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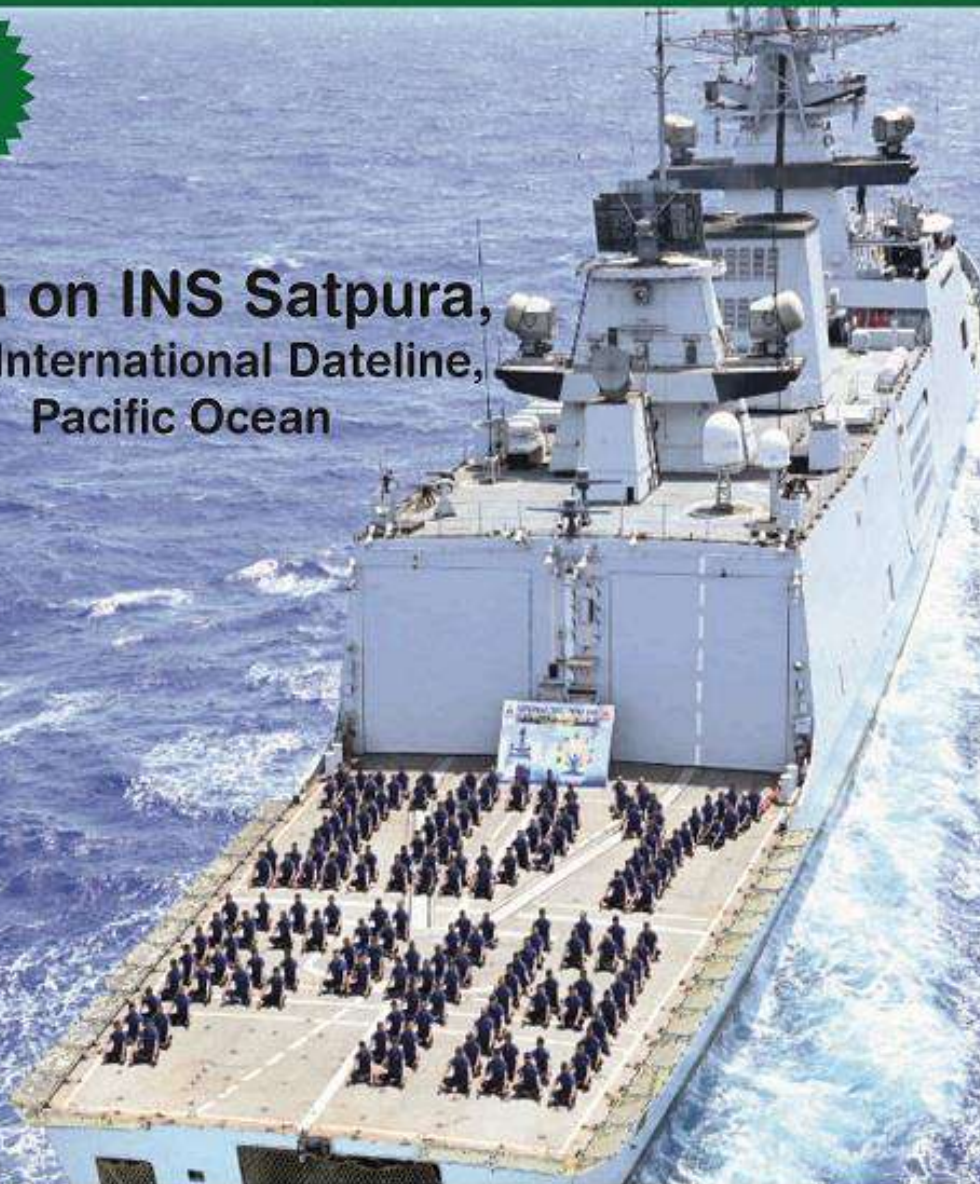
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KEY RATE	RATE	FROM
SLR	18%	4-5-22
CRR	4.5%	21-5-22
Repo Rate	4.90%	8-6-22
Fixed Reverse Repo	3.35%	8-6-22
Standing Deposit Facility	4.65%	8-6-22
Marginal Standing Facility	5.15%	8-6-22
Bank Rate	5.15%	8-6-22

