The submarine has been built by Mumbai-based Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, under the 'Make in India' initiative. It will be formally commissioned in the Indian Navy after extensive field testing for over one year.

ATGM HELINA TESTED SUCCESSFULLY

India successfully flight-tested Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) Helina on April 11. The missile was launched from an indigenously-developed helicopter at high-altitude ranges. The Helina (Army version) is the helicopter-launched versions of third-generation anti-tank guided missiles (the Nag missile system). One of the most advanced Anti-Tank weapons in the world, it has a strike range of 7-8 kilometres. The missile system has all-weather day-and-night capability and can defeat battle tanks with conventional armour and explosive reactive armour.

SFDR BOOSTER TESTED SUCCESSFULLY

Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO successfully flight tested the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster on April 8 at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha. The test successfully demonstrated the reliable functioning of all critical components involved in the complex missile system and met all the mission objectives.

4 BOEING P-8I AIRCRAFTS COMMISSIONED

The Indian Navy commissioned the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316 into service at INS Hansa at Dabolim, Goa on March 29. The second squadron will comprise 4 Boeing P-8I multi-role anti-submarine warfare aircrafts.

The squadron has been named 'The Condors' after one of the largest flying birds in the world. The P-8 is a multi-mission maritime patrol aircraft, excelling at anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and search and rescue operations.

Exercise Varuna: The warships, submarines, maritime patrol aircrafts, fighter aircrafts and helicopters of the Indian and French navies conducted exercise 'Varuna-2022' in the Arabian Sea from March 30 to April 3.

Khanjar 2022: The 9th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise was held from 25 March to 6 April Special Forces Training School, Bakloh (HP).

INDIAN ARMY GETS NEW CHIEF

Lieutenant General Manoj Pande has been appointed as the next Chief of the Indian Army. The 29th Army Chief will be the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to become the Chief of Army Staff succeeding General Manoj Mukund Naravane who is scheduled to complete his 28-month tenure on 30th of April.

IRON BEAM- FIRST ENERGY-BASED WEAPON

Israel successfully tested 'Iron Beam', world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser beam to shoot down incoming UAVs, rockets, mortars, long range missiles, anti-tank missiles etc. The Iron Beam, developed by the Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, uses directed-energy weapon system and can go a long way in providing aerial defence, in a cost effective manner of \$3.50 per shot.

INDIAN SPACETECH LAUNCHES A SATELLITE

Bengaluru based Indian spacetech startup, Pixxel launched its first commercial satellite called 'Shakuntala' on April 1. It was launched onboard a Falcon-9 rocket of a private US space company- SpaceX, from Cape Canaveral in the US. The satellite hosts one of the highest resolution hyperspectral commercial cameras that have ever been flown to space.

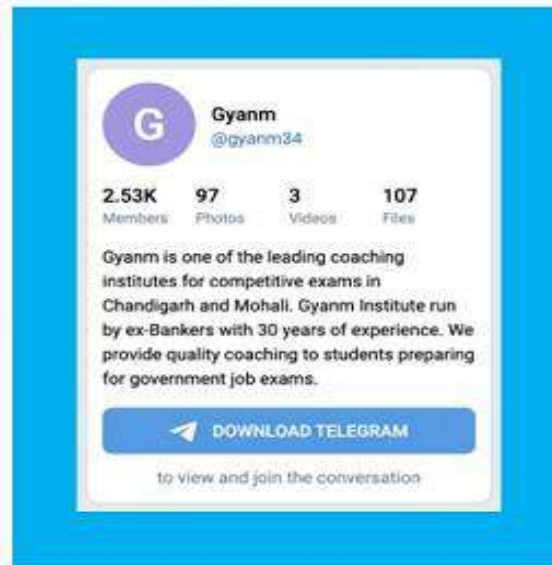
Shakuntala weighs less than 15 Kg and is capable of capturing orbital images in more than 150 bands of colour from the visible and infrared spectrum. It has a super high resolution of 10-metres per pixel that exceeds the specificity of 30-metre per pixel hyperspectral satellites, which were launched by a few select organisations like ESA, NASA and ISRO. This will help in tracking the invisible changes of Earth like deforestation, natural gas leakages, pollution, declining crop health, melting ice caps, and other data critical for climate change assessments.





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INDIA'S FIRST POLYCENTRIC PROSTHETIC KNEE



Researchers at IIT Madras have launched the country's first polycentric prosthetic knee, named Kadam. It has been developed by a team at TTK Center for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development at IIT Madras.

Kadam is very high on quality and performance and pretty affordable at the same time. It has undergone 30 lakh cycles of fatigue testing.

It provides stability, reduces the risk of stumbling and its patented geometry is specifically optimised for use on uneven terrains. The affordable prosthetic knee can transform the lives of thousands of above-knee amputees through not just mobility with ease, but also increased community participation, access to education, livelihood opportunities and overall well-being.

LARGEST ELECTRICITY-RUN CRUISE SHIP

The Yangtze River Three Gorges 1, world's largest electricity-run cruise ship, made its maiden voyage on April 5 in Yichang, Hubei in China. The vessel, developed in China, is 100 metres long and around 16 metres wide. It is powered by a massive 7,500-kilowatt-hour marine battery and has zero emission. It can accommodate up to 1300 passengers and cover a distance of 100 km on a single charge.

FARTHEST KNOWN STAR DISCOVERED

NASA and the European Space Agency's Hubble Space Telescope has established an extraordinary new benchmark by detecting the farthest individual star ever seen to date.

The star named Earendel, which means "morning star" in Old English, is estimated to be at least 50 times the mass of our Sun and millions of times as bright, rivalling the most massive stars known. Earendel is so far away that its light has taken 12.9 billion light years to reach Earth. A light year is the distance a beam of light will cover in a year, roughly 9.7 trillion kms.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

MAY

SAUDI ARAMCO BEATS APPLE IN VALUATION

Petro giant of Saudi Arabia, Saudi Aramco has overtaken Apple as the world's most valuable company after higher oil prices pushed shares of the world's biggest crude exporter to record levels, while a broader tech stock sell-off weighed down on the iPhone maker, Apple Inc.

The Saudi Arabian oil company's market capitalization on May11 was \$2.426 trillion, exceeding Apple's \$2.415 trillion by just over \$10 billion. Apple became the first company to hit a \$3 trillion market cap in January, 2022.

INDIA JOINS FIRST MOVERS COALITION



India announced at WEF's meet in Davos, its decision to join the First Movers Coalition, a global initiative aimed at decarbonising the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors. The Coalition targets sectors such as aluminium, aviation, chemicals, concrete, shipping, steel and trucking, which are responsible for 30 per cent of global emissions.

This proportion is expected to rise to over 50 per cent by mid-century without urgent progress on clean technology innovation. Over 50 new corporate members with a collective market cap of \$8.5 trillion, also announced their joining the Coalition.

The Coalition was launched by the US government and the WEF at COP26 in November last year at Glasgow, England as a flagship public-private partnership to clean up the most carbon-intensive sectors.

US PRESIDENT LAUNCHES IPEF

US President Joe Biden launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) on May 23 in Tokyo with a dozen initial partners. These countries include India, Australia, Japan, Brunei, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Together, they represent 40% of the world's GDP.

IPEF is aimed at strengthening ties in this critical Indo-Pacific region to define the coming decades for technological innovation and the global economy.

It is expected to develop the new rules for the 21-century economies that will help them grow faster and fairer. The Framework will create a stronger, fairer, and more resilient economy for families, workers, and businesses in the USA and in the Indo-Pacific region as a whole.

WORLD'S HIGHEST WEATHER STATION



A team of experts from the National Geographic Society, USA installed the "world's highest weather station" on Mount Everest at an altitude of 8,830 metres, to automatically measure various meteorological phenomena near the peak.

The weather monitoring system, powered by solar energy, is supposed to measure various meteorological phenomena like air temperature, wind speed and direction, air pressure, change in surface height of snow, and incoming and outgoing short and long wave radiation.

WORLD'S FIRST FLYING CARS & DRONES PORT

Aviation and aerospace manufacturing company Urban-Air Port has designed Air One, world's first airport for electric flying cars and large drones in Coventry, near Birmingham in England.

The 17,000-square-foot airport is designed to be a fully-operational 'pop up' urban airport and charging hub for future electric vertical take-off and landing (EVTOL) aircraft. The airport will be powered by hydrogen fuel cells to ensure zero emissions.

US FED MAKES HISTORIC HIKE IN RATES

The US Federal Reserve hiked its benchmark interest rate on May 04 by a rare half-percentage-point. This is the sharpest increase in interest rate since 2000. The US Central Bank announced plans to shrink its 9 trillion Dollar asset portfolio starting next month in an effort to reduce inflation that is running at a four-decade high level.

It is the most aggressive Government tightening of monetary policy at one meeting in decades, aimed at rapidly reducing the economic stimulus that has contributed to rising price pressures.

Jerome Powell, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System said, "Inflation is much too high and we understand the hardship it is causing and we are moving expeditiously to bring it back down."



FOREST COVER REDUCED TO 31%: FAO

The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" released by the Food and Agricultural Organisation, Rome, says that forests cover 31 percent of the Earth's land surface. However, in recent years it has been shrinking by about 10 million hectares per year.

This poses severe risks for the 68 percent of mammal species, 75 percent of bird species and 80 percent of amphibian species that inhabit forests. The report is the flagship publication of FAO, published every two years.

The report explores the potential of three forest pathways for achieving green recovery and tackling environmental crises, including climate change and biodiversity loss. The three interrelated pathways are:

- i. Halting deforestation and maintaining forests;
- ii. Restoring degraded lands and expanding agro-forestry; and
- iii. Sustainably using forests and building green value chains.

Trees are also an effective bulwark against climate change, as they hold more than half of the world's carbon stock found in soil and vegetation and help maintain weather patterns that are essential for agriculture. Reforesting denuded land could suck 0.9 to 1.5 gigatons of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere every year. For reference, this amounts to 2.5 to 4.1 percent of total carbon dioxide emissions for 2021. The report lists halting deforestation – 90 percent of which is linked to agriculture – as among the most cost-effective ways to slow climate change.

DENMARK FIRST TO STOP VACCINATION

Denmark has become the first country in the world to suspend the COVID-19 vaccination programme. The Danish Health Authority said that the epidemic has been brought under control and that the country was in a good position. Therefore, we are winding down the mass vaccination programme against Covid-19.

This comes as Denmark reported a drop in the number of new infections and stable hospitalisation rates. Around 81 percent of Denmark's 5.8 million population have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, while 61.6 percent have received the booster dose as well.

APRIL

MUSK GETS TWITTER FOR \$ 44 BILLION

In a historic development, leading social media platform Twitter has announced to sell its company to world's richest man Elon Musk, in a \$ 44 billion deal. Under the terms of the deal, shareholders will receive 54.20 dollar in cash for each share of Twitter stock they own, matching Mr. Musk's original offer and marking a 38% premium over the stock price the day before he revealed his stake in the company.

Twitter's outsized importance as a mouthpiece for politicians, political dissidents and activists belies its relatively small size. With around 330 million users, it is the seventh largest social media platform, with WhatsApp being number one.

WORLD ECONOMY TO GROW BY 3.2% - WB



The World Bank in its spring meeting on April 18 in Washington DC, USA, slashed its forecast for global economic growth this year, citing the war in Ukraine, inflation and the lingering effects of the pandemic. The World Bank now expects the global economy to grow 3.2 percent in 2022, down from its previous estimate of 4.1 percent. The World Bank estimated that the global economy grew 5.7 percent last year.

IMF SLASHES WORLD GROWTH RATE TO 3.6%

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its latest World Economic Outlook report released on April 20, slashed its global growth outlook for calendar year 2022 to 3.6 per cent from earlier 4.4 per cent saying that global economic prospects have worsened significantly due to commodity price volatility and disruption of supply chains caused by the war in Europe.

It said, the economic effects of the conflict are spreading far and wide, causing widening of negative economic trends such as disrupted commerce and price hikes for fuel and food.

The report added that further sanctions on Russian energy, a sharper-than-forecast deceleration in China and a renewed flare-up of the pandemic could further slow growth and boost inflation while rising prices could trigger social unrest.

GLOBAL TRADE TO GROW BY 3% - WTO

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) has revised down its projection for global trade growth (in volume) for 2022 to 3 percent. Earlier in October 2021, this was estimated at 4.7 percent. The downward revision follows the Russia-Ukraine conflict that has impacted commodity prices, disrupted supplies and intensified geopolitical and economic uncertainty.

PAKISTAN GETS A NEW PRIME MINISTER

In Pakistan, Shehbaz Sharif, Chief of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), was elected as the 23rd prime minister of the country after taking oath on April 11. He was elected after Imran Khan was voted out as the prime minister in a no confidence motion moved jointly in the National Assembly by the opposition parties. *Shehbaz is the younger brother of PML-N supremo and thrice-elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif who is currently in London, undergoing medical treatment.*

ECUADOR GRANTS LEGAL RIGHTS TO ANIMALS

Ecuador, in South America, has made history by becoming the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals. The apex court of Ecuador observed that wild animals have the right "not to be hunted, fished, captured, collected, kept, retained, trafficked, marketed or exchanged" and the right to the "free development of their animal behaviour, which includes the guarantee of not being domesticated and not forced to assimilate human characteristics or appearances." The court also called for Ecuador's ministry of wildlife to create more rules and procedures to ensure that the constitutional rights of wild animals are respected.

PERSONS IN NEWS

MAY

Captain Abhilasha Barak: The 26 year old 2018 batch army officer from Haryana became the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator. She graduated on May 25 at a ceremony held at the Combat Army Aviation Training School in Nashik, Maharashtra.

Baljeet Kaur: 27 year old mountaineer from Solan became the first Indian to scale four 8,000-metre and above peaks, back-to-back **in less than a month** when she scaled on May 22 the 8,516 mt high Mount Lhotse, the fourth highest peak on the earth.

A day earlier, she had scaled Mount Everest on May 21. Earlier she scaled Mount Annapurna (8,091m) on April 28 and on May 12 she summited Mount Kanchenjunga (8,586m). Additionally, she had also climbed Mount Dhaulagiri (8,167 m), on Oct 1, 2021.

Priyanka Mohite: Bengaluru based woman climber from Maharashtra, became the first Indian woman to scale five peaks above 8,000 metres, including Mt. Everest. She achieved the feat after scaling Mount Kanchenjunga on May 5. The 30-years old Priyanka also won the Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award, 2020.



Lionel Messi: Captain of Argentina's Football team topped the Forbes' list of World's highest paid athletes released on May 11. He plays professional Football for FC Paris Saint-Germain. He was at the top with a reported income of \$130 million in 2021, followed by US Basketball player LeBron James at \$ 121.2 million, and Cristiano Ronaldo at \$ 115 million.



Lhakpa Sherpa: The steely Nepali woman climber created a new world record on May 12 by conquering the highest peak, Mt Everest – for the 10th time – the most times any woman has climbed Everest. A native of Nepal, Sherpa lives in the US with her three children in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Kami Rita Sherpa: Nepal's legendary climber scaled Mt Everest for the 26th time on May 7, breaking his own previous world record, to set a new world record. Leading an 11-member rope fixing team, Kami Rita and his team reached the summit on May 7. The 52 year old Sherpa first climbed Everest in May 1994.

APRIL

Gautam Adani: Founder and Chairman of Adani Group has been ranked as the 10th richest person in the world with a net worth of \$100 billion (as on April 2), by the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Adani has displaced Mukesh Ambani as the richest man in India and Asia. Mukesh Ambani is now ranked at the 11th spot with a total net worth of \$ 99.0 Billion. The Bloomberg Billionaires Index is a daily ranking of the world's richest people, based on their net worth that is updated each day after the close of trading in New York.

Gautam Adani: Billionaire industrialist from Gujarat edged past veteran investor Warren Buffett to become the world's fifth-richest person. According to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List, Adani's wealth stood at \$123.7 billion as of the closing of 22 April, racing past Warren Buffett's \$121.7 billion.

The sharp run-up in Adani Group stocks has led him to this feat. Gautam Adani is the founder and Chairman of Adani Group, which is engaged in multiple businesses, including ports, edible oil, airports, green energy, etc.

Deepika Padukone: Popular Bollywood actress has been named as one of the judges on the world famous prestigious Cannes Film Festival that will begin on May 17 in Cannes, a sea resort in south western France. French actor Vincent Lindon was nominated as the president of the jury. The jury will announce this year's winners at a gala ceremony in Cannes on May 28.

Falguni Nayar: Founder and CEO of the beauty and lifestyle retail company Nykaa has been ranked as the richest Indian self-made woman in the "World's self-made women billionaires list" released by the Hurun Research Institute. With a massive \$7.6 billion wealth, she is the newest entrant, placed at 10th spot. The list is topped by Wa Yajun of Longfor Company in China with wealth of \$17 billion.

Virat Kohli: Cricket celebrity retained his position as the most valued celebrity in 2021, even though his brand value has plunged by around 22 per cent to \$185.7 million (close to Rs 1,400 crore), according to Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 released by Duff & Phelps.

Jiya Rai: A 13-year-old autistic swimmer from Mumbai, successfully swam across the Palk Strait in 13 hours on March 20, kick-starting her attempt from Talaimannar, Sri Lanka, and ending in Dhanushkodi (near Rameswaram), Tamil Nadu. By accomplishing this record, she became the world's youngest and fastest female swimmer to swim the 29-kilometre Palk Strait in 13 hours and 10 minutes.

Aung San Suu Kyi: A court in military-ruled Myanmar convicted the country's former leader of corruption and sentenced her to five years in prison on April 26. 76 year old Suu Kyi was ousted by an army takeover in February last year.

She has denied the allegation that she had accepted gold and hundreds of thousands of dollars as a bribe by a top political colleague. She was honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 for her nonviolent struggle for democracy and human rights in Myanmar.

Mark Vande Hei: A NASA astronaut returned to Earth on March 30, after spending a record-breaking 355 days in the International Space Station. This is a new NASA record of maximum spaceflight time.

Vande Hei returned in a Soyuz MS 19 spacecraft with Russian cosmonauts Pyotr Dubrov and Anton Shkaplerov, making a parachute-assisted landing in Dzhezkazgan, Kazakhstan.

Elon Musk: The Forbes Billionaires List 2022 released on April 5 has placed Tesla and SpaceX chief Elon Musk at the top with his total net worth estimated at \$219 billion. He is followed by Amazon chief Jeff Bezos (\$171 bn) and Louis Vuitton chief Bernard Arnault (\$158 bn), respectively.

APPOINTMENTS

MAY

Vinai Kumar Saxena: Appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by a Presidential notification. He will take the place of Anil Baijal who resigned recently. Mr. Saxena is presently the Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

Manik Saha: BJP state president of Tripura was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tripura on May 15, following the resignation of earlier chief minister Biplob Deb.

Rajiv Kumar: An 1984 batch IAS officer, currently Election Commissioner, was appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner, wef May 15, 2022. Mr. Kumar will take charge from CEC Sushil Chandra, who is due to retire.

Vivek Kumar: 2004 batch IFS officer was appointed as the Personal Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister at the Joint Secretary level on May 21, by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

Tarun Kapoor: Retd IAS officer, former petroleum secretary, appointed Advisor to Prime Minister in his office – PMO.

Krishnan Ramanujam: Appointed as the Chairperson of the national level IT industry body NASSCOM for 2022-23. He is currently President - enterprise growth group at TCS. NASSCOM: The National Association of Software and Service Companies

Nidhi Chibber: Senior IAS officer has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi.

Vijay Shekhar Sharma: Re-appointed as the MD & CEO of Paytm for another 5 years term, from December 19, 2022, to December 18, 2027.

Salil S. Parekh: Board of Directors of IT giant Infosys re-appointed Mr Parekh as the MD & CEO of the Company effective from July 1, 2022, for a period of five years till March 31, 2027.

Sanjiv Bajaj: Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Ltd., elected as the President of Confederation of Indian Industry, CII for the year 2022-23.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus: The World Health Assembly Member states of WHO re-elected Dr Tedros to serve a second five-year term as Director-General of the WHO. His new mandate will commence on 16th August, this year. 57 year old Dr, Tedros is an Ethiopian public health researcher.

Jose Ramos-Horta: Former independence fighter and Nobel Peace Prize laureate was sworn in as president of East Timor, a small country in Southeast Asia.

Anthony Albanese: Labour Party leader was sworn in as Australia's new Prime Minister after securing mandate in the recently held general elections.

John Lee: Appointed as the next Chief Executive of Hong Kong by the China's State Council, which is equal to the country's cabinet. Hong Kong is a special administrative region of China.

Ms. Elisabeth Borne: French President Emmanuel Macron named the former Minister of transport, ecology and labour as the country's new Prime Minister.

Hassan Sheikh Mohamud: Elected as the new President of Somalia, Africa. He has already served as Somalia's president between 2012 and 2017.

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan: Elected as President of the United Arab Emirates, after the demise of former president Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan on May 13.

Rodrigo Chaves: Sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica, a small country in Central America, for the period 2022-2026.

Yoon Suk-Yeol: Sworn in as the new President of South Korea on May 10 in the capital Seoul.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr.: Proclaimed as the next president of the Philippines following a landslide electoral triumph, 36 years after his dictator father was ousted in a pro-democracy uprising.

APRIL

Dr. Suman K Bery: Appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog. He will replace Dr. Rajiv Kumar on May 01. Dr. Bery is a former Director-General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).

Dr. Ajay Sood: Appointed as the new Principal Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister. Currently he is an honorary professor at the department of physics, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. He will replace K. Vijaya Raghavan, who retired recently.

Dr Manoj Soni: Appointed as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), country's premier government recruiting agency. Currently he is a Member of the UPSC.

Vinay Mohan Kwatra: Senior IFS officer of 1988 batch has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

Iqbal Singh Lalpura: Re-appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities by the central government. He is a retired IPS officer of Punjab-cadre.

Raj Subramaniam: Indian-American technocrat has been appointed as the new CEO of FedEx, the US multinational courier delivery giant, having 600,000 employees globally.

Gilbert F. Hougbo: A former prime minister of Togo has been elected as the next Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).
ILO is a UN agency based in Geneva, Switzerland. It was founded in 1919 to promote decent work for all. It has 187 Member States.

Emmanuel Macron: Won a second term in France's presidential election with 58.2 percent of the vote. He is the founder of the La République En Marche party.

Aleksandar Vucic: Re-elected as the President of Serbia, a landlocked country in Southeast Europe.

Viktor Orban: Re-elected as the Prime Minister of Hungary for a fourth term.

Robert Abela: Sworn in for a second term as the Prime Minister of Malta, a tiny island country, south of Italy.

AWARDS & HONOURS

MAY

ASHA workers honoured by WHO

India's one million all-women ASHA workers were awarded and honoured by WHO for their 'outstanding' contribution to advancing global health, demonstrated leadership and commitment to regional health issues. They were conferred "WHO Director-General's Global Health Leaders Award". They were honoured for their crucial role in linking the community with the health system and ensuring those living in rural poverty can access primary health care services, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

ASHA stands for Accredited Social Health Activists. They are local women trained to act as health educators and promoters in their communities.

International Booker Prize: 64 year old Delhi based Hindi author Geetanjali Shree's novel "Ret Samadhi" (Tomb of Sand) won the prestigious Booker Prize for a book translated in English.

Geetanjali Shree is not only the award's first Hindi winner, but also it is for the first time a book originally written in any Indian language has won the Booker prize. The novel was translated by Daisy Rockwell and the prize money of 50,000 Pounds will be shared between the author and translator equally.

Order of the British Empire: Conferred upon Kishore Jayaraman, President, India and South Asia for Rolls-Royce, by Her Majesty The Queen. Jayaraman is a board member of the U.K.-India Business Council, which supports U.K. businesses set up in India.

2022 Templeton Prize: Dr. Frank Wilczek, a Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist and author, Professor of Physics at MIT, Massachusetts, USA, has been honoured with the prestigious Templeton Prize for his achievements in physics, which include establishing the theoretical description of one of the four fundamental forces in nature.

The Templeton Prize, valued at more than \$1.3 million, is one of the world's largest annual individual awards. Established by the late global investor and philanthropist Sir John Templeton, it is given to honour those who harness the power of the sciences to explore the deepest questions of the universe and humankind's place and purpose within it.

Royal Gold Medal 2022: Regarded as one of the world's highest honours for architecture, by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), London, this medal was conferred upon the acclaimed architect Balkrishna Doshi.

94 year old Doshi is the only one from India to have been awarded both, the Royal Gold Medal and the Pritzker Architecture Prize, often referred to as the Nobel Prize of architecture. It may be noted that Doshi had never formally studied architecture.

World Food Prize: Won by Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig, NASA climate research scientist, for her research to understand the relationship between climate and food systems and forecast how both will change in the future.

Besides the cash award of \$ 2,50,000, the winner receives a sculpture designed by the noted artist and designer, Saul Bass. Regarded as the top global award in food and agriculture, it is presented by the World Food Prize Foundation, USA, and sponsored by the General Foods Corporation, USA.

Whitley Gold Award: Won by noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist Charudutt Mishra for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation of Leopards in Himalayan ecosystems. Princess Anne presented the award to Mishra at London's Royal Geographic Society. The award carries a cash prize of one lakh British Pounds.

APRIL

Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award: Conferred upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 24 in Mumbai. This is the first edition of the award instituted in the memory of the melody queen late Lata Mangeshkar who passed away in February this year.

It will be given annually to a person who has made outstanding, spectacular, and exceptional achievements to the country, its people, and society.

EY Entrepreneur of the Year - 2021: Won by Nykaa Founder and CEO Falguni Nayar. She will now represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEYO) on June 9, 2022.

Saraswati Samman, 2021: Awarded to noted Hindi poet and litterateur Prof Ramdarash Mishra for his Hindi poetry collection 'Mein to Yahan Hun' (मैं तो यहाँ हूँ) published in 2015.

Saraswati Samman is one of the most prestigious highest literary awards in India instituted by K K Birla Foundation in 1991. The award given for outstanding work in any of the 22 languages approved in the Indian constitution, carries Rs 15 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021:

Awarded to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of Chandigarh and to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat. The annual award has been instituted by Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation to recognise the work of individuals and organisations who have worked tirelessly to fight leprosy and the prejudices associated with it.

Champions of the Earth: (Lifetime Achievement Award)

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) announced that Sir David Attenborough is the recipient of the UN's highest environmental honour for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration.

Sir David's career as a broadcaster, natural historian, author, and environmental advocate spans over seven decades. He is most famous for his work with the BBC's Natural History Unit.

Grammy Awards 2022 announced

The highest honours in the music industry, Grammy Awards were announced in Las Vegas, USA on April 03. Record of the Year: Leave the Door Open by Silk Sonic Group

Album of the Year: We Are by Jon Batiste

Song of the Year: Leave the Door Open from Silk Sonic

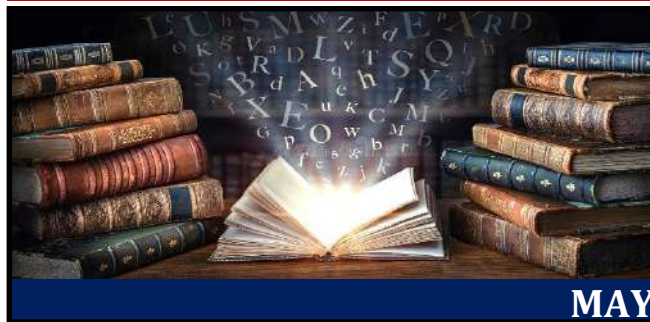
Best Pop Vocal Album: Sour by Olivia Rodrigo

Best Pop Solo: Driver's License by Olivia Rodrigo

Best New Artist: Olivia Rodrigo



BOOKS & AUTHORS



A Place Called Home by Preeti Shenoy

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Leaders, Politicians, Citizens by Rasheed Kidwai, noted journalist

This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub

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True Biz by Sara Novic

Cover Story by Susan Rigetti

A Family Affair by Robyn Carr

The Candy House by Jennifer Egan

The Younger Wife by Sally Hepworth

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Hear Yourself by Prem Rawat, a New York Times bestseller book

Hotel Magnifique by Emily J. Taylor

OBITUARY

MAY

Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma: Legendary Santoor player who gave the little-known instrument an exalted status with his art, died of a heart attack on May 10 in Mumbai. The Jammu-born maestro was 84.

He was part of the famed 'Shiv Hari' music duo (with flute maestro Hari Prasad Chaurasia) which adorned filmmaker Yash Chopra's films with their compositions. The duo composed songs for hits like 'Silsila', 'Chandni', 'Lamhe' and 'Darr'.

He was honoured with Padma Vibhushan in 2001 and with Padma Shri in 1991.

APRIL

K. Sankaranarayanan: Veteran Congress leader and former Governor of Maharashtra, Nagaland, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Jharkhand, passed away on April 24 at his residence in Palakkad, Kerala. Known for his oratory skills, Sankaranarayan was the convener of the UDF in Kerala for 16 years (1986-2001).

PLACES IN NEWS

MAY

Kolkata: Capital city of West Bengal became the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity. Kolkata Municipal Corporation released the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR), a document with details about the floral and faunal varieties in the city as well as its land use and human activities.

The 520-page biodiversity register of Kolkata has documented 138 species of trees, 26 types of Chinese vegetable, 33 species of medicinal plants and about 100 other plant species. Besides, it covers around 290 animal species, including about 70 species of butterflies, 47 varieties of fish, 84 varieties of birds and 22 of mammals.

Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary

The wildlife sanctuary in Bundi district of Rajasthan has been upgraded to a tiger reserve, as per a notification issued on May 16 by the union ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. It is the 52nd Reserve of India and includes the tiger habitat between Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in the northeast and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve on the southern side.

The movement of big cats from Ranthambore is frequent in this reserve and it acts as a natural buffer zone for the Ranthambore. The move will thus strengthen tiger conservation efforts. It is the fourth tiger reserve in the state after Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in Sawai Madhopur, Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve in Kota and Sariska Tiger Reserve in Alwar.

In a reserve more attention is paid to protect and promote the biodiversity of the area, as compared to sanctuaries and enforcement of rules and regulations is stricter than the sanctuary.

Rakhigarhi: Latest excavations by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Rakhigarhi in Hisar district of Haryana have shown remains of wide roads, a drainage network, multi-tier houses and possibly a jewellery-making unit; enough evidence to suggest that a meticulously planned Harappan city thrived there.

Rakhigarhi is one of the largest settlements of Harappan civilization spread over more than 3,500 hectares. The cultural span of the Harappan Civilization can be broadly subdivided into three periods, Early 3300-BC to 2600 BC, Mature-2600 BC to 1900 BC and the Late-1900 BC to 1700 BC.

Agra: The city of Taj Mahal has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewers. These vacuums will be used in public places. Agra Municipal Corporation has connected 240 such houses near the Taj Mahal with vacuum-based sewers where conventional sewer systems cannot be used.

Jamtara: This district in Jharkhand has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries. This district with a population of about eight lakh has a total of 118 gram panchayats under six blocks and each panchayat has a well-equipped library which is open for students from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Career counselling sessions and motivational classes are also held free in these libraries.

Details of most of these libraries including their GPS location, photographs and contact numbers, have been provided on the district's official website. Jamtara has been the work place of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, the great social reformer and educationist of 19th century.

World's longest suspension footbridge

The world's longest suspension footbridge, named 'Sky Bridge', was thrown open to the public on May 13 in Dolni Morava in Czech Republic. The 721 metres, or 2,365 feet, long bridge connects two mountain ridges and hangs 95 metres (312 feet) above a valley. The walkway promises spectacular sights of the cloud-shrouded Jesenky Mountains.

Bach Long- World's longest glass bridge

A huge glass bridge claiming to be the longest in the world, Vietnam's Bach Long pedestrian bridge, was opened to the public in the first week of May. The bridge in Northwest Son La province is 632m (2,073ft) long — and is suspended 575ft above ground in a lush green jungle, with a sheer drop into the river and cliffs below. The floor of the bridge is made from French-produced clear tempered glass, making it strong enough to support up to 450 people at a time.



Hyderabad: For a second consecutive year, Hyderabad has been recognised as a 'Tree City of the World' by the Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska (USA) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations. 500 volunteers planted over 3.50 crore trees in Hyderabad in a year.

According to Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), trees reduce costs for energy, help in stormwater management and support soil erosion control. They also boost property values as much as 10-20 per cent, build stronger ties among community members and increase community pride. Last year, Hyderabad was the only city in India to be recognised as a 'Tree City of the World' but this year Mumbai also joined the list.

KwaZulu-Natal: Gushing floods caused by heavy rains killed more than 400 people and caused damage to properties worth at least \$684.58 million at KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) province on eastern coast of South Africa. The heaviest rainfall recorded in more than 60 years in the region left behind a desolate landscape. Floods left thousands homeless, knocked out power and water services and disrupted operations at one of Africa's busiest ports, Durban.

Storm Megi: Also known locally as Tropical Storm Agaton, Megi brought torrential downpours to the Philippines' central regions in April's second week, triggering landslides and severe flooding. The death toll from the storm crossed 250. The authorities said, more than three lakh residents were forced to evacuate by 16 April and over two million were affected by the storm.

Bucha: A small town on the outskirts of Kiev, Ukraine was in the news because of the brutal massacre committed there allegedly by the Russian forces. More than 300 dead bodies were found scattered across the streets. Most of the bodies had their hands tied behind. Their flesh was burned and the victims were shot in the back of the head. Hundreds of civilians were found dead on the roads, by their homes, and in mass graves. *India strongly condemned the Bucha killings at UNSC and called for an independent investigation into the matter.*



Murali Sreeshankar, National champion long jumper from Kerala won the gold medal on May 26 at the 12th International Jumping Meeting in Kallithea, Greece, with an effort of 8.31 metres.

Promising Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen (from Telangana) clinched the gold medal in 52 kg category on May 19 to get the crown of "World Champion " at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships in Istanbul, Turkey. Manisha Moun in 57 kg and Parveen Hooda in 63 kg category signed off with bronze medals.

Ms. Jyothi Yarraji, the 22-year-old Andhra athlete won the gold in the 100 mt hurdles race at the Cyprus International Meet on May 10 at Limassol, Cyprus. She scored a timing of 13.23 seconds, breaking the 20 year old national record of 13.38 seconds, made by Anuradha Biswal in 2002.

Armyman Avinash Sable from Beed, Maharashtra clocked 13 minutes and 25.65 seconds in the 5,000 mt race on May 6 in San Juan Capistrano, USA, finishing 12th in a high-quality field which included two Olympic medallists. However, he broke the 30 year old National Record of 13:29:70, set by Bahadur Prasad in 1992.

Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal on May 02 at the IWF Junior World Championships at Heraklion in Greece. Just 16 year old, she lifted 153-kilogram (70kg in Snatch and 83 kg in Clean and Jerk) in the 45-kilogram weight category.

Gyaneshwari Yadav clinched the silver medal while V Rithika secured a bronze medal.

Thomas Cup: Indian Men's Badminton team scripted history by winning the Thomas Cup for the first time ever in its 73 years history, dethroning 14 time champions Indonesia on May 15 in Bangkok. The victory was led by the team of Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth and supported by the doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy.

Thomas Cup and Uber Cup are the top world level team tournaments in Badminton, conducted by the Badminton World Federation for men and women, respectively. The uber Cup 2022 was won by South Korea.

The Indian men's compound team won the gold medal on May 21 in the Hyundai Archery World Cup 2022 Stage-Two in Gwangju, South Korea. India finished with five medals – one gold, one silver and three bronze.

Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022: Won by Haryana after defeating Jharkhand 2-0 in the final played on May 22 in Imphal, Manipur.



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India at top in ISSF Jr World Cup

Indian pistol pair Esha Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary won the mixed team pistol gold at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany. Rhythm Sangwan won gold in women's 25m pistol competition. Sift Kaur Samra won gold in the individual women's 50m rifle 3 positions. Simranpreet Kaur Brar and Vijayveer Sidhu won gold in 25m rapid fire mixed team.

Overall, India topped the medal tally with a rich haul of 33 medals, including 13 gold, 15 silver and 5 bronze.