India's Rank in

World Competitiveness Index 2022	37 th
Environmental Performance Index	180 th
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
Corruption Perceptions Index 2021	85 th
Hanley Passport Index - Jan 2022	83 rd
Global Unicorn Index - 2021	03 rd
Global Health Security Index - 2021	66 th
World Talent Ranking Report - 2021	56 th
Global Bribery Risk Rankings	82 nd
Global Drugs Policy Index	18 th
Climate Change Performance Index-2022	10 th
Global Hunger Index - 2021	101 st
Global Food Security Index 2021	71 st
Rule of Law Index - 2021	79 th
Digital Quality of Life Index	59 th



NATIONAL NEWS

JUNE

PM MODI ATTENDS G7 SUMMIT IN GERMANY



Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a three-day visit to Germany and UAE, reaching Munich, Germany on 26th of June. Mr. Modi visited Schloss Elmau, Germany to attend the G-7 Summit under the German Presidency on June 26-27. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz invited him as a partner country. After attending the G-7 Summit, he visited the United Arab Emirates on June 28 to pay his condolences on the passing away of former UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan on May 13 this year.

VP MAKES THREE NATION TOUR

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a three-nation tour to Gabon, Senegal and Qatar on May 30. This is the first-ever visit from India at the level of Vice President to all the three countries. The tour started from Gabon, a country on the west coast of Central Africa. He held delegation level talks with the Prime Minister of Gabon, Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda.



He reached Senegal, located on the west coast of Western Africa, on June 1 to hold delegation level talks with President of Senegal Macky Sall.

From 4th to 7th of June, he stayed in Qatar, a country in West Asia. He had an official meeting with Qatar's Deputy Amir, Sheikh Abdullah Bin Hamad Al Thani to review bilateral cooperation.

In all the three countries, he attended a business round table and addressed the Indian community.

INDIA HONOURED AS “COUNTRY OF THE YEAR”



Europe's biggest start-up conference – Vivatech 2020 selected India as the “country of the year” to honour the contribution of the Indian start-ups to the world. Union Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the India Pavilion at the conference.

He said that the combination of billions of smartphones and billions of bank accounts with billion-plus digital identities in enabling the creation of unique options for technology development in India. Nowhere in the world can we find the massive scale that we have in India.

50 YEARS OF INDIA-VIETNAM RELATIONS

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and his Vietnamese counterpart Bui Thanh Son launched the joint logo for the celebration of 50 Years of India-Vietnam Diplomatic Relations on June 18.

The logo was launched in an event on the sideline of the Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi. The logo represents long-standing friendship between India and Vietnam symbolically through the sketch of a peacock, India's national bird and that of a Chim Lac, a legendary ancient crane from Vietnam.

LIFE LAUNCHED FOR BETTER ENVIRONMENT

Prime Minister Modi virtually launched a global initiative “Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement”, on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5. The vision of LiFE is to live a lifestyle that is in tune with our planet and does not harm it and those who live such a lifestyle are called Pro-Planet People.

The launch initiated ‘LiFE Global Call for Papers’ inviting ideas and suggestions from academics, universities and research institutions etc to influence and persuade individuals, communities and organisations across the world to adopt an environment-conscious lifestyle.

The idea of LiFE was introduced by the Prime Minister during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties COP-26 in Glasgow last year. The idea promotes an environment conscious lifestyle that focuses on mindful and deliberate utilisation instead of mindless and destructive consumption.

NHAI ENTERS GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

National Highways Authority of India - NHAI and its contractors entered Guinness World Records for laying 75 Km long continuous Bituminous Concrete Road in less than five days. The work was carried out in a single lane on NH-53 section between Amravati and Akola in West Vidarbha in Maharashtra in a record time of 4 days, 9 hours and 33 minutes. National Highway-53 is an important part of the East-West corridor.

INDIA'S 1st AIRPORT ON SOLAR/HYDRO POWER

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has become the first airport in India to run entirely on hydro and solar power as it switched to renewable sources for its energy needs. It aims at becoming a Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030.

To achieve this target, the Delhi International Airport Ltd, a GMR Infrastructure Ltd led consortium, which manages and operates the Delhi Airport, has signed a long-term power purchase agreement (PPA) with a Himachal Pradesh-based hydropower producing company for the supply of hydroelectricity for the airport until 2036. Switching over to renewable sources for its energy needs will help it indirectly reduce 200,000 tons of carbon emissions.

INDIA'S FIRST EDUCATIONAL METAVERSE

India launched its first educational metaverse, Bharat Blockchain Network (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & Polyversity (Educational Metaverse) on June 6. Bharat Blockchain Network is the world's largest academic Blockchain network with over 100 universities and academic partners. The Polyversity has the simulated presence of various academic institutions, including the premises of AICTE.

The portal has also onboarded companies such as Microsoft, Amazon Web Services, IBM and so on, who would train interested candidates for topics such as blockchain, Artificial Intelligence. The portal would reflect internship and apprenticeship opportunities offered by over 40,000 companies all across the country.



WORLD'S FIRST FISHING CAT CENSUS

World's first population estimation of the fishing cat, conducted outside the protected area network, was done in the Chilika Lake, Asia's largest brackish water lagoon in Odisha. The census conducted by Chilika Development Authority in collaboration with The Fishing Cat Project, found 176 fishing cats.

These are globally threatened cats that are found in wetlands like marshlands, mangroves and flooded forests in major South and Southeast Asian river basins. *Fishing Cat is about twice the size of a typical house cat and is an adept swimmer and enters water frequently to prey on fish as its name suggests. It is known to even dive to catch fish. A nocturnal (active at night) animal, it also preys on frogs, crustaceans, snakes, birds, and scavenges on carcasses of larger animals.*

JGU TOP INDIAN PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

OP Jindal Global University (JGU) in Sonapat, Haryana, was ranked India's No 1 private university for the third year in a row, according to the QS World University Rankings, 2023, released on June 9. JGU was ranked in the 651-700 band this year, making it the only Indian private university to have found a place among the world's top 700 universities. IISc-Bangalore, ranked 155, is now the fastest rising university in South Asia, gaining 31 places from last year. It is followed by IIT Bombay (172nd) and IIT Delhi (174th).

The ranking was topped by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, followed by the University of Cambridge, UK and Stanford University (USA).

London-based leading global higher education company Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) analysed a total of 2,462 institutes and ranked 1,422 of them in the world, including 41 institutes from India. The universities are evaluated on the basis of academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty-student ratio, citations per faculty, international faculty ratio and international students' ratio.

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CORBEVAX APPROVED AS THE BOOSTER DOSE



CORBEVAX, the Covid vaccine manufactured by Hyderabad-based Biological E', has become India's first vaccine to get DCGI approval as a heterogeneous COVID-19 booster dose. People who are 18 years and above and have already taken two doses of either COVISHIELD or COVAXIN can now receive a dose of CORBEVAX. The vaccine can be taken after 6 months of two doses of Covaxin or Covishield vaccines for restricted use in emergency situations.

MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The seven day Mumbai International Film Festival - MIFF 2022 started in Mumbai on May 29. It is the oldest and largest festivals of non-feature films in South Asia. The festival attracts documentary, short fiction and animation films from across the globe. This year, the festival will pay tribute to the golden jubilee of the liberation of Bangladesh, by making it the 'Country of Focus'.

INDIA 37th IN COMPETITIVENESS

The Institute for Management Development, Switzerland, released the annual World Competitiveness Index 2022 on June 15. India witnessed the sharpest rise among the Asian economies, with a six-position jump, from 43rd last year to 37th this year, largely due to gains in economic performance.