12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship:

Odisha were crowned as the Champions of the 2022 with a thrilling 2-0 victory over Karnataka in the final played on May 17 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

India wins 16 medals in Summer Deaflympics

The 24th Summer Deaflympics were held in Brazil's Caxias Du Sul from 1st to 15th of May. The quadrennial event saw participation from over 2300 athletes from 72 countries in 226 events in 18 sports. Deaflympics is an official IOC event where only deaf sportspersons can participate.

Shooter Dhanush Srikanth won individual gold and also team gold with Priyasha Deshmukh in the 10m air rifle event. Abhinav Deshwali won gold in men's 10m air pistol event. Golfer Diksha Dagar also won gold. In Badminton, Jerlin Jayaratchagan won two gold, in women singles and in mixed doubles while mixed team also won the gold. Wrestler Sumit Dahiya won the eighth gold for India.

India won 16 medals at the Deaflympics 2021 that included eight gold, one silver and seven bronze.

Khelo India University Games 2021

A glittering closing ceremony on May 03 drew curtains on the Khelo India University Games 2021, in Bengaluru. Hosts local Jain University (Deemed-to-be University), won the overall champion title with an impressive tally of 20 gold, 7 silver, and 5 bronze medals.

Lovely Professional University, Punjab won 17 gold medals, 15 silver, and 19 bronze to secure second spot while the defending champions Panjab University, Chandigarh ended third.

Santosh Trophy: Hosts Kerala defeated West Bengal 5-4 in a penalty shootout in the finals played at the Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram to win the National Football Tournament for the seventh time.

The 4th Khelo India Youth Games

The biggest sports event in the U-18 age category is to be held from 4 June to 13 June in Haryana. Jaya the blackbuck, Vijay the tiger and Dhakad the bull are the three mascots for the games. Around 8500 players are expected to participate in these games. The games, to be held in 25 sports disciplines, will be held in Shahbad, Ambala, Chandigarh, Panchkula and Delhi.

INTERNATIONAL

Max Verstappen of team Red Bull won the Spanish Grand Prix on May 22 in Montmeló, Spain. He also won the first-ever Miami Grand Prix in the USA on May 8.

Ronnie O'Sullivan of England claimed his seventh World Snooker Championship title on May 02 with an 18-13 win over his fellow countryman Judd Trump in Sheffield, England. O'Sullivan, 46, has become the oldest world champion in Snooker.

APRIL

India's Dipika Pallikal and **Saurav Ghosal** created history by defeating Adrian Waller and Alison Waters of England in the mixed doubles finals to win India's first ever gold medal at WSF World Doubles Squash championship at Glasgow, England. Dipika also won the women's doubles title teaming with Joshna Chinappa.

Indian grapplers Ravi Dahiya won gold, Bajrang Punia and Gourav Baliyan took silver while Naveen and Satywart clinched bronze medals at the Asian Wrestling Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Indian Grandmaster, R Praggnanandhaa won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament on April 12 in Reykjavik, Iceland by defeating fellow GM D Gukesh.

D Gukesh, Indian GM became the first Indian player to win the La Roda International Open in 48 years, held at La Caja Blanca in La Roda, Albacete in Spain from April 13-17.

Top Indian swimmer Sajan Prakash won the men's 200 m butterfly gold and Vedaant Madhavan bagged silver medal in the men's 1500m freestyle event at the Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark.

83rd Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships: **A Sharath Kamal** secured his 10th national title beating G Sathyan in the men's singles summit clash at Shillong on April 25.

In the women's singles final, **Sreeja Akula** beat Mouma Das to win her maiden national crown.

India defeated France 232-231 in the compound men's team final on April 23 to win the gold medal in the Archery World Cup Stage-1 at Antalya, Turkey. The recurve mixed team of Tarundeep Rai and Ridhi Phor also bagged the gold medal.

BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021: Awarded to S. Mirabai Chanu, noted Indian weightlifter. Chanu created history in 2021 when she became the first Indian weightlifter to clinch a silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics.

12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship: Haryana were crowned as the National Champions on April 17 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh with a thrilling victory over Tamil Nadu in the finals.

71st Senior National Basketball Championship: Tamil Nadu beat Punjab to win the men's title. Women's title was won by the Indian Railways team after defeating Telangana.

Khelo India University Games: In a spectacular grand ceremony, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu declared the Khelo India University Games open in Bengaluru on April 24. More than 4,000 sportspersons from 200 Universities across India are participating in the 10-day event.

INTERNATIONAL

Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) won the Formula-1 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix on March 27 at Jeddah. He also won the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix on April 24 at Emola, Italy.

4th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup: The Netherlands lifted their fourth title after beating Germany 3-1 in the final at Potchefstroom, South Africa on April 12. India secured 4th rank after being defeated by England.

ICC Women's Cricket World Cup: Australian team lifted the Cup for a record 7th time by defeating England in the final by 71 runs at Hagley Oval in Christchurch, New Zealand. Alyssa Healy of Australia was declared Player of the Match and also the Player of the tournament.

Laureus World Sports Awards 2022 winners were announced in a virtual event screened live from Seville, Spain, on April 24.

Laureus World Sportsman of the Year: Max Verstappen, the 2021 F1 World champion from The Netherlands
Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year: Jamaican athlete Elaine Thompson-Herah
Laureus World Team of the Year: Italy's Men's Football Team

Wisden Cricketers of the year

The 2022 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, published on April 21 named two Indians – Jasprit Bumrah and Rohit Sharma – in the top 5 Wisden Cricketers of the Year list. It is for the very first time that two Indians have been named in the list. The three others on the list included Devon Conway (New Zealand), Ollie Robinson (England) and Ms. Dane van Niekerk (South Africa).

Joe Root, England's outgoing Test captain, has been named as the "Leading Man Cricketer in the World". A right hand batsman, he scored 1,708 Test runs in 2021.

Lizelle Lee, South African opener was named the "Leading Woman Cricketer" as she scored 632 ODI runs in 2021 at an average of 90.28.

Known as the 'Bible of Cricket', Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, is a prestigious cricket reference book published annually in the United Kingdom, since 1864.

2026 Commonwealth Games: The Australian state of Victoria has been officially announced as the host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games. It is the first time that a state or region has been awarded the Games, and the sixth time they are being staged in Australia. The 2022 Commonwealth Games are being hosted by Birmingham, UK from July 28 to August 8, 2022.

'La'eeb' – mascot for FIFA 2022 unveiled

FIFA unveiled 'La'eeb' on April 1 as the official mascot for this year's FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. La'eeb is an Arabic word meaning super-skilled player. The mascot is a portrayal of a free flowing Keffiyeh, a traditional Arabian headdress, together with an Agal (headband). La'eeb will be known for his youthful spirit; spreading joy and confidence everywhere he goes.

"Al Rihla" – the Official FIFA Match Ball

The German sports goods multinational company Adidas unveiled "Al Rihla" – the Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. It is Adidas' 14th World Cup ball, and it is designed to accommodate the fastest game speeds possible, since it flies quicker in flight than any other World Cup ball.

Al Rihla has an all-new panel shape design. The shape of the panels is inspired by traditional dhow boats and specifically the characteristic triangular sails used on them. The ball is made from a total of 20 panels.

DAYS & DATES

MAY

May 01: International Workers' Day or Labour Day

Also known as May Day, this day is celebrated to honour the contribution of workers across the world. The Day commemorates the tragic incident of May 4, 1886, the Haymarket massacre in Chicago, USA where a labour protest rally turned violent after someone threw a bomb at the police, leading to the death of seven police officers and at least four civilians.

The incident led to 8 hour working norms for the workers. First Labour Day was observed on May 1, 1891.

In India, it was first celebrated in Chennai then known as Madras on May 1, 1923. The initiative was taken by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan.



May (1): World Laughter Day



It is celebrated on the first Sunday of May every year. It is a day to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits. The Day was first celebrated in 1998, in Mumbai upon the initiation of Dr Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement. The day also marks an attempt to manifest World Peace and form a global consciousness through laughter.

May 2: World Tuna Day

Observed every year to raise awareness about the Tuna fish and its importance to humans and earth and also to promote more sustainable fishing practices to conserve the species. They are a significant source of food and have amazing qualities due to which they are threatened by overwhelming demand.

The UNO officially recognised World Tuna Day in 2017. Tuna is a saltwater fish comprising some 15 different species across five genera.

May 3: World Press Freedom Day

This day is celebrated across the globe to pay gratitude to those journalists who lost their lives in order to bring us true and real news. It's a day to demonstrate support for all media persons who work tirelessly to distribute information and bring news from across the world to people's homes. The day commemorates the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek (a city in Namibia), a statement of press freedom principles made in 1991.

Considered as the fourth pillar of democracy, freedom of the press is implicit under Article 19(1)(a) of the Indian Constitution as well. The theme for this year's Day is "Journalism under Internet Siege", which focuses on the influence of the digital era on freedom of expression, journalist safety, and information access.

May (3): World Asthma Day

It is observed every year on the first Tuesday of May. The day spread awareness about asthma disease and its care around the world. The celebrations are supported by the USA based NGO - Global Initiative for Asthma.

As per the 2021 report of WHO, nearly 15 to 20 million people in India suffer from asthma, which includes patients from every age group. The theme for the Day this year is 'Closing Gaps in Asthma Care'.

Asthma is a condition in which your airways narrow and swell and may produce extra mucus. This can make breathing difficult and trigger coughing or breathlessness. Asthma can't be cured, but its symptoms can be controlled.

May 04: International Firefighters' Day

Observed every year to show our support and appreciation for the firefighters who work round the clock to protect us from incidents of fire and many other emergencies. People show gratitude to the firefighters by proudly wearing and displaying blue and red ribbons pinned together. These colours are symbolic of the main elements that the firefighters work with - red for fire and blue for water.

The day was instituted, after the death of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a bushfire in Australia in December, 1998. 4th May happens to be the date Saint Florian's Day was celebrated. As per the International Firefighters' Day's website, St Florian was the first known commander of a firefighting squad in the Roman era who lost his life while performing his duty.

May 04: Coal Miners Day

This Day is observed to honour the accomplishments and sacrifices made by coal mine workers so far. It also highlights the horrific tragedies that these hardworking individuals experience. Coal mining is considered one of the toughest and dangerous professions, where coal miners spend their days digging, tunneling and extracting coal from the mines, most of which are beneath the earth's surface.

In India, the coal mining began in 1774 when the East India Company exploited the Raniganj coalfield in Asansol, West Bengal.

May 05: Hand Hygiene Day

Celebrated with active support from WHO - World Health Organisation, to mobilise people around the world to increase adherence to hand hygiene in health care facilities, thus protecting health care workers and patients from infections.

This year, the campaign theme is "Unite for safety: clean your hands". It aims to develop a strong quality and safety culture that will encourage people to clean hands at the right times and with the right products.



May 07: World Athletics Day



This day was introduced by the IAAF in 1996 to increase awareness about athletics and to encourage the youth to take up sports. It aims to raise awareness among children and young people about the importance of fitness and encourage them to play sports, especially athletics.

IAAF, International Association of Athletics Federations, is the international governing body for the sport of athletics. In 2019, it changed its name to "World Athletics".

Remember!! The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is observed on 6th April.

May (07): World Migratory Bird Day

This day is officially celebrated twice in a year since it started in 2006. It is held first on the second Saturday of May and again on the second Saturday of October. The day aims to raise awareness about the migratory birds and the importance of international cooperation to conserve them.

The theme selected for this year's celebration is - 'Light Pollution'. The artificial light is known to adversely affect many bird species. It causes disorientation when they fly at night, leading to collisions with buildings, towers, etc. and hampers their long distance flights. "Dim the Lights for Birds at Night!" has been selected as the official slogan for this year.

May 08: World Red Cross Day

The day is observed to celebrate the good work that the Red Cross Movement does around the world.

It's an opportunity to pay tribute to the volunteers for their unprecedented contribution to the people in need. This day also marks the birth anniversary of Henri Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross in 1863 in Geneva, Switzerland. He was the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize.

The theme for this year is 'BeHumanKind'. Acts of kindness, no matter how big or small, make a huge difference in people's lives.

May 08: World Thalassemia Day

This day is observed to raise awareness about thalassemia disease, its preventive measures and to avoid transmission and the importance of vaccination for children's health, society and among the people throughout the world.

This day is observed by the Thalassemia International Federation (TIF), a NGO based in Nicosia, Cyprus. The theme for this year's celebrations is 'Be Aware.Share.Care: Working with the global community as one to improve thalassemia knowledge.'

Thalassemia disease is a type of blood disorder where red blood cells get destroyed causing difficulty in the formation of haemoglobin which can cause anaemia. It is a genetic disease which gets transferred from parents to children. Thalassemia patients need frequent transfusions of healthy blood to supplement their red blood cells.

May (8): Happy Mothers' Day

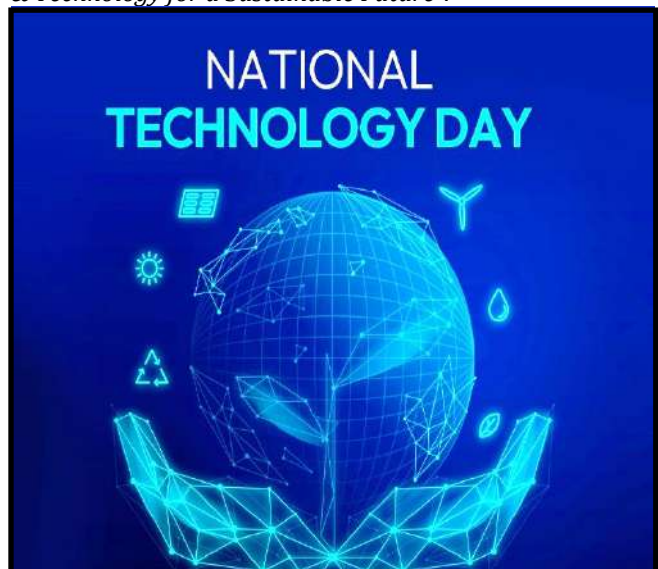
Celebrated in India and many other countries on the second Sunday of May to honour the mothers for the unconditional love, adoration and indispensable affection they bestow upon their children and providing unmatched lifetime emotional support. Some other countries celebrate it on some other days.

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in West Virginia, USA in 1908, when a school teacher Anna Jarvis organised a Memorial Service at St. Andrew's Methodist Church commemorating the immaculate contribution of her mother in her life, three years after she had passed away in 1905.

May 11: National Technology Day

This day is celebrated to commemorate the day on which India successfully test-fired its first nuclear bombs in 1998 under "Operation Shakti" in Pokhran. On the same day India also performed successful test firing of the Trishul Missile and had test flown the first indigenous aircraft - 'Hansa - 3'.

Although, India conducted its first nuclear test, codenamed "Smiling Buddha", at Pokhran in Rajasthan in 1974, but it was after the 1998 test that then prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee publicly declared India's status as a nuclear weapons power, then 6th in world. The theme for this year is "Integrated Approach in Science & Technology for a Sustainable Future".



May 12: International Nurses Day

This day is celebrated to thank all nurses, their dedication, their invaluable services, especially during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. This day happens to be the birthday of the legendary nurse - Florence Nightingale. The theme of 2022 International Nurses Day is "Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Invest in Nursing and respect rights to secure global health."

Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was a British social reformer, who came to prominence while serving as a manager and trainer of nurses during the Crimean War (1853-56), in which she organised care for wounded soldiers. She earned the nickname of "Lady with the Lamp" as she used to attend the patients throughout the night, holding a lamp in her hand.

May 15: International Family Day

The day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 to promote awareness of issues relating to welfare of families. This day provides an opportunity to increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic factors affecting families.

The theme of this year's Day is "Families and Urbanisation". It aims to raise awareness on the importance of sustainable, family-friendly urban policies.

May 16: National Dengue Day

Observed every year with support from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to raise awareness about dengue and its preventive measures. Dengue is a viral disease, transmitted by the infective bite of the mosquito named *Aedes Aegypti*. It is common after the rainy season. It is highly contagious and spreads from one person to another through mosquito bites.

May 16: Inter. Day of Living Together in Peace

In 2017, the United Nations declared this Day to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding, and solidarity across the world. The Day aims to uphold the desire to live and act together, united in diversity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony.

May 17: World Hypertension Day

Observed every year to promote public awareness of increasing high blood pressure (BP) and to encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer. Hypertension is a condition in which the force of the blood against the artery walls is too high. The theme for this year is 'Measure your blood pressure, control it, live longer!' to raise awareness especially in low to middle income areas and promote the accurate blood pressure measurement methods.

Blood pressure is measured by two numbers. The upper (systolic) number represents the pressure in blood vessels when the heart beats. The lower (diastolic) number represents the pressure in the vessels when the heart rests. Normal blood pressure is 140/90 and blood pressure above this is regarded as high and is considered severe if the pressure is above 180/120.

May 17: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

Observed across the globe to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide. The day marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union on this day in 1865.

The theme for this year is "Digital technologies for older persons and healthy ageing".

May (16): Vesak Day

It is observed every year in May on the first Full Moon Day, also known as Buddha Jayanti, Buddha Purnima and Buddha Day. It is the most sacred day to Buddhists all over the world.

The day is recognized as the thrice blessed day that marks the Birth, Enlightenment and Mahaparinirvana of Lord Buddha. Lord Buddha was born in Lumbini, he attained enlightenment in Bodhgaya in Bihar, preached his first sermon at Sarnath and attained Nirvana in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh.

May 18: International Museum Day

Celebrated every year to raise awareness about the importance of Museums which are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples. They enlighten us with the numerous unknowns and take us to places we have never been before. The theme of the day for the year 2022 is "The Power of Museums" as Museums have the power to transform the world around us.

May 18: World AIDS Vaccine Day

This day is an opportunity to thank the volunteers, community members, health professionals, and scientists working together to find a safe and effective preventive vaccine against HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). The day aims to spread awareness about Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and the importance of its immunisation.

May 20: World Metrology Day

Observed globally every year to create awareness about metrology (weights and measurements) and its advancement in the respective field. On this day, many nations cooperate internationally to raise awareness about metrology and its progress in the relevant field. The theme for the Day this year is "Metrology in the Digital Era". This theme reflects that digital technology is revolutionising our community, and is one of the most exciting trends in society today.

Remember ! The similar sounding World Meteorological Day is observed on 23rd March to highlight the importance of climate.

May 20: World Bee Day

It is celebrated every year to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the conservation of the ecosystem. The day marks the birth anniversary of Anton Jansa who in the 18th century pioneered modern beekeeping techniques in his native country Slovenia. The theme selected for the Day this year is “Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping system”.

May (20): National Endangered Species Day

It is celebrated each year on the third Friday of May across the country. The day gives us the opportunity to be more aware of the conservation of endangered species and learn about the different steps the country is taking to properly protect these animals. The theme chosen for this day for 2022 is “Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration”.

At the global level, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland maintains the most comprehensive Red List of Threatened Species around the world. It lists more than 31,000 species threatened with extinction, accounting for about 27% of all assessed species.

May 21: Anti-Terrorism Day

The day marks the death anniversary of India's seventh Prime Minister (1984-89) Rajiv Gandhi on 21 May 1991. He was killed in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu in a terrorist attack by a suicide bomber of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), most dreaded terrorist group of Sri Lanka. Since then, the day has been declared Anti-Terrorism Day in India.

His shrine named Veer Bhumi has been made in New Delhi near Raj Ghat. The day aims to spread the message of peace, humanity, unity, and harmony among the people, and to make them aware of the anti-social acts of terrorism.

May 21: International Tea Day

Supported by a UN resolution, the day aims to raise awareness about improving the condition of tea producers and tea workers across the world.

Tea producing countries make a lot of profit from Tea business but the condition of the labourers working in the tea plantations remains very poor. This day endeavours to raise the status of tea workers, their rights, daily wages, social security, employment security, and health.



May 22: International Day for Biodiversity

Observed with the support from UNO to raise awareness on various issues related to threats that stare biodiversity in the face. The biodiversity can be enriched by undertaking activities such as planting more trees, consuming a variety of foods in our diets to promote crop diversity, avoiding food and water wastage, generating less waste and reusing and recycling products.

The theme for the year 2022 is “Building a shared future for all life”. The slogan was chosen to continue building momentum and support for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted at the upcoming UN Biodiversity Conference #COP15.

May 23: World Turtle Day

The day is celebrated with the purpose of increasing attention and knowledge about turtles and tortoises, and draw enough awareness from humans about the measures that should be taken to help them survive and thrive in their natural environment, without any human interruptions to spread awareness about the protection of the natural habitat of turtles and tortoises.

This year's theme for the Day is 'Shellebrate'. The theme asks everyone to Love and Save Turtles.

Turtles belong to one of the oldest reptile groups in the world. Their origin dates back to the time of dinosaurs, which is nearly 200 million years back.

May 25: World Thyroid Day

Observed globally every year to raise awareness about the importance of Thyroid and the prevention and treatment of thyroid diseases. This day was established in 2008 as a part of the campaign led by European Thyroid Association (ETA) and the American Thyroid Association (ATA) followed by Latin American Thyroid Society (LATS) and Asia Oceania Thyroid Association (AOTA) to commemorate the patients with Thyroid diseases and doctors and physicians who treat them.

Thyroid disorders are conditions that affect the thyroid gland; a butterfly-shaped gland in the front of the neck, wrapped around the trachea (windpipe). The thyroid has important roles to regulate numerous metabolic processes throughout the body. Different types of thyroid disorders affect either its structure or function.

May 28: World Hunger Day

Observed globally every year to raise awareness about people living in chronic hunger worldwide. The initiative recognizes the dire need to save nearly a quarter of a billion lives from malnourishment and chronic hunger.

The United Nation's second Sustainable Development Goal, SDG-2, earmarks the importance of increased agricultural productivity to nourish about 811million people, who do not have enough food. Another 2.4 billion people do not have access to healthy food. This year's theme for the Day #YouthEndingHunger highlights the role of youth in ending world hunger.

May 28: Amnesty International Day

This day aims to promote human rights and raise awareness of their abuses and how our choices affect them every day. The day marks the foundation of NGO Amnesty International on this day in 1961 in London. *Amnesty International is a global NGO that fights for human rights with over three million members and supporters around the world. It works hard to protect children, women, and men across the world in cases whereby their truth, dignity, and justice are denied.*

May 28: World Menstrual Hygiene Day

Observed annually to create awareness among people regarding menstrual hygiene. The day aims to change the social stigma and taboo associated with menstruation which is a purely natural biological process. It provides an opportunity to promote awareness and education among girls and women regarding menstrual hygiene.

This year's theme for the Day "We are committed" aims to commit publicly that no one is left behind just because of menstruation.

May 29: International Day of UN Peacekeepers

The Day is observed globally to honour all the women and men who have served as military, police or civilians in UN Peacekeeping operations. This is the date on which the first UN peacekeeping mission named the "United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation", or UNTSO, began operations in 1948 in the Middle East to monitor the Armistice Agreement between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

The theme for this year's celebrations is "People. Peace. Progress. The Power of Partnerships". At present, Today, UN Peacekeeping has deployed more than 87,000 military, police and civilian personnel in 12 operations, across the world.

May 29: International Everest Day

Celebrated annually to commemorate the first conquering of the highest peak on Earth -- Mount Everest, by New Zealand's Edmund Hillary and Nepalese sherpa Tenzing Norgay on this day in 1953. Nepal decided to observe this day from 2008, when the legendary climber Hillary passed away.

The 8848.86 meter-high peak is called 'Sagarmatha' by Nepalese and Chomo-Lungma, or 'Mother Goddess of the Land' by the Tibetans, while the Chinese call it Qololangma. However, it was named Mount Everest by the British rulers in 1865, after Sir George Everest, British Surveyor General of India from 1830 to 1843.



May 31: No Tobacco Day

Celebrated with active support from the World Health Organisation, the day tries to educate people about the harmful effect of tobacco consumption and the urgent need to quit it. Tobacco kills over 8 million people every year and destroys our environment, further harming human health, through the cultivation, production, distribution, consumption, and post-consumer waste. The focus theme for this year is "Poisoning our Planet# TobaccoExposed", highlighting that, throughout its lifecycle, tobacco pollutes the planet and damages the health of all people.

APRIL

April 2: World Autism Awareness Day

Observed globally every year to highlight the need to improve the quality of life of those with autism so that they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. The theme for this day for 2022 is 'Inclusion in the Workplace'. It aims to promote the achievement of the goal of "Inclusive Quality Education for All" as enshrined in UN SDG no. 4.

Autism is a developmental disorder characterised by difficulties faced in social interaction and communication, and by restricted and repetitive behaviour.

April 2: International Children's Book Day

The Day is observed by the International Board on Books for Young People, an international non-profit organisation based at Basel, Switzerland, to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.

In 2022, Canada is hosting this Day with this chosen theme: "Stories are wings that help you soar every day."

April (2): Hindu New Year-Vikram Samvat

The first day of the first month of the Hindu calendar, Chaitra marks the beginning of Hindu calendar Vikram Samvat, 2079 this year. Devotees believe that Chaitra Navratri symbolises the victory of good over evil. It represents the victory of Goddess Durga over demon Mahishasura.

This joyous and auspicious occasion is also celebrated as Ugadi or Chaitra Sukladi in Andhra, Telangana and Karnataka, Gudi Padwa in Maharashtra, as Cheti Chand by Sindhis and Navreh by Kashmiri Pandits.

April 5: National Maritime Day

Observed annually to raise awareness in supporting intercontinental commerce and the global economy as the most well-organised, safe and sound, environmentally responsive approach of transporting goods from one corner to another corner of the world. On this day in 1919, SS Loyalty, the first ship of The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd sailed from Mumbai to London.



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April 5: International Day of Conscience



The United Nations has declared this day to remind people to self-reflect, follow their conscience, and do the right things. It's an opportunity to improve themselves and their communities, stimulating a crucial turning point for transforming our world.

The day aims to promote peace and love throughout the world by highlighting the role of conscience in stopping people from harming others orally, physically, sexually, or mentally.

April 07: World Health Day

It is an initiative taken by the World Health Organisation to raise awareness about overall health and well-being of people across the world. The Day aims to highlight WHO's constitutional principle that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition. The theme for 2022 is 'Our Planet, Our Health'.

April 09: The CRPF Shaurya Diwas

Observed every year as a tribute to the brave soldiers of the Central Reserve Police Force. It was on this day in 1965, a small contingent of CRPF created history by defeating an invading Pakistani army, several times larger, at the Sardar Post located in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.

April 10: World Homoeopathy Day

This day is celebrated to honour the birth of the father of the Homoeopathic system of medicines Dr. Samuel Hahnemann. Born on this day in 1755 in Paris, France, he was a German physician, who was an acclaimed scientist, a great scholar, and linguist. Homoeopathy is an alternative form of medicine, which believes that 'Like cures like.' This year the theme of the day in India is "Homoeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness".



April 11: National Safe Motherhood Day

It is an initiative of the White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI) to enforce that women must have the availability and adequate access to care during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal services.

At the request of WRAI, an alliance of 1800 organisations, the Government of India declared in 2003, April 11, the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi as National Safe Motherhood Day. India is the first country in the world to declare a National Safe Motherhood Day.

The theme selected this year by WRAI is 'Remain at home amid coronavirus, protect mother and infant safe from coronavirus'.

April 11: World Parkinson's Day

The day aims to raise awareness about Parkinson's disease (PD), which is a progressive nervous system disorder. It is a condition that affects the brain, resulting in a progressive loss of coordination and movement of muscles, often marked by shaking of hands. The 2022 theme for the Day is "Integrated Health Care," which is vital for all those living with PD.

It also marks the birthday of Dr James Parkinson (1755) from London, who was the first person to systematically describe the six individuals with the symptoms of Parkinson Disease in 1817.

April 12: International Day of Human Space Flight

The day is celebrated and supported by the UNO to mark the beginning of the space era for mankind and to highlight the contribution of space science and technology for peaceful purposes. On this day in 1961, the first human space flight was carried out by Yuri Gagarin, a Russian astronaut. He became the first person to journey into outer space. This historic event opened the way for space exploration for the benefit of all humanity.

April 13: India celebrates Baisakhi

The auspicious day of Baisakhi is celebrated all over India though under different names and with different sets of rituals. It marks the thanksgiving by the farmer community for the bumper Rabi crops.

In north India, it is one of the biggest festivals of the Sikhs as it marks the foundation of the Khalsa Panth on this day in 1699 by the 10th Guru Sri Gobind Singh.

People of Assam celebrate April 13 as Rongali Bihu, while those in West Bengal celebrate it as Naba Barsha. Bihar celebrates Baisakhi as Vaishakha in honour of the Sun God, Surya while Kerala celebrates it as Vishu and Tamil Nadu as Puthandu.

April 13: Siachen Day

Celebrated annually to pay solemn tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives to capture the icy heights of Siachen in April 1984. The day commemorates the courage and fortitude displayed by Indian Army troops in securing the highest and coldest battlefield in the world. On 13 April 1984, the Indian Army launched 'Operation Meghdoot' to secure Bilafond La and other passes on the Saltoro Ridgeline, from Pakistani aggression.

April 14: Ambedkar Jayanti

Also known as Bhim Jayanti, this day commemorates the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. He is regarded as the Father of Indian Constitution as he was the chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly. He was the first Law and Justice Minister of the country after the independence. He was honoured posthumously with the country's highest civilian honour, Bharat Ratna in 1990.

April 14: National Fire Service Day

Celebrated every year across India to pay homage to the brave firefighters who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty while fighting the fires. The Day commemorates the 71 Fire Service personnel who lost their lives during an unfortunate and massive explosion at the Mumbai dockyard on April 14, 1944. This year's theme for the Day is "Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity". Additionally, Fire service week is observed from April 14 to April 20 throughout India to spread awareness among the public regarding fire safety.

April 15: World Art Day

Celebrated globally every year with support from UNESCO to promote the development, diffusion and enjoyment of art. The day aims to highlight the importance of art that nurtures creativity, innovation and cultural diversity for all peoples across the globe. The day also commemorates the birthday of Leonardo da Vinci, the famous painter of Mona Lisa.

April 16: Save the Elephant Day

Celebrated every year to raise awareness about the threats faced by elephants and various difficulties they have to overcome to survive. Elephants are known as the most enormous land animal and a surprisingly gentle giant in the animal kingdom. Sadly, elephant populations have been rapidly decreasing due to various threats, most common being poaching.

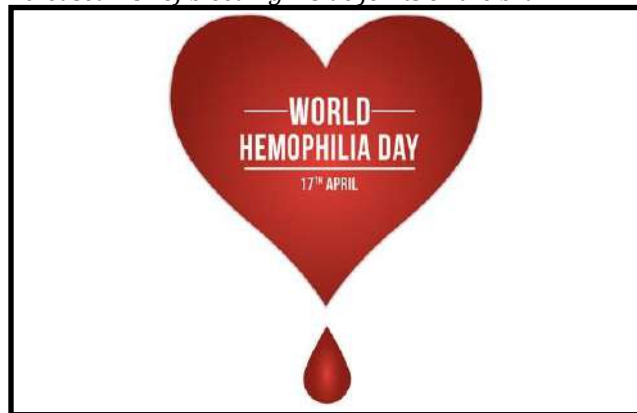
The Day is established by Thailand-based Elephant Reintroduction Foundation, to spread awareness among the general people about the significance and consequences of their actions, or inactions on the future of elephants.

Remember! World Elephant Day is observed on August 12.

April 17: World Haemophilia Day

Observed globally to raise awareness for Haemophilia and other similar bleeding disorders. The day happens to be the birthday of Frank Schnabelen, founder of the World Federation of Haemophilia, a Montreal, Canada based NGO. The theme for this year is "Access for All: Partnership. Policy. Progress. Engaging your government, integrating inherited bleeding disorders into national policy". The aim is to sensitise people and governments on the disease and achieve better diagnosis by providing people with access to healthcare.

Haemophilia is a mostly inherited genetic disorder that impairs the body's ability to make blood clots, a process needed to stop bleeding. This results in people bleeding for a longer time after an injury, easy bruising, and an increased risk of bleeding inside joints or the brain.



April 18: World Heritage Day

Also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, it is observed every year with support from UNESCO to preserve human heritage and recognize the efforts of the organisations working for it.

It is a collective effort of the communities in the world to do the needful to maintain the legacy and save the rich heritage which has been given to us by our ancestors. The theme for this year is "Heritage and Climate". This year's theme offers an opportunity to respond to questions of climate justice and equity to protect heritage. Currently, there are 40 World Heritage Sites located in India.

April 19: World Liver Day

Observed every year to spread awareness about the liver, the second largest and the most complex organ in the body, next only to the brain. From processing of all that we consume, including food, alcohol, drugs, to handling the toxic materials which are produced in the body and harmful substances absorbed by the intestines, the liver has been attributed with over 500 functions till date and scientists say more may be discovered over time.

Liver diseases can be caused by hepatitis A, B, C, alcohol and drugs. Viral Hepatitis occurs due to consumption of contaminated food and water.

April 21: Civil Services Day

The Government of India celebrates this day as an occasion for the civil servants to rededicate themselves to the cause of citizens and renew their commitments to public service and excellence in work. The Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration is awarded on this day.

This date commemorates the day when the first home minister of independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi; he referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'.

April 21: World Creativity and Innovation Day

Observed globally every year to raise awareness about the importance of creativity and innovation in problem-solving with respect to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, also known as the “global goals”. The main objective of the day is to encourage people to use new ideas, make new decisions, and do creative thinking. The theme for the Day this year is: Collaboration.

April 22: The Earth day

Observed annually to create awareness about hazards of pollution and to celebrate the environment of our planet. Earth Day was renamed officially by the UN in 2009 as International Mother Earth Day. The landmark Paris Agreement, which brings almost 200 countries together in setting a common target to reduce global greenhouse emissions, was opened for signature on this day in 2016. The theme of the day this year is 'Invest in our Planet', calling for businesses to shift towards sustainable practices. This movement is expected to change the business climate, the political climate, and how to take action on the climate.

April 23: World Book and Copyright Day

Observed globally every year with support from UNESCO to pay tribute to all those writers and authors who have contributed to the social and cultural progress of humanity.

Each year, UNESCO and the international organisations representing the three major sectors of the book industry -- publishers, booksellers, and libraries -- select the “World Book Capital” for a one-year period.

This year, the city of Guadalajara in Mexico has been selected as the World Book Capital for 2022. A year-long programme will focus on the role of books and reading in triggering social change, combating violence, and building a culture of peace.

April 23: English Language Day

Observed globally every year to mark the birthday and date of death of legendary writer William Shakespeare. This initiative was established by the UN's Department of Public Information in 2010 “to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six official languages throughout the organisation”. The English language is spoken in 67 nations out of 195 countries in the world.

April 24: National Panchayati Raj Day

Celebrated to highlight the role of Panchayats as the first rung of local self-administration. Panchayati Raj Institutions are the cornerstone of decentralised governance and planning in India. Strengthening and modernising of the Panchayati Raj system has given a new direction to the social and economic development of the villages.

On this day in 1993, the Panchayati Raj Act (73rd Amendment) came into existence. The Panchayati Raj is the oldest system of local government. The word 'Panchayat' is an amalgamation of two words where 'Panch' means 'five' and 'Ayat' means 'assembly' and 'Raj' means 'rule'.

April 25: World Malaria Day

Celebrated internationally to raise awareness about the need for the prevention, control and elimination of Malaria. It is an opportunity to educate people for better understanding of Malaria and how to prevent it. Malaria is a life-threatening disease which is caused by Plasmodium Parasites. The parasite can be spread to humans through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes. However, it is a preventable and treatable infectious disease.

The theme for this year's celebrations is “Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives”.

April 26: World Intellectual Property Day

The day is celebrated to make people know how intellectual property (IP) rights encourage innovation and creativity. The celebrations are supported by the UN special agency - World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO), Geneva. This year the theme for the Day is “IP and Youth innovating for a Better Future”. It aims to explore how these innovative, energetic and creative minds are driving positive change.

April 28: World Day for Safety and Health at Work

The day aims at promoting the prevention of occupational accidents and hazards at the workplace. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) started celebrating this day in 2003 to achieve this aim. The theme for this year's celebrations is “Act together to build a positive safety and health culture.”

April 29: International Dance Day

This day was created by the Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute, Paris, the main partner for the performing arts of UNESCO. The primary purpose of Dance Day is to attract the attention of the wider public to the art of dance. This event marks the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727–1810), the father of modern ballet.

April 30: Ayushman Bharat Diwas

The day aims to promote affordable medical facilities in remote areas of the country based on the Socio-Economic Caste Census database. It also aims to promote health and wellness and provide insurance benefits to the poor. This day marks the launch of Ayushman Bharat Yojana, which is also known as Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) in 2018. The Scheme has various benefits with a health insurance cover of 5 lakh rupees per family per year.

April (30): World Veterinary Day

It is observed on the last Saturday of April every year. The day aims to promote the veterinary profession and work on improving animal and human welfare, the environment, food safety, and animal transport. The day was created by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in 2000 to celebrate the contributions of veterinarians to the health of animals and society.

The theme for this year is “strengthening veterinary resilience”. This essentially means providing veterinary doctors with all kinds of help, resources and support they need in performing their roles.

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NATIONAL NEWS

MARCH

- Japanese PM Fumio Kishida arrived in New Delhi on March 19 to attend the two-day 14th India-Japan Annual Summit.
 - ✓ Japan assured to raise its investment target in India to 5 trillion Yen or 3.2 lakh crore rupees over the next five years.
- PM Narendra Modi and Australian PM Scott Morrison held the second India-Australia virtual summit on 21st March.
- Govt launched 'Operation Ganga' to ensure repatriation of every stranded Indian from Ukraine, free of cost. In all, over 22,500 persons were repatriated under the mission.
- The maternal mortality ratio (MMR) in India showed significant improvement at 103 for the period 2017-19.
 - ✓ Kerala achieved the lowest MMR of 30, followed by Maharashtra @ 38. Worst was Assam @ 205, followed by Uttar Pradesh @ 167.
 - ✓ MMR is defined as the no. of maternal deaths per 1,00,000 live births during a given period.
 - ✓ Maternal death is defined as death during pregnancy and childbirth or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy.
- The DCGI gave permission for restricted use in an emergency situation for Covovax for immunisation to prevent Covid-19 in individuals aged 12-18.
 - ✓ Covovax, also known as NVX-CoV2373, is manufactured and marketed in India by the Serum Institute of India, Pune under licence from the US biotech company Novavax.
- In a historic development, India has decided to establish its premier technology school – IIT or Indian Institute of Technology in Dubai.

- The Government of India unveiled a special logo on Feb 25 to commemorate 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Belgium.
- India and the Netherlands unveiled a special logo to commemorate 75th anniversary of their diplomatic relations.
 - ✓ The logo features a flower of Lotus and Tulip, national flowers of India and Netherlands, respectively.
- WHO has approved the setting up of its first Global Centre for Traditional Medicine - GCTM in Gujarat's Jamnagar, under the Ministry of AYUSH.
 - ✓ It will help position the AYUSH systems across the globe and provide leadership on matters pertaining to traditional medicines.

FEBRUARY

- Indian pharma giant Zydus Cadila's COVID-19 vaccine ZyCoV-D was administered for the first time in Patna on February 05, 2022.
- ZyCoV-D is the world's first DNA based vaccine for COVID-19 developed in India. It is administered intradermally using a painless needle-free system.
- The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation granted emergency use authorisation to COVID-19 vaccine, CORBEVAX for 12-18-year age group.
- It is India's 1st Receptor Binding Domain Protein sub-unit vaccine, produced by the Indian firm Biological E Ltd., Hyderabad.
- Uttar Pradesh's tableau was adjudged best among 12 States/UTs which participated in the Republic Day Parade 2022. Indian Navy marching contingent was adjudged as the best marching contingent.
- The Electronics and Information Technology Ministry informed that at the request of the Home Affairs Ministry, it has blocked 54 Chinese apps under the emergency provision envisaged in Section 69(A) of the IT Act.

- India's Atal Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh has officially been certified by the World Book of Records as the 'World's Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 Feet'.
- This 9.02 km long outstanding engineering marvel connecting Manali to the Lahaul – Spiti Valley has been constructed by Border Roads Organisation.
- Mumbai has been ranked as the 5th most congested city in the world in 2021, with a congestion rate of 53%, as per TomTom's 2021 Traffic Index released on Feb.9.

JANUARY

- The first-ever India-Central Asia Summit held virtually on Jan 27 was attended by the Presidents of five central Asian nations-Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
- To mark the occasion of 74th Army Day on January 15, the world's largest national flag, the Indian Tricolor made from Khadi, was displayed in Rajasthan's Longewala, along the India-Pakistan border, on January 15.
- India and Israel launched a commemorative logo on Jan 24 to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.
- The logo features the Star of David and the Ashoka Chakra- the two symbols that adorn the national flags of both countries.
- The Amar Jawan Jyoti flame at India Gate, New Delhi, was shifted on Jan 21, 2022 and merged with the flame at the National War Memorial, located just 400 meters away.
- As per the India State of Forest Report 2021 released on January 13, 2022 the total forest and tree cover in India in 2021 was 80.9 million hectares, covering 24.62 percent of the geographical area of the country.
- There is an increase of 2,261 sq km in the total forest and tree cover of the country, from the year 2019.
- Area-wise, Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country followed by Arunachal Pradesh.
- In terms of forest cover as percentage of total geographical area, Mizoram is at the top (84.53%), followed by Arunachal Pradesh (79.33%).
- Total mangrove cover in the country is 4,992 sq km, up 17 sq Km from 2019.
- The 25th National Youth Festival was held in virtual mode in the Union Territory of Puducherry on January 12-13 at the Pondicherry Central University campus.
- The Akshaya Patra Foundation and the UN World Food Programme signed an agreement for enhancing the effectiveness of the PM Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme (earlier Mid-Day Meal Scheme).
- Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation gave its approval to two more Covid vaccines, Corbevax and Covovax, and antiviral drug Molnupiravir for restricted use in emergency situations.

- Corbevax is India's first indigenously developed RBD protein sub-unit vaccine against Covid-19, made by Hyderabad-based Biological-E Ltd.
- Covovax is the Nanoparticle protein-based vaccine, manufactured by Pune-based firm Serum Institute of India. It has been developed by Novovax of the USA.
- The drug Molnupiravir has been developed by Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics of the USA.
- The IIT Madras bagged the top position for the third successive year in the Centre's Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021 released on Dec 29.
- In the state and deemed to be universities category, Panjab University (Chandigarh) topped the ranking.
- Among the private universities, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Odisha secured the top spot.
- For the first time, the ARIIA rankings included a new category – "non-technical institutions". Indira Gandhi National Open University (Delhi) topped this category.
- The passport rankings released by the Henley Passport Index (HPI) for the first quarter of 2022 have been topped once again by Japan and Singapore. India improved its rank to 83rd position.
- Transparency International, Berlin released on Jan 25 its annual Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021 for 180 countries in which India has been ranked 85th.
- Denmark, Finland and New Zealand, were ranked joint first, each scoring 88 marks.

DECEMBER

- President Ram Nath Kovind attended the 50th Bijay Dibos celebrations on Dec 16 at Dhaka in Bangladesh.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in New Delhi on Dec 6 for the 21st India-Russia Annual Summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The first-ever India Russia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue was held between defence minister and foreign ministers of India and Russia on Dec 5 in New Delhi.
- The Parliament passed the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 on Dec 21. The main objective of the Bill is to pave the way for the linkage of electoral roll data with the Aadhaar ecosystem.
- The third meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue between the foreign ministers of India and Central Asian countries was hosted by Dr. S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister on Dec 18-19.
- Following the formal repeal of three farm laws in the Parliament, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) announced on Dec 9 the end of year-long farmers' agitation.
- India's first International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) was inaugurated on Dec 18 in Hyderabad.

- The WHO issued an emergency use listing for Covovax (NVX-CoV2373) on Dec 17. It is being produced by the Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) under licence from Novavax of the USA.
- This is the ninth corona vaccine approved by WHO. SII earlier got WHO approval for its Covishield vaccine in Feb. 2021.
- Emergency Use Listing is assessing the suitability of novel health products during public health emergencies
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) granted Observer Status to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in its meeting on Dec 9.
- IFFCO has been ranked 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world, by the 10th Annual World Cooperative Monitor report published by the International Cooperative Alliance.
- According to Global Unicorn Index 2021 by the Hurun Research Institute, London, India displaced the UK to be third (after US and China) in the list of countries that are home to unicorns.
- Unicorns are enterprises which are valued at over \$ one billion each, and are not listed on a public exchange.
- The World Competitive Centre at the International Institute for Management Development, Lausanne, Switzerland, released its "World Talent Ranking Report" on Dec 09.
- Switzerland retained its top spot, followed by Sweden. India has been ranked at 56th position.
- According to the new 2021 Global Health Security Index released on December 8, USA topped with a score of 75.9. India was at 66th spot with a score of 38.9.
- Govt released an India Post special day cover and a commemorative stamp on Dec 16 marking the golden jubilee of India's victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak War.

NEWS FROM STATES

MARCH

- The solar tree at the CSIR-CMERI Centre of Excellence for Farm Machinery in Ludhiana has been officially certified by the Guinness World Records as the largest solar tree.
 - ✓ *The total surface area is 309.83 sq mt with installed capacity of 53.6 kWp.*
- The country has crossed a milestone of 50 thousand open defecation-free (ODF) Plus villages. Telangana topped with 13,960 such villages.
- The Export Preparedness Index 2021 released by the NITI Aayog on March 25, has placed Gujarat on top for the second consecutive time.

- As per National Family Health Survey-5, Odisha topped the list in full immunisation, covering 12 vaccines, of 90.5% of the targeted women and children, under Mission Indradhanush 4.0.
- Tamil Nadu stood first in overall installed renewable energy capacity in the country with total installed capacity of 15,914 MW, as of January 31, 2022.
- The country's first Digital Water Bank 'Aqverium' was launched on March 14 in Bengaluru with focus on providing clean drinking water and sanitation.
 - ✓ *The Bank will compile a list of water related data from all the local sources that will help in the better management of water resources.*
- Country's first medical city named as 'Indrayani Medicity' is coming up near Pune, Maharashtra. It will provide all kinds of specialised treatment under one roof.
- Country's first Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal of Indian Railways was commissioned on March 10 in the Asansol Division of Eastern Railway at Thaparnagar, Jharkhand.
- India's first-ever National Centre of Excellence to provide training facilities for Mountain Terrain Biking (MTB) and Bicycle Motocross (BMX) is being set up in Shimla in Himachal Pradesh.
- Nagaland has become the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme to become completely paperless.
- The Delhi govt plans to build India's first electronic waste eco-park in Narela ind. area in North Delhi.
 - ✓ *The park will provide facilities for dismantling, segregating, recycling plastic and precious metal extraction, etc. in a scientific and environmentally safe manner.*
- Following state legislature elections in February and March, 4 CMs were re-elected while Punjab got a new Chief Minister as under:

Uttar Pradesh:	Yogi Adityanath - BJP
Uttarakhand:	Pushkar Singh Dhami - BJP
Manipur:	N Biren Singh - BJP
Goa:	Promod Sawant - BJP
Punjab:	Bhagwant Mann - AAP
- The world famous Surajkund International Crafts Mela started on March 19 at Surajkund in Faridabad district of Haryana. This year's 'Theme State' is J & K and 'Partner Country' is Uzbekistan.

FEBRUARY

- Asia's largest bio-CNG plant started on Feb 19 in Indore, MP, set up by the Indore Municipal Corporation on a public-private partnership (PPP) model.
- Country's first water taxi was launched in Mumbai on Feb 17 to provide faster connectivity between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.

- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has approved the setting up of the country's first geo park at Lamheta village on the banks of the Narmada River in Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh.
- The Aravalli Biodiversity Park in Gurugram, Haryana, has been declared as India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" site by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland.
- Medaram Jatara fair, the second-largest fair in India, after the Kumbh Mela was held in Medaram Village of Mulugu district in Telangana, from Feb 16 to 19.
- A 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality' of 11th century Bhakti Saint Ramanujacharya, was dedicated to the nation at Muchintal near Shamshabad in Hyderabad.
- Made of 5 metals i.e. Gold, Silver, Copper, Brass and Zinc, it is one of the tallest metallic statues in sitting posture, in the world.
- On the occasion of World Wetlands Day (Feb 2), Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary in Gujarat and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh have been included as Ramsar Sites.
- With this, India now has 49 Ramsar sites.
- The world famous Khajuraho Dance Festival was held in Khajuraho in Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh from Feb 20 to 26.

JANUARY

- Telangana stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) for providing urban infrastructure in rural areas.
- As per the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II data till Dec, 2021, Telangana stood first in the country with the highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages.
- Himachal Pradesh has become the first LPG enabled and smoke free state in the country by implementing the Ujjwala scheme of the Central Government and Grihini Suvidha Yojana of the State Government.
- The Niti Aayog released the fourth Health Index covering the period 2019-20 on Dec 27. Kerala emerged as the top-ranking state for the fourth time in a row in terms of overall health performance among larger states.
- The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology approved setting up of India's first Graphene Innovation Centre in Digital University Kerala along with Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology, Thrissur.
- Country's first District Good Governance Index (DGGI) was released on Jan 21 in Jammu and Kashmir, making it the first Union Territory to have such an index.
- Kochi in Kerala has become the first city of India with a water metro project as it launched the first in a series of battery-powered fully AC electric boats in the city.

- India's first open rock museum displaying different types of rocks gathered from different states, was opened in the campus of the CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute in Hyderabad on Jan 06.
- Haryana and Himachal Pradesh entered into an agreement on Jan 21 to build a dam at Adi Badri in Haryana's Yamuna Nagar district, with a view to rejuvenate the mythical Saraswati River.
- The Buddhist community of Ladakh commenced the new year celebrations on Jan 3 with the beginning of their most popular traditional religious festival of Losar.
- A high-level committee, headed by Vivek Joshi, has been set up to explore the possibility of withdrawing Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) from Nagaland.

DECEMBER

- Govt released the Good Governance Index 2021 on the occasion of Good Governance Day, on December 25.
- Gujarat topped the composite ranking, followed by Maharashtra and Goa.
- Among northeastern and hill states, Himachal Pradesh secured first rank while Delhi topped among UTs.
- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister released on Dec 16 a report on the 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy'.
- In the 'large states category', West Bengal topped the charts while Bihar was in the bottom.
- Kerala secured top spot in 'small states category'.
- Immensely popular Durga Puja in Kolkata has been included in the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity during its 16th session held at Paris, France.
- The Union Ministry of Forest and Environment issued a notification on Dec 2 declaring Askot Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttarakhand as an eco-sensitive zone.
- The Union Cabinet approved on Dec 8 the funding and implementation of the project for the interlinking of Ken and Betwa rivers.
- It will transfer surplus water from Ken in MP to Betwa in UP to irrigate drought-prone Bundelkhand region. Both rivers are tributaries of Yamuna.
- The Hornbill Festival of Nagaland kicked off on Dec 1 with colourful renditions of traditional music, dances and contemporary, all at one place – Naga Heritage village Kisama, near the capital Kohima.
- Himachal Pradesh became the first state to achieve hundred per cent COVID vaccination of second dose for its entire eligible population.

GOVT INITIATIVES

MARCH

- The union cabinet decided on March 26 to continue the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM-GKAY by another six months till September 2022.
- Asia's largest civil aviation event, 'Wings India 2022' started on March 24 at Begumpet airport in Hyderabad. The theme for the event was "India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry".
- Sujalam 2.0 campaign launched on March 22 for greywater management by mobilising Schools, Panchayats and Anganwadis for this purpose.
- The Union Cabinet approved setting up of the National Land Monetization Corporation – NLMC.
 - ✓ *It will undertake monetization of the surplus land of the identified public sector undertakings and other govt agencies.*
 - ✓ *NLMC has authorised share capital of Rs. 5,000 cr. and paid-up share capital of Rs. 150 cr.*
- The MSME Ministry launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women - "SAMARTH" on March 7 at New Delhi.
 - ✓ *Under SAMARTH, 20% seats in free Skill Development Programs organised by the Ministry will be allocated for women.*
- 'Sagar Parikrama' mission launched on 5th March at Mandvi, Gujarat to know the problems of coastal fisher folk.
- The Ministry of Rural Development has developed an Ombudsperson App for smooth reporting and categorization of grievances related to the implementation of the MNREGA Scheme.
- The central government has announced that villages on the northern border of the country will be covered under the new Vibrant Villages Programme.
 - ✓ *The programme aims to enhance infrastructure in villages along India's border with China in states like HP, Uttarakhand and Arun. Pradesh.*

FEBRUARY

- The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare launched a doorstep distribution drive to deliver crop insurance policies to the farmers under the 'Meri Policy Mere Hath' scheme in all implementing states.
- The Central Government has established a National Dam Safety Authority, to discharge the powers and functions of the National Authority under the Dam Safety Act.
- The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment launched a scheme named the Scheme for Economic Empowerment for DNTs, (SEED), for the welfare of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic tribal Communities.

- The government of India aims to promote the 'Heal by India' project for strengthening the country's educational institutions in the health sector and enhancing education to produce quality human resources for the health sector.
- Govt approved a new scheme 'New India Literacy Programme' for the period Financial Years 2022 to 2027 to cover all the aspects of Adult Education.
- *It aims to provide critical life skills like financial literacy, digital literacy, commercial skills, health care, child care and education, and vocational skills.*
- The Ministry of Power has notified Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia Policy for production of Green Hydrogen or Green Ammonia using renewable sources of energy.
- SMILE: "Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" scheme launched to provide welfare measures to the transgender community and people engaged in the act of begging.
- The Railway Protection Force has launched a nationwide "Operation AAHT" to curb human trafficking.
- *The RPF will collect and analyse clues on victims, source, route, destination, identity of agents, kingpins etc. and share it with other law-enforcing agencies.*
- The government plans to set up the National Land Monetisation Corporation to carry out the proposed monetization of the land and other non-core assets.
- *The initial authorised share capital of NLMC will be Rs 5000 crores, of which subscribed share capital will be Rs. 150 crores.*
- To keep citizens updated on all Parliamentary proceedings and other activities, the government launched the Digital Sansad App on Jan 29.
- *The App will also contain the live telecast of Sansad proceedings. It will also provide a virtual tour of the Parliament.*

JANUARY

- The Ministry of Coal launched the 'Koila Darpan Portal' on Jan 21 to share Key Performance Indicators related to the Coal Sector.
- India's first virtual platform for spice exports 'Spice Xchange India' was launched on Jan 20 in Kochi, Kerala.
- Common Service Centers (CSC) launched 'Yogyata' app on Jan 16 to provide vocational education and skill development to youths of rural areas.
- To make the culture of start-ups reach the far-flung parts of the country, it has been decided to celebrate January 16 as "National Start-up Day".
- The 3rd National Water Awards-2020 were announced by the Jal Shakti Ministry on January 7. Uttar Pradesh secured first position in the 'Best State Category', followed by Rajasthan.

- The Election Commission of India raised the existing election expenditure limit for candidates in Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies as under:
- Expenditure limits for Parliamentary constituencies:
- Bigger states (Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Karnataka)- Rs 95 lakh (from Rs. 70 lakh)
- Smaller states (Goa, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh and Uts) – Rs. 75 lakh (from Rs 54 lakh)
- Expenditure limits for Assembly constituencies:
- Bigger states: Rs 40 lakh (from Rs 28 lakhs)
- Smaller states: Rs 28 lakhs (from Rs 20 lakhs)
- The Smart Cities Mission under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, launched the “Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR)” programme on Jan 5.
- Under the programme, 15 premier architecture & planning institutes of the country will be working with Smart Cities to document landmark projects undertaken by the Smart Cities Mission.
- NEAT 3.0 (National Educational Alliance for Technology), a special online education initiative launched to provide the best technological solutions in the education sector to enhance the employability of the youth.
- 58 global and Indian start-up ed-tech companies are onboard NEAT for offering 100 courses and e-resources for this purpose.
- India Semiconductor Mission launched on December 29 to attract companies for developing the semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem in India.
- The companies will have the benefit of availing incentives amounting to Rs. 76,000-crore.

DECEMBER

- The government has given “in-principle” approval for setting up of six nuclear power reactors at Jaitapur in district Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.
- Each reactor will have a capacity of 1,650 MW each, making it the country’s largest nuclear power generating site with a total capacity of 9,900 MW.
- The project is being set up with technical collaboration and support from French firm Electricite de France.
- The Cabinet approved implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for 2021-26. It will benefit about 22 lakh farmers, including 2.5 lakh SC farmers and two lakh Scheduled Tribe farmers.
- A National Helpline against Atrocities on SC/ST was launched on Dec. 13. The Helpline will be available round the clock on a toll-free number – 14566.
- Devised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, it aims to ensure proper implementation of the SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

- National Commission for Women launched a pan-India capacity building programme ‘She is a Changemaker’ on Dec 7. It aims to improve the leadership skills of grassroots women political leaders.
- The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment launched the “Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas” (SRESHTA) scheme.
- The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment formed a committee headed by Ajay Bhushan Pandey, former Finance Secretary to review the criteria for reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category.
- At present, the annual income limit for EWS for providing 10% quota in public jobs and educational institutions, is set at Rs. 8 lakh.

ECONOMY

MARCH

- The second advance estimates of national accounts released by the National Statistical Office, showed that the country’s economic growth slowed to 5.4% in 3rd quarter (Oct-Dec) of 2021-22.
 - ✓ *The growth in GDP during 2021-22 is estimated at 8.9% as against a contraction of 6.6% in 2020-21.*
- The IFFCO Paradeep Plant in Odisha has achieved a rare feat of highest ever annual production in the world by any single plant.
 - ✓ *It produced 805,000 tonnes of P2O5 (Phosphorus Pentoxide) in the financial year 2021-22.*
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Custom (CBIC) lowered the threshold for mandatory issuance of e-invoice (electronic invoice) under GST to Rs. 20 cr from the earlier Rs. 50 cr, wef April 01, 2022.

FEBRUARY

- The latest data released by the National Statistical Office on Jan 31 shows that the Indian economy contracted by only 6.6% percent in 2020-21 and not by 7.3% as estimated earlier.
- *Per Capita Income at current prices has been estimated at Rs 1,26,855 for the year 2020-21 and Rs 1,32,115 for the year 2019-20.*
- The Agriculture Ministry released 2nd Advance Estimates of production of major crops for 2021-22, putting it over 316 million tonnes for 2021-22.
- *It includes record production of 127.9 million tonnes of Rice and 111.3 million tonnes of Wheat.*
- The mining giant Vedanta and Hon Hai Technology Group (also known as Foxconn) of Taiwan formed a joint venture to manufacture semiconductors in India.
- Dabur India, a noted Ayurvedic products company of India, has become the first Indian consumer goods company to become completely plastic waste neutral.

- The USA replaced China as India's top trading partner in the calendar year 2021 with a trade volume of \$112.3 billion, followed by China at \$110.4 billion.
- Tata Sky, the leading Direct to Home (DTH) platform, has dropped 'sky' brand name after 18 years and has rechristened itself as Tata Play on January 26.

JANUARY

- India has emerged as the largest exporter of cucumber and gherkins in the world, exporting over 1.23 lakh metric tonnes of it with a value of \$114 million during April to October, 2021.

DECEMBER

- India received the highest ever annual Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of 81.97 billion dollar in 2020-21.
- NTPC Ltd started a project of 'Standalone Fuel-Cell based Microgrid with hydrogen production using electrolyser' at its Simhadri thermal power station near Visakhapatnam.
- This will be India's first Green Hydrogen based Energy Storage Project and one of the world's largest.
- The govt released a commemorative postage stamp on Dec 01 on the Mahindra group to mark completion of 75 years of the billion-dollar enterprise.
- Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN), a subsidiary of Sony Corp's Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE), signed definitive agreements to merge with Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEE).

BANKING & FINANCE

MARCH

RBI inaugurated its national level innovation hub on March 24 in Bengaluru to promote advanced technology in banking. Former Infosys chief Kris Gopalakrishnan will be its Chairman.

RBI issued fresh guidelines for loans to Microfinance bodies by the banks, NBFCs, etc. regulated by RBI.

- ✓ *A microfinance loan has been defined as a collateral-free loan given to a household having an annual income of not more than Rs. 3 lakh.*
- ✓ *Interest rates and other charges/ fees on microfinance loans will be subject to supervisory scrutiny by RBI.*
- ✓ *Repayment by the borrowers has been capped at maximum 50% of income.*
- RBI has announced that the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development-NaBFID, shall be regulated and supervised as an All-India Financial Institution (AIFI).

- ✓ *NaBFID was set up as a Development Financial Institution under NaBFID Act, 2021 to support the development of long-term infrastructure financing in India. It is based in Mumbai.*

- RBI launched UPI for feature phones called UPI123pay on March 8. A 24x7 helpline 'DigiSaathi' was also launched for digital payments.
- RBI has directed that specified NBFCs shall be required to implement 'Core Financial Services Solution (CFSS)' by September 30, 2025 in order to provide seamless customer interface as well as have a centralised database.
- Axis Bank kicked off a new initiative, the 'HouseWorkIsWork', offering opportunities to those women who want to rejoin the professional space, especially in urban areas.

FEBRUARY

- RBI emerged as the second-largest buyer of gold among the world's Central Banks in 2021, buying 77.5 metric tonnes of Gold. First was Central Bank of Thailand, buying 90 metric tonnes of Gold.
- IIFL Home Finance Ltd became first Indian private company to sign a \$68-million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank to improve financial access to green housing for lower-income groups in India.
- The 17th edition of the annual IBA Banking Technology Awards was held on Feb 16. Kerala based South Indian Bank secured 6 out of 7 coveted awards.
- The CBI registered an FIR against ABG Shipyard Ltd and its directors, including CMD Rishi Kamlesh Agarwal, in what could be the biggest bank fraud case in the banking history of India.
- *The company defaulted on ₹ 22,842 crore loans that it owed to 28 banks including State Bank of India, IDBI Bank, ICICI Bank.*

JANUARY

- With a view to focus more on the "dynamically" growing financial sector, RBI has set up a separate Fintech Department.
- The department will promote innovation in the sector and identify the challenges and opportunities associated with it.
- RBI issued guidelines on Jan 03 for allowing offline payments up to Rs 200 per transaction, subject to an overall limit of Rs 2,000.
- Under the offline mode, payments can be carried out face-to-face (proximity mode) using any channel or instrument like cards, wallets, and mobile devices.
- RBI has retained State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for the year 2021, on the basis of their data as on March 31, 2021.
- IRDAI announced that LIC, GIC-Re and New India Assurance Company would continue to be the Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2022.

DECEMBER

- RBI has asked e-commerce companies that from January 1, 2022, they will not be allowed to save card information on their websites.
- RBI has thrown open the government agency business like tax collection to scheduled payment banks and scheduled small finance banks.
- RBI made Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) mandatory for cross-border transactions for capital or current account transactions of Rs 50 crore and above, from October 1, 2022.
- LEI is a 20-digit international number used for uniquely identifying parties to financial transactions worldwide, to improve the quality and accuracy of financial data systems.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MARCH

- As per the recent SIPRI report, India emerged as the world's largest importer of weapons and military equipment, accounting for 11% total military imports during 2017-2021.
 - ✓ *At the global level, the USA was the biggest arms exporter, having 39 percent share, followed by Russia, having 19 percent share.*
- President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the prestigious 'President's Colour' to INS Valsura in Jamnagar-Gujarat on March 25.
- **ICGS Saksham**, the fifth in the series of 105-metre Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) class, was commissioned in the Indian Coast Guard on March 16 at Goa.
- The country's first indigenous Flying Trainer HANSA-NG, successfully completed the sea level trials at Puducherry.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru launched a 19-seater aircraft, Hindustan 228, as its first small civil transport aircraft. It can be used as an ambulance, cargo, and paratropping, among others.
- **Ex-Dustlik**: Training exercise between Indian and Uzbekistan armies, was held in Yangiariq, Uzbekistan from March 22 to 31.
- **LAMITIYE-2022**: Military exercise between the Indian and Seychelles army was held from March 22 to 31 in Seychelles.
- **SLINEX-2022**: Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise was held in Visakhapatnam on March 7-8, followed by the sea phase on March 9-10 in the Bay of Bengal.

- **Dharma Guardian 2022**: India and Japan conducted the annual joint military exercise in Belgaum, Karnataka, from Feb 27 to March 10.
- The Indian Railways successfully tested the deployment of its Automatic Train Protection system, 'Kavach'.
- *It is the world's cheapest automatic train collision protection system designed to achieve the goal of "zero accidents".*
- One of the millions of asteroids in our solar system has now got the recognition of being the first ever asteroid with three very own satellites. The asteroid is named 130 Elektra or just Elektra.

FEBRUARY

- Goa Shipyard Ltd delivered the ICGS Saksham, 5th and final vessel of the Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vehicles order to the Indian Coast Guard.
- The Indian Army commenced implementing Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging of its ammunition inventory.
- *The first consignment of RFID tagged ammunition was dispatched on Feb 09 from Ammunition Factory, Khadki (Pune) to Central Ammunition Depot, Pulgaon (Wardha) in Maharashtra.*
- The Indian Army signed a contract for Rs 3,131.82 crore with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for the manufacturing of Konkurs-M anti-tank guided missiles.
- The fifth submarine of Project 75, Yard 11879, under Indian Navy's Kalvari class, commenced her sea trials on 01 Feb. Later, It will be named INS Vagir.
- **"Milan 2022"**: One of the biggest naval exercises started on Feb 25 in the Bay of Bengal. Quad members India, US, Australia and Japan were among 16 nations which sent their ships for the drill.
- **Eastern Bridge-VI**: The Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman organised bilateral air exercise from Feb 21 to 25 at Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan.
- Marking the first launch mission of the year 2022, ISRO launched its PSLV-C52 rocket from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh on Feb 14.
- *It placed earth observation satellite EOS-04 and two small satellites – INSPIRESat-1 and INS-2TD into the sun synchronous polar orbit at 529 km altitude.*

JANUARY

- The Indian Army has set up a quantum computing lab and a center for AI at the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering in Mhow, MP.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited signed a contract with the Government of Mauritius for export of one Advanced Light Helicopter for Mauritius Police Force.
- India got its first-ever export order for BrahMos missiles from Philippines which placed a confirmed

order of \$374.96 million for its shore based anti-ship variant.

- Indian Navy successfully test fired an extended range sea-to-sea variant of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from its newly commissioned INS Visakhapatnam on Jan 11.
- **Indian Navy** and Russian Navy undertook PASSEX exercises on Jan 14 at the port of Cochin.
- **India and Japan** conducted a major naval exercise in the Bay of Bengal on Jan 13.
- **Sea Dragon 22:** India participated in the US-led annual multinational anti-submarine warfare training exercise in Guam in the Western Pacific from Jan 5 for ten days.
- In a far-reaching development, China's Chang'e 5 lunar lander has found the first-ever on-site evidence of water on the surface of the moon.
- In a recent experiment with its 'artificial sun', China's fusion reactor ran successfully for almost 20 minutes at a stunning 70 million degrees Celsius, almost five times hotter than the real Sun.
- The Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST), also called "Artificial Sun", is an experimental superconducting tokamak magnetic fusion energy reactor in Hefei in east China.

DECEMBER

- Pune based Bharat Forge launched one of its kind indigenous Multi-terrain Artillery Gun (MARG) 155 – BR on Dec 21. It is the only 155mm 39 caliber gun system mounted on 4x4 HMT in the world.
- The Indian Army launched a contemporary messaging application named, ASIGMA (Army Secure Indigenous Messaging Application).
- The first set of indigenously developed next-generation Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle (AERV) was inducted into the Corps of Engineers of Indian Army on Dec 21 at Pune.
- The DRDO successfully test-fired on Dec 22 the short-range, surface to surface ballistic missile 'Pralay' off the Odisha coast. Pralay has a strike range of 350-500 km and a payload capacity of 500-1,000 kg.
- The Indian Navy conducted the maiden sea trials for its new stealth destroyer (warship) Mormugao.
- Indian Air Force started deploying the first squadron of Russia made S-400 Triumph air defence missile system in the Punjab sector.
- The DRDO successfully tested on Dec 18 the new-generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile 'Agni P' from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd, Kolkata launched its first call survey vessel (large) named 'Sandhayak', for the Indian Navy.
- Govt approved the plan for production of over five lakh AK-203 assault rifles at Korwa in Amethi

district of Uttar Pradesh. The 7.62 x 39 mm caliber AK-203 Rifles will replace in-service INSAS Rifles.

- The Indian Army received advanced Heron Mark-II drones from Israel. The drones will be deployed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.
- The DRDO successfully tested a long-range Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo (SMART) on Dec 13 from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- DRDO and IAF tested indigenously developed Helicopter-launched Stand-off Anti-Tank (SANT) Missile from Pokhran range in Rajasthan. The missile can neutralise targets in a range of up to 10 kilometres.
- **EXERCISE EKVVERIN:** The 11th edition of military exercise between India and Maldives was conducted at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives from Dec 6 to 19.
- The Indian Air Force signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi to support its efforts towards indigenous solutions in various weapon systems, for achieving enhanced self-reliance.
- INS Khukri, the first of the indigenously built missile corvettes, was decommissioned on Dec 24, after 32 years of service.
- General MM Naravane, Chief of the Indian Army, was made the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee comprising the three service chiefs.
- The President of India awarded the "President's Standard" to the 22nd Missile Vessel Squadron of the Indian Navy, also known as the Killer Squadron at a ceremonial parade held at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.
- NASA launched successfully into orbit the world's largest and most powerful space telescope, "James Webb Space Telescope" on Dec 25.
- Designed as the observatory of the next decade, it was launched in an Ariane rocket from the European Space Agency's base in French Guiana.
- For the first time in history, a spacecraft has almost touched the Sun. NASA's Parker Solar Probe has now flown through the Sun's upper atmosphere – the Corona – and sampled particles and magnetic fields there.

INTERNATIONAL

MARCH

- The World Bank issued the Wildlife Conservation Bond (WCB) to support South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species of Black Rhino.
- The World Air Quality Report has ranked Bangladesh as the most polluted country in the world in 2021.
 - ✓ *Among the capital cities, New Delhi was the most polluted city in the world with a PM 2.5 level of 85.1 in 2021.*

FEBRUARY

- Weeks of intense diplomacy and the imposition of Western sanctions on Russia failed to deter Russian President Vladimir Putin from launching a military operation in Ukraine on Feb 24.
- JPMorgan Chase & Co, one of the biggest banks of the USA, became the first bank to mark its entry in metaverse.
- JPMorgan's blockchain unit -Onyx, set up the lounge as it released a paper on how businesses can explore opportunities in the metaverse.
- The annual Global Trade Update 2022 released by the UNCTAD shows that the value of global trade, both in goods and services, reached a record level of \$28.5 trillion in 2021, up by 25% compared to 2020.
- Israel became the first country to issue certification for unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAVs) or Drones to operate in civilian airspace.
- The Australian Government has designated Koala as an endangered species across most of its east coast following rapid decline in its population following outbreak of wildfires, drought and disease.
- Samsung Electronics, a leading South Korean electronics giant, surpassed US chipmaker Intel to become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021.

JANUARY

- Apple Inc created history on January 3 by becoming the first company to hit a \$3 trillion stock market value. Its shares hit an intraday high of \$182.88, putting Apple's market value just above \$3 trillion on Jan 3.
- Shanghai opened two new driverless metro lines, retaining its rank as the city with the largest Metro network in the world, extending to 831 km.
- Egypt joined the New Development Bank as its latest member with an aim to support the government's efforts towards meeting its financing needs.

DECEMBER

- President Joe Biden of the USA convened a virtual "Summit for Democracy" on Dec 9-10 which hosted more than 100 participants representing governments, civil society and private-sector leaders.
- The United Arab Emirates became the first country in the world to change its existing five-day workweek to a four-and-a-half day, starting 1 January, 2022.
- The new working regime will be from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, on Monday to Thursday and on Fridays, it's from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- Dubai in UAE has become the world's first government to turn 100 per cent paperless. The

Crown Prince of Dubai announced that this will lead to savings of 1.3 billion Dirham (\$350 million) and 14-million-man hours.

- The Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, declared Tel Aviv, capital of Israel, as the world's most expensive city to live in.
- Barbados, a micro island country in eastern Caribbean Sea, became a new republic at the stroke of midnight of Nov 30.
- December 01 saw the dawn of a new independent Barbados, free from the clutches of Queen Elizabeth as head of state, ending 400-year-old colonial bond.