The top five attractive factors of India's economy for business are - a skilled workforce, cost, competitiveness, dynamism of the economy, high educational level and open and positive attitudes.

Denmark was placed at the top, followed by Switzerland and Singapore. The Index found that inflationary pressures are affecting the competitiveness of national economies along with COVID, and the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

The Index ranks 63 economies and assesses the extent to which a country promotes the prosperity of its people by measuring economic well-being via hard data and survey responses from executives.

INDIA LAST IN ENVIRONMENT INDEX



India has been ranked at the bottom of the 2022 edition of the Environmental Performance Index prepared for 180 countries. India's score of 18.9 was the lowest. Even the neighbouring nations have done better including Pakistan (24.6) which is ranked at 176 and Bangladesh (23.1) at 177. The Index is topped by Denmark @77.9, followed by England @77.7.

The countries are scored and ranked in the Index on the basis of the environmental performance with the use of the most recent year's data available on 40 performance indicators across the 11 issue categories on environmental health, climate change performance, and ecosystem vitality. The analysis of the performance of the 180 countries was done by the researchers at the Earth Institute of Yale and Columbia University, USA.

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PRESIDENT 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 Douglas. 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.

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.



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 Bhopender 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.

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 re-consideration. 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, 8nable8ed 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 8nable 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 KARMAYOGI

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.

NEWS FROM STATES

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COUNTRY'S FIRST 'BALIKA PANCHAYAT'

The country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', started in five villages of Gujarat's Kutch district. The initiative aims to promote the social and political development of the girls and ensure their active participation in the decision making process of Panchayats.

The initiative has been taken by the Women and Child Development Welfare Deptt. of the Gujarat under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign.

'Balika Panchayat' is managed by girls in the 11-21 age group and its main objective is to promote the social and political development of the girl child and to remove the evil practices from the society such as child marriage, and the dowry system.

HIMACHAL FIRST TO BRING DRONE POLICY

In a major step forward, Himachal Pradesh became the first state to approve 'Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022' to enable the use of drones and similar technology for different public services in the hill state. Himachal's drone policy focuses mainly on creating drone-enabled technology, creation of manpower through the establishment of training schools, startup and innovation schemes, and more.



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INDIA'S FIRST DISPLAY FABRICATION FACILITY

The Fortune-500 company Rajesh Exports entered into an agreement with the Telangana government to set up India's first display fabrication facility in Hyderabad by making investments worth Rs 24,000 crore.

The state government announced on June 12 that Elest, a subsidiary company of Rajesh Exports, will set up Generation 6 AMOLED Display FAB in Telangana to manufacture next generation displays for smartphones, tablet computers, and laptops.

This will be the biggest investment by value in the state. The Display FAB will attract some of the finest global talents in next generation technology and generate direct employment to more than 3,000 people, including scientists and advanced technology professionals.

The display fab would be set up under the 'India Semiconductor Mission' programme of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

INDIA'S 1st AIR-SOLAR HYBRID POWER PLANT

In a first of its kind attempt to explore the possibility of utilisation of wind energy at the airport, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai has launched a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine along with a solar panel. This fully integrated, hybrid renewable energy product harnesses solar and wind energy combined to generate electricity. Due to its modular and scalable size, it's easy to mount the technology on any mobile or static rooftop.

INDIA'S FIRST, LARGEST DESALINATION PLANT

Country's first of its kind and the largest desalination plant was inaugurated at Dahej in Gujarat. The 100 MLD (million litres per day) plant has been built by Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation at a cost of Rs 881 crore. The plant will purify salt water from the sea and supply it to the local industry. Once the plant gets fully operational, its capacity will go up to 555 MLD.

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FIRST MAIL DELIVERY BY DRONE



For the first time in the country, the Department of Indian Posts has delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in Gujarat's Kutch district. The mail parcel was delivered from Habay village in Bhuj taluka to Ner village in Bhachau taluka. It took 25 minutes to deliver the parcel over a distance of 46 km.