PERSONS IN NEWS

MARCH

- **Gautam Adani:** As per the M3M Hurun Global Rich List released on March 16, Gautam Adani was the biggest gainer in 2022 adding \$49 billion to his wealth last year.
 - ✓ The jump came after the listing of renewable energy company Adani Green, after which his wealth increased nearly five times to \$81 billion from \$17 billion in 2020.

FEBRUARY

Dr V. Anantha Nageswaran: Noted professor, writer, author, and consultant has been appointed Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India.

JANUARY

Narendra Modi: The Indian Prime Minister emerged as the most popular leader worldwide, according to a US-based global leader approval tracker, Morning Consult Political Intelligence.

Alia Bhatt: Named as 2021 Person of the Year by the US based animal welfare NGO PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) in recognition of her work to support an animal-friendly fashion industry and for her advocacy for dogs and cats in need.

Captain Harpreet Chandi: A 32-year-old Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer and physiotherapist, also known as Polar Preet, created history on Jan 3 by becoming the first non-white woman to complete a solo unsupported trek to the South Pole.

DECEMBER

Nirmala Sitharaman: In the list of "50 most powerful women in India" released by Fortune India, the current Finance Minister of India was placed on top.



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Mackenzie Scott: Forbes World's 100 Most Powerful Women list was topped by a newcomer, philanthropist and novelist, Mackenzie Scott of the USA. She is the ex-wife of billionaire Jeff Bezos (of Amazon).

Elon Musk: Time magazine announced Tesla and SpaceX CEO as their "Person of the Year" for 2021.

APPOINTMENTS

MARCH

Debasish Panda: Appointed as the Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

Madhabi Puri Buch: Appointed as the new Chairperson of market regulator SEBI-Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Rakesh Sharma: RBI approved his re-appointment as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IDBI Bank.

The Banks Board Bureau approved MD & CEO in three public sector banks as under:

A Manimekhalai: Union Bank of India

Ajay Kumar Srivastava: Indian Overseas Bank

Swaroop Kumar Saha: Punjab & Sind Bank

Hisashi Takeuchi: Appointed as the MD and CEO of country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. for three years with effect from April 1.

Serdar Berdimuhamedow: Sworn in as the President of Turkmenistan on March 19.

Katalin Eva Novak: Elected by the Parliament to be the first female President of Hungary.

Yoon Suk Yeol: Elected as the new President of South Korea

FEBRUARY

Dr. Debashis Mitra, CA: Elected as the President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the year 2022-23.

M Jagadesh Kumar: Appointed as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

N Chandrasekaran: Re-appointed as the Executive Chairman of the Tata Sons Pvt Ltd, the holding company of all Tata companies, for the second five years term.

Frank-Walter Steinmeier: Re-elected as the President of Germany for a second term of five years by a special parliamentary assembly on Feb 13.

Anibal Torres: Appointed as the prime minister of Peru by the President Pedro Castillo.

Antonio Costa: Re-elected as the Prime Minister of Portugal.

Sergio Mattarella: Re-elected as the Italian President for a second seven-year term.

JANUARY

S. Somanath: Eminent rocket scientist has been appointed the new chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as well as the Space Secretary, for a period of three years.

Vinay Kumar Tripathi: Appointed as the new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board

Atul Kumar Goel: Appointed as the new MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank

Soma Sankara Prasad: Appointed as the new MD & CEO of UCO Bank

Virender Singh Pathania: Took charge as the Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on December 31.

Denis Alipov: Appointed as the new Russian ambassador to India.

Zhang Ming: Veteran Chinese diplomat took over as the new Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on 1st January.

Roberta Metsola: A Christian Democrat from Malta, was elected President of the European Union's parliament on Jan 18. At the age of 43, she is the European Parliament's youngest president.

Alikhan Smailov: Appointed as the new Prime Minister of Kazakhstan by the President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

DECEMBER

Pradeep Kumar Rawat: An Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of 1990 batch, appointed India's next Ambassador to China.

Sanjiv Mehta: Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Unilever Ltd. Elected as the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), for 2022.

Gita Gopinath: The Chief Economist of IMF, selected as the First Deputy Managing Director (DyMD) of IMF, the senior most among the four DyMDs at IMF.

Parag Agrawal: Indian tech wizard took over as CEO of the Twitter. Parag was working as chief technical officer at Twitter.

Catherine Russell: A senior aide of President Biden was appointed as the Executive Director of the UNICEF-United Nations Children's Fund, New York by the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Gabriel Boric: 35 years old former student leader was elected as the youngest President of Chile.

Magdalena Andersson: Elected as the first female Prime Minister of Sweden by its parliament Riksdag in capital city Stockholm.

Adama Barrow: Re-elected as the President of the Gambia, a small west African country, for the second term.

Karl Nehammer: Sworn in as the new Chancellor (prime minister) of Austria by President Alexander.

AWARDS & HONOURS

MARCH

Best Picture: CODA by Sian Heder (Child of Deaf Adults)

Best Director: Ms. Jane Campion for the Power of the Dog.

Best Actor: Will Smith for King Richard

Best Actress: Jessica Chastain for the Eyes of Tammy Faye

Stockholm Water Prize 2022: Professor Emeritus Wilfried Brutsaert, Professor at Cornell University, USA won this prestigious prize for his ground-breaking work to quantify environmental evaporation.

The Abel prize, 2022: Awarded to American Mathematician Dennis Parnell Sullivan "For his ground-breaking contributions to topology in its broadest sense."

Pritzker Prize: Burkina Faso-born architect Diebedo Francis Kere has become the first African to be awarded architecture's most prestigious honour for his "pioneering" designs.

Miss World 2021: Karolina Bielawska from Poland won the crown of at the 70th edition of the beauty pageant on Mar 16 at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

FEBRUARY

Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022 were conferred to the recipients in a ceremony held on February 20 in Mumbai.

Best Actor: Ranveer Singh for '83'

Best Actress: Kriti Sanon for Mimi

Best Director: Ken Gosh for 'State of Siege: Temple Attack'

Best Film: 'Shershaah' by Vishnuvardhan

Sandeep Bakhshi: MD and CEO of ICICI Bank named as the Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21.

JANUARY

Padma Awards 2022 announced

The Government announced the Padma Awards, country's highest civilian honours (after Bharat Ratna) on Jan 25.

Former Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh and former President of Gita Press, Radheshyam Khemka were honoured with Padma Vibhushan posthumously. The fourth Padma Vibhushan was conferred upon Classical Vocalist Dr. Prabha Atre.

Besides, 17 Padma Bhushan and 107 Padma Shri awards were also announced.

Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2022 (Disaster Management Awards) Awarded to Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management in the Institutional category and to Professor Vinod Sharma in the Individual category, for their excellent work in Disaster Management.

79th Golden Globe awards were announced on January 9 at Hotel Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California.

Best Motion Picture (Drama): The Power of The Dog by Jane Campion

Best Director: Jane Campion for The Power of The Dog

Best Actress: Nicole Kidman for Being the Ricardos

Best Actor: Will Smith for King Richards

DECEMBER

Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo: Highest civilian decoration of Bhutan conferred upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi by the King of Bhutan, His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck on Dec 17, National Day of Bhutan.

Miss Universe 2021: India's Harnaaz Sandhu was crowned 70th Miss Universe in a colourful pageant held in Eilat, Israel on Dec 12.

56th Jnanpith Award 2020: Eminent Assamese poet Nilmani Phookan Jr. selected for this prestigious award for his lifelong devotion to literature.

57th Jnanpith Award 2021: Won by veteran Konkani novelist Damodar Mauzo from Goa.

Royal Gold Medal 2022: Conferred on acclaimed Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi.

Regarded as one of the world's highest honours for architecture, it is given by the Royal Institute of British Architects and is approved by Queen Elizabeth II.

OBITUARY

MARCH

Shane Warne: Australian cricket legend died at the age of 52 after a suspected heart attack in Koh Samui, Thailand. He took 708 wickets in 145 Test matches, second in the world only after Muttiah Muralitharan.

FEBRUARY

Lata Mangeshkar: Bharat Ratna awardee cultural icon and legendary singer, finally lost her battle to Covid on Feb 06 in Mumbai, drawing curtains on a long and illustrious life of 92 years. In her glorious career of 80 years, Lata ji sang over 25,000 songs in almost all leading Indian languages.

Bappi Lahiri: Renowned music composer and singer who popularised disco music in India in the 80s and 90s, died at Mumbai on Feb 16. He was 69.

Rahul Bajaj: Veteran industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Group, passed away on Feb 12 in Pune, Maharashtra. He was 83. He would always be remembered for introducing the "Bajaj Chetak" scooter in early 70s and company's all-time famous taglines, "Hamara Bajaj" and "You just can't beat a Bajaj".

JANUARY

Birju Maharaj: Legendary Kathak dancer breathed his last on January 17 at his Delhi residence. He would have been 84 next month. He was also a renowned classical singer.

Major HPS Ahluwalia: Professional mountaineer and an author and social worker, passed away at the age of 85. He was honoured with the Padma Bhushan (2002), Padma Shri (1965), Arjuna Award (1965) and the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award (2009).

Sidney Poitier: The actor who broke through racial barriers as the first Black winner of the best actor Oscar in 1963 for his role in Lilies of the Field, and inspired a generation during the civil rights movement, died on Jan 6 at age 94 at his residence in Los Angeles.

DECEMBER

General Bipin Rawat: India's first Chief of Defence Staff died in an unfortunate air crash on Dec 8 in the forest area near Coonoor in the Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu.

Justice G T Nanavati: Former Supreme Court judge, who investigated the 1984 anti-Sikh riots and the 2002 Godhra riots (in Gujarat), died of a cardiac failure. He was 86.

Vinod Dua: Veteran TV journalist passed away on Dec 4 in a New Delhi hospital, losing his battle to Corona. He was 67.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu: The Nobel Peace Prize (1984) laureate who helped end apartheid in South Africa, passed away aged 90.

Stephen Sondheim: Veteran American songwriter and composer, who redefined the American musical theatre, passed away on Nov 26 in Connecticut, USA.

PLACES IN NEWS

MARCH

DHAKA: The 'Annual Frontiers Report, 2022' published by the UNEP for assessing noise pollution levels in cities, placed Dhaka, at the top with highest noise levels of 119 decibels (noise level of a jet taking off) in the peak hours.

FEBRUARY

Tempest Eunice: Thirteen people were killed by falling trees, flying debris and high winds on Feb 18-19 in Britain, Ireland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Poland as Storm Eunice carved a deadly trail across Western Europe.

Petrópolis: At least 186 people died in landslides and flash flooding due to torrential rains on Feb 15-16 in the Brazilian city of Petrópolis.

JANUARY

Nusantara: The Parliament of Indonesia approved a bill to relocate the country's capital from Jakarta to Nusantara, a place in dense forests on Borneo Island, in the forested province of East Kalimantan.

Tonga: On Jan 15, the underwater volcano Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai erupted in the island archipelago Tonga in the South Pacific Ocean. The eruption sent out clouds of ash up to 20 km up in the sky.

DECEMBER

Haiderpur wetland: Located about 10 km from Bijoor in western Uttar Pradesh, this wetland has been recognized as a Ramsar site under the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

Kazhuveli: The wetland located near Villupuram in Tamil Nadu has been declared a bird sanctuary and will henceforth be called the 'Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary'.

Nagaland: At least 14 civilians were killed in separate incidents of firing in Mon district in northern Nagaland on Dec 4 and 5 in the violent clashes between local tribals and jawans of 21st Para Special Force of the Army.

Cyclone Jawad: Coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha were smashed by cyclone Jawad on Dec 5.

Super Typhoon Rai: One of the strongest typhoons to hit the Philippines this year, it battered the southern Philippines on Dec 16, claiming over 200 lives and forcing lakhs of people to take shelter amid widespread flooding and destruction.

Mount Semeru: The tallest mountain on Java Island in Indonesia, suddenly erupted on Dec 4, throwing up towers of ash and hot clouds several km up in the sky which blanketed surrounding villages with a 3 to 4 feet thick layer of ash.

SPORTS WORLD

MARCH

P. V. Sindhu won the Women's Singles title in the Swiss Open Badminton Championships at Basel, Switzerland. Men's singles title was won by Jonatan Christie of Indonesia by defeating India's H S Prannoy.

Long jumper Someswara Rao Ramudri and javelin thrower Mohit bagged Gold medals in their individual events at the Dubai 2022 World Para Athletics Grand Prix. Sprinter Pranav Prashant Desai won India's first gold medal in 200 m race.

Nikhath Zareen (52kg) and Nitu (48kg), each won a gold medal on Feb 27 at the 73rd Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament, held in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Lakshya Sen secured second position in the men's singles final of the prestigious All England Open Badminton Championship in Birmingham, UK.

Lakshya Sen became the first Indian to clinch Silver medal at the BWF Superseries 300 German Open 2022 in Mulheim, Germany.

Pankaj Advani lifted his eighth title at the 19th Asian Billiards Championship on March 19 in Doha, Qatar after beating compatriot Dhruv Sitwala.

Mirabai Chanu secured a gold medal in the 55 kilogram category by lifting a total of 191 kilograms in the Singapore Weightlifting International on Feb 25.

Sadia Tariq, 15 year old girl from J&K won a gold medal in the Moscow Wushu Stars Championship held in Moscow from February 22 to 28.

Sportstar Aces Awards-2022:

Sportstar of the Year (Male): Neeraj Chopra, javelin thrower

Sportstar of the Year (Female): Mirabai Chanu, weightlifter

Five Indian women boxers, Nivedita, Tamanna, Shaheen Gill, Ravina and Muskan grabbed gold medals on March 14 in the Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan.

SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship: India won by defeating Bangladesh in the finals played on March 25 at Jamshedpur in Jharkhand.

Indian para badminton contingent won 6 gold, 7 silver and 8 bronze medals in the Spanish Para-Badminton International 2022 in Cartagena, Spain.

Indian Super League Football Championship: Hyderabad FC won by defeating Kerala Blasters on March 20 at Nehru stadium, Goa.

Jhulan Goswami, the 39-year-old right-arm fast bowler became the first-ever woman bowler to breach the 250 mark in wicket taking in ODIs.

Mithali Raj, India's ODI skipper broke the record for most matches captained in the ICC Women's World Cup. She led India in 24 World Cup games.

Priyanka Nutakki became India's 23rd newest Woman Grandmaster at MPL's National Women Chess Championship at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Divya Deshmukh, 16-year-old Chess player from Nagpur won the National Champion title.

Mithali Raj, 39, became the third cricketer and the first woman to appear in six World Cups, joining the iconic Sachin Tendulkar and Pakistani great Javed Miandad.

Indian EdTech Company, BYJU'S has become the first Indian firm to be an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS WORLD

Yulimar Rojas of Venezuela improved her own women's triple jump world record with a leap of 15.74 metres to win gold at the World Indoor Athletics Championships on March 20 in Serbia.

Steve Smith of Australia has become the fastest to score 8000 runs in Test cricket by reaching the milestone in his 151st innings, playing against Pakistan in Lahore.

Ashleigh Barty: World number one Tennis player shocked the world on March 23 by announcing early retirement from tennis at the age of 25 years.

Cristiano Ronaldo, Forward player of Manchester United from Portugal, created a world record as professional football's all-time leading scorer with 807 goals after a brilliant hat-trick against Premier League rivals Tottenham Hotspur on March 12 at Manchester, England.

The 31st Southeast Asian Games will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam from May 12 to 23, 2022.

FEBRUARY

Indian batter Richa Ghosh registered the fastest fifty by an Indian batter in women's ODI cricket.

Sakibul Gani from Bihar became the first batsman in the world to score a triple century in a debut match in first class cricket. He scored 341 runs on Feb 18 playing against Mizoram in the ongoing Ranji Trophy matches.

World Games Athlete of the Year-2021: Veteran Indian Hockey Goalkeeper P R Sreejesh won the prestigious award for his 2021 performances, becoming only the second Indian to receive the accolade.

Second LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship-2022: Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre won the cup by defeating ITBP in finals played in NDS Ice Hockey rink in Leh on Feb 23.

Senior National Volleyball Championship: Haryana defeated Railway to win Men's title and Kerala defeated Railway to win women's title at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup: India lifted the prestigious ODI Cup for a record fifth time after beating England by four wickets on Feb 05 in Antigua, a tiny island country in the Caribbean Sea.

The Indian team was led by Yash Dhull. Raj Angad Bawa was declared "Man of the Match" for scalping 5 wickets and also scoring 35 runs.

Odisha Open Badminton Tournament: Kiran George won the men's singles title in the finals played at Cuttack, Odisha. Women's singles was won by 14 year old Unnati Hooda.

The Ministry of Railways has approved setting up of a state-of-art wrestling academy in Indian Railways, at Kishanganj, Delhi.

Rafael Nadal (Spain) created history by becoming the only player to win the 21 Grand Slam titles, surpassing Djokovic and Roger Federer, each having 20 grand slam titles. He won Australian Open men's singles final on Jan 30 at the Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne.

Women's singles title was won by world number one Ashleigh Barty, after defeating Danielle Collins of USA on Jan 29. She became the first Australian after 1978 to win a grand slam on home ground.

2021 FIFA Club World Cup: English club Chelsea defeated Brazilian club Palmeiras to win the final, held on February 12 in Abu Dhabi.

AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022: China defeated South Korea to win the final title at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on February 06.

Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) football championship: Senegal became the champion by beating Egypt in the final played on Feb 6 in Yaoundé, capital of Cameroon.

Women's Asia Cup (Hockey): India beat China 2-0 to win a bronze medal in Muscat, Oman on Jan 28. The Cup was won by Japan by defeating South Korea.

The closing ceremony of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games was held on February 20 in Beijing. Norway topped the medal tally with 37 medals, including a record 16 golds.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has approved a proposal to include Surfing, Skateboarding and Sport Climbing for the 2028 Summer Olympics Games that will be organised in Los Angeles, USA.

JANUARY

PV Sindhu, two-time Olympic medallist won the Syed Modi International badminton tournament in Lucknow on Jan 23 by beating Malvika Bansod.

Lakshya Sen won the Men's Singles title in the India Open badminton championship in New Delhi on Jan 16 by defeating reigning World Champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore.

Sanjeev Kumar, the wheelchair bound para-athlete from Telupura village in district Abohar, Punjab, won a gold medal at the National Para Badminton Championship in Bhubaneswar, becoming the national champion in the singles category for the 10th time.

Haryana's Nitesh Kumar won two gold medals, both, singles and in doubles, at the 4th Para-Badminton National Championship in Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Bharath Subramaniam, the 14-year-old chess prodigy from Chennai became the 73rd Grandmaster of India. He completed his final GM Norm and requisite 2500 ELO rating on Jan 9 at Vergani Cup Open in Cattolica, Italy.

9th National Women Ice Hockey Championship: The Ladakh team won the title in the finals played at Kaza in district Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, by defeating the Chandigarh team.

Smriti Mandhana, India's opening batter, has been named the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year for 2021. She won the Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the year.

Tasnim Mir, 16-year-old badminton player from Mehsana, Gujarat, became the first Indian to top the under-19 world rankings in girls' singles.

Rishabh Pant became the fastest Indian wicketkeeper on December 28 to reach 100 dismissals in just 26 Test matches, breaking Dhoni's record of reaching 100 scalps in 36 matches.

The Tata Group will replace Vivo as the Indian Premier League's title sponsor for the next two years. Reportedly, Tata will be paying around Rs 670 crore for two years, while Vivo will pay Rs 454 crore for termination of contract.

Sir Garfield Sobers Award for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year for 2021: won by Pakistan's pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi. He took 78 wickets in 36 internationals at an average of 22.20 in 2021.

ICC T20 Player of the Year 2021 were declared in Dubai on Jan 23.

Men's: Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan
Women's: England's right-handed batter Tammy Beaumont

The Best FIFA Football Awards 2021 ceremony was held virtually in Zurich on January 17.

Best FIFA Men's Player: Poland's Robert Lewandowski, plays for FC Bayern Munich

Best FIFA Women's Player: Alexia Putellas, Spain, plays for FC Barcelona

Nodirbek Abdusattorov, the 17-year-old chess GrandMaster from Uzbekistan, dethroned Magnus Carlsen as World Rapid Chess Champion in Warsaw on Dec 28 by beating Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia in a tiebreaker.

Under-19 Asia Cup: India lifted the Cup by defeating Sri Lanka by nine wickets in a rain-interrupted One-Day International final played on Dec 31 in Dubai.

DECEMBER

Aanchal Thakur, ace Indian skier, won the Bronze medal at the FIS Alpine Skiing Competition on Dec 23 in Montenegro, a tiny country west of Italy.

Pankaj Advani won his 11th National Billiards title in the 88th National Billiards and Snookers Championship held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Kidambi Srikanth bagged a historic silver medal in the Men's singles final of BWF World Championships on Dec 19 at Huelva in Spain.

Saurav Ghosal scripted history by becoming the first Indian squash player to win the Malaysian Open Championships held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

64th National Shooting Championship, New Delhi.

Haryana's Manu Bhaker was crowned the women's 10m air pistol national champion for the second successive time. Rahi Sarnobat won the national title in women's 25m pistol for the third year in a row.

Divyansh Singh Panwar, 19-year-old shooter from Rajasthan won two national titles by securing gold, in both, the senior and junior air rifle event.

Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan:

Sanket Mahadev Sargar won the gold medal in the Men's 55kg snatch category

Jhilli Dalabehera won the gold medal in the women's 49kg category

Ajay Singh clinched India's third gold medal by winning the men's 81kg category.

Jeremy Lalrinnunga, 19-year-old weightlifter from Mizoram, won the gold medal in the men's 67kg category. India ended the championships with 16 medals - four gold, seven silver, and five bronze.

Avani Lekhara, the first woman to win a gold medal in rifle shooting at the Tokyo Paralympic Games, won the "Best Female Debut" award in the 2021 Paralympic Sports Awards.

Woman of the year Award: World governing body for athletics, World Athletics selected India's long jump champion Ms. Anju Bobby George for this top award for her outstanding contribution in promoting sports.

11th Junior National Men's Hockey Championship: Uttar Pradesh were crowned the winners following their victory over Chandigarh in the final at Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu on Dec 25.

Vijay Hazare Trophy: One-day (50 overs) format national championship won by Himachal Pradesh, thumping Tamil Nadu at Jaipur on Dec 26.

India wins 6 medals in Asian Rowing

Arjun Lal Jat and Ravi won the gold medal in the men's double sculls event on Dec 11 in the Asian Rowing Championship in Thailand.

Arvind Singh also bagged a gold in the lightweight Men's single sculls event. The Indian team finished with a total of six medals, including two gold and 4 silver medals.

Indian para-athletes won a whopping 41 medals in their best-ever show at the Asian Youth Para Games held in Riffa city, Bahrain from Dec 2 to 6. The Indian contingent won 12 gold, 15 silver, and 14 bronze.

Harbhajan Singh, veteran Indian off-spinner announced on Dec 24 his retirement from cricket.

Harjinder Singh, General Secretary of Indian Ice Hockey Association, appointed by Indian Olympic Association as India's Chef de Mission for Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, to be held in Feb 2022.



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MAY GK TEST - 01

1. The sixth and the last of the Scorpene-class submarines of Project-75, INS Vagsheer, was launched on April 20 in Mumbai. Name Vagsheer is related to which of the following?
 - a. An old submarine
 - b. A local sea Goddess of Gujarat
 - c. A deadly deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean
 - d. A local deity of fishermen in Goa
 - e. A poisonous snake found near Mumbai coast
2. Armyman Avinash Sable from Beed, Maharashtra, recently surpassed the 30 year old national record in _____ metre race at an international event:
 - a. 1000
 - b. 4000
 - c. 5000
 - d. 10,000
 - e. 15,000
3. Prime Minister Modi made a three nation visit to Europe from May 2 to 4. Which of the following is correct?
 - a. Germany, Iceland and Sweden
 - b. Finland, Norway and Denmark
 - c. Germany, Denmark and France
 - d. France, Germany and Italy
 - e. Denmark, Sweden and Finland
4. Dr. Ajay Sood has been appointed as the new _____ to the Prime Minister:
 - a. Chief Secretary
 - b. Principal Scientific Adviser
 - c. Chief Economic Adviser
 - d. Principal Media Adviser
 - e. Principal Press Secretary
5. India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned by which public sector oil company?
 - a. Oil India Limited
 - b. Bharat Petroleum
 - c. Hindustan Petroleum
 - d. Indian Oil Corp
 - e. ONGC
6. Which is the final authority for deciding the design, form and content of the currency notes?
 - a. Central Government
 - b. Reserve Bank of India
 - c. Indian Banks Association
 - d. Note Issuing Authority of India
 - e. None of the given options is true
7. The G-20 does not have a permanent secretariat. The group's chair rotates annually among the members. Which country is the chair for the year 2022?
 - a. USA
 - b. Saudi Arabia
 - c. Japan
 - d. Brazil
 - e. Indonesia
8. Which city has been selected as the World Book Capital for 2022?
 - a. Cairo
 - b. Jeddah
 - c. Lima
 - d. Guadalajara
 - e. Glasgow
9. Joe Root who has been named as the "Leading Man Cricketer in the World" by the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, plays for which country?
 - a. South Africa
 - b. England
 - c. Australia
 - d. New Zealand
 - e. West Indies
10. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson arrived in which city on April 21 on his two day visit to India?
 - a. Bengaluru
 - b. Jaipur
 - c. Gandhinagar
 - d. Goa
 - e. Varanasi
11. Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog?
 - a. Dr. Vinod Rai
 - b. Dr. Suman K Bery
 - c. Amitabh Kant
 - d. Dr K. Rajeswara Rao
 - e. Dr. V.K. Saraswat
12. Sir David Attenborough has been selected by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) for the prestigious Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement Award). He hails from which country?
 - a. The Netherlands
 - b. New Zealand
 - c. Australia
 - d. England
 - e. Switzerland
13. Which amendment to the Constitution proposed to add a new Part relating to Panchayats in the Constitution?
 - a. 65th
 - b. 73rd
 - c. 77th
 - d. 84th
 - e. 97th
14. Which of the following are the instruments of Credit Control in the hands of the RBI?
 - I. Lowering or raising the policy interest rates.
 - II. Raising the minimum support price of the major agro products.
 - III. Lowering or raising the minimum cash reserves maintained by the commercial banks.

- IV. Directing banks to curb their lending
Select the correct option:
a. Only I b. Only II
c. Only III d. Both I and III
e. Both II and IV
15. **India is NOT a member of which of the following multi nation regional cooperation groups?**
a. SAARC b. BIMSTEC
c. ASEAN d. SCO
e. BRICS
16. **Who was the chief guest at the Raisina Dialogue held in New Delhi from April 25 to 27?**
a. Ursula Von Der Leyen
b. Boris Johnson
c. Olaf Scholz
d. Scott Morrison
e. Marine Le Pen
17. **Emmanuel Macron won a second term in _____ presidential election with 58.2 percent of the vote:**
a. Portugal's b. Brazil's
c. Peru's d. France's
e. Spain's
18. **Which city hosted the Khelo India University Games?**
a. Bhubaneswar
b. Puri c. Bhopal
d. Visakhapatnam
e. Bengaluru
19. **The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) from Stockholm, Sweden, ranked which country at the top in terms of military expenditure in 2021?**
a. Russia b. Saudi Arabia
c. India d. USA
e. China
20. **Which of the following are decided by the Reserve Bank of India?**
I. Deposit interest rates
II. Base Rate
III. Lending Rates
Select the correct answer using the codes given below
a. Only I b. Only II
c. Only III d. II and III
e. None of these
21. **Which Article in Indian Constitution prohibits discrimination by the state against any citizen on grounds 'only' of caste, religion, sex, race, and place of birth?**
a. 15 b. 17
c. 21 d. 24
e. 27
22. **Indian Coast Guard inducted an Auxiliary Barge, Urja _____, at Bharuch in Gujarat on April 23:**
a. Sutra b. Nayak
c. Pravah d. Koshth
e. Amber
23. **Who became the national champion for the 10th time at the 83rd Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships held at Shillong?**
a. Sutirtha Mukherjee
b. Anthony Amalraj
c. G. Sathiyam
d. Sharath Kamal
e. Manav Thakkar
24. **Max Verstappen who has been declared Laureus World Sportsman of the Year, is associated with which sports?**
a. Tennis b. Skiing
c. Boxing d. F1 racing
e. Football
25. **Which Bollywood celebrity has been selected as a jury member for the Cannes Film Festival?**
a. Amitabh Bachchan
b. Deepika Padukone
c. Aunshka Sharma
d. Salman Khan
e. Shahrukh Khan
26. **Which European country has become the first country in the world to suspend the COVID-19 vaccination programme?**
a. Italy b. Greece
c. Serbia d. Switzerland
e. Denmark
27. **Jamtara district in _____ has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries:**
a. Jharkhand
b. Madhya Pradesh
c. Chhattisgarh
d. West Bengal
e. Tripura
28. **As we all know, scheduled banks in India are required to maintain a certain portion of their demand and time liabilities with the Reserve Bank of India. This arrangement is called _____?**
a. Statutory liquidity ratio
b. Cash Reserve Ratio
c. Bank reserve deposit
d. Conditional Reserves Arrangement
e. Mandatory deposits
29. **The headquarters of the SCO – Shanghai Cooperation Organisation are located in which of the following cities?**
a. Shanghai b. Beijing
c. Tashkent d. Moscow
e. Bishkek
30. **Krishnan Ramanujam has been appointed as the Chairperson of which national level industry body?**
a. FICCI b. ASSOCHAM
c. NASSCOM d. CII
e. CAIT
31. **Which global body approved a \$ 47 million financial support to the Government of India for the Mission Karmayogi, a national program to build civil service capacity?**
a. JICA b. NDB
c. AIIB d. WB
e. ADB
32. **Country's first-of-its-kind gene bank programme for conserving native biodiversity has been approved by which state?**
a. Kerala b. Maharashtra
c. Meghalaya d. Gujarat
e. Assam
33. **Noted wildlife conservationist Charudutt Mishra won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award for his contribution in the conservation of _____ in Himalayan ecosystems:**
a. Bears b. Yaks
c. Leopards d. Wild Boar
e. Tigers
34. **Government launched ONDC, a first-of-its-kind initiative to pave the way for democratising and decentralising digital commerce in the country, on April 29 in**

- Bengaluru. What does the letter 'N' denote in ONDC?
- National
 - Natural
 - Neutral
 - Network
 - Newage
35. Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the Junior World Championships of which sports?
- Boxing
 - Wrestling
 - Weightlifting
 - Fencing
 - Judo
36. Drawing, accepting, making or issuing of any promissory note, hundi or bill of exchange expressed to be payable to bearer on demand by a person other than the Reserve Bank of India or the Central Government is prohibited under which of the following?
- Banking Regulation Act, 1949
 - Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
 - Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
 - Indian Contract Act, 1872
 - There is no such provision
37. Which city is known as the capital of the European Union?
- The Hague
 - Brussels
 - Stockholm
 - Geneva
 - Oslo
38. Which country topped the World Press Freedom Index released on May 3 by Paris based NGO Reporters Without Borders?
- Norway
 - Denmark
 - Sweden
 - New Zealand
 - Switzerland
39. The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" released by the Food and Agricultural Organisation, Rome, says that forests cover _____ percent of the Earth's land surface:
- 23
 - 27
 - 31
 - 33
 - 37
40. Ronnie O'Sullivan of _____ claimed his seventh World Snooker Championship title on May 02:
- Spain
 - England
 - South Africa
 - New Zealand
 - Serbia
41. The Reserve Bank of India hiked the repo rate on May 4 by 40 basis points, taking it to 4.40 per cent with immediate effect. What was the main objective of this hike?
- To boost the economic growth
 - To allow banks to do more lending
 - To rein in the increasing inflation
 - To enable banks to lower the lending rates
 - It was just a routine exercise of MPC
42. Mr. Modi participated in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit at Copenhagen along with Prime Ministers of five Nordic countries on May 4. Which of the following is NOT a Nordic country?
- Denmark
 - Germany
 - Finland
 - Sweden
 - Norway
43. A Kerala fintech company "Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd" has become India's 100th unicorn company. What type of company is it?
- Neo Bank
 - Virtual Bank
 - Digital Bank
 - All of these
 - None of these
44. What is the role of the Public Debt Office of Reserve Bank of India?
- It is a central depository for all Types of Government securities
 - It acts as cash manager to central and state governments
 - It regulates lending to public, by banks
 - Only A & B are true
 - All three are true
45. Which of the following cities is famous for its Elephant Festival - Pooram?
- Kochhi
 - Trichy
 - Thrissur
 - Kollam
 - Periyar
46. Who is the India's present union minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change?
- Bhupendra Yadav
 - Prakash Javadekar
 - Piyush Goel
 - Arjun Munda
 - Narayan Rane
47. Priyanka Mohite was recently in the news for her achievements. She is an accomplished _____:
- Mountain Biker
 - Golfer
 - Mountaineer
 - Paraglider
 - Skier
48. India's first Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub) has been set up at Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences in which place?
- Trichy
 - Chennai
 - Visakhapatnam
 - Bengaluru
 - Hyderabad
49. Country's first Tribal Health Observatory is being set up in which state?
- Odisha
 - Tripura
 - West Bengal
 - Jharkhand
 - Chhattisgarh
50. Coal mining in India was started by the East India Company in 1774 in which area?
- Raniganj
 - Jharia
 - Motihari
 - Dhanbad
 - Bokaro

ANSWER KEY | MAY | GK TEST | I

Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	C	2	C	3	C	4	B	5	A
6	A	7	E	8	D	9	B	10	C
11	B	12	D	13	B	14	D	15	C
16	A	17	D	18	E	19	D	20	E
21	A	22	C	23	D	24	D	25	B
26	E	27	A	28	B	29	B	30	C
31	D	32	B	33	C	34	D	35	C
36	B	37	B	38	A	39	C	40	B
41	C	42	B	43	D	44	D	45	C
46	A	47	C	48	E	49	A	50	A



- Latest excavations by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Rakhigarhi have shown wide remains of the ancient city of Harappan civilisation. It is in which state?
 - Haryana
 - Rajasthan
 - Gujarat
 - Chhattisgarh
 - Madhya Pradesh
- Kami Rita Sherpa, Nepal's legendary climber, was in the news recently for what reason?
 - He became the oldest man to conquer Everest
 - He became first man to scale Everest seven times in a year
 - He climbed Mt Everest for the record 26th time
 - He became the fastest climber to scale Mt Everest
 - He became the first person to scale Mt Everest without using Oxygen
- The approved assets against which currency notes are issued by RBI, comprise of:
 - Gold coins and bullion and rupee coins
 - Foreign securities and Government of India rupee securities
 - Bills of exchange and promissory notes payable in India which are eligible for purchase by RBI
 - All of the above
 - None of the above
- Which of the following is the largest ocean in the world?
 - Indian Ocean
 - Southern Ocean
 - Atlantic Ocean
 - Arctic Ocean
 - Pacific Ocean
- Which state will host the biggest sports event in the U-18 age category, the 4th Khelo India Youth Games, from 4 to 13 June?
 - West Bengal
 - Manipur
 - Karnataka
 - Haryana
 - Gujarat
- Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig won the prestigious World Food Prize for her research to understand the

relationship between climate and food systems and forecast how both will change in the future. She hails from which country?

- Germany
 - Poland
 - Hungary
 - Argentina
 - USA
- RailTel launched which scheme on May 9 to provide access to its Public WiFi services across 100 railway stations in India?
 - RailWiFi
 - PMWiFi
 - PMrailvani
 - PM-WANI
 - RailCom
 - Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma, legendary musician passed away on May 10 in Mumbai. He was associated with which musical instrument?
 - Sitar
 - Violin
 - Santoor
 - Sarangi
 - Veena
 - India's first semi-high speed Regional Rapid Transit System-RRTS, is to be started on which section?
 - Delhi-Agra
 - Delhi-Meerut
 - Delhi-Jaipur
 - Mumbai-Pune
 - Surat-Vadodara
 - Which of the following is NOT an organization associated with the UNO?
 - ILO
 - AIIB
 - IAEA
 - FAO
 - WHO
 - _____ became the first state in India to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations:
 - Rajasthan
 - Maharashtra
 - Madhya Pradesh
 - Gujarat
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Rodrigo Chaves has been sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica. It is located in which part of the world?
 - Central South America
 - Central Europe
 - Caribbean Sea
 - Central America
 - Western Africa
 - The 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD (United Nations

Convention to Combat Desertification) was held from May 9 to 20 at which place?