INDIA'S FIRST WIND/SOLAR POWER PLANT

Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited, a subsidiary of Adani Green Energy Ltd., commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. It is the first ever wind and solar hybrid power generation plant in India. The plant integrates solar and wind power generation, to harness the full potential of renewable energy.

INDIA'S FIRST LAVENDER FESTIVAL

India's first Lavender Festival was held in Bhaderwah in district Doda of J&K. Lavender cultivation started under the government initiative of 'Aroma Mission or Purple Revolution' has changed the destiny of farmers in Jammu and Kashmir. Bhaderwah is the best place for lavender cultivation in terms of land and climate. Lavender flower and oil have a popular scent and are also used as medicine.

4th STATE FOOD SAFETY INDEX

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya released the 4th State Food Safety Index on the occasion of World Food Safety Day on June 7. The Index has been prepared by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to measure the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.

Among the larger states, Tamil Nadu was the top-ranking state, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra. Among the smaller states, Goa stood first followed by Manipur and Sikkim while among UTs, J&K was at top, followed by Delhi and Chandigarh. The index will help in providing safe and nutritious food to the people.

ODISHA WINS NATIONAL MSME AWARD



The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Department, Government of Odisha has been awarded first prize in the category “National MSME Award 2022 to States/UTs for outstanding contribution in the promotion and development of MSME Sector” by virtue of various developmental initiatives taken up for the development of MSMEs. The Government of India came up with the National MSME Award 2022 Scheme comprising 44 categories.

JHARKHAND AWARDED BY WHO

Jharkhand has been selected for World No Tobacco Day Award-2022 by the World Health Organisation for achieving considerable reduction in tobacco consumption in the state.

The National Tobacco Control Programme was launched in Jharkhand in 2012 when the tobacco prevalence rate in the state was 51.1 per cent, of which 48% were smokeless users.

The Global Adult Tobacco Survey report published in 2018 found that the tobacco users in Jharkhand came down to 38.9 per cent, of which 35.4 percent were smokeless users.

VALLEY OF FLOWERS OPENED FOR VISITORS

The world-famous Valley of Flowers, located in Chamoli, Uttarakhand was opened for tourists from 1st of June and will remain open till 31st October. The Valley of Flowers is known for its meadows of endemic alpine flowers and a variety of flora. During the flowering season, more than 500 species of colourful flowers bloom here.

It is located at an altitude of 13 thousand feet above sea level and is spread over an area of about 87 sq km. It was declared a National Park in November, 1982. In 2004, UNESCO declared it as a World Heritage Site. The Valley of Flowers National Park is part of the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve.

ASSAM LAST TO JOIN ONORC SCHEME

Assam became the 36th State to implement One Nation One Ration Card-ONORC scheme on June 20. With this, the ONORC scheme has been successfully implemented in all the 36 states and UTs making food security portable throughout the country. Beneficiaries under National Food Security Act (NFSA) get subsidised foodgrains under ONORC and beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyana Anna (PMGKAY) get free foodgrains under this scheme.

This scheme is aimed at enabling migrant workers and their family members to seamlessly lift their entitled subsidised foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop of their choice anywhere in the country.

Within a short-span of time, it covered 80 crore beneficiaries since its launch in August 2019 by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. Currently, a monthly average of about three crore portable transactions are being recorded, delivering the subsidised/free foodgrains to the beneficiaries.

TATA TO CONSTRUCT NOIDA INT’L AIRPORT

The Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd has selected Tata Projects, a subsidiary of Tata Group to undertake the engineering, procurement, and construction of Noida International Airport at Jewar, near Noida in Uttar Pradesh. The company will construct the runway, terminals, airside infrastructure, utilities, roads, landslide facilities and the other ancillary buildings at India’s largest airport.

The project, spread in 1,334 hectares, will have a single runway operation in the first phase with a capacity to handle 12 million passengers per annum with an investment of Rs. 5,700 crores.

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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.



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.

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 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.

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.

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 organized 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.