- Athens
 - Abidjan
 - Rome
 - Montreal
 - Osaka
- Ms. Jyothi Yarraji, the 22-year-old Andhra athlete won the gold in which event at the Cyprus International Meet, breaking the 20 year old national record?
 - Decathlon
 - Triple jump
 - 100 m sprint
 - 100 m hurdle race
 - High jump
 - The Supreme Court ordered on May 11 that the 152-year-old sedition law under Section _____ of the Indian Penal Code may be put on hold till further orders:
 - 63-A
 - 320
 - 124-A
 - 360
 - 375-C
 - Which of the following statements are true?
 - Scheduled Commercial Banks are those which have been included in the First Schedule of RBI Act, 1934.
 - Non-Scheduled Commercial Banks are those which have been not included in the Second Schedule of RBI Act, 1934.
 - Punjab National Bank is a Scheduled Commercial Bank.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - Only 2
 - Only 2 and 3
 - Both 1 and 2
 - All of the above
 - None of them is true
 - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is a multilateral development bank set up in 1991 after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Its headquarters are in _____.
 - Paris
 - London
 - Rome
 - Geneva
 - Lisbon
 - Which of the following is the capital of Norway?
 - Oslo
 - The Hague
 - Stockholm
 - Helsinki

- e. Hamburg
19. **Rajiv Kumar, an 1984 batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the next Chief _____ Commissioner of India:**
 - a. Vigilance b. Information
 - c. Legal d. Election
 - e. Police
 20. **The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing or withdrawing over Rs ____ lakh in a financial year:**
 - a. 10 b. 20
 - c. 30 d. 40
 - e. 50
 21. **94-year-old acclaimed architect Balkrishna Doshi has been honoured with the Royal Gold Medal 2022 by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), London. He is based in which city?**
 - a. Indore b. Mumbai
 - c. Ahmedabad d. Pune
 - e. Bengaluru
 22. **World Metrology Day is observed on May 20. Metrology is associated with which field?**
 - a. Astronomy
 - b. Study of heights
 - c. Weights and measurements
 - d. Chemical reactions
 - e. Effects of medicines
 23. **Promising Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen clinched the gold medal in 52 kg category on May 19 to get the crown of "World Champion". She hails from which state?**
 - a. Nagaland b. Mizoram
 - c. Telangana d. Uttar Pradesh
 - e. Manipur
 24. **Which country topped the medal tally at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany?**
 - a. Taiwan b. S Korea
 - c. China d. Japan
 - e. India
 25. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to which place in Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima?**
 - a. Kathmandu b. Birgunj
 - c. Pokhara d. Biratnagar
- e. Lumbini
 26. **Indian Men's Badminton team scripted history by winning the Thomas Cup for the first time ever in its 73 years history, dethroning 14 time champions _____ on May 15 in Bangkok:**
 - a. Malaysia b. Indonesia
 - c. Taiwan d. China
 - e. S Korea
 27. **Manik Saha was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which state on May 15?**
 - a. Manipur b. Assam
 - c. Mizoram d. Tripura
 - e. Meghalaya
 28. **Basel-II norms are associated with which of the following aspects of the banking industry?**
 - a. Risk management
 - b. Business planning
 - c. Market exposure
 - d. Corporate governance
 - e. Money market operations
 29. **Which of the following is one of the India's Research Station in Arctic Ocean?**
 - a. Sagarica b. Bharati
 - c. Maitri d. Himadri
 - e. Himshikha
 30. **Norway is famous for its ecstatic natural colourful Polar lights. This wonderful natural phenomenon is known as:**
 - a. Northern Aurora
 - b. Aurora Borealis
 - c. Aurora Australis
 - d. Northern Polaris
 - e. Polar Flashes
 31. **Which corporate won the race to acquire Swiss cement major Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC for \$10.5 billion?**
 - a. L&T b. TATA's
 - c. Reliance Infra
 - d. Ultratech
 - e. Adani Group
 32. **The Union Government announced the formation of the _____ Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned 'Cotton Man' Suresh Bhai Kotak:**
 - a. Textile b. Garments
 - c. Handloom d. Cotton
- e. Khadi
 33. **Which country hosted the 24th Summer Deaflympics at Caxias Du Sul from 1st to 15th of May?**
 - a. Chile b. Peru
 - c. Colombia d. Brazil
 - e. Argentina
 34. **As per a notification issued on May 16 by the union ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary in _____ has been upgraded to a tiger reserve:**
 - a. Madhya Pradesh
 - b. Gujarat c. Chhattisgarh
 - d. Rajasthan e. Maharashtra
 35. **What are the names of two frontline warships of the Indian Navy that were launched at Mazgaon Docks Limited in Mumbai on May 17?**
 - a. Talwar and Kirpan
 - b. Machhil and Mysuru
 - c. Surat and Udaygiri
 - d. Vinashak and Nicobar
 - e. Vagir and Kushak
 36. **Ms. Elisabeth Borne has been named Prime Minister of which European country?**
 - a. France b. Spain
 - c. Germany d. Denmark
 - e. Hungary
 37. **Which of the following is NOT a method of credit control?**
 - a. Cash Reserve Ratio
 - b. Open market operations
 - c. Credit deposit ratio
 - d. Bank rate policy
 - e. None of the above
 38. **What is the implication of increase in remittances from non-resident Indians?**
 - a. Increase in the balance of payments deficit in India
 - b. Reduces the balance of payments deficit in India
 - c. Has no effect on the balance of payments position
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the given options is applicable
 39. **Who was the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India?**
 - a. Sir Maurice Gwyer

- b. Sir Srinivas Varadachariar
c. Sir H J Kania
d. Mehar Chand Mahajan
e. Kailash Nath Katju
40. **Prof. P C Mahalanobis Award is given by the Government of India for outstanding contribution in which field?**
a. Public service
b. Physics c. Science
d. Statistics
e. Mathematics
41. **Forbes' list of World's highest paid athletes released on May 11 has listed which sportsperson on the top?**
a. Cristiano Ronaldo
b. Novac Djokovic
c. Lionel Messi
d. LeBron James
e. Neymar
42. **President Ram Nath Kovind made a one week visit to which two tiny island nations in the Caribbean Sea, from May 14 to 21?**
a. Trinidad & Tobago and Barbados
b. Jamaica and Haiti
c. Cayman Islands and Barbados
d. Bahamas and Puerto Rico
e. Jamaica and St. Vincent & Grenadines
43. **Which apex national body launched the National Data and Analytics Platform - NDAP on May 13 to improve access and use of published Indian government data?**
a. National Informatics Centre
b. Digital India
c. NITI Aayog
d. IT ministry
e. ISRO
44. **The country's first "Amrit Sarovar" was inaugurated on May 13 at village Patwai in district Rampur in which state?**
a. Rajasthan
b. Uttar Pradesh
c. Madhya Pradesh
d. Bihar e. Odisha
45. **The first ever launch of the Extended Range (ER) Version of BrahMos Air Launched supersonic cruise missile was successfully conducted on May 12**

- from a _____ fighter aircraft in an area of Bay of Bengal:**
a. Tejas b. MiG-29
c. Su-30 MKI d. Mirage 2000
e. Dassault Rafale
46. **In the capital market, the term arbitrage is used with reference to-**
a. purchase of securities to cover the sale
b. sale of securities to reduce the loss on purchase
c. The simultaneous purchase and sale of an asset to make profit from an imbalance in the price
d. Benefit of variation in rules in different markets
e. All of the above
47. **Which of the following provides the overall legal system that deals with the internet, cyberspace, and their respective legal issues?**
a. The Internet and Cyber Law of India, 2001
b. Information and Technology Act of India, 2000
c. Information Technology Act, 2000
d. Information and Cyber Technology Act, 2000
e. Information and Technology Regulation Act, 2002
48. **Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Ltd., has been elected as the President of which national level apex industry body for the year 2022-23?**
a. ASSOCHAM b. CII
c. FICCI d. NASSCOM
e. CAIT
49. **Lhakpa Sherpa, the steely Nepali woman climber, created a new world record on May 12 in what regard?**
a. First woman to scale Mt Everest from the China side
b. First woman to scale Mt Everest without Oxygen
c. First woman leg amputee to scale Mt Everest
d. First woman to scale Mt Everest for 10th time
e. First woman to scale Mt Everest for 16th time

50. **Dr. Frank Wilczek, winner of 2022 Templeton Prize, is a renowned professor of which field?**
a. Chemistry b. Climate change
c. Environment d. Physics
e. Medicine

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Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	A	2	C	3	D	4	E	5	D
6	E	7	D	8	C	9	B	10	B
11	A	12	D	13	B	14	D	15	C
16	B	17	B	18	A	19	D	20	B
21	C	22	C	23	C	24	E	25	E
26	B	27	D	28	A	29	D	30	B
31	E	32	D	33	D	34	D	35	C
36	A	37	C	38	B	39	C	40	D
41	C	42	E	43	C	44	B	45	C
46	C	47	C	48	B	49	D	50	D

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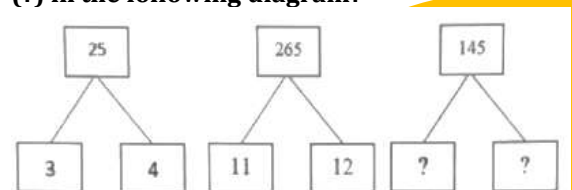
- In Engineering Entrance test, a student scores 4 marks for every correct answer and loses 0.5 marks for every wrong answer. A student attempts all the 100 questions and scores 310 marks. How many numbers of questions the student answered correctly?
(a) 80 (b) 90
(c) 100 (d) 110
- A person lent out some money at 6% per annum on simple interest and after 18 months, he again lent out the same money at a simple interest of 24% per annum. After two years from first lending, in both the cases, he got Rs. 4704. Find the amount that was lent out.
(a) 3600 (b) 4000
(c) 4200 (d) 4400
- The HCF and LCM of two numbers are 12 and 144 respectively. If one of the number is 36, find the other number.
(a) 48 (b) 50
(c) 58 (d) 60
- A dishonest shopkeeper, at the time of selling and purchasing, weight 10% less and 21.5% more per kilogram respectively. Find percentage profit earned by treachery assuming that he sells the items at cost price.
(a) 20 (b) 25
(c) 30 (d) 35
- If A means subtraction, B means division, C means addition and D means multiplication, then what is the value of following equation?
40 A 54 B 27 C 6 D 3
(a) 54 (b) 55
(c) 56 (d) 57
- Typist A can type a sheet in 6 minutes, Typist B can type same sheet in 12 minutes and Typist C can type the same sheet in 8 minutes. What is the average number of sheets typed per hour per typist?
(a) 5.0 (b) 6.5
(c) 7.5 (d) 10.0

- The following table shows the number of students having obtained different marks.

Number of Students	Marks
10	50
6	55
5	60
21	70
2	75
5	85
3	90
2	100

Find the average marks obtained by students.

- (a) 66.5 (b) 67.5
(c) 68.5 (d) 69.5
- Divide Rs. 6000 into two parts so that simple interest on the first part for 2 years at 6% per annum may be equal to the simple interest on second part for 3 years at 8% per annum.
(a) 3000, 3000 (b) 4000, 2000
(c) 5000, 1000 (d) 5500, 500
- What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following series?
8, 28 116, 584, 3508, ?
(a) 24560 (b) 24660
(c) 24760 (d) 24860
- In a certain code language, if the word MINUTE is coded as NMWKSQ, then what is the code for the word REIGN?
(a) SIRMW (b) MWSIR
(c) MWRI (d) SIRWM
- What will come in place of question marks (?) in the following diagram?



- (a) 7, 8 (b) 8, 9
(c) 9, 10 (d) 10, 11

12. How many blocks are there in the following image?



- (a) 8 (b) 9
(c) 10 (d) 11
13. A child went 90 m in the East to look for his father, then he turned right and went 40 m. After this he turned right and after going 10 m he reached to his uncle's house. His father was not there. From there he went 100 m to north and met his father. What was the direct distance between his father's point and the starting point?
(a) 75 (b) 100
(c) 125 (d) 150
14. The ratio of work done by $(x - 1)$ men in $(x + 1)$ days to $(x + 2)$ men in $(x - 1)$ days is 9 : 10. What is the value of x ?
(a) 7 (b) 8
(c) 9 (d) 10
15. A train covers a distance of 12 km in 10 minutes. If it takes 6 seconds to pass a telegraph post, then the length of the train is
(a) 100 meters (b) 110 meters
(c) 120 meters (d) 130 meters
16. Find the number of divisors of 1080 excluding the divisors which are perfect squares.
(a) 28 (b) 29
(c) 30 (d) 31
17. Select the word which is different from others.
(a) Hat (b) Cap
(c) Veil (d) Turban
18. In an election, the candidate who got 56% of the votes, won by 144 votes. Find the total number of voters on the voting list if 80% people cast their vote and there were no invalid votes.
(a) 1300 (b) 1400
(c) 1500 (d) 1600
19. What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following series?
BZA, DYC, FXE, HWG, ?
(a) VIJ (b) JVI
(c) JWU (d) VJI
20. If 17th day of a month is three days earlier than Friday, what day will be on 19th day of the month?
(a) Sunday (b) Monday

- (c) Thursday (d) Wednesday
21. Pointing to a girl, Karamjit said, "This girl is daughter of only child of my father". What is the relation of Karamjit's wife to that girl?
(a) Mother (b) Daughter
(c) Sister (d) Mother-in-law
22. A statement is given, followed by two conclusions.
Statement : Most people who stop smoking gain weight.
Conclusions : I. If one stops smoking, one will gain weight.
II. If one does not stop smoking, one will not gain weight.
Which one of the following is true ?
(a) Only conclusion I is implicit.
(b) Only conclusion II is implicit.
(c) Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II is implicit.
(d) Both conclusions I and II are implicit
23. The difference between the times taken by two buses to travel a distance of 350 km is 2 hours and 20 minutes. If the difference between their speed is 5 kmph, find the slower speed in kmph.
(a) 20 (b) 25
(c) 30 (d) 35
24. Find the one word which cannot be formed from the letter of word 'ENVIRONMENT' using each letter only once.
(a) ENTER (b) EMINET
(c) NET (d) MOMENT
25. A pipe can fill a tank in 6 hours. Another pipe can empty the same tank in 12 hours. If both pipes are opened simultaneously, what part of the tank will be filled in 1 hour ?
(a) $1/9$ th part (b) $1/6$ th part
(c) $1/12$ th part (d) $1/3$ rd part
26. Namita and Anjana can do a piece of work in 10 days and Namita alone can do the same work in 12 days. In how many days can Anjana do it alone ?
(a) 40 (b) 50
(c) 60 (d) 70
27. Which is the number that comes next in the sequence
3, 6, 18, 72, ?
(a) 144 (b) 216
(c) 288 (d) 360
28. Find the odd one out.
(a) High : low (b) Good : bad
(c) Valley : depth (d) Day : night
29. Horse : Hoof :: ? : ?
(a) Paise, rupee (b) Stapler, pin
(c) Hen, black (d) Man, foot

30. The time in a clock is quarter past 12. If hour hand is in the direction of east, which is the direction of opposite of minute's hand ?
 (a) North (b) South
 (c) East (d) West
31. Which of the following is plural of the word, 'sheep' ?
 (a) sheep (b) sheeps
 (c) sheepes (d) None of these
32. Complete the following sentence by choosing appropriate word from the options. He crossed the broken bridge warning.
 (a) In spite of (b) In spite off
 (c) On (d) About
33. Choose the correct options for following sentence.
 The television serials are characterised by an _____ story line and plots and _____ sub-plots.
 (a) Unending, convoluted
 (b) Infantile, simple
 (c) Uniform, emotional
 (d) Erratic, forthcoming
34. Complete the following sentence by choosing appropriate word from the options. She her daughter to school before she goes to work.
 (a) Took (b) Has taken
 (c) Takes (d) Take
35. What will be direct/indirect sentence of the following sentence ? Natasha pleaded to her mother to let her buy a black dress.
 (a) Natasha pleaded to her mother, "Let me buy a black dress."
 (b) Natasha pleaded to her mother, "Let us buy a black dress."
 (c) Natasha pleaded to her mother, "I need to buy a black dress."
 (d) Natasha pleaded to her mother, "We should a black dress."
36. Which one of the following is correctly spelt word ?
 (a) Cocensus (b) Consansus
 (c) Consensus (d) Consencus
37. What is the meaning of capitalized words in the following sentence ?
 He THREW COLD WATER OVER the project that his staff member prepared
 (a) Encouraged (b) Accepted
 (c) Rejected (d) Discouraged
38. Which among the following is synonym to the word, 'aggravate' ?
 (a) Irritate (b) Calm
 (c) Conciliate (d) Resolve

39. Which one is adjective in the following sentence?
 Indian cars are awesome in design.
 (a) Cars (b) Design
 (c) are (d) Indian
40. Which among the following is opposite to the word, 'ecstasy' ?
 (a) Delight (b) Agony
 (c) High (d) Joy
41. What will be active/passive voice of the following sentence?
 We must respect the elders.
 (a) Elders must be respected
 (b) Elders deserve respected from us
 (c) Elders must be respected by all
 (d) None of the above

In the following sentences, each sentence contains the error according to grammar. Choose the most suitable option to make the sentences correct in Q.42 to Q.44.

- (i) What is the main aim of an education? Everyone has a different view on the question.
 (ii) Some people believe that it is necessary to acquire knowledge others have different opinion.
 (iii) They think that knowledge lonely is not enough, only that which enables a man to earn his living can be called education.
42. Which word can be left out in the line (i) above without changing its meaning ?
 (a) The (b) of
 (c) a (d) an
43. Which word correctly replaces 'lonely' in sentence (iii) ?
 (a) Itself Alone (b) Alone
 (c) Which (d) Else
44. Which word correctly completes the sentence (ii) ?
 (a) When (b) For
 (c) While (d) Which
45. Feminine gender of 'Bachelor' is _____.
 (a) She-bachelor (b) Married
 (c) Girl (d) Bachelorette
46. ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਕਿਹੜੀ ਧੁਨੀ ਨਾਲ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦਾ ?
 (a) ਅ (b) ਏ
 (c) ਨ (d) ਇ
47. ਵਿਸਮਿਕ ਦੀਆਂ _____ ਕਿਸਮ ਹਨ ।
 (a) 6 (b) 7
 (c) 8 (d) 9

48. ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਵਾਕ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਸੰਖਿਆਵਾਚਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ ਚੁਣੋ।
ਮੇਰੇ ਕੋਲ ਸੱਤ ਕਿਤਾਬਾਂ ਹਨ
(a) ਕੋਲ (b) ਕਿਤਾਬਾਂ
(c) ਮੇਰੇ (d) ਸੱਤ
49. ਜਿਹੜੇ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਮਰਦਾਵੇਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੱਸਣ, ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ _____
ਕਿਹਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।
(a) ਇਸਤਰੀ ਲਿੰਗ (b) ਪੁਲਿੰਗ
(c) ਕਾਰਕ (d) ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ
50. ਜਿਸ ਵਾਕ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਉਪਵਾਕ ਅਤੇ ਇੱਕ ਜਾਂ ਇੱਕ
ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਅਧੀਨ ਉਪਵਾਕ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ, ਉਸ ਨੂੰ _____
ਵਾਕ ਆਖਦੇ ਹਨ।
(a) ਸੰਯੁਕਤ (b) ਮਿਸ਼ਰਤ
(c) ਸਧਾਰਨ (d) ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼
51. ਤੂੰ, ਤੁਸੀਂ ਅਤੇ ਤੇਰਾ ਕਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੁਰਖ ਵਾਚਕ ਪੜਨਾਵ
ਹਨ?
(a) ਉੱਤਮ ਪੁਰਖ (b) ਮੱਧਮ ਪੁਰਖ
(c) ਅਨਯ ਪੁਰਖ (d) ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਨਹੀਂ
52. ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਮੁਹਾਵਰੇ ਦਾ ਕੀ ਅਰਥ ਹੈ?
ਕਲੇਜੇ ਵਿੰਨ੍ਹਿਆਂ ਜਾਣਾ
(a) ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਦਾ ਬਹੁਤ ਦੁੱਖ ਹੋਣਾ
(b) ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਬਹੁਤ ਚੰਗੀ ਲੱਗਣਾ
(c) ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਸਮਝ ਨਾ ਆਉਣਾ
(d) ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਸਮਝ ਆਉਣਾ
53. ਵਾਕ, 'ਮੈਂ ਸਭ ਕਿਤਾਬਾਂ ਰੱਖਦਾ ਹਾਂ, ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ
ਕਿਰਿਆ ਹੈ?
(a) ਅਕਰਮਕ (b) ਸਕਰਮਕ
(c) ਮੁੱਖ (d) ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਨਹੀਂ
54. ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੀਆਂ ਵਾਕ ਕਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਕਾਰਕ ਹੈ?
ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਦੇ ਦੇਸਤ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਚਿੱਠੀ ਭੇਜੀ।
(a) ਕਰਨ (b) ਅਪਾਦਾਨ
(c) ਕਰਮ (d) ਸੰਪਰਦਾਨ
55. ਜਿਹੜੇ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਇੱਕਲੇ ਸੰਬੰਧਕ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਨਾ ਕਰ ਸਕਣ
ਅਤੇ ਉਹ ਪੂਰਨ ਸੰਬੰਧਕ ਨਾਲ ਮਿਲ ਕੇ ਸੰਬੰਧਕ ਬਣਨ,
ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ _____ ਕਿਹਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।
(a) ਪੂਰਨ ਸ਼ਬਦ (b) ਅਪੂਰਨ ਸ਼ਬਦ
(c) ਮੱਧ ਸ਼ਬਦ (d) ਵਾਕ ਸ਼ਬਦ
56. ਗੁਰਮੁਖੀ ਲਿਪੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਅੱਧਕ ਕੀ ਹੈ?
(a) ਲਗਾਂ (b) ਧੁਨੀ
(c) ਸ਼ਬਦ-ਬੋਧ (d) ਲਗਾਖਰ
57. 'ਉਸਦੀ ਪੱਗ ਦਾ ਰੰਗ ਲਾਲ ਹੈ', ਵਾਕ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਣ ਸ਼ਬਦ
ਕਿਹੜਾ ਹੈ?
(a) ਪੱਗ (b) ਹੈ
(c) ਰੰਗ (d) ਲਾਲ
58. ਗੁਰਮੁਖੀ ਲਿਪੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਅੱਖਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਅੱਖਰ ਦੇ ਪੈਰ
ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ?
(a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) 4
59. ਵਾਕ, ਮੋਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਕਰਮ ਦੇਵੇਂ ਭਰਾ ਹਨ, ਵਿੱਚ ਸਮਾਨ ਯੋਜਕ
ਸ਼ਬਦ ਕਿਹੜਾ ਹੈ?
(a) ਦੇਵੇਂ (b) ਭਰਾ
(c) ਅਤੇ (d) ਹਨ
60. ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਕਿਹੜਾ ਸ਼ਬਦ 'ਸਬਰ' ਦਾ ਸਮਾਨਰਥੀ
ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ?
(a) ਸੰਤੋਖ (b) ਰੱਜ
(c) ਸੰਤੁਸ਼ਟੀ (d) ਭੁੱਖ
61. The formula in cell D5 is '=SUM(D1:D4)'. On
copying the formula of this cell to D9, the
formula in D9 cell will be _____.
(a) =SUM(D1:D8) (b) =SUM(D5:D9)
(c) =SUM(D1:D9) (d) =SUM(D5:D8)
62. Who among the following ordered Fazi and
Abd-al-Qadir Bada to translate Mahabharata
into Persian ?
(a) Akbar (b) Birbal
(c) Jahangir (d) Sher Shah
63. Which of the following shortcut keys is used
to open a new workbook in MS Excel ?
(a) Ctrl + A (b) Ctrl + O
(c) Ctrl + M (d) Ctrl + N
64. Which of the following Bhakti Saints poem is
compiled in Sur Sagar, Sahitya Ratna and Sur
Sarawali?
(a) Kabirdas (b) Sur Das
(c) Kalidas (d) Tulsidas
65. 'Asa Di Vaar' in Guru Granth Sahib is
collection of _____ stanzas (pauris).
(a) 19 (b) 24
(c) 30 (d) 32
66. In which of the following hemisphere, India
lies ?
(a) Southern and Eastern
(b) Northern and Western
(c) Northern and Eastern
(d) Southern and Western
67. Who among the following won a bronze
medal for India at the 2018 AIBA Women's
World Boxing Championships?
(a) Harwant Kaur (b) Simranjit Kaur
(c) Sunita Rani (d) Kiran Bedi

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68. Which of the following block of text is added at the end of an outgoing email automatically ?
 (a) Attachment (b) Signature
 (c) Footer (d) Calendar
69. Which legendary Sufi saint of Chisti order was popularly known as 'Chirag-e-Dehlavi' ?
 (a) Nizzamudin Auliya
 (b) Sheikh Nassiruddin Mahmud
 (c) Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki
 (d) Moinuddin Chisti
70. Which among following is printed output from computer?
 (a) Hard copy (b) Soft copy
 (c) Paper (d) Duplicate copy
71. Who among the following wrote the famous song, Pagri Sambhal Jatta?
 (a) Banke Dayal (b) Bhagat Singh
 (c) Kishan Singh (d) Ghasita Ram
72. In Punjab, Kabaddi is played on a circular pitch of a diameter of _____ meters.
 (a) 20 (b) 21
 (c) 22 (d) 23
73. Which of the following terms is used for physical or logical arrangement of a network ?
 (a) Routing (b) Topology
 (c) Control (d) Computer
74. Which of the following names was real name of Shaheed Udham Singh?
 (a) Veer Singh (b) Bhagat Singh
 (c) Mukta Singh (d) Sher Singh
75. Full form of HTML is
 (a) Hyper Text Markup Language
 (b) Hyper Text Markup Link
 (c) Hyper Text Makeup Language
 (d) Hyper Text Management Link
76. In which of the following years, Lokmanya Tilak said the slogan, "Swaraj is my birthright, and I shall have it" first time in Belgaum?
 (a) 1916 (b) 1917
 (c) 1918 (d) 1919
77. Which protocol assigns IP address to the client connected in the Internet?
 (a) IP (b) RPC
 (c) BIOS (d) DHCP
78. Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani was leader of Sufi order.
 (a) Chisti (b) Firdausi
 (c) Kubrawiya (d) None of the above
79. In which of the following year, first Five Year Plan was launched?
 (a) 1951 (b) 1952
 (c) 1953 (d) 1954
80. Who among the following Sikh Gurus was youngest ?
 (a) Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji
 (b) Guru Gobind Singh Ji
 (c) Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji
 (d) Guru Har Krishan Sahib Ji
81. If you want to print logo of your office on every slide at same position in presentation, you will insert the logo in _____.
 (a) Handout master (c) Every slide
 (b) Master slide (d) None of the above
82. In which of the following years, Maharaja, Ranjit Singh conquered Kashmir?
 (a) 1816 (c) 1817
 (b) 1819 (d) 1820
83. In which of the following years, first satellite of India, Aryabhata, was launched?
 (a) 1975 (b) 1976
 (c) 1977 (d) 1978
84. Which of the following shortcut keys is used in MS Word to align the selected text to center ?
 (a) Ctrl +I (b) Ctrl +E
 (c) Ctrl + C (d) Ctrl + A
85. When did Punjab Kesari, Lala Lajpat Rai die?
 (a) 1926 (b) 1927
 (c) 1928 (d) 1929
86. When did Hari Singh Nalwa die ?
 (a) 1837 (b) 1838
 (c) 1839 (d) 1840
87. In Sufism, the term 'wall' is used to signify _____.
 (a) A chain (b) A Friend of god
 (c) An Enemy (d) A rival
88. In which of the following sports, Nehru Cup is associated?
 (a) Hockey (b) Cricket
 (c) Football (d) Table Tennis
89. Which one of the following is not ancient name of Punjab?
 (a) Sapta Sindhu (b) Braham Vrata
 (c) Taki (d) Mehran
90. Which of the following films was first 70 MM Indian film?
 (a) Shree 420 (b) Around the World
 (c) Alam Ara (d) Pakeeza
91. IP in Internet is _____.
 (a) Internet Provider (b) Internet Process
 (c) Internet Protocol (d) Internet Path
92. Guru Nanak Dev Ji was Guru during tenure of Emperor
 (a) Babur (b) Bahadur Shah II
 (c) Humayun (d) Jahangir
93. Which of the following software is most appropriate to perform statistical calculations?
 (a) Spreadsheet (b) Presentation

- (c) Word processor (d) Graphic
94. In which of the following years, Indian Poet, Dhani Ram Chatrik, Became President of Punjab Sahit Sabha?
(a) 1923 (b) 1924
(c) 1925 (d) 1926
95. The reservoir, Govind Sagar is on river.
(a) Beas (b) Sutlej
(c) Ravi (d) Chenab
96. Who among the following made first test century for Indian National Cricket Team?
(a) Amar Singh (b) Dilip Vengsarkar
(c) Dilawar Hussain (d) Lala Amamath
97. Second Anglo Sikh war was fought in
(a) Lahore (b) Amritsar
(c) Chilianwala (d) Kabul
98. Who among the following started a journal, 'Preet-Lari' in 1933 to share the vision and philosophy of life with other?
(a) Nanak Singh (b) Amrita Pritam
(c) Prof. Mohan (d) Gurbaksh Singh
99. The function, = CEILING (19283.123, 2), will give result of _____.
(a) 19200 (b) 19283
(c) 19284 (d) 19283.12
100. Draft folder in emails is used to
(a) Store spam emails (b) Save unsent emails
(c) Delete emails
(d) Make copy of email
101. In which of the district of Punjab, the Central University of Punjab is situated?
(a) Sangrur (b) Fazilka
(c) Bathinda (d) Patiala
102. Which of the following is correct mail merge field ?
(a) <<name>> (b) "name"
(c) 'name' (d) #name#
103. Which region gets first monsoon in summer?
(a) Western Ghats (b) Eastern Ghats
(c) Himalayas (d) Gangetic Plain
104. Who among followings is called father of Indian Economic Planning?
(a) M. Vishveshwariah (b) Mahatma Gandhi
(c) Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru
(d) Dr. Manmohan Singh
105. The First Battle of Tarain was fought in the year _____.
(a) 1186 (b) 1191
(c) 1192 (d) 1194
106. When did Mahatma Gandhi return to India from South Africa permanently?
(a) 1914 (b) 1915
(c) 1916 (d) 1917
107. Which of the following provides a means of printing out feature notes with a miniature slide on a printed page
(a) Audience handout (c) Outline view
(b) Slide with Animation
(d) Notes page
108. Panchayati Raj System is based on _____.
(a) Presidential form
(b) Direction of State Chief Minister
(c) Centralization of power
(d) Decentralization of power
109. Which of the followings were eastern and western boundaries of Punjab during period of Maharaj Ranjit Singh?
(a) Ravi River, Khyber Pass
(b) Beas River, Khyber Pass
(c) Ravi River, Bolan Pass
(d) Beas River, Bolan Pass
110. Which of the following is not considered as hardware?
(a) CPU (b) Monitor
(c) Hard disk (d) BIOS
111. Speed of Computer is measured in _____.
(a) Nanoseconds (b) Kilohertz
(c) Megahertz (d) Gigahertz
112. To join the internet, the computer has to be connected to a _____.
(a) Internet Market
(b) Internet Service Society
(c) Internet Service Provider
(d) Different Computer
113. East India Company annexed Punjab in which of the following years?
(a) 1847 (b) 1848
(c) 1849 (d) 1850
114. How many districts of undivided Punjab was given to Indian Punjab after independence?
(a) 13 (b) 14
(c) 29 (d) 30
115. National Food for Work Programme (NFWP) with objective to generate supplementary wage employment was launched in year.
(a) 2002 (b) 2003
(c) 2004 (d) 2005
116. What was profession of Bhai Lalo who was associated with Guru Nanak Dev ji?
(a) Tailor (b) Carpenter
(c) Mason (d) Cloth Merchant
117. How many Takhts of Sikhism are in Punjab?
(a) 2 (b) 3
(c) 4 (d) 5
118. _____ is exclusive view of the slide in thumbnail
(a) Slide sorter view
(b) Slide view
(c) Presentation sorter view
(d) Notes page view
119. Which of the following is smallest visual element on video monitor?
(a) Byte (b) Pixel
(c) Bit (d) Character

120. Who was last Sikh ruler of the Punjab?

- (a) Hari Singh Nalwa
(b) Maharaja Duleep Singh of Lahore
(c) Maharaja Ranjit Singh
(d) Kharak Singh

ANSWER KEY

Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	A	2	C	3	A	4	D	5	C
6	C	7	B	8	B	9	A	10	D
11	B	12	C	13	B	14	B	15	C
16	A	17	C	18	C	19	B	20	C
21	A	22	C	23	B	24	D	25	C
26	C	27	D	28	C	29	D	30	A
31	A	32	A	33	D	34	C	35	A
36	C	37	C	38	A	39	D	40	B
41	A	42	D	43	B	44	C	45	D
46	B	47	B	48	D	49	B	50	B
51	B	52	A	53	C	54	D	55	B
56	D	57	D	58	C	59	C	60	D
61	B	62	A	63	D	64	B	65	B
66	C	67	B	68	B	69	A	70	A
71	A	72	C	73	B	74	D	75	A
76	A	77	D	78	C	79	A	80	D
81	B	82	C	83	A	84	B	85	C
86	A	87	B	88	C	89	D	90	B
91	C	92	A	93	A	94	D	95	B
96	D	97	C	98	D	99	C	100	B
101	C	102	A	103	A	104	A	105	B
106	B	107	A	108	D	109	A	110	D
111	D	112	C	113	C	114	C	115	C
116	B	117	A	118	A	119	B	120	B

SOLUTIONS

- 1) a): Let the number of correct ans = x
Let the number of correct ans = 100 - x
 $x \times 4 - (100 - x) \times .5 = 310$
 $4x - 50 + .5x = 310$
 $4.5x = 360$
 $x = \frac{360}{4.5}$
80
- 2) c): Money let = p
Amount after 2 yr = $P \left(\frac{100 + 6 \times 2}{100} \right) = 4704$
 $P = \frac{4704 \times 100}{112} = 4200$
- 3) a): HCF \times LCM = Product of numbers
 $12 \times 144 = 36 \times x$

$$x = 48$$

4) d): $10\% = \frac{1}{10}, 21.5\% = \frac{43}{200}$

$$\frac{CP}{SP} = \frac{9}{10} \times \frac{200}{243} = \frac{20}{27}$$

$$P\% = \frac{7}{20} \times 100 = 35\%$$

5) c): A $\rightarrow -$
B $\rightarrow \div$
C $\rightarrow +$
D $\rightarrow \times$
40 A 54 B 27 C 6 D 3
 $= 40 - 54 \div 27 + 6 \times 3$
 $= 40 - 2 + 18$
 $= 56$

6) c): Typist A \rightarrow 1 sheet = 6 min
10 sheets = 60 min
Typist B \rightarrow
1 sheet = 12 min
 $\times 5 = \times 5$
5 sheet = 60 min
Typist C \rightarrow 1 sheet - 8 min
 $\frac{60}{8} = 7.5 \text{ sheet} = 60 \text{ min}$

$$\text{Average} = \frac{10 + 5 + 7.5}{3} = \frac{22.5}{3} = 7.5$$

7) b):
$$\frac{10 \times 50 + 6 \times 55 + 5 \times 60 + 21 \times 70 + 2 \times 75 + 5 \times 85 + 3 \times 90 + 2 \times 100}{10 + 6 + 5 + 21 + 2 + 5 + 3 + 2}$$

$$= \frac{3645}{54} = 67.5$$

8) b):

6000	
A	B
T = 2 yr	T = 3 yr
R = 6%	R = 8%
12% of A	24% of B
A = 2B	
A : B = 2 : 1	
i.e.	

9) a):

6000	
2	1
4000	2000

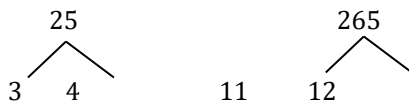
$1 \rightarrow 8 \times 3 + 4 = 28$
 $2 \rightarrow 28 \times 4 + 4 = 116$
 $3 \rightarrow 116 \times 5 + 4 = 584$
 $4 \rightarrow 584 \times 6 + 4 = 3508$

Same $\rightarrow 3508 \times 7 + 4 = 24560$

10) d):

M 13	I 9	N 14	U 21	T 20	E 5
↓ +1	↓ +4	↓ +9	↓ +16	↓ +25	↓ +36
N 14	M 13	W 23	K 11	S 19	O 15
R 18	E 5	I 9	G 7	N 14	
↓ +1	↓ +4	↓ +9	↓ +16	↓ +25	
S 19	I 9	R 18	W 23	M 13	

11) b):



1st $\rightarrow (3)^2 + (4)^2 = 25$ $(11)^2 + (12)^2 = 265$



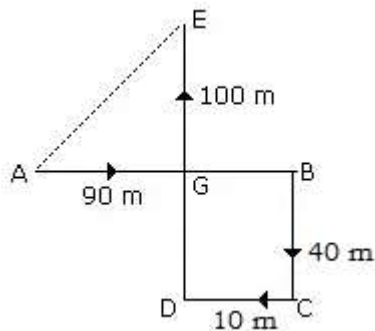
$(8)^2 + (9)^2 = 145$

12) c): As per the given above figure, we can see that Six cubes are visible.

Hidden cubes = $2 + 1 + 1 = 4$

Hence, Total number of cubes = $6 + 4 = 10$

13) b): Required distance = AE



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{AG^2 + EG^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(90-10)^2 + (100-40)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(80)^2 + (60)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{6400 + 3600} \\
 &= \sqrt{10000} \\
 &= 100m
 \end{aligned}$$

14) b): Time taken \times Eff. = work

$$= \frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{9}{10}$$

$$10x + 10 = 9x + 18$$

$$x = 8$$

15) c): Distance = speed \times time

$$12 = S \times \frac{10}{60}$$

$$S = 72 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$= 72 \times \frac{5}{18} = 20 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Length of Train} = 20 \times 6 = 120 \text{ m}$$

16) a): $1080 \rightarrow 2^3 \times 3^3 \times 5^1$

$$\text{Total no. of Divisors} \rightarrow (3+1) \times (3+1) \times (1+1)$$

$$= 4 \times 4 \times 2 = 32$$

$$\text{Perfect square} = (2^2)^1 \cdot 2^1 \times (3^2)^1 \cdot 3^1 \times 5^1$$

$$= (1+1) \times (1+1) = 2 \times 2 = 4$$

$$\text{No. of Divisors excluding perfect square} = 32 - 4 = 28$$

17) c): All except Veil cover the head, while veil covers the face.

18) c): Let total votes $t = x$

$$x \times \frac{80}{100} \times \frac{12}{100} = 144$$

$$x = 500 \times 3 = 1500$$

19) d):

$$B \xrightarrow{+2} D \xrightarrow{+2} F \xrightarrow{+2} H \xrightarrow{+2} J$$

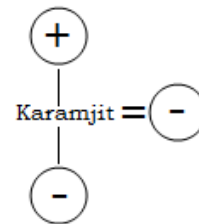
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MAY 2022

1.	Which global body supports the celebration of No Tobacco Day on May 31? World Health Organisation
2.	International Everest Day is observed on which date? May 29
3.	Why May 29 has been selected as the International Everest Day? It marks the first conquering of Everest in 1953
4.	What is the theme for this year's World Menstrual Hygiene Day observed on May 28? We are committed
5.	Headquarters of the global NGO Amnesty International are located in which city? London
6.	India's biggest Drone Festival- "Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022" was held in which city on May 27-28? New Delhi
7.	Name the 64 year old Delhi based Hindi author who won the International Booker Prize: Geetanjali Shree
8.	Geetanjali Shree won the Booker Prize for which of her novel? "Ret Samadhi" (Tomb of Sand)
9.	Who translated the Hindi novel "Ret Samadhi" into English? Ms. Daisy Rockwell
10.	What is the amount of cash award in the International Booker Prize? British Pound 50,000/-
11.	What is the name of the second survey ship inducted in Indian Navy on May 26? Nirdeshak
12.	Which city became the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity? Kolkata
13.	Supercomputer 'PARAM PORUL' has been established in which educational institution? NIT Tiruchirappalli
14.	Murali Sreeshankar, from Kerala won the gold medal on May 26 at the 12th International ____ Meeting in Kallithea, Greece: Jumping
15.	_____ became the first state in India to launch a pilot project on Olympic Values Education Programme: Odisha

16.	The Ministry of Education, released on May 25 which report that assessed the health of the school education system in the country? The National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report
17.	The 4th edition of state-level popular Shirui Lily Festival 2022 was hosted by the ____ government from May 25 to 29: Manipur
18.	Name the Army lady officer who became the first combat aviator in the Army Aviation Corps: Captain Abhilasha Barak
19.	What is the name of the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral exercise that commenced on 24 May at Port Mongla, in Southwestern Bangladesh? Bongosagar
20.	India recently joined which international forum that aims at decarbonising the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors? First Movers Coalition
21.	The First Movers Coalition is an initiative launched by the ____ government and WEF: United States
22.	The Travel and Tourism Development Index released on May 24, ranked India at which place? 54th
23.	Which country topped the Travel and Tourism Development Index? Japan
24.	India and the USA signed an Investment Incentive Agreement on May 23 in which city? Tokyo, Japan
25.	National Health Authority has launched revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account mobile application. What is its name? ABHA
26.	Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by a Presidential notification? Vinai Kumar Saxena
27.	Jose Ramos-Horta was sworn in as president of East Timor. It is in which part of the world? Southeast Asia
28.	Which company has overtaken Apple as the world's most valuable company in terms of its market capitalisation? Saudi Aramco

29.	Saudi Aramco is associated with which field? Petroleum refining
30.	Dr Tedros has been elected to serve a second ____ year term as Director-General of the WHO: Five
31.	Dr tedros hails from which country? Ethiopia
32.	The first commercial drone flight in the country's healthcare sector was undertaken recently in which state? Uttarakhand
33.	Vivek Kumar, 2004 batch IFS officer was appointed as the _____to Prime Minister: Personal Secretary (PS)
34.	Salil S. Parekh has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Indian IT company? Infosys
35.	Vijay Shekhar Sharma was re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Fintech Company of India? Paytm
36.	US President Joe Biden launched the IPEF for prosperity with a dozen initial partners. Expand IPEF: Indo-Pacific Economic Framework
37.	Prime Minister Modi visited Japan for two days, 23 and 24 May, to attend which global summit? QUAD Leaders' Summit
38.	What is the full form of QUAD? Quadrilateral Security Dialogue)
39.	What is the theme of this year's World Turtle Day held on May 23? Shellebrate
40.	The fourth edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol CORPAT was held on May 22-23 in which area? In the Northern Bay of Bengal
41.	Who became the first Indian on May 22 to scale four 8,000-metre and above peaks, back-to-back in less than a month? Baljeet Kaur
42.	Which team won the Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 on May 22? Haryana
43.	The Indian men's compound team won the gold medal on May 21 in the Hyundai ____World Cup 2022: Archery
44.	Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Australia? Anthony Albanese
45.	Which UN agency recently honoured India's one million all-women ASHA workers for their 'outstanding' contribution to health sector? WHO - World Health Organisation
46.	India's first simulation-based war training centre, named Wargame Research and Development Centre, is being set up at which place? New Delhi
47.	RBI announced on May 23 to set up a committee to evaluate the efficacy, adequacy and quality of

	customer service in which sector? Banks, NBFCs and all other entities regulated by it
48.	Who will be the head of this committee? B P Kanungo
49.	Order of the British Empire has recently been conferred upon Kishore Jayaraman. He is President, India and South Asia for which company? Rolls-Royce
50.	The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at which rank in the World Air Power Index? Third
51.	Who is the author of the book "A Place Called Home"? Preeti Shenoy
52.	Rasheed Kidwai, noted journalist, has authored which book recently? Leaders, Politicians, Citizens
53.	Which UN Report slashed India's growth rate for 2022 to 6.4 %? World Economic Situation and Prospects" (WESP) report.
54.	A team of experts from the ____Society, USA installed the "world's highest weather station" on Mount Everest at an altitude of 8,830 metres: National Geographic
55.	Who has been appointed as the next Chief Executive of Hong Kong by the China's State Council? John Lee
56.	The Reserve Bank of India approved the transfer of ____crore as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year ending March 31, 2022: Rs.30,307
57.	The UNO has designated which day of May to be observed as International Day for Biodiversity? 22nd
58.	Martyrdom day of which Indian statesman is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day on May 21? Rajiv Gandhi
59.	What is the name of the Rajiv Gandhi's shrine located in New Delhi? Veer Bhumi
60.	Which sector of economy emerged as the top recipient sector of FDI inflow with 25 per cent share in 2021-22? Computer software and hardware
61.	Which state received the highest amount of FDI in 2021-22, accounting for 38% share? Karnataka
62.	World's first airport for electric flying cars and large drones has been built in Coventry, in which country? England
63.	Which country topped the medal tally at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany? India

64.	Which woman boxer from Telangana became the world champion in 52 kg category? Nikhat Zareen
65.	RBI asked banks on May 19 to provide the option of ICCW at their ATMs, and also at white label ATMs. Expand ICCW: Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal
66.	The ICCW facility will be provided by using which digital payment platform? UPI - Unified Payments Interface
67.	At the global level, which organisation maintains the most comprehensive “Red List of Threatened Species”? International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland
68.	World Bee Day is observed on which date? May 20
69.	What was the theme for this year’s World Metrology Day? Metrology in the Digital Era
70.	Which Indian corporate clinched the deal to acquire Swiss cement major Holcim’s stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC? Adani group
71.	Indian Navy in association with the DRDO successfully carried out maiden test-firing of the first indigenously developed _____missile on May 18: Naval anti-ship
72.	What was the theme for this year’s International Museum Day observed on May 18? The Power of Museums
73.	The 24th Summer Deaflympics were held in Caxias Du Sul from 1st to 15th of May. It is in which country? Brazil
74.	Which team won the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship? Odisha
75.	The Union Government announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned ‘Cotton Man’, _____ Kotak: Suresh Bhai
76.	Vesak Day is observed every year in May on the first Full Moon Day. It is associated with which religion? Buddhism
77.	The Forbes’ list of World’s highest paid athletes released on May 11, placed which player at the top? Lionel Messi
78.	Lionel Messi plays for which Football Club? FC Paris Saint-Germain
79.	Nidhi Chibber, senior IAS officer has been appointed as the chairperson of which apex national body? Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi.

80.	Ms. Elisabeth Borne has been named as the Prime Minister of _____ by its President: France
81.	Two frontline warships of the Indian Navy were launched at Mazgaon Docks Limited in _____on May 17: Mumbai
82.	What are the names of these two warships launched recently? Surat and Udaigiri
83.	Surat and Udaigiri are which category of ships? Destroyer and Frigate, respectively
84.	Between Destroyer and Frigate, usually _____ is larger and more powerful: Destroyer
85.	Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary in _____ has been upgraded to a Tiger Reserve: Rajasthan
86.	World Telecommunication and _____Society Day is observed annually on May 17: Information
87.	World Hypertension Day is observed on which day of May? 17th
88.	Blood pressure is measured by two numbers to convey upper and lower blood pressure levels. Name these two indicators: Systolic and Diastolic
89.	World's longest suspension footbridge, named ‘Sky Bridge’, was thrown open to the public on May 13 in which country? Czech Republic
90.	Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been elected as the new President of which East African country? Somalia
91.	Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Tripura? Manik Saha
92.	Which city is the capital of Tripura? Agartala
93.	Thomas Cup is associated with which sports? Men’s Badminton
94.	Indian team defeated which country to win its first ever Thomas Cup in its 73 year history? Indonesia
95.	Uber Cup is associated with which sports? Women’s Badminton
96.	Team of which country won the Uber Cup 2022? South Korea
97.	Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as the President of which West Asian country? UAE-United Arab Emirates
98.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to which place in Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima? Lumbini
99.	How Lumbini is associated with Lord Buddha? It is his birth place
100.	Which place in Bihar is associated with attainment of enlightenment by Lord Buddha? Bodhgaya

101.	In which way Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh is associated with Lord Buddha? He attained Nirvana at this place
102.	May 16 is observed as National Dengue Day with support from which ministry? Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
103.	Who is the current Health and Family Welfare Minister of India? Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
104.	What is the theme of this year's International Family Day that was observed on May 15? Families and Urbanisation
105.	The country's first "Amrit Sarovar " was inaugurated on May 13 at village Patwai in district Rampur in which state? Uttar Pradesh
106.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to develop ____ Amrit Sarovars in every district, during the 75 th anniversary of India's independence: 75
107.	The World Bank report titled "Migration and Development Brief" released on May 11, revealed that ____ was the top recipient of remittances in the year 2021: India
108.	From which country India received highest amount of inward remittances in 2021? USA
109.	Which apex national authority launched the National Data and Analytics Platform - NDAP on May 13? NITI Aayog
110.	What is the objective of launching NDAP? To improve access and use of published Indian government data
111.	President Ram Nath Kovind made a one week visit to which two tiny island nations in the Caribbean Sea, from May 14 to 21? Jamaica and St. Vincent & Grenadines
112.	The first ever launch of the ER Version of BrahMos Air Launched supersonic cruise missile was successfully conducted on May 12. What does ER stand for? Extended Range
113.	What is the approximate Extended Range of BrahMos missile? 350 km
114.	Which fighter jet was employed to conduct test launch of ER version of BrahMos air launched supersonic cruise missile? Sukhoi Su-30 MKI
115.	____ became first country in the world to suspend vaccination against COVID-19: Denmark
116.	Jamtara district in ____ has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries: Jharkhand
117.	Jamtara has been the work place of which great social reformer: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

118.	Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the national level IT industry body NASSCOM for 2022-23? Krishnan Ramanujam
119.	____ has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewers: Agra
120.	The World Bank has approved a \$ 47 million financial support for India's national program to build civil service capacity. What is its name? Mission Karmyogi
121.	Which state approved the country's first-of-its-kind gene bank programme aimed at conserving native biodiversity? Maharashtra
122.	Who is the current Governor of Maharashtra? H'ble Bhagat Singh Koshiyari
123.	What is another popular name for the International Workers' Day or Labour Day? May Day
124.	The May Day commemorates the tragic incident of May 4, 1886, the Haymarket massacre that took place in ____ : Chicago, USA
125.	World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first ____ of May every year: Sunday
126.	May 2 is observed worldwide as World ____ Day to raise awareness about more sustainable fishing practices to conserve this species: Tuna
127.	Whitley Gold Award is presented for outstanding contribution in which field? Nature's conservation
128.	Who is the winner of this year's Whitley Gold Award? Charudutt Mishra
129.	What is the amount of cash reward in the Whitley Gold Award? One lakh British Pounds
130.	Which organisation under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, achieved a turnover of Rs. 1.15 lakh crore in 2021-22, leaving behind all FMCG companies? KVIC
131.	What is the full form of KVIC? Khadi and Village Industries Commission
132.	The abbreviation FMCG stands for what? Fast Moving Consumer Goods
133.	Tarun Kapoor, retd IAS officer, former petroleum secretary, has been appointed Advisor to which apex authority? Prime Minister
134.	The pilot phase of ONDC was launched on April 29 to pave the way for democratising and decentralising digital commerce. What is ONDC? Open Network for Digital Commerce
135.	Which government department is associated with promotion of ONDC? Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

136.	What is special about a company incorporated under section 8 of Companies Act, 2013? It's a 'not for profit' company
137.	World Press Freedom Day on May 3 commemorates the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek for press freedom principles, made in 1991. Windhoek is in which country? Namibia
138.	Freedom of the press is implicit under which Article of the Indian Constitution? 19(1)(a)
139.	World Asthma Day is observed on ____ Tuesday of May: First
140.	Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the world level in which field? Weightlifting
141.	Santosh Trophy is associated with which sports? Football
142.	Which state lifted the Santosh Trophy to become the National Football Champion? Kerala
143.	Which global organisation releases the World Press Freedom Index? Reporters Without Borders, Paris
144.	India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index slipped to ____ spot, from 142 nd last year: 150th
145.	Which country topped the World Press Freedom Index in 2022? Norway
146.	Which international day you will select to show your support and appreciation for the fire-fighters? International Fire fighters' Day, May 4
147.	People show gratitude to the firefighters by proudly wearing and displaying ____ and ____ ribbons pinned together: Blue and Red
148.	Which apex government body released India's Civil Registration System (CRS) Report 2020? Registrar General of India
149.	Who is the current Registrar General of India? Dr. Vivek Joshi
150.	Registration of births and deaths in India is done under which law? Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969
151.	What is the name of the national competitive event organised annually to promote sports talent in India? Khelo India University Games
152.	Which university hosted the Khelo India University Games 2021? Jain University (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru
153.	Which university won the overall champion title in the Khelo India University Games 2021? Jain University, Bengaluru
154.	The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" was released by which global

	organisation? FAO - Food and Agricultural Organisation
155.	As per the State of the World's Forests report, forests cover ____ percent of the Earth's land surface: 31
156.	The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" report lists which option as the most cost-effective ways to slow climate change? Halting Deforestation
157.	What type of vessel is ICGS Kamla Devi, recently inducted in the Indian Coast Guard? Fat Patrol Vessel
158.	Name the ace cueist who won his seventh World Snooker Championship title on May 02 in England: Ronnie O'Sullivan
159.	Snooker Champion Ronnie O'Sullivan hails from which country? England
160.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the Hand Hygiene Day on May 5? WHO - World Health Organisation
161.	Who is the Director General of WHO? Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
162.	Which global sports body celebrates the World Athletics Day on May 7? World Athletics
163.	Headquarters of World Athletics are in which city? Port Hercules, Monaco
164.	The Reserve Bank of India hiked the repo rate on May 4 by 40 basis points, taking it to ____ per cent with immediate effect: 4.40
165.	What was the main factor for prompting recent hike in the Repo Rate? Continuing of high consumer inflation
166.	To ease the inflationary tendencies, the RBI hiked the CRR by 50 basis points to ____ percent: 4.50
167.	The US Federal Reserve hiked its benchmark interest rate on May 04 by a rare half-percentage-point. Who is the counterpart of Governor, RBI in USA? Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
168.	The Federal Reserve System of USA is world's most powerful central bank. Who is its current chairman? Jerome Powell
169.	The Indian Coast Guard commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron on May 04 at which place? Kochi, Kerala.
170.	The 845 Squadron of the Indian Coast Guard is equipped with which aircraft? ALH Mark III helicopters
171.	What is the full form of ALH? Advanced Light Helicopter

172.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a three-nation Europe trip from May 2 to 4. He visited which three countries? Germany, Denmark and France
173.	On 4th of May, Mr Modi participated in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit at Copenhagen. How many countries are popularly known as Nordic Nations? Five
174.	Copenhagen is the capital of which country? Denmark
175.	Which country among Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and Norway, is NOT a Nordic Country? Netherlands
176.	The Elysee Palace is the official residence of the President of which country? France
177.	Why Kerala fintech company "Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd" was in news recently? It has become India's 100th unicorn company
178.	What is a unicorn company? A startup having valuation of \$1 billion and above
179.	What do we call a bank that operates exclusively online without traditional physical branch networks? Neobank
180.	India has been selected to be the 'Country of Honour' at the Marché Du Film, the business section of the _____ Film Festival: Cannes
181.	India's first Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub) has been set up at Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences in which city? Hyderabad
182.	The FCT Hub will promote transition to more modern approaches to manufacturing APIs. What is API? Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients
183.	Which state plans to set up India's first and the only observatory that will establish a repository on the health of the tribal population? Odisha
184.	If you intend to honour the accomplishments and sacrifices made by coal mine workers, which international day will you select for this purpose? Coal Miners Day, May 04
185.	In India, the coal mining began in 1774 when the East India Company exploited the Raniganj coalfield. It is in which state? West Bengal
186.	World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice in a year, on second Saturday of _____ and _____ : May and October
187.	What is the theme for this year's World Migratory Bird Day? Light Pollution
188.	World Red Cross Day on May 8 marks the birth anniversary of _____, founder of the Red Cross Movement: Henri Dunant

189.	The International Committee of the Red Cross is based in which city? Geneva, Switzerland
190.	World Thalassaemia Day is observed on which day of May? 8th
191.	Thalassaemia is associated with which type of disorder in human body? Decay of red blood cells
192.	In many a countries, including India, Mothers' Day is celebrated on the second _____ of May: Sunday
193.	Latest excavations by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Rakhigarhi, revealed vital remains of which civilisation? Harappa
194.	Rakhigarhi, a world famous site for vast remains of Harappa civilisation is located at which place? District Hissar, Haryana
195.	Kami Rita Sherpa, Nepal's legendary climber was in news recently for which of his achievement? He climbed Mt Everest for the record 26th time
196.	Which state is hosting the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? Haryana
197.	If you plan to participate in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games, your age should be below _____ years: 18
198.	How Jay, Vijay and Dhakad are associated with the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? They are the game mascots
199.	Which Indian corporate became the first one to cross annual revenue of \$ 100 billion? Reliance Industries Ltd.
200.	World Food Prize is conferred by which global NGO? World Food Prize Foundation, USA
201.	Who is the winner of this year's World Food Prize? Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig
202.	Dr. Cynthia is a prominent climate research scientist in which organisation? NASA, USA
203.	What is the amount of cash reward given with the World Food Prize? \$ 2,50,000/-
204.	RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, launched on May 9 "PM-WANI" scheme. Expand PM-WANI: Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface
205.	Name the legendary Santoor player who died of a heart attack on May 10 in Mumbai: Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma
206.	Santoor is a popular local musical instrument of which area? Jammu & Kashmir
207.	Yoon Suk-Yeol was sworn in as the new President of South Korea on May 10. Which is the capital of S Korea? Seoul

208.	India's first semi-high speed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) is to be made operational on which route? New Delhi-Meerut Corridor
209.	Which company has built in India, the special coaches for RRTS, capable of running at speeds of 180 kmph? Alstom of France
210.	As per Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, _____ became the first state in India to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations: Rajasthan
211.	Rodrigo Chaves was sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica. It is in which area? Central America, south of Mexico
212.	The 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD was held from May 9 to 20 at which place? Abidjan in Cote d'Ivoire
213.	What is the full form of UNCCD? United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
214.	Who represented India at the recent Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD? Bhupender Yadav, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister
215.	Red Bull's reigning champion Max Verstappen won the first-ever Miami Grand Prix on May 8 in which country? USA
216.	Ms. Jyothi Yarraji, the 22-year-old Andhra athlete won the gold in the _____ mt hurdles race at the Cyprus International Meet on May 10: 100
217.	Avinash Sable from Beed, Maharashtra broke the 30 year old national record on May 6 in which athletic event? 5,000 metre race
218.	Which national day is celebrated on May 11 to mark testing of India's first nuclear bombs in 1998 under "Operation Shakti" in Pokhran? National Technology Day
219.	Bach Long- world's longest glass pedestrian bridge, spanning 632 mts, has been opened in which country? Vietnam
220.	International Nurses Day on May 12 marks the birthday of which great legendary nursing icon? Florence Nightingale
221.	Florence Nightingale hailed from which country? England
222.	The Supreme Court ordered on May 11 that Section _____ of the Indian Penal Code should be put on hold till further orders: 124A
223.	Name the 1984 batch retired IAS officer who has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India: Rajiv Kumar
224.	The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing or

	withdrawing over Rs ____lakh in a financial year: 20
225.	What is the name of the one of the world's highest honours for architecture, conferred by the Royal Institute of British Architects, London? Royal Gold Medal
226.	Name the veteran Indian architect who has been honoured with the Royal Gold Medal 2022: Balkrishna Doshi
227.	World renowned architect, Balkrishna Doshi is based in which city? Ahmedabad
228.	Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Ltd., has been elected as the President of which apex industries body? CII - Confederation of Indian Industry
229.	Lhakpa Sherpa, he steely Nepali woman climber created which new world record on May 12? She became first woman to scale Mt Everest for 10th time
230.	The 2022 Templeton Prize has been won by Dr. Frank Wilczek. He is a renowned professor of which subject? Physics
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231.	World Veterinary Day is observed on the last _____ of April: Saturday
232.	April 30 is observed all over India as the Ayushman _____ Diwas: Bharat
233.	Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana provides a health insurance cover of _____ lakh rupees per family per year: Five
234.	Which day of April is celebrated as the International Dance Day? 29th
235.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 28? ILO--International Labour Organisation
236.	Headquarters of ILO are located in which city? Geneva
237.	World Intellectual Property Day celebrations are supported by which special UN agency? World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO)
238.	Headquarters of WIPO are in which place? Geneva, Switzerland
239.	The 7 th Raisina Dialogue was inaugurated in which city on 25th of April? New Delhi
240.	Who was the Chief Guest at the 7th Raisina Dialogue? Ms. Ursula Von Der Leyen
241.	Ms. Leyen holds which important apex office? Presidency of European Union
242.	Headquarters of European Union are located in which city? Brussels, capital of Belgium

243.	Who became the national champion on April 25 at the 83rd Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships in Shillong? A Sharath Kamal
244.	Malaria is a life-threatening disease which is caused by _____. Parasites: Plasmodium
245.	Malaria spreads to humans through the bites of infected female _____ mosquitoes: Anopheles
246.	Max Verstappen led the team Red Bull to victory in the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix on April 24 in which country? Italy
247.	Who was the first recipient of the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award in Mumbai on April 24? Prime Minister Narendra Modi
248.	Who has been named Laureus World Sportsman of the Year? Max Verstappen
249.	Elaine Thompson-Herah has been named Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year. She hails from which country? Jamaica
250.	The Khelo India University Games were declared open in _____ on April 24: Bengaluru
251.	The Panchayati Raj Act came into existence in which year? 1993
252.	The Panchayati Raj Act was enacted by which amendment of the Indian Constitution? 73rd
253.	K. Sankaranarayanan, veteran Congress leader and former Governor of Maharashtra, Nagaland, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Jharkhand, passed away on April 24. He hailed from which state? Kerala
254.	Which popular Bollywood actress has been named as one of the judges on the world famous prestigious Cannes Film Festival? Deepika Padukone
255.	Which Indian billionaire industrialist has become the world's fifth-richest person according to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List? Gautam Adani
256.	Emmanuel Macron won a second term in presidential election of _____ with 58.2 % of the vote: France
257.	Indian Coast Guard inducted an Auxiliary Barge, named _____, at Bharuch in Gujarat on April 23: Urja Pravaha
258.	Indian compound men's team won the gold medal on April 23 in the _____ World Cup Stage-1 at Antalya, Turkey: Archery
259.	The Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award is conferred by which UN Agency? The UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

260.	Who is the winner of this year's Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award? Sir David Attenborough
261.	A commemorative coin of Rs. 400 and a postage stamp was released on April 21 at Red Fort, Delhi to mark the 400 th anniversary of which Sikh Guru? Guru Tegh Bahadur
262.	The RBI has decided to extend the guidelines on LEI to Primary UCBs and NBFCs also. What is LEI? Legal Entity Identifier
263.	As per a latest report by SIPRI, _____ topped in the military expenditure in 2021: USA
264.	India was placed at _____ spot in the world, in terms of its military expenditure in 2021: Third
265.	SIPRI is noted think tank in military domain, based at _____ in Sweden: Stockholm
266.	Ravi Dahiya, Bajrang Punia and Gourav Baliyan, all three are top _____ of India: Wrestlers
267.	Appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog? Dr. Suman K Bery
268.	British Prime Minister Boris Johnson landed in _____, Gujarat on April 21 on his two day visit to India: Gandhinagar
269.	Britain and India agreed to conclude the negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement by _____ this year: Diwali
270.	Who are the two cricketers included in this year's top 5 Wisden Cricketers of the Year list? Jaspit Bumrah and Rohit Sharma
271.	Who has been named as the "Leading Man Cricketer in the World" by the Wisden? Joe Root
272.	Name the Mauritius Prime Minister who arrived in Mumbai on April 17 on an eight-day official visit to India? Pravind Kumar Jugnauth
273.	Which international Day is observed globally every year to mark the birthday and date of death of legendary writer William Shakespeare? English Language Day
274.	This year, the city of Guadalajara in _____ has been selected as the World Book Capital for 2022: Mexico
275.	Which UN agency promotes the celebration of World Book and Copyright Day on April 23? UNESCO
276.	The Earth day observed on April 22, was renamed officially by the UN in 2009 as International _____ Earth Day: Mother
277.	What is the theme of this year's International Mother Earth Day? Invest in our Planet

278.	India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned by which public sector oil company? Oil India Limited
279.	India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned at which place? Jorhat, Assam
280.	Dr. Ajay Sood has been appointed as the new Principal _____ Adviser to the Prime Minister: Scientific
281.	What is the name of the sixth and the last of the Scorpene-class submarines of Project-75, launched on April 20 in Mumbai? INS Vagsheer
282.	The Vagsheer has been named after which deadly deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean? Sand Fish
283.	What is the theme of this year's World Creativity and Innovation Day observed on April 21? Collaboration
284.	April 21 is observed as Civil Services Day in India. Who referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'? Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
285.	The World Bank and the IMF held their summer meetings April 18-19 in which city? Washington DC, USA.
286.	The World Bank slashed its forecast for global economic growth to ____% for this year: 3.2%.
287.	What is the full form of KVIC? Khadi and Village Industries Commission
288.	KVIC broke all previous records to create the highest ever employment under the PMEGP in 2021-22. What is PMEGP? Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program
289.	Which global organisation brings out the World Economic Outlook Report? International Monetary Fund (IMF)
290.	The foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) was laid on April 19 in which city? Jamnagar, Gujarat
291.	Which Indian GM became the first Indian player to win the La Roda International Open in Spain in 48 years? D Gukesh
292.	Export of which food item witnessed an astounding growth of 291 percent in 2021-22, from 2013-14, reaching \$4,600 million? Sugar
293.	World Liver Day is observed on April 19. Which is the most common infection of liver? Hepatitis A, B, C
294.	Who has been appointed as the new Chief of the Indian Army? Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande
295.	National Fire Service Day is observed on which day of April? 14th

296.	The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways has developed a portal named 'e-DAR' for what purpose? To accelerate settlement of accident claims
297.	What is the full form of e-DAR? electronic-Detailed Accident Report
298.	Which team won the men's title in 71st Senior National Basketball Championship? Tamil Nadu
299.	_____ was crowned as the National Champion in the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship: Haryana
300.	Who won the gold in the Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark? Sajan Prakash
301.	In which country gushing floods caused by heavy rains killed more than 400 people in its KwaZulu-Natal province? South Africa
302.	International Day for Monuments and Sites on April 18 is also known by which popular name? World Heritage Day
303.	World Haemophilia Day is observed globally on April 17. It is associated with which disorder? Bleeding
304.	Which international day is observed on April 16 to raise awareness about the threats faced by elephants? Save the Elephant Day
305.	Which country successfully tested 'Iron Beam', world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser beam to shoot down incoming enemy flying objects? Israel
306.	Tropical storm Megi brought torrential downpours to the central regions of _____ in April's second week: Philippines
307.	Dr Manoj Soni has been appointed as the chairman of the Union _____ Commission: Public Service
308.	The Australian state of _____ has been officially announced as the host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games: Victoria
309.	The 2022 Commonwealth Games are being hosted by _____, UK from July 28 to August 8, 2022: Birmingham
310.	World Art Day is celebrated globally every year on ____ April to promote the development and enjoyment of art: 15th
311.	Iqbal Singh _____ has been re-appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities: Lalpura
312.	Which global organisation brings out the bi-annual report "South Asia Economic Focus"? World Bank

313.	What is another popular name for the Ambedkar Jayanti observed on April 14? Bhim Jayanti
314.	Who has been selected as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year - 2021: Ms. Falguni Nayar
315.	Ms. Falguni Nayar is the founder and CEO of which company? Nykaa
316.	The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the first advanced light helicopter (ALH) MK III Squadron on April 10 in which place? Bhubaneswar
317.	Which city has been recognised as a 'Tree City of the World' by the Arbor Day Foundation, USA, for a second consecutive year? Hyderabad
318.	Which is the second city from India to be recognised as a 'Tree City of the World'? Mumbai
319.	Indian Grandmaster, _____ won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament on April 12: R Praggnanandhaa
320.	4th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup was won by which team? The Netherlands
321.	Finals of 4 th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup were played in which city of South Africa? Potchefstroom
322.	Prime Minister Modi and US President Joe Biden held a one to one meeting on April 11 at which place? NIL, it was a virtual meeting
323.	The Asian Development Bank granted a two million dollar Project Readiness Financing Loan for which state? Nagaland
324.	Whom is the current chairman of the University Grant Commission (UGC)? Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar
325.	International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021 has been awarded to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of _____ and to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat: Chandigarh
326.	April 13 is celebrated as the Siachen Day. What type of geographical entity is Siachen? Glacier
327.	People of Assam celebrate Baisakhi as _____ Bihu: Rongali
328.	In which state festival of Baisakhi is observed as Vishu? Kerala
329.	Tamil Nadu celebrates festival of Baisakhi by the name of ____? Puthandu
330.	Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya on April 14 in which city? New Delhi
331.	Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya has been developed on which erstwhile monument? Teen Murti Estate

332.	Who has been appointed as coordinator for the G20 summit, to be hosted by India in 2023? Harsh Vardhan Shringla
333.	Who is the India's 'Sherpa' for the forthcoming G20 summit in 2023? Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal
334.	Which country in South America, has made history by becoming the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals? Ecuador
335.	Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister in Pakistan? Shehbaz Sharif
336.	Shehbaz Sharif is the country chief of which political party? Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)
337.	Which UN supported Day is observed on April 12 to mark the beginning of the space era for mankind? International Day of Human Space Flight
338.	The first human space flight was carried out by _____, a Russian astronaut: Yuri Gagarin
339.	India successfully flight-tested ATGM Helina on April 11. What is expansion of ATGM? Anti-Tank Guided Missile
340.	What is the effective strike range of Helina? 7-8 km
341.	Which apex organisation released its State Energy and Climate Index, SECI on April 11? NITI Aayog
342.	Which state secured first position in the SECI? Gujarat
343.	Among smaller states, ____ topped the SECI: Goa
344.	Which 'Made in India' aircraft made its first commercial flight on April 12? Dornier Do-228
345.	Which Indian company manufactured the Dornier Do-228 aircraft? HAL - Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bengaluru
346.	Researchers at IIT _____ have launched the country's first polycentric prosthetic knee, named Kadam: Madras
347.	What was the theme of this year's World Parkinson's Day celebrated on April 11? Integrated Health Care
348.	National _____ Motherhood Day is observed on April 11: Safe
349.	World Homoeopathy Day on April 10 marks the birth anniversary of which great Homoeopath? Dr. Samuel Hahnemann.
350.	Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal created history by winning India's first ever gold medal at WSF World Doubles _____ championship at Glasgow, England: Squash

351.	The govt aims to provide skill training to over 2.71 lakh youth under PM-DAKSH Yojana. What is expansion of DAKSH? Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi
352.	Targeted candidates in the age group 18 to ____ years can apply for the training programme under PM-DAKSH: 45
353.	Which paramilitary force observes April 09 as its "Shaurya Diwas"? CRPF
354.	The Airport Authority of India has launched an initiative "AVSAR" to encourage and support the talent of ____: Local artisans & craftsmen
355.	What is the full form of AVSAR? Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region
356.	DRDO successfully flight tested the Solid ____ Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster on April 8 at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur: Fuel
357.	The SFDR is associated with which weapon system? Missiles
358.	The World Bank and the Asian ____ Bank granted a loan of Rs. 75,00 crore for the Gujarat government's Mission School of Excellence project: Infrastructure Investment
359.	What was the name of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise held from 25 March to 6 April? Khanjar 2022
360.	Khanjar 2022 was held at which place? Bakloh, HP
361.	Saraswati Samman, a prestigious national level award, is given for outstanding achievement in which field? Literature
362.	Who is the winner of the 2021 Saraswati Samman? Ramdarash Mishra
363.	Prof Ramdarash Mishra won the Saraswati Samman for which of his works? For his Hindi poetry collection 'Mein to Yahan Hun' (मैं तो यहाँ हूँ)
364.	What is the amount of cash award given with the Saraswati Samman? Rs.15 lakh
365.	The RBI released the guidelines on establishment of DBUs on April 7. What is a DBU? Digital Banking Units
366.	In its first Monetary Policy Committee meeting on April 8, the RBI kept the benchmark interest Repo rate unchanged at ____ percent: 4
367.	RBI introduced SDF in its April monetary policy meet. What is the full form of SDF: Standing Deposit Facility
368.	President of India Ram Nath Kovind embarked on a 7-day tour on April 1 to which two nations? Turkmenistan and the Netherlands