GOVT. INITIATIVES

JUNE

NIPUN TO UPSKILL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS



The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched an innovative project National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN) on June 20 in New Delhi. NIPUN is an initiative under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission DAY-NULM to train over one lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes.

The initiative aims at creating a future labour force for the construction industry which will propel innovation and large-scale development in the country.

NIPUN will enable Nirman workers to be more proficient and skilled while making them adopt future trends in the construction industry by increasing their capabilities and diversifying their skill sets. This will make them eligible to seek better job opportunities, increase their wages and even pursue overseas placements.

FIRST BHARAT GAURAV TRAIN STARTS

India's first private train service, under the Bharat Gaurav Scheme, started its journey on June 14 from Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu for Sainagar Shirdi of Maharashtra. It will be a round trip of six days, covering all important religious and cultural places enroute.

This private train is being operated by a firm named South Star Rail. The operator will provide VIP darshans, local transportation, AC accommodation, and facilitation by a tour guide, etc. Experienced caterers will provide a traditional vegetarian menu. The train will be maintained by reputed housekeeping service providers. It will also have on board facilities like doctors, private security, electricians, AC mechanics, and fire officers.

Indian Railways launched the operation of theme-based Bharat Gaurav trains in November 2021 with a view to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and the world, in a convenient and comfortable manner.

15,000 PM SHRI SCHOOLS TO BE SET UP

As part of the National Education Policy (NEP), Minister of Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan said on June 11 that 15,000 PM Shri Schools will be set up in the country. These schools will be fully equipped to prepare students for the future.

These state-of-the-art schools will function as the laboratory of NEP 2020. They will follow the 5+3+3+4 model of education as prescribed in the NEP. It is proposed that a child will spend 5 years in the Foundation stage (3 years nursery + class 1&2), 3 years in the Preparatory stage (3, 4 & 5), 3 years in the Middle stage (6, 7 & 8), and 4 years in Secondary stage (9 to 12).

RASHTRIYA PURASKAR PORTAL LAUNCHED

The Government of India has launched Rashtriya Puraskar Portal to invite nominations for various awards from the various ministries, departments, and agencies. It aims to bring together all the national awards instituted by various Ministries/Departments/Agencies of the Government on one digital platform, including their eligibility criteria, selection procedure, and details of past awardees, etc. Some of the main awards on the portal include Padma Awards, Sardar Patel National Unity Award, Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award.

It will ensure transparency, accountability, and public partnership (Jan Bhagidari). The portal aims to facilitate citizens to nominate individuals/organisations for various awards instituted by the Government of India to recognize and award them for their exceptional contributions in their respective fields.

NATIONAL TRIBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute on June 7 in New Delhi. NTRI will be a premier national level institute and become the nerve-centre of tribal concerns, issues and matters in academic, executive and legislative fields.

It will collaborate and network with reputed research institutes, universities, organisations as well as academic bodies and resource centres. It will monitor projects of Tribal Research Institutes, Centres of Excellence, research scholars and set up norms for improvement in the quality of research/training. Shri Arjun Munda is the current Minister of Tribal Affairs.



JAN SAMARTH PORTAL LAUNCHED

The Government launched Jan Samarth Portal on June 6 for bringing all credit-linked government schemes on a single platform. It is a first-of-its-kind platform that will directly connect the loan seekers/beneficiaries to the lenders (generally banks). Already 13 schemes and 125+ lending institutions have joined Jan Samarth Portal. Some major schemes on the portal include Education loans, Farmer loans and loans for business and self-employment.

The main purpose of the portal is to encourage inclusive growth and development of various sectors by guiding and providing them with the right type of government benefits through simple and easy digital processes. The portal ensures end to end coverage of all the linked schemes.

STATES/UTs ASKED TO BAN SUP

In a statement issued on June 5, World Environment Day, the Central Government asked all the states and UTs to phase out single-use plastic (SUP) and appealed to them to contribute to improve the environment for achieving a "Clean and Green" India.