369.	Which is the capital of Turkmenistan and The Netherlands? Ashgabat and Amsterdam
370.	India achieved its highest ever merchandise exports of \$417.8 billion in 2021-22. Which month's contribution was highest? March
371.	What is the name of the official mascot for this year's FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? La'eeb
372.	The La'eeb has been designed after what? A free flowing Keffiyeh
373.	What is a Keffiyeh? A traditional Arabian headdress
374.	The Yangtze River Three Gorges 1, world's largest electricity-run cruise ship, made its maiden voyage on April 5 in which country? China
375.	Which small town on the outskirts of Kiev, Ukraine was in the news because of the brutal massacre committed there allegedly by the Russian forces? Bucha
376.	What is the name of the scheme to be launched by the Central Government for recruitment of young people in the Indian Army for three year short term? Agnipath Scheme
377.	What is the name of the Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? Al Rihla
378.	Which sports goods company has produced the football Al Rihla? Adidas
379.	India's largest single-axis solar tracker system has been commissioned by the Tata Power Renewables Energy Ltd in ____, an industrial hub near Ahmedabad, Gujarat: Dholera
380.	What is the name of the India's first private commercial satellite launched by Bengaluru based spacetechn startup, Pixxel? Shakuntala
381.	Which big housing finance company announced its merger with the HDFC Bank? HDFC Ltd
382.	Who is the MD & CEO of HDFC Bank? Sashidhar Jagadishan
383.	Name the senior IFS officer of 1988 batch who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary: Vinay Mohan Kwatra
384.	Which national day associated with the shipping industry is observed on April 5? National Maritime Day
385.	Founder and CEO of the Nykaa has been ranked as the richest Indian self-made woman in the World. Who is she? Falguni Nayar
386.	The Ministry of Culture launched a website 'named ____ on April 02 where anyone can virtually visit a temple of their choice, anytime and from anywhere: Temple 360

387.	Which musical album won the Grammy for the "Album of the Year" for 2022? 'We Are' by Jon Batiste
388.	Who won the Grammy for the "Best New Artist"? Olivia Rodrigo
389.	Viktor Orban has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of _____ for a fourth term: Hungary
390.	Which team won the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022? Australia
391.	Finals of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 were played at which place? Christchurch, New Zealand
392.	Which apex national institution launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system on March 31? Supreme Court
393.	The famous living root bridges, Jingkieng Jri, found in _____, have been included on the tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites: Meghalaya
394.	Nepalese Prime Minister who arrived in New Delhi on April 01 for a three day official visit: Sher Bahadur Deuba
395.	The first day of the first month of the Hindu calendar, marks the beginning of which Hindu calendar? Vikram Samvat, 2079 this year
396.	Vikram Samvat starts on the first day of which month of Hindu calendar? Chaitra
397.	World Autism Awareness Day is observed on which day of April? 2nd
398.	The recent data released by the Ministry of Agriculture shows that _____ is the top producer of vegetables: Uttar Pradesh
399.	Which state is the largest producer of fruits in India? Andhra Pradesh
400.	Indian and French navies conducted exercise 'Varuna-2022' in the _____ from March 30 to April 3: Arabian Sea
401.	NASA and the European Space Agency's Hubble Space Telescope discovered the farthest individual star ever seen to date. What is its name? Earendel
402.	The Ministry of Home Affairs has announced partial withdrawal of which act from the state of Nagaland, Manipur and Assam? AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Act), 1958
403.	Name the NASA astronaut who returned to Earth on March 30, after spending a record-breaking 355 days in the International Space Station? Mark Vande Hei
404.	Who has been named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021? S. Mirabai Chanu

405.	S. Mirabai Chanu is the outstanding sportsperson from which sports? Weightlifting
406.	Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 released by Duff & Phelps, placed which Indian celebrity at top? Virat Kohli
407.	Raj Subramaniam, Indo-American technocrat has been appointed as the new CEO of which US multinational courier delivery giant? FedEx
408.	Which country hosted virtually the 5th BIMSTEC Summit on March 30? Sri Lanka
409.	What is the full form of BIMSTEC? Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
410.	How many countries are member of BIMSTEC? Seven
411.	Which two north-eastern states signed an agreement on March 29 in New Delhi to resolve their interstate boundary disputes? Assam and Meghalaya
412.	Who is the Chief Minister of Meghalaya? Conrad Sangma
413.	The Indian Navy commissioned the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316 into service at INS Hansa at which place? Dabolim, Goa
414.	What is name of the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316? The Condors'
415.	Jiya Rai, a 13-year-old autistic swimmer from Mumbai, successfully swam across the Palk Strait in 13 hours on March 20. It is in which area? Between Rameswaram and Sri Lanka
416.	Gilbert F. Hounbo, a former prime minister of Togo has been elected as the next Director-General of which UN agency? International Labour Organisation (ILO)
417.	Where are the headquarters of ILO? Geneva, Switzerland
418.	India's first-of-its kind road made out of steel waste has come up in the Hazira Industrial Area in which city? Surat, Gujarat
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419.	Which International Day is observed on March 31 to create awareness about the safer use of drugs and their effects? International Day of Drug Checking
420.	World Theatre Day is celebrated on which day of March month? 27th
421.	The 94th Academy Awards (Oscars) were held on March 27 in which city? Hollywood, Los Angeles, California
422.	Which film won the Oscar for the best film? CODA

423.	The Oscar for the Best Director was lifted by _____ : Ms. Jane Campion for The Power of the Dog.
424.	Actor Will Smith won the Oscar for the Best Actor for which film? King Richards
425.	Name the heroine who won the Oscar for the Best Actress? Jessica Chastain
426.	Every year, the Earth Hour is celebrated worldwide on the last _____ of March: Saturday
427.	Who won the Women's Singles title on March 27 at the Swiss Open Badminton Championships at Basel, Switzerland? P V Sindhu
428.	The union cabinet decided on March 26 to continue the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM-GKAY by another six months till what time? September 2022
429.	Which state topped the number of ODF Plus villages at 13,960 under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase-II? Telangana
430.	What is the full form of ODF? Open Defecation Free
431.	Who is the winner of this year's Stockholm Water Prize 2022: Prof. Wilfried Brutsaert, USA
432.	What is the name of the 19-seater aircraft developed recently by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru? Hindustan 228
433.	Which state topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021 released by the NITI Aayog on March 25? Gujarat
434.	Which team won the SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship on March 25? India
435.	President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the prestigious 'President's Colour' to INS _____ in Jamnagar- Gujarat on March 25: Valsura
436.	The Reserve Bank inaugurated its national level innovation hub on March 24 in _____ to promote advanced technology in banking: Bengaluru
437.	Long jumper Someswara Rao Ramudri and javelin thrower Mohit won gold medal on March 24 in which world event? Dubai 2022 World Para Athletics Grand Prix
438.	Asia's largest civil aviation event, 'Wings India 2022' started on March 24 in which city? Hyderabad
439.	The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report released on March 24 downgraded its global economic growth projection for 2022 to _____ from 3.6%: 2.6%
440.	What is the theme of this year's World Tuberculosis Day observed on March 24? Invest to End TB; Save Lives

441.	Shaheed Diwas or Martyr's Day is observed on March 23. The National Martyrs Memorial is located at which place? Hussainiwala, in district Ferozepur.
442.	Shaheede Aazam Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were awarded death sentence for which offence? For fatally shooting Assistant Police Superintendent John P. Saunders
443.	Name the world number one Tennis player who shocked the world on March 23 by announcing early retirement from tennis at the age of 25 years: Ashleigh Barty
444.	March 23 is observed as World Meteorological Day. World Meteorological Organisation is based in which city? Geneva
445.	What was the name of the 3rd edition of joint training exercise between Indian and Uzbekistan armies held from March 22 to 31? Ex-Dustlik
446.	Military exercise Ex-Dustlik was held in which place? Yangiariq, Uzbekistan
447.	What is the name of the fourth Covid vaccine approved by the DCGI for children in 12 to 18 age group? Covovax
448.	India scripted history by achieving an ambitious target of export of goods worth \$ _____ billion within a single year (2021-22): 400
449.	The World Bank issued the Wildlife Conservation Bonds to support South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species of which animal? Black Rhino
450.	The IFFCO Paradeep Plant achieved a rare feat of highest ever annual production of Phosphates in the world. It is in which state? Odisha
451.	India's first-ever National Centre of Excellence to provide world-class training facilities to sportspersons in Mountain Terrain Biking (MTB) and Bicycle Motocross (BMX) is being set up in which place? Shimla, HP
452.	The Central Government has set a target of about Rs _____ for the National Bank for Financial Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) for sanctioning loans to the infrastructure sector in 2022-23: One trillion
453.	Which global award is known as "Nobel of Mathematics"? Abel Prize
454.	Abel Prize is awarded in which country? Norway
455.	Dennis Parnell Sullivan, winner of this year's Abel Prize, hails from which country? USA
456.	What is the amount of cash given with the Abel Prize? 7.5 million Norwegian Kroners

457.	_____ has become the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme to become completely paperless. Nagaland
458.	Which union ministry launched the Sujalam 2.0 campaign on March 22 for greywater management? Jal Shakti
459.	The World Air Quality Report released on March 22 has ranked which country as most polluted? Bangladesh
460.	What was the theme of this year's World Water Day on March 22? Groundwater- Making the Invisible Visible
461.	Yulimar Rojas of _____ improved her own women's triple jump world record with a leap of 15.74 metres: Venezuela
462.	Which Indian company has become the first Indian firm to be an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? Byju's
463.	With which country India hosted the joint military exercise LAMITIYE-2022 from March 22 to 31? Seychelles
464.	Steve Smith of _____ has become the fastest to score 8000 runs in Test cricket: Australia
465.	Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India Ltd? Hisashi Takeuchi
466.	In which country a passenger plane with 132 persons on board crashed in the hills, without any apparent reason? China
467.	In which state a leader who lost recent MLA elections, has been sworn in as the Chief Minister? Uttarakhand
468.	As per the 'Annual Frontier Report, 2022' published by the UNEP, for assessing noise pollution levels in cities, which city has been ranked as the noisiest city in the world? Dhaka, Bangladesh
469.	Which American credit rating agency has raised India's growth forecast for 2022 to 9.5 percent from 7 percent announced earlier? Moody's Investors Service
470.	The central government has announced the new Vibrant Villages Programme for which type of villages? For villages on the northern border of the country
471.	What is the objective of the Vibrant Villages Programme launched recently? To upgrade and improve the overall infra facilities in the border villages

472.	RBI issued instructions on Feb 23 that specified NBFCs shall be mandatorily required to implement CFSS by September 30, 2025. Expand CFSS: Core Financial Services Solution
473.	RBI approved whose name for re-appointment as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IDBI Bank? Rakesh Sharma
474.	India and Japan conducted the annual joint military exercise named _____ from February 27 to March 10: Dharma Guardian 2022
475.	Bilateral India - Japan military exercise Dharma Guardian 2022 was conducted at which place? Belgaum, Karnataka
476.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Hearing Day on March 03? WHO
477.	Which International Day is observed on March 3 for raising awareness for the conservation of the world's wild fauna and flora? World Wildlife Day
478.	Which country is going to host the 31st Southeast Asian Games from May 12 to 23? Vietnam
479.	What is the name of the first ever asteroid discovered with three very own satellites? Elektra
480.	The Zero Discrimination Day is observed on which date? March 01
481.	Which national day on March 01 marks the creation of the Indian Civil Accounts Service on this day in 1976? Civil Accounts Day
482.	The second advance estimates of national accounts released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) showed that India's GDP is estimated to grow by ____ percent in year ending March 31, 2022: 8.9%
483.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of market regulator SEBI? Ms. Madhabi Puri Buch
484.	The Government of India unveiled a special logo on Feb 25 to commemorate 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and ____: Belgium
485.	India has decided to establish an IIT or Indian Institute of Technology, for the first time in a foreign country. Which is this country? UAE
486.	According to the data released by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, _____ achieved the Number One position in overall installed renewable energy capacity: Tamil Nadu
487.	CBIC has lowered the threshold for mandatory issuance of e- invoice under GST to Rs. __ crores

	from the earlier prescribed limit of Rs. 50 crores: 20
488.	Sadia Tariq, 15 year old girl from J&K won a gold medal in the Moscow ____ Stars Championship: Wushu
489.	What is the name of the rescue mission launched by the Indian government to evacuate its nationals from Ukraine? Operation Ganga
490.	India's first electronic waste eco-park is expected to come at which place? Narela in North Delhi
491.	The Ministry of Rural Development has developed an Ombudsperson App for online resolution of grievances in which scheme? Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
492.	Which country topped the International Intellectual property (IP) Index 2022? USA
493.	What was India's rank in the International IP Index 2022? 43rd
494.	According to Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022, what is India's rank in terms of number of billionaires? Third
495.	National Safety Day on March 4 marks the establishment of which body on this day in 1965? National Safety Council
496.	India celebrates National Security Day on March 4. Who is our National Security Advisor? Ajit Doval
497.	What was India's rank in the 6th Edition of 'Sustainable Development Report 2021 (SDR 2021)' released by Sustainable Development Solutions Network? 120th
498.	What was this year's theme for the World Obesity Day observed on March 4? Everybody Needs to Act
499.	Shane Warne, Australian cricket legend died at the age of 52 after a suspected heart attack. He was an outstanding ____ bowler: Leg Spinner
500.	What is the name of the country's first indigenous Flying Trainer designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore? Hansa - NG
501.	The ninth edition of Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise SLINEX was held in ____ on March 7 and 8: Visakhapatnam
502.	Who became the third cricketer and the first woman to appear in six World Cups? Mithali Raj
503.	Government launched the 'Sagar Parikrama' mission on 5th March at Mandvi, Gujarat for what purpose? To know the problems of coastal fisher folk

504.	What is the name of the indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, successfully tested on March 4 by Indian Railways? Kavach
505.	Which union ministry supports the celebration of Janaushdhi Diwas on March 7? Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers
506.	The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME Ministry launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named "____" on March 7: SAMARTH
507.	Which country topped the medal tally in the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt? India
508.	Internationally, which day of March is observed as No Smoking Day? 9th
509.	What is the name of the UPI facility for feature phones launched by RBI on March 8? UPI123Pay
510.	What is the full form of UPI? Unified Payments Interface
511.	Which organisation manages operation of UPI? NPCI
512.	The report on global political rights and liberties - titled "Freedom in the World 2022 - The Global Expansion of Authoritarian Rule", has placed India in which category? Partly Free
513.	With a view to increase urban educated women's participation in the workforce, which Bank kicked off a new initiative, the 'HouseWorksWork'? Axis bank
514.	Headquarters of Axis Bank are located in which city? Mumbai
515.	World Kidney Day is observed globally on the second ____ of March every year: Thursday
516.	Yoon Suk Yeol has been elected as the new President of which country? South Korea
517.	Government has set up National Land Monetization Corporation under administrative control of which union ministry? Finance Ministry
518.	What is the objective of setting up of the National Land Monetization Corporation? To manage monetization of the surplus land of public sector undertakings
519.	Priyanka Nutakki who became India's 23 rd newest Woman Grandmaster, hails from which state? Andhra Pradesh
520.	Who won the National Champion title at MPL's National Women Chess Championship at Bhubaneswar, Odisha? Divya Deshmukh
521.	The World Bank approved a \$125 million loan to the ____ government to support social

	protection services to poor and vulnerable groups in the state: West Bengal
522.	RBI has announced that the NaBFID shall be regulated and supervised as an All-India Financial Institution. What is NaBFID? National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development
523.	Headquarters of NaBFID are located in which city? Mumbai
524.	What is the authorised capital of NabFID: One Lakh crore
525.	International Day of Women Judges was observed for the first time this year, on which date? March 10
526.	As per the reports of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, which state topped the list with full immunisation coverage of 90.5% of the targeted women and children? Odisha
527.	Who created a world record as professional football's all-time leading scorer with 807 goals? Cristiano Ronaldo
528.	C. Ronaldo hails from which country? Portugal
529.	C. Ronaldo plays for which popular football club? Manchester United
530.	Who became the all-time highest wicket-taker in the history of the Women's World Cup? Jhulan Goswami
531.	_____broke the record for most matches captained in the ICC Women's World Cup: Mithali Raj
532.	WHO has approved the setting up of its first Global Centre for Traditional Medicine - GCTM in _____, Gujarat: Jamnagar
533.	In the Acronym AYUSH, what does letter 'U' stand for? Unani
534.	Who is the current union minister for Ayush ministry? Sarbananda Sonowal
535.	Debasish Panda has been appointed as the Chairman of which apex regulatory body in financial sector? Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
536.	Headquarters of IRDAI are located in which city? Hyderabad
537.	Country's first medical city named as 'Indrayani Medicity' is coming up near _____, Maharashtra: Pune
538.	Country's first Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal of Indian Railways was commissioned on March 10 in which state? Jharkhand
539.	What is the theme for this year's World Consumer Rights Day, celebrated on March 15? Fair Digital Finance

540.	International Day of Mathematics on March 14 commemorates the birthday of which great mathematician and physicist? Albert Einstein
541.	International Day of Mathematics expressed in digits as 3.14 represents the value of which popular mathematical factor? Pi - 22/7
542.	World Glaucoma Day is observed on March 12. Glaucoma is associated with which human organ? Eyes
543.	Popular film and TV awards, BAFTA are announced annually in which city? London
544.	Which film won the BAFTA for the Best Feature Film? The Power of the Dog
545.	Actor Will Smith won the BAFTA for Best Actor, for which film? King Richard
546.	For which film Jane Campion won the BAFTA for Best Director? The Power of the Dog
547.	What is the full form of BAFTA? British Academy of Film and Television Arts
548.	Which country hosted the Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championships in second week of March? Jordan
549.	Who became the first Indian to clinch Silver medal at the BWF Superseries 300 German Open 2022 in Mulheim, Germany? Lakshya Sen
550.	As per the "Trends in International Arms Transfers-2021" report released on March 14, _____ was the largest importer of military equipment in the world during 2017-21: India
551.	As per the "Trends in International Arms Transfers-2021" report, _____ was the largest exporter of military equipment in the world during 2017-21: USA
552.	_____ was the largest supplier of major arms to India, accounting for 46 percent share: Russia
553.	The country's first Digital Water Bank 'Aqverium' was launched on March 14 in which city? Bengaluru
554.	National Vaccination Day on March 16 marks the giving of first dose of _____ on this day in 1995: Oral Polio
555.	What is the theme for this year's National Vaccination Day? Vaccines work for all
556.	Katalin Eva Novak has been elected by the Parliament of _____ to be the first female President of the country: Hungary
557.	Which company launched the world's most advanced technology- developed Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle on March 16 in New Delhi? Toyota Kirloskar Motors

558.	As per the M3M Hurun Global Rich List released on March 16, who is the biggest gainer in the List 2022 adding \$49 billion to his wealth last year? Gautam Adani
559.	Miss Karolina Bielawaska from Poland won the Miss ____ crown of at the 70th edition of the beauty pageant on March 16: World
560.	Who became the first-ever woman bowler to breach the 250 mark in wicket taking in ODIs? Jhulan Goswami
561.	A solar tree officially certified by the Guinness World Records as the largest solar tree, has been installed in which Indian city? Ludhiana
562.	As per the latest data released by the Registrar General of India on March 14, the MMR in India showed significant improvement at ____ for the period 2017-19: 103
563.	What is the full expansion of the term MMR? Maternal Mortality Ratio
564.	Which Indian state achieved the lowest MMR of 30 during 2017-19? Kerala
565.	Who is the current Registrar General of India? Vivek Joshi
566.	MMR is defined as the number of ____ deaths per 100,000 live births during a given period: Maternal
567.	March 18 is observed in India as the Ordnance Factory Day. The first ordnance factory was established at which place in 1801? Cossipore, near Kolkata
568.	As on date, the 41 ordnance factories have been re-organised into how many Defence Public Sector Units (DPSUs)? Seven
569.	Global Recycling Day is observed on which date? March 18
570.	What is the theme of this year's Global Recycling Day? Recycling Fraternity
571.	World Sleep Day is observed annually on the Friday before the March Equinox. What was its date this year? March 18
572.	Which global organisation supports the celebration of International Day of Happiness on March 20? UNO
573.	World ____ Day on March 20 aims to raise awareness about which common bird? Sparrow
574.	Prime Minister of which country on his visit to India, assured to raise its investment target in India to 3.2 lakh crore rupees over the next five years? Japan
575.	P M of Japan came to India to attend two-day 14 th Indo-Japan ____: Annual Summit

576.	Who is the Prime Minister of Japan? Fumio Kishida
577.	What is the name of the 105-metre Offshore Patrol Vessel commissioned in the Indian Coast Guard on March 16 at Goa? ICGS Saksham
578.	As per the "World Happiness Report 2022", which country was ranked the world's happiest country, for the fifth consecutive year? Finland
579.	What was India rank in the World Happiness Index released by the "World Happiness Report 2022"? 136th
580.	Name the veteran cueist who lifted his eighth title at the 19th Asian Billiards Championship 2022 in Doha, Qatar: Pankaj Advani
581.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Poetry Day on March 21? UNESCO
582.	Mr. Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been appointed the MD & CEO of which public sector Bank? Indian Overseas Bank
583.	As per recent RBI guidelines, a microfinance loan has been defined as a collateral-free loan given to a household having an annual income of not more than Rs. ____ lakh: Three
584.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Australian Prime Minister ____ held the second India-Australia virtual summit on 21st March: Scott Morrison
585.	Name the Indian shuttler who secured second position in the prestigious All England Open Badminton Championship in UK: Lakshya Sen
586.	Which team won the Indian Super League Football Championship? Hyderabad FC
587.	Charles Leclerc (from Monaco) of Team ____ won F1 season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix: Ferrari
588.	Which state hosted the 35th edition of the world famous Surajkund International Crafts Mela? Haryana
589.	Pritzker Prize is awarded for the outstanding excellence in which field? Architecture
590.	Diebedo Francis Kere, winner of this year's Pritzker Prize, hails from which country? Burkina Faso
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591.	World Rare Disease Day is observed on last ____ of February: Day
592.	National Science Day on Feb 28 marks the discovery of which event on this day in 1928? Raman effect
593.	Sir C V Raman was awarded Nobel Prize in 1930 in which field? Physics

594.	India celebrates National Protein Day on which date? Feb 27
595.	Name one of the biggest banks of the USA, which became the first bank to mark its entry in metaverse: JPMorgan Chase & Co
596.	Asian Development Bank, for the first time, gave loan to a private company in India. Which is this company? IIFL Home Finance Ltd
597.	The world famous Khajuraho Dance Festival was held in which state from Feb 20 to 26? Madhya Pradesh
598.	Which country topped the medal tally in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games? Norway
599.	One of the biggest naval exercises started on Feb 25 in the Bay of Bengal. What was its name? Milan 2022
600.	The Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman organised which bilateral air exercise from Feb 21 to 25? Eastern Bridge-VI
601.	Bilateral air exercise Eastern Bridge-VI was held at which place? Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan
602.	Which team won the Second LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship-2022? Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre
603.	The Second LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship-2022 was held at which place? Leh, Ladakh
604.	_____ registered the fastest fifty by an Indian batter in women's ODI cricket: Richa Ghosh
605.	The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has granted emergency use authorisation to which COVID-19 vaccine, for 12-18-year age group? CORBEVAX
606.	Which Indian company manufactures the Corbrevax vaccine? Biological E Ltd.
607.	Vaccine maker company Biological E Ltd. Is located in which city? Hyderabad
608.	Which group of people celebrate the World Thinking Day on Feb 22? Girl guides and girl scouts
609.	Asia's largest bio-CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) plant was inaugurated on Feb 19 in _____, Madhya Pradesh: Indore
610.	Sakibul Gani from _____ became the first batsman in the world to score a triple century in a debut match in first class cricket: Bihar
611.	Who is the author of the book "The \$10 Trillion Dream": Subhash Chandra Garg
612.	Which body has been set up by the Central Government to discharge the powers and functions of the National Authority under the

	Dam Safety Act? National Dam Safety Authority
613.	The government of India aims to promote the '_____ India' project for strengthening the country's educational institutions in the health sector: Heal by
614.	The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) successfully entered its _____ year of implementation with the upcoming Kharif 2022 season: 7th
615.	'Meri Policy Mere Hath' scheme is associated with which type of insurance? Crop insurance
616.	Which film won the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Award for the "Best Film"? Shershaah
617.	Which country was worst affected by the Tempest Eunice on Feb 18-19? Britain
618.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the International Mother Language Day on Feb 21? UNESCO
619.	International Labour Organisation supports celebration of World Social Justice Day on Feb 20. It is based in which city? Geneva
620.	What is the title of the latest book by Bill Gates? How to Prevent the Next Pandemic
621.	Name the Nobel laureate who authored the book The Books of Jacob: Olga Tokarczuk
622.	Name the noted professor, writer, author, and consultant who has been appointed Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India: Dr V. Anantha Nageswaran
623.	To keep citizens updated on all Parliamentary proceedings and other activities, the government launched which app on Jan 29? Digital Sansad App
624.	Which team won the Women's Asia Cup (Hockey) in Muscat, Oman on Jan 28? Japan
625.	Who won the men's singles title in the Australian Open tournament? Rafael Nadal
626.	Which city hosted the finals of the Australian Open tournament? Melbourne
627.	Name the women tennis player who won the women's singles title in the Australian Open tournament? Ashleigh Barty
628.	Ashleigh Barty hails from which country? Australia
629.	Men's singles title in the Odisha Open Badminton Tournament was won by which player? Kiran George

630.	Who won women's singles title in the Odisha Open Badminton Tournament in Cuttack? Unnati Hooda
631.	Who was declared "World Games Athlete of the Year-2021"? P R Sreejesh
632.	The latest data released by the National Statistical Office on Jan 31 showed that the Indian economy contracted by ____ per cent in 2020-21 as against the earlier estimate of 7.3 per cent: 6.6
633.	February 2 is observed as the World Wetlands Day. India is home to how many Ramsar Wetland sites? 49
634.	Antonio Costo has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which European country? Portugal
635.	Sergio Mattarella has been re-elected as the Italian _____ for a second seven-year term: President
636.	Tata Sky, the leading Direct to Home (DTH) platform, has changed its name to ____: Tata Play
637.	The Geological Survey of India has approved the setting up of the country's first geo park at Lamheta village in which state? Madhya Pradesh
638.	Which company surpassed US chipmaker Intel to become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021? Samsung Electronics, S Korea
639.	Government on Feb 2 purchased which new Indian Covid vaccine for use in India? ZyCoV-D
640.	Which company is producing ZyCoV-D vaccine in India? Zyklus Cadila
641.	ZyCoV-D is the world's first ____ based vaccine for COVID-19 developed in India: DNA
642.	On the occasion of World Wetlands Day (Feb 2), how many wetlands of India have been added to list of Ramsar Sites? Two
643.	Which two wetlands have been recently added to Ramsar sites list? Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary
644.	Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary is located in which state? Gujarat
645.	Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary, the largest natural floodplain wetland of India, is located in which state? Uttar Pradesh
646.	The Aravalli Biodiversity Park has been declared as India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site by IUCN, Switzerland. It is in which place? Gurugram, Haryana

647.	Which country was India's top trading partner in 2021? USA
648.	The Indian Army signed a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for supply of which missile? Konkurs-M anti-tank guided missile
649.	Konkurs-M missiles are being manufactured in India in collaboration with which country? Russia
650.	The fifth submarine of Project 75, Yard 11879, commenced her sea trials on 01 Feb. It has been made by which company? Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai
651.	Which state's tableau was elected as the best state tableau in the Republic Day Parade 2022? Uttar Pradesh
652.	Among the three services, which marching contingent was adjudged as the best marching contingent? Indian Navy
653.	Among the Central Armed Police Forces, the contingent of which force was named the best marching contingent? CISF - Central Industrial Security Force
654.	The government plans to set up the National Land Monetisation Corporation to carry out the proposed ____ of the land and other non-core assets: Monetization
655.	Why India announced diplomatic boycott of Winter Olympics 2022 beginning in Beijing from Feb 4? To protest picking of a Chinese soldier involved in the Galwan Valley clash with India, as an Olympic torchbearer
656.	Who is India's sole participant in the Winter Olympics 2022? Arif Khan, skiing
657.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC)? Prof M Jagadesh Kumar
658.	Prime Minister Modi dedicated the 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality' to the nation on Feb 5 in which city? Hyderabad
659.	'Statue of Equality' is the statue of which great saint? Bhakti Saint Ramanujacharya
660.	Which country won the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) football championship? Senegal
661.	India lifted the prestigious ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup by defeating which country? England
662.	Who captained the Indian team in the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup? Yash Dhull
663.	Which Indian player was declared "Man of the Match" for scalping 5 wickets and also scoring 35 runs? Raj Angad Bawa

664.	Which country won the AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022? China
665.	Which city hosted the AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022? Navi Mumbai
666.	Safer Internet Day is observed every year on the second day of the ____ week of February: Second
667.	What is the theme of this year's Safer Internet Day? Together for a better Internet
668.	Which city will be the main host of 2024 summer Olympics? Paris, France
669.	The National Deworming Day is observed on which day of February? 10th
670.	Which common safe medicine is given free to children on Feb 10 for preventing stomach worms? Albendazole
671.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Pulses Day on Feb 10? FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation
672.	Headquarters of Food and Agriculture Organisation are in which city? Rome, Italy
673.	India's Atal Tunnel has officially been certified by the World Book of Records as the 'World's Longest Highway Tunnel above ____ Feet': 10,000
674.	Atal Tunnel is located in which state? Himachal Pradesh
675.	The Atal Tunnel has been made under which mountain pass? Rohtang Pass
676.	Which government agency constricted the Atal Tunnel? Border Roads Organisation
677.	What is the name of the nationwide operation launched by the Railway Protection Force to curb human trafficking? Operation Aaht
678.	As per TomTom's 2021 Traffic Index released on February 09, which was the most congested city in India, ranked 5th in the world? Mumbai
679.	The RBI emerged as the ____ largest buyer of gold among the world's Central Banks in 2021: Second
680.	In its last monetary policy review of 2021-22, RBI decreased which policy rate? No change
681.	Which city has been ranked as most congested city in the world as per TomTom's 2021 Traffic Index released on February 9? Istanbul, Turkey
682.	Anibal Torres has been appointed as the prime minister of which country in South America? Peru
683.	The Indian Army commenced implementing Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging of which of its inventory? Ammunition inventory.