According to the government, while 2,591 urban local bodies (ULBs) out of 4,704 have already reported notification of SUP ban, the remaining 2,100-plus ULBs have been asked to notify the same by June 30, 2022.

Single-use plastics, as the name suggests, are those plastic products that have a one-time use before they are thrown away. It include plastic sticks used in balloons, flags, candy, ice-cream and earbuds; thermocol used in items such as plates, cups, glasses and cutlery; wrapping and packing films used in sweet boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packets, stirrers and plastic banners of less than 100 microns in thickness, etc. All these items are banned from July 1, 2022.

As per the Plastic Waste Management (Amended) Rules, 2021, the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic less than 75 microns has been banned with effect from September 30, 2021.

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NOW BEST EDUCATION FOR SC STUDENTS



The Ministry of social justice and empowerment launched "Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas" (SRESHTA) on June 3 to provide quality education and opportunities for the poor SC students, whose parental annual income is not more than Rs 2.5 lakh.

The scheme aims to provide seats to the meritorious SC boys and girls in the best private residential schools in the country, free of cost. It is expected that every year, about 3000 students would be selected for admission in Class 9 and Class 11, under the scheme.

PREMIUM REVISED FOR PMJJBY & PMSBY

The government has revised the premium rates of its two flagship social security schemes, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, PMSBY. Premium rates for PMJJBY have been revised to Rs 436 from the earlier premium of 330 rupees per annum.

For the PMSBY, the revised premium will be 20 rupees, as against 12 rupees per annum at present. The revised premium rates will come into effect from June 01, 2022. This is the first revision in the premium rates since the inception of both schemes in 2015.

PMJJBY is available to persons in the age group of 18 to 50 years and provides a cover of Rs. two lakh in case of death due to any reason.

PMSBY is available to persons in the 18 to 70 age group and offers the risk coverage of Rs. 2 lakh for accidental death and full disability and Rs. 1 lakh for partial disability.

FIEO LAUNCHES INDIAN BUSINESS PORTAL

Federation of Indian Export Organisations, FIEO, a unit of the Ministry of Commerce, in partnership with Global Linker, a Gurugram based SME consultancy, has designed and developed the "Indian Business Portal", an International Trade Hub for Indian Exporters and Foreign Buyers.

It is a B2B (business to business) digital marketplace to empower SME exporters, artisans and farmers to identify new markets for their products and grow their sales globally. It will be a big encouragement to Indian Startups, SMEs, Artisans and Farmers (GI Products), and Service providers to take their first step toward boosting exports.

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 inter-operable 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.

ECONOMY & INDUSTRY

JUNE

GDP GROWTH SCALES UP TO 8.7%

According to the data released by the National Statistical Office on May 31, the Indian economy grew at its slowest pace in a year during the January-March quarter, pulling down the GDP growth in the full fiscal 2021-22 to 8.7 per cent as Russia's invasion of Ukraine added a new inflation hurdle to the recovery.

In the last quarter of the year ending March 31, 2022, economic growth slowed down to 4.1 per cent, a four-quarter low, reflecting in part the impact Ukraine conflict and the Omicron wave had on the manufacturing sector and contact-intensive services.

However, even the modest growth of 8.7 percent was among the highest in the world among major economies. It showed very strong recovery from last year, 2020-21, when the growth rate contracted by 6.6 percent.

WB TRIMS INDIA'S GROWTH RATE TO 7.5%

Taking into account the negative effect of rising inflation, supply chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions, the World Bank slashed India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal, 2022-23 to 7.5 percent, from 8.0 percent announced in April.

The announcement was made in the World Bank's latest issue of the Global Economic Prospects released on June 7. The report mentioned that a rise in prices across all items pushed wholesale inflation to a record high of 15.08% in April and retail inflation to a near eight-year high of 7.79 percent.

MSP ANNOUNCED FOR KHARIF CROPS

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA approved on June 8 an increase in Minimum Support Price for all intended Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2022-23. Some major crops rates are as under:

Crop name	Rate in Rs/Quintal	
	Old	New
Paddy (Common)	1940	2040
Paddy (Grade A)	1960	2060
Maize	1870	1962
Tur (Arhar) Dal	6300	6600
Moong Dal	7275	7755
Urad Dal	6300	6600
Groundnut	5550	5850
Sunflower Seed	6015	6400
Sesamum	7307	7830
Cotton (Medium)	5726	6080
Cotton (Long)	6025	6380

US PUSHES CHINA TO SECOND PLACE IN TRADE

According to the data released by the commerce ministry, in 2021-22, the bilateral trade between the US and India stood at \$119.42 billion as against \$ 80.51 billion in 2020-21, pushing China to second place. Exports to the US increased to \$ 76.11 billion in 2021-22 while imports rose to \$ 43.31 billion.

During 2021-22, India's two-way commerce with China aggregated at \$ 115.42 billion, including exports of \$ 21.25 billion imports of \$ 94.16 billion.

Major export items from India to the US include petroleum, polished diamonds, pharmaceuticals, jewellery, frozen shrimp, etc. whereas major imports from the US include petroleum, rough diamonds, liquified natural gas, gold, coal, waste and scrap, almonds, etc.

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.

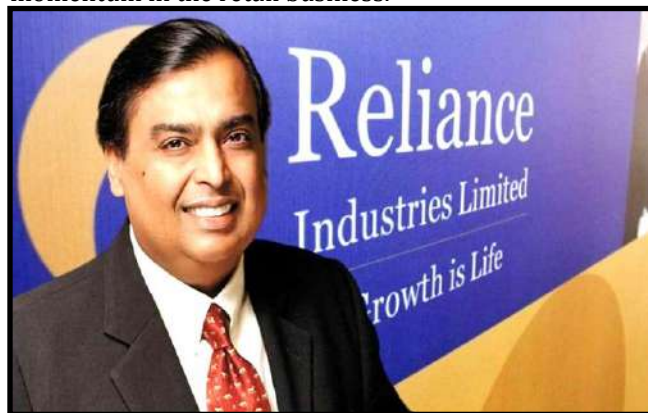
ADANI ACQUIRES AMBUJA CEMENTS & ACC

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.



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BANKING & FINANCE

JUNE

REPO RATE HIKED AGAIN @ 4.90%

Taking into account the inflationary pressures emerging from the Ukraine war, the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India in its bi-monthly review meeting on June 8, increased the repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90% in an attempt to douse the inflationary heat. Consequently, the Standing Deposit Facility and Marginal Standing Facility rates were also raised by 50 basis points, to 4.65 and 5.15, respectively.

The hike in rates will result in shrinkage of funds with the banks, leading to a fall in fresh lending and a surge in the interest rates on loans. It will also reflect in higher EMIs for the home loans, auto loans and other loans, burdening the borrowers.

The RBI also revised the inflation projection for FY-23 to 6.7 percent from 5.7 percent earlier. The real GDP forecast for FY23 has been retained at 7.2 percent

The RBI Governor said that the Russia-Ukraine war has led to globalisation of inflation. He said that the Inflation has steeply increased much beyond the tolerance level. But the Indian economy has remained resilient. Final position is as under:

Rate	Revised	Old
Repo Rate	4.90	4.40
Fixed Reverse Repo	3.35	3.35
Standing Deposit Facility	4.65	4.15
Marginal Standing Facility	5.15	4.65
Bank Rate	5.15	4.65
Average Inflation Rate 2022-23	6.7	5.7
GDP growth rate	7.2	7.2

RBI RAISES AFA LIMIT TO RS. 15,000

The Reserve Bank of India on June 16 raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions, with immediate effect.

The decision was taken on a review of implementation of the e-mandate framework and the protection available to customers. Under e-mandate, an individual can give standing instruction to the bank to debit a specific amount automatically on a recurring basis.



CREDIT CARDS TO BE LINKED WITH UPI



The Reserve Bank allowed