684.	Which country topped the Democracy Index 2021 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, London on Feb 10? Norway
685.	India was placed at which spot in the Democracy Index 2021? 46th
686.	February 11 is celebrated as the Unani Day to mark the birth anniversary of which great medical practitioner? Hakim Ajmal Khan
687.	Which UN agency supports celebration of International Day of Women and Girls in Science on Feb 11? UNESCO
688.	India celebrates National Productivity Day on Feb 12 to mark the foundation of ____ Council on this day in 1958: National Productivity
689.	Celebration of National Productivity Day on Feb 12 is supported by which union ministry? Ministry of Commerce and Industry
690.	Who is the current Commerce and Industry minister? Sh. Piyush Goyal
691.	In which state the 14.5 km long approach road to the road portion of the Srikrishna Setu Munger-Ganga rail-cum-road bridge was inaugurated on Feb 11? Bihar
692.	The government launched the "SMILE- Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" scheme for which target group? Transgenders and beggars
693.	Which union ministry launched the SMILE scheme? Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
694.	Which country designated Koala as an endangered species across most of its east coast? Australia
695.	N Chandrasekaran has been re-appointed as the Executive Chairman of which corporate house? Tata Sons Pvt Ltd
696.	A global consortium of over 500 researchers placed India among the top ____ easiest places to start a new business: Five
697.	What is the theme of this year's World Radio Day? Radio and Trust
698.	National Women's Day on Feb 13 marks the birthday of which great Indian woman? Sarojini Naidu
699.	Sarojini Naidu became India's first woman governor (15 Aug, 1947 - 2 March, 1949) in which state? Uttar Pradesh
700.	What is the popular nick name of Sarojini Naidu? Bharat Kokila

701.	International Epilepsy Day is observed on the second _____ of February every year across the world: Monday
702.	Indian Air force showcased which fighter jet in the 'Singapore AirShow-2022'? Tejas MK-I
703.	Name the veteran industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Group, who passed away on Feb 12 in Pune: Rahul Bajaj
704.	Rahul Bajaj was associated with the launch of which very popular two-wheeler? Bajaj Chetak
705.	ISRO placed in orbit its earth observation satellite EOS-04 on Feb 14. What type of satellite it is? Radar Imaging Satellite
706.	Frank-Walter Steinmeier has been re-elected as the President of which major European country? Germany
707.	Which union ministry banned another 54 Chinese apps recently? Electronics and Information Technology Ministry
708.	The recent ban on Chinese apps has been imposed under which section of IT Act? 69(A)
709.	Which Indian shipbuilder supplied ICGS Saksham to Indian Coast Guard? Goa Shipyard Ltd, Goa
710.	_____ became the first country to issue certification for drones to operate in civilian airspace: Israel
711.	Which British naturalist established the principle of "Survival of Fittest"? Charles Darwin
712.	The Ministry of Railways has approved setting up of a state-of-art _____ academy at Kishanganj, Delhi: Wrestling
713.	Medaram Jatara fair, the second-largest fair in India, after the Kumbh Mela is held in which state? Telangana
714.	Who has been named as the "Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21"? Sandeep Bakhshi, MD and CEO of ICICI Bank
715.	_____ has become the first Indian consumer goods company to become completely plastic waste neutral: Dabur India
716.	CBI registered an FIR against which company which could be the biggest bank fraud case in the banking history of India? ABG Shipyard Ltd
717.	What is the actual name of renowned music composer and singer Bappi Lahiri, who expired recently? Alokesh Lahiri
718.	Which Indian company has joined hands with Foxconn to manufacture semiconductors in India? Vedanta Ltd.
719.	Foxconn, one of the largest electronics companies, is based in which country? Taiwan

720.	Govt announced recently which mission to attract large investments for manufacturing semiconductors in India? India Semiconductor Mission
721.	Which ministry has notified Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia Policy for production of Green Hydrogen/Ammonia? Ministry of Power
722.	As per the Second Advance Estimates, the foodgrain production of major crops for 2021-22 is estimated to be: 316 million tonnes
723.	Government approved a new scheme New India Literacy Programme to cover all the aspects of _____ Education: Adult
724.	At least 100 people died in landslides and flash flooding due to torrential rains on Feb 15-16 in which city of Brazil? Petrópolis
725.	Government launched on Feb 16 a scheme named the Scheme for Economic Empowerment for DNTs. Expand DNTs: Denotified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic tribal Communities
726.	Which team won the Senior National Volleyball Championship in men's category? Haryana
727.	Which team won the 2021 FIFA Club World Cup held on Feb 12 in Abu Dhabi? FC Chelsea
728.	Which bank secured six awards at the IBA Banking Technology Awards on Feb 16? South Indian Bank
729.	Which day is observed on Feb 19 to commemorate the launch of the Soil Health Card Scheme on this day in 2015? Soil Health Card Day
730.	World Pangolin Day is observed on the third _____ of February to raise awareness about these unique mammals: Saturday
731.	Country's first water taxi service was launched in which city on Feb 17? Mumbai
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732.	India celebrates the Anti Leprosy Day on which date? January 30
733.	World Leprosy Day is observed on last _____ of January: Sunday
734.	How many Central Asian countries attended the first-ever India-Central Asia Summit held virtually on January 27? Five
735.	Total how many Padma Awards were announced this year on Jan 25? 128
736.	Name the former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister who has been conferred Padma Vibhushan this year: Kalyan Singh

737.	89 year old Dr. Prabha Atre is one of the four persons honoured with Padma Vibhushan this year. She is veteran _____: Classical vocalist
738.	The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021 released on Jan 25, placed India at which spot? 85th
739.	The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology approved setting up of India's first Graphene Innovation Centre in which state? Kerala
740.	Sir Garfield Sobers Award is given to which person for outstanding achievement? ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year
741.	Who is the 2021 ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year? Shaheen Afridi
742.	Which trophy is given to the winner of ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year? Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy
743.	Who won Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy for 2021? Smriti Mandhana
744.	Ministry of Tourism celebrates Jan 25 as the National Tourism Day. Who is the current Minister of Tourism? G Kishan Reddy
745.	Why Jan 25 has been selected for celebrating the National Voters Day? The Election Commission of India was created on this day in 1950
746.	India launched a joint commemorative logo on Jan 24 with which country to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties with that country? Israel
747.	Which is the capital of Israel? Jerusalem
748.	Who is the current Election Commissioner of India? Sushil Chandra
749.	India celebrates the National Girl Child Day on which day of January? 24th
750.	Which union ministry supports the celebration of the National Girl Child Day? Ministry of Women and Child Development
751.	Who is the current Women and Child Development Minister? Smt. Smriti Irani
752.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the International Day of Education on Jan 24? UNESCO
753.	Who won the women's singles title in the Syed Modi International badminton tournament in Lucknow on Jan 23? P V Sindhu
754.	What is the name of the mobile app launched by the Common Service Centre to provide vocational education and skill development to youths of rural areas? Yogyata

755.	The Common Service Centre Scheme is an initiative of which ministry? Ministry of Electronics & IT
756.	The Ministry of Coal launched which portal on Jan 21 to share Key Performance Indicators related to the Coal Sector? Koyla Darpan
757.	Country's first District Good Governance Index (DGGI) was released on Jan 21 in which UT? Jammu & Kashmir
758.	India's first virtual platform for spice exports 'Spice Xchange India' was launched on Jan 20 in which city? Kochi, Kerala
759.	The governments of Haryana entered into an agreement with which state on Jan 21 to build the Adi Badri Dam? Himachal Pradesh
760.	One of the main objectives of the construction of Adi Badri Dam is the revival of ancient _____ River: Saraswati
761.	The _____ sanctioned a \$ 125 million loan to the government of West Bengal to support its effort to help the poor: World Bank
762.	As per recent data released by the ministry of commerce & industry, India has emerged as the largest exporter of _____ in the world: Cucumber and gherkins
763.	Aapda Prabandhan Puraskars (Disaster Management Awards) are named after which great Indian leader? Subhash Chandra Bose
764.	What is the amount of cash award of Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar in institutional category? Rs. 51 lakh
765.	Which state secured first position in the fourth Health Index released by the Niti Aayog on Dec 27? Kerala
766.	Among the smaller states, _____ emerged as the best performer in overall performance in the 4 th Health Index: Mizoram
767.	The ministry of home affairs has set up a high-level committee, headed by _____ to look into the possibility of withdrawing the AFSPA from Nagaland: Vivek Joshi
768.	The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation gave its approval to which two more Covid vaccines? Corbevax and Covovax
769.	Which company is manufacturing the Corbevax vaccine in India? Biological E, Hyderabad
770.	Which Indian company is producing the nanoparticle protein-based vaccine Covovax? Serum Institute of India, Pune

771.	The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation gave its approval to which antiviral drug for treatment of Corona cases? Molnupiravir
772.	Haryana's Nitesh Kumar won two gold medals, individual singles and in doubles, at which national championship? Para badminton
773.	Who has been named as "2021 Person of the Year" by the US based animal welfare NGO PETA? Alia Bhatt
774.	Who became the fastest Indian wicketkeeper to reach 100 dismissals in 26 Test matches? Rishabh Pant
775.	Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank, the biggest nationalised bank of the country? Atul Kumar Goel
776.	Mr. Soma Sankara Prasad has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of which bank? UCO Bank
777.	_____ stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) for providing urban infrastructure in rural areas: Telangana
778.	The Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission has been launched by which union ministry? Ministry of Rural Development
779.	Which country has been admitted as the fourth new member of the New Development Bank? Egypt
780.	Headquarters of the New Development Bank are in which city? Shanghai
781.	Who is the current President of New Development Bank? Marcos Troyjo
782.	The Indian Army has set up a quantum computing laboratory and a centre for artificial intelligence (AI) at which place? Mhow, MP
783.	Sanjeev Kumar, the wheelchair bound para-athlete became the national champion for the 10 th time in which sports? Para badminton
784.	Among the centrally funded technical institutes, _____ was ranked first in the Centre's Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021? IIT Madras
785.	In the state and deemed to be universities category, which university topped the ARIIA rankings? Panjab University, Chandigarh
786.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board? Vinay Kumar Tripathi
787.	Which country lifted the Under-19 Asia Cup (cricket)? India
788.	India defeated which country to win the Under-19 Asia Cup? Sri Lanka

789.	Virender Singh Pathania took charge as the Director-General of which paramilitary force? Indian Coast Guard
790.	The IRDAI has declared which life insurance company as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for the year 2022? LIC of India
791.	World Braille Day on Jan 4 commemorates the birthday of which great inventor? Louis Braille
792.	Braille language is based on ____convex dots that form all the letters and symbols: Six
793.	Which city in the world has largest network of automatic driverless metro lines? Shanghai
794.	RBI has issued new guidelines allowing offline payments up to Rs ____ per transaction: 200
795.	Captain Harpreet Chandi, a 32-year-old Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer, was in news recently for what reason? She completed a solo unsupported trek to the South Pole
796.	Which MNC created history on January 3 by becoming the first company to hit a \$3 trillion stock market value? Apple Inc.
797.	On Jan 3 government launched NEAT 3.0 - a special online education initiative. What is full form of NEAT? National Educational Alliance for Technology
798.	RBI has retained State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and _____as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for the year 2021: HDFC Bank
799.	Government launched the India Semiconductor Mission on December 29. Generally, semiconductors are made from which material? Silicon
800.	Government of which state declared that it has become the first LPG enabled and smoke free state in the country? Himachal Pradesh
801.	World Day of War Orphans is observed on which date? January 06
802.	Which union ministry launched the "Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR)" programme on Jan 5? Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
803.	In which country the scientists succeeded in running a fusion reactor for almost 20 minutes at a stunning temperature of 70 million degrees Celsius, almost five times hotter than the real Sun? China
804.	Which UN agency signed an agreement with the Akshaya Patra Foundation for enhancing the effectiveness of the Pradhan Mantri Poshan

	Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme? World Food Programme
805.	Zhang Ming, veteran Chinese diplomat took over as the new Secretary-General of which Asian alliance? Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
806.	India's first open rock museum displaying different types of rocks gathered from different states, was inaugurated in which city? Hyderabad
807.	Which place in India celebrates Losar festival to mark its new year? Ladakh
808.	Which state recorded the highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages in the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II programme? Telangana
809.	The National Statistical Office projected India's economy to grow by ___ % in the year 2021-22: 9.2
810.	The 3rd National Water Awards-2020 were announced on Jan 7 by which union ministry? Jal Shakti Ministry
811.	Which state secured first position in the 'Best State Category' in the 3rd National Water Awards-2020? Uttar Pradesh
812.	The Election Commission of India raised the existing election expenditure limit to Rs. ____ lakh for candidates in bigger states Parliamentary constituencies: 95
813.	The election expenditure limit for assembly elections in the bigger states has been raised to Rs. ____ lakh: 40
814.	Which country hosted its annual multinational anti-submarine warfare training exercise Sea Dragon 22? USA
815.	Nodirbek Abdusattorov, the 17 year old chess GrandMaster from ____ became the new Rapid Chess World Champion on Dec 28: Uzbekistan
816.	Government declared to observe Dec 26 as the "Veer Bal Divas" to honour the sacrifice of which two Sahibzadas of Sri Guru Gobind Singh? Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh
817.	Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh were bricked alive at which place in Punjab? Sirhind
818.	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is observed on which day of January? 9th
819.	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas marks the return of which great leader to India from abroad? Mahatma Gandhi

820.	World Hindi Day on Jan 10 marks the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference which was held in ____, Maharashtra in 1975 on this day: Nagpur
821.	Bharath Subramaniam, the 14 year old chess prodigy from ____ became the 73rd Grandmaster of India: Chennai
822.	Golden Globe awards are given for recognising best in which field? Cinema
823.	Who won the Golden Globe 2022 for the best actress in a drama film? Nicole Kidman
824.	Which 2021 film grabbed the Golden Globe for the Best Film – Drama? The Power of the Dog
825.	Sidney Poitier, who passed away on Jan 6, was a great personality associated with which field? Cinema
826.	____ in Kerala has become the first city of India with a water metro project? Kochi
827.	With a view to focus more on the "dynamically" growing financial sector, RBI has set up a separate ____ Department: Fintech
828.	What is the name of China's lunar rover which discovered moisture on moon's surface? Chang'e 5
829.	National Youth Day on Jan 12 marks the birthday of which great Indian personality? Swami Vivekananda
830.	Which city hosted the 25 th National Youth Festival on Jan 12-13? Puducherry
831.	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed on which date? January 11
832.	Which World Bank report says that the Indian economy is expected to grow at 8.3 percent in 2021-22? Global Economic Prospects
833.	The passport rankings released by the Henley Passport Index (HPI) for the first quarter of 2022 have placed India at which spot? 83rd
834.	Which corporate group has replaced Vivo as the official sponsors of the IPL 2022? Tata Group
835.	Alikhan Smailov has been appointed as the new ____ of Kazakhstan: Prime Minister
836.	The Indian Navy successfully test fired an extended range sea-to-sea variant of which missile from INS Visakhapatnam on Jan 11? BrahMos
837.	Name the eminent rocket scientist who has been appointed the new chairman of ISRO? S Somnath
838.	What is another popular name for the Makar Sankranti in North India? Maghi
839.	Which Indian state celebrates Makar Sankranti as Bihu? Assam

840.	Pongal is the popular festival of which state? Tamil Nadu
841.	What is the popular name of Makar Sankranti festival in Gujarat? Uttarayan
842.	As per the India State of Forest Report 2021, forests and trees cover how much percent of India's total area? 24.62%
843.	Which state has the largest area under forests and trees? Madhya Pradesh
844.	In terms of percentage of area under forests and trees, _____ is at the top: Mizoram
845.	Who has been selected as the captain of the Indian squad for the Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2022? Savita Punia
846.	Who has been appointed as the Russia's new ambassador to India? Denis Alipov
847.	As per the U N World Economic Situation and Prospects-2022 report, India's GDP for the 2021-22 may grow by ____ percent: 6.5
848.	India celebrates Army Day on which date? January 15
849.	Army Day commemorates anniversary of which event in the history of the Indian Army? Handing over of command of Indian Army by the British to an Indian general in 1949
850.	Who was the first Indian Chief of the Indian Army? Lt Gen K M Cariappa
851.	Who became the first Indian to top the under-19 world rankings in girls' singles given by the Badminton World Federation? Tasnim Mir
852.	Government has decided to celebrate which day as the "National Start-up Day"? January 16
853.	A privately held startup company with a valuation of over \$1 billion is known as: Unicorn
854.	In a first export order for the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, which country has become its first buyer from India? Philippines
855.	BrahMos is being produced in India in collaboration with which country? Russia
856.	The world's largest national flag, the Indian Tricolor made from Khadi, was displayed on Jan 15 at which place? In Rajasthan's Longewala
857.	Who won the Men's Singles title in the India Open badminton championship in New Delhi on Jan 16? Lakshya Sen
858.	Name the legendary Kathak dancer who breathed his last on January 17 at his Delhi residence? Birju Maharaj
859.	In which island archipelago a massive volcano erupted on Jan 15, covering adjoining islands with thick ash cover? Tonga

860.	What is an Archipelago? A group of islands
861.	Tonga Archipelago is located in which part of world? South Pacific Ocean
862.	Indian Navy and Russian Navy undertook PASSEX exercises on Jan 14 at which place? Near Kochi port in Arabian Sea
863.	India and _____ conducted a major naval exercise in the Bay of Bengal on Jan 13: Japan
864.	Name the christian democrat from Malta, who was elected President of the European Union's parliament on Jan 18: Ms. Roberta Metsola
865.	Who won the Best FIFA Men's Player 2021 award? Robert Lewandowski
866.	Alexia Putellas, winner of the Best FIFA Women's Player 2021 award, hails from which country? Spain
867.	According to a US-based global leader approval tracker, Morning Consult Political Intelligence, which statesman secured the highest ranking? India's prime minister Narendra Modi
868.	The Amar Jawan Jyoti flame at India Gate, New Delhi, was shifted on Jan 21 and merged with the flame at which place? The National War Memorial
869.	Which team won the 9th National Women Ice Hockey Championship held at Kaza? Ladakh
870.	The Parliament of which country approved a bill to relocate the country's capital as it was located on a swampy ground and was sinking? Indonesia
871.	Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia, a professional _____ and an author and social worker, passed away at the age of 85: Mountaineer
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872.	Name the Nobel Peace Prize (1984) laureate who helped end apartheid in South Africa, who passed away on Dec 26, aged 90: Archbishop Desmond Tutu
873.	Which state won the Vijay Hazare Trophy in Jaipur on Dec 26? Himachal Pradesh
874.	Vijay Hazare Trophy is the national level trophy of which sports? Cricket
875.	Vijay Hazare Trophy is played in which format of cricket? One Day – 50 overs
876.	Which major state topped the Good Governance Index 2021, released on December 25? Gujarat
877.	Among hill states, _____ secured first rank in the Good Governance Index 2021: Himachal Pradesh
878.	What is the name of the world's largest and most powerful space telescope launched by NASA on Dec 25? James Webb Space Telescope

879.	Which team won the 11th Junior National Men's Hockey Championship on Dec 25? Uttar Pradesh
880.	Who won his 11th National Billiards title on Dec 20 in the 88th National Billiards and Snookers Championship? Pankaj Advani
881.	What was the name of the indigenously built missile corvette that was decommissioned on Dec 24? INS Khukri
882.	Who has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics? Harjinder Singh
883.	Which is the current office held by Harjinder Singh? General Secretary of Indian Ice Hockey Association
884.	India pushed which country to 4 th place in the Global Unicorn Index 2021? United Kingdom
885.	Which country topped the Global Unicorn Index 2021? USA
886.	The International Day of Epidemic Preparedness is observed on which day of December? 27th
887.	What is the name of the contemporary messaging application recently launched by the Indian Army? ASIGMA
888.	What is the full form of ASIGMA? Army Secure IndiGeneous Messaging Application
889.	Which Indian multinational company launched one of its kind indigenous Multi-terrain Artillery Gun (MAR-G) 155 – BR on Dec 21 for Indian Army? Bharat Forge Ltd
890.	Name the ace Indian skier who won the Bronze medal at the FIS Alpine Skiing Competition on Dec 23 in Montenegro? Aanchal Thakur
891.	Which multi-national bank approved a loan of Euro 250 million for the funding of Agra Metro Rail Project in Uttar Pradesh? The European Investment Bank, Luxembourg
892.	What is the title of the recent book by Dr. Shashi Tharoor? Pride, Prejudice, and Punditry
893.	Who is the author of the recent novel "The Nutmeg's Curse"? Amitav Ghosh
894.	"The Judge's List" is a popular novel authored by ____: John Grisham
895.	Which National Day is celebrated on Dec 25 to mark the birthday of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee? Good Governance Day
896.	The National Consumer Day is observed on which date? December 24
897.	The current Consumer Protection Act was enacted in which year? 2019

898.	World Consumer Day is celebrated on which date? 15th March
899.	RBI has told e-commerce companies that from January 1, 2022, they will not be allowed to save ____ information on their websites: Card
900.	Who won the Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament on Dec 22? South Korea
901.	Which country hosted the Asian Champions Trophy Hockey tournament? Bangladesh
902.	India won which medal at the Asian Champions Trophy Hockey tournament? Bronze
903.	Who won the SAFF U-19 Women's Football Championship? Bangladesh
904.	Which country hosted the SAFF U-19 Women's Football Championship? Bangladesh
905.	National Farmers' Day (Kisan Diwas) on Dec 23 marks the birthday of which veteran farmer leader? Chaudhary Charan Singh
906.	The DRDO successfully test-fired on Dec 22 the short-range, surface to surface-guided ballistic missile 'Pralay'. What is its strike range? 350 to 500 km
907.	The first set of indigenously developed next-gen AERV was inducted into Indian Army on Dec 21 at Pune. What is AERV? Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle
908.	National Mathematics Day on Dec 22 marks the birthday of which great mathematician? Srinivasa Ramanujan
909.	The Parliament passed the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 on Dec 21. It aims to link voter card with ____: Aadhaar number
910.	As per the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021, new voters upon attaining 18 years of age, can now enroll ____ times in a year? Four
911.	Indian tech wizard took over as CEO of the social media platform Twitter? Parag Agrawal
912.	Ballon d'Or awards are given for outstanding performance in which sports? Football
913.	Who won the Ballon d'Or-Men for the year 2021? Lionel Messi
914.	Ms. Alexia Putellas, winner of 2021 Ballon d'Or award for women, plays for which country? Spain
915.	What is the literal meaning of the term Ballon d'Or? Golden Ball
916.	Saurav Ghosal scripted history by becoming the first Indian ____ player to win the Malaysian Open Championships held in Kuala Lumpur: Squash

917.	According to the recent data by the National Statistics Office, GDP of the country grew by ____percent in quarter ending 30 th Sep: 8.4
918.	Barbados, a micro island country in eastern _____, became a new republic at the strike of midnight of Nov 30: Caribbean Sea
919.	Barbados became free on Dec 01 from the colonial rule of which country? Britain
920.	The Indian Army received advanced Heron Mark-II drones from which country? Israel
921.	Which virus causes the dreaded AIDS disease? HIV
922.	What is the full form of HIV? Human Immunodeficiency Virus
923.	Which union ministry has formed a three-member committee to review the criteria for reservation for the EWS category? Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
924.	Who has been selected to head this committee? Ajay Bhushan Pandey
925.	What is the current annual income limit to identify EWS for providing 10% quota in public jobs and educational institutions? Rs. 8 lakh
926.	The 10% EWS quota was introduced under the which number Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2019? 103rd
927.	Magdalena Andersson was elected as the first female Prime Minister of which country? Sweden
928.	What is the name of the parliament of Sweden? Riksdag
929.	The ten day long Hornbill Festival is the biggest cultural extravaganza of which state? Nagaland
930.	What type of animal is Hornbill? Large bird
931.	The Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021 has declared ____ as the world's most expensive city to live in: Tel Aviv, Israel
932.	The Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021 has been released by which organisation? Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), London
933.	The National Pollution Control Day on December 2 marks occurrence of which industrial disaster? Bhopal Gas Tragedy
934.	Bhopal Gas Tragedy occurred in which year? 1984
935.	Leakage of which gas led to Bhopal Gas Tragedy? Methyl Isocyanate – MIC
936.	World Computer Literacy Day is observed on which date? Dec 02
937.	Which International Day is observed on December 02 to spread awareness about ending

	human trafficking and the exploitation of humans? International Day for Abolition of Slavery
938.	Celebration of International Day for Abolition of Slavery is supported by which UN Agency? International Labour Organisation
939.	World Athletics Awards are given by which organisation? World Athletics
940.	Who is the winner of this year's World Athlete of the Year-Women award? Elaine Thompson-Herah
941.	Elaine Thompson-Herah excels in which discipline of athletics? 100m & 200 meter Sprint (five time Olympic Champion)
942.	Elain hails from which country? Jamaica
943.	Karsten Warholm, winner of this year's World Athlete of the Year-Men award, hails from which country? Norway
944.	Karsten is a Olympic champion of which athletic event? 400-meter hurdle, Sprint; broke the 29-year-old world record
945.	World Athletics selected which Indian for the Woman of the year Award-2021? Anju Bobby George
946.	Anju is the veteran champion of which event in athletics? Long jump
947.	Who topped the list of "50 most powerful women in India" released by Fortune India? Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister
948.	Which India cooperative has been ranked at 'number one' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world? IFFCO - Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited
949.	According to the World Migration Report 2022, which factor is responsible for causing highest number of human displacements? Natural disasters
950.	Which country experienced the highest absolute numbers of new disaster displacements in 2020? Philippines
951.	The World Bank approved a \$135 million loan to improve electricity distribution and grid modernisation infrastructure in which state? West Bengal
952.	Which global rating agency has kept the economic growth forecast for India unchanged at 9.5 percent for the current financial year (2021-22)? S&P – Standard and Poor's
953.	Which day of December is observed as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities? Third

954.	Indian Navy Day on Dec 4 commemorates victory of Indian Navy in which operation? Operation Trident in Karachi harbour
955.	Which world body supports the celebration of International Day of Banks on Dec 04? UNO
956.	A plant to produce over five lakh AK-203 assault rifles will be set up at which place? At Korwa, Distt. Amethi, U.P.
957.	Which country has provided technical support for production of AK-203 assault rifles in India? Russia
958.	Who has been selected as the First Deputy Managing Director of IMF? Gita Gopinath
959.	The government released a commemorative postage stamp on Dec 01 to mark completion of 75 years of which industrial group? Mahindra & Mahindra
960.	The ADB approved a \$500-million loan to India to help improve the quality of ____: School Education
961.	Theme for this year's World Soil Day on Dec 5 is associated with which aspect of soil? Salinization
962.	International Volunteer Day is observed on which date? December 5
963.	The first-ever India Russia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue was held in ____ on Dec 6: New Delhi
964.	Which two ministers took part in 2+2 Indo-Russia Ministerial Dialogue? Defence minister and Foreign minister
965.	With which country India participated in bilateral military exercise EKVURIN? Maldives
966.	Name the veteran TV journalist who passed away on Dec 4 in a New Delhi hospital, losing his battle to Corona: Vinod Dua
967.	Which volcano in Indonesia, suddenly erupted on Dec 4, throwing up towers of ash and hot clouds several km up in the sky? Mount Semeru
968.	____ became the first state to achieve hundred percent COVID vaccination of second dose for its entire eligible population: Himachal Pradesh
969.	Which cyclone caused heavy rains across the coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha on Dec 5? Cyclone Jawad
970.	Which country lifted the Junior Men's Hockey World Cup? Argentina
971.	Junior Men's Hockey World Cup final was played in which city? Bhubaneswar
972.	Who became the women's 10m air pistol national champion for the second successive time, in the

	64th National Shooting Championship? Manu Bhaker
973.	Which Indian player won the silver medal in the BWF World Tour Finals (badminton-Women) at Bali, Indonesia on Dec 5? P V Sindhu
974.	New Zealand's _____ became the third bowler in Test cricket history to take 10 wickets in an innings: Ajaz Patel
975.	Badminton World Federation (BWF) selected _____ as "Player of the Year-Men": Viktor Axelsen
976.	Viktor Axelsen hails from which country? Denmark
977.	Who won the BWF's "Player of the Year-Women" award for 2021? Tai Tzu-ying
978.	Tai Tzu-ying plays for which country? China
979.	_____ won the national title in women's 25m pistol for the third year in a row: Rahi Sarnobat
980.	Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd, Kolkata launched its first call survey vessel (large) named____, for the Indian Navy: 'Sandhayak'
981.	The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the "Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas" (SRESHTA) scheme for SC students of which class? 9th to 12th
982.	India observes Armed Forces Flag Day on which day of December? 7th
983.	International Civil Aviation Day on December 7 highlights the role of which global body associated with civil aviation? International Civil Aviation Organisation
984.	Adama Barrow was re-elected as the President of the _____, a small west African country: Gambia
985.	For which Indian state ADB sanctioned a \$150 million dollar loan to provide affordable housing for urban poor? Tamil Nadu
986.	The President of India awarded the "President's Standard" to the 22nd _____ Squadron of the Indian Navy: Missile Vessel
987.	The USA announced a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics for what reasons? China's dissatisfactory human rights record with regard to Uighur Muslims
988.	Sanket Mahadev Sargar won the gold medal in the Commonwealth _____ Championships 2021 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan: Weightlifting
989.	Which eminent poet won the 56th Jnanpith Award 2020? Nilmani Phookan Jr
990.	Nilmani Phookan Jr is an eminent poet of which language? Assamese

991.	Veteran novelist Damodar Mauzo from Goa won which top literary award recently? 57th Jnanpith Award 2021
992.	Veteran novelist Damodar Mauzo writes in which language? Konkani
993.	What is the amount of cash award given with the Jnanpith Award? Rs. 11 lakh
994.	Kazhuveli, the wetland located near Villupuram in _____ has been declared a bird sanctuary: Tamil Nadu
995.	The unfortunate air crash of Gen. Rawat's helicopter took place in the forest area near _____ in the Nilgiri Hills: Coonoor
996.	Which type of helicopter was involved in the air crash that killed Gen Rawat and 12 other persons? Mi 17 V-5
997.	The Union Cabinet approved on Dec 8 the funding and implementation of the project for interlinking of which two rivers? Ken and Betwa rivers
998.	Ken and Betwa rivers lie in ____ and _____, respectively: MP and UP
999.	Bot, Ken and Betwa rivers, are tributaries of which river? Yamuna
1000.	Fitch Ratings is based in which city? New York
1001.	National Submarine Day on Dec 09 marks which event in the history of Indian Navy? Induction of its first submarine, INS Kalvari in 1967
1002.	International Anti-Corruption Day is observed on which date? Dec 09
1003.	Who topped the Forbes World's 100 Most Powerful Women list released on Dec 8? Mackenzie Scott, philanthropist and novelist from USA
1004.	Who secured the highest rank (37 th) among Indian women listed in the Forbes World's 100 Most Powerful Women list? Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman
1005.	The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was granted 'Observer Status' recently by which global organisation? United Nations General Assembly
1006.	President of which country convened a virtual "Summit for Democracy" on Dec 9-10, attended by more than 100 countries? USA
1007.	Which farmers' organisation announced on Dec 9 the end of year long farmers' agitation? Samyukt Kisan Morcha
1008.	Which Indian was honoured with the prestigious Royal Gold Medal 2022 recently? Balkrishna Doshi

1009.	Balkrishna Doshi is a veteran prominent _____ from India: Architect
1010.	Royal Gold Medal is conferred by which organisation? Royal Institute of British Architects, London
1011.	Who has been elected as the President of FICCI for 2022? Sanjiv Mehta
1012.	What is the expansion of the acronym FICCI? Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
1013.	Which team won the Davis Cup 2021? Russia
1014.	Which national body launched the pan-India capacity building programme for women, by the name 'She is a Changemaker' on Dec 7? National Commission for Women
1015.	What is the target group for the programme 'She is a Changemaker'? Women politicians
1016.	Who is the chairperson of the National Commission for Women? Rekha Sharma
1017.	Which International Day marks the anniversary of adoption by the UNO in 1948, the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights"? Human Rights Day, Dec 10
1018.	Which country hosted the Asian Youth Para Games in Riffa city? Bahrain
1019.	The theme for this year's International Mountain Day observed on Dec 11, is associated with: Tourism
1020.	December 11 is observed as UNICEF Day. Where are its headquarters? New York
1021.	What is the full form of UNICEF? United Nations Children's Fund
1022.	Which UN organisation supports the celebration of International Universal Health Coverage Day on Dec 12? WHO
1023.	19-year-old Jeremy Lalrinnunga, who won the gold medal in Commonwealth weightlifting Championships, is from which state? Mizoram
1024.	Name the 19 year old shooter from Rajasthan who won both, junior and senior national titles in air rifle event: Divyansh Singh Panwar
1025.	Haiderpur wetland, which has recently been recognized under the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, is in which state? Uttar Pradesh
1026.	India's Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu recently won which international beauty pageant? Miss Universe
1027.	What is the toll-free number of the National Helpline against Atrocities on SC/ST launched on Dec. 13? 14566

1028.	DRDO and Indian Air Force successfully flight-tested on Dec 11 the indigenously developed Helicopter-launched SANT Missile. What is full form of SANT? Stand-off Anti-Tank
1029.	Which US state suffered widespread devastation due to severe tornado attack on Dec 10? Kentucky
1030.	Who became the World Champion of F1 car racing for 2021? Max Verstappen
1031.	Max Verstappen drives for which F1 team? Red Bull
1032.	Which emirate in UAE became the world's first government to turn 100 per cent paperless? Dubai
1033.	Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of the UNICEF- United Nations Children's Fund, New York? Catherine Russell
1034.	Which country topped the 2021 Global Health Security (GHS) Index? USA
1035.	What was India's rank in the 2021 Global Health Security (GHS) Index? 66th
1036.	Who won the World Chess Championship crown for the fifth successive time? Magnus Carlsen
1037.	Magnus Carlsen hails from which country? Norway
1038.	Which apex organisation supports the celebration of the National Energy Conservation Day on December 14? Bureau of Energy Efficiency
1039.	World Energy Conservation Day is observed on which date? Dec. 14
1040.	Who is the presiding deity in the prestigious Sri Kashi Vishwanath Dham in Varanasi? Lord Shiva
1041.	Asian Development Bank approved a \$350 million loan for India to help improve which type of its urban services? Piped water supply and sanitation
1042.	World Talent Ranking Report placed which country at the top spot for best handling of its human resources? Switzerland
1043.	India secured which rank in the World Talent Ranking Report? 56th
1044.	The DRDO successfully tested a long-range SMART weapon on Dec 13. What is full form of SMART? Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo
1045.	Which date has been fixed by the UNO to observe International Tea Day? May 21
1046.	RBI made use of LEI mandatory for cross-border transactions for capital or current account transactions of Rs 50 crore and above, from

	October 1, 2022. What is LEI? Legal Entity Identifier
1047.	Legal Entity Identifier number comprise of how many digits? 20
1048.	Who has been announced as the "Person of the Year" for 2021 by the TIME magazine? Elon Musk
1049.	RBI issued revised guidelines on Dec 14 for a Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for which type of companies? NBFCs
1050.	For the first time in history, a spacecraft has almost touched the Sun. What is its name? Parker Solar Probe
1051.	Which space agency launched the Parker Solar Probe? NASA
1052.	____became the first country in the world to change its existing five-day workweek to a four-and-a-half day, wef Jan 1, 2022? UAE
1053.	The Union Ministry of Forest and Environment declared Askot Wildlife Sanctuary as an eco-sensitive zone. It is in which state? Uttarakhand
1054.	Celebration of Vijay Diwas on Dec 16 marks anniversary of which event? Indian armed forces victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war
1055.	UNESCO has added which popular cultural event of India in its Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity? Durga puja of Kolkata
1056.	The Cabinet approved on Dec 15 implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for which five-year span? 2021-26
1057.	President Ram Nath Kovind visited Dhaka in Bangladesh on Dec 16 to attend which historical event? 50th Bijay Dibos celebrations
1058.	Who has been made the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee? General MM Naravane
1059.	NTPS has set up India's first Green Hydrogen based Energy Storage Project at which place? Simhadri near Visakhapatnam
1060.	Green hydrogen is produced by splitting ____into hydrogen and oxygen using an electrolyzer powered by renewable energy sources such as wind and solar: Water
1061.	The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$112 million loan for the establishment of a Skill University in which state? Assam
1062.	Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo is the highest civilian decoration of which country? Bhutan

1063.	Recently, which prominent Indian dignitary was honoured with Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo? Prime Minister Narendra Modi
1064.	Who is the current King of Bhutan? His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
1065.	Government released an India Post special day cover and a commemorative stamp on Dec 16 to mark the golden jubilee of which event? India's victory during the 1971 Indo-Pak War.
1066.	From which country India received the highest ever annual Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow in 2020-21? Singapore
1067.	Which sector of economy received the highest FDI in 2020-21? Computer software and hardware sector
1068.	Which apex body supports the celebration of Minorities Rights Day on Dec 18? National Commission for Minorities
1069.	Who is the current chairman of the National Commission for Minorities? Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura
1070.	Who is the current union minister of minority affaires? Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
1071.	Which UN agency looks after the interests of migrants, all over the world? International Organisation for Migrants, Geneva
1072.	Which India made Covid vaccine was provided an emergency use listing (EUL) by WHO? Covovax
1073.	Which Indian company manufactures the Covovax, the protein based anti-Covid vaccine? Serum Institute of India, Pune
1074.	Which country suffered widespread devastation due to Super Typhoon Rai? Philippines
1075.	The DRDO successfully tested on Dec 18 the new-generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile 'Agni P'. What is its strike range? 1000 to 2000 km
1076.	The Indian Air Force signed an MoU with which IIT to support its efforts towards indigenous solutions in various weapon systems? IIT Delhi
1077.	The government has given "in-principle" approval for setting up of India's largest nuclear power plant at which place? Jaitapur, Maharashtra
1078.	The nuclear power plant at Jaitapur is being set up with technical collaboration and support from which country? France
1079.	The RBI has thrown open the government agency business like tax collection, etc. to which type of scheduled banks? Payment Banks and Small Finance Banks

1080.	Avani Lekhara, who won the "Best Female Debut" award in the 2021 Paralympic Sports Awards, plays which sports? Rifle shooting
1081.	Which F1 racing champion was formally knighted by Prince Charles on Dec 15 in London? Lewis Hamilton
1082.	Who became first Indian to win a silver medal in the Men's singles final of BWF World Championships on Dec 19? Kidambi Srikanth
1083.	Who has been designated as the Chief Guest for the forthcoming Republic Day Parade on January 26, 2022? Presidents of five Central Asian countries - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
1084.	Who has been voted the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year, 2021? Emma Raducanu
1085.	Emma Raducanu is an emerging star of which sports? Tennis
1086.	Who became the first player in football history to achieve 800 career goals? Cristiano Ronaldo
1087.	Ronaldo plays for which Football Club? Manchester FC
1088.	Which organisation released on Dec 16 a report on the 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy'? Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
1089.	Which UT secured first position in the Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy? Lakshadweep
1090.	The International Human Solidarity Day is observed on which date? Dec 20
1091.	India's first International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) was inaugurated on Dec 18 in which city? Hyderabad
1092.	Karl Nehammer has been sworn in as the new _____ of Austria? Chancellor
1093.	Which South American country elected 35 years old former student leader as its youngest President? Chile
1094.	In which country heavy downpours in the third week of December caused widespread devastating floods in its urban areas? Malaysia
1095.	The Indian Navy conducted the maiden sea trials for which new stealth destroyer (warship)? Mormugao
1096.	The Indian Air Force started deploying the first squadron of the S-400 Triumf air defence missile system in which sector? Punjab
1097.	Which country has supplied S-400 Triumf air defence missile system to India? Russia

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1098. Which film won the Golden Peacock for the Best Film at the 52nd IFFI in Goa? **Ring Wandering**
1099. What is the amount of cash award for the Golden Peacock? **Rs. 40 lakh**
1100. For which film Jitendra Joshi won the Silver Peacock for the best actor-male? **Godavari**
1101. Who won the Silver Peacock for the best actor-Female for the film Charlotte? **Angela Molina**
1102. Who won his maiden Challenger level singles title in the summit clash of the ATP 80 Manama Tennis event? **Ramkumar Ramanathan**
1103. US based dictionary Merriam-Webster has declared _____ as its 2021 word of the year: **'Vaccine'**
1104. Which three oil PSU's have joined hands to launch Model Retail Outlets to enhance service standards and amenities, across their networks? **India Oil Corporation Ltd, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.**
1105. NCC Day is observed on the fourth ____ of November: **Sunday**
1106. What is the full form of the NCC? **National Cadet Corps**
1107. As per the new RBI guidelines, the long-term promoter stake cap in banks has been increased to ____ percent from 15 percent currently: **26**
1108. RBI Internal Working Group has proposed to hiked the initial capital requirement for setting up a universal bank to Rs. ____ : **1,000 crore**
1109. What is the proposed revised minimum capital requirement for setting up a new small finance bank? **Rs. 500 crore**
1110. Ahmed Nasser Al Raisi, a general from _____ has been elected as the President of the INTERPOL: **UAE**
1111. Collins Dictionary has named the term _____ as the Word of the Year 2021: **NFT**
1112. WHO has given what name to the newly found highly infectious variant of Corona found in South Africa? **Omicron**
1113. The Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report prepared by the Niti Aayog has ranked which state as the poorest in the country? **Bihar**
1114. As per the Multidimensional Poverty Index, Which Indian state has the lowest poverty levels? **Kerala**

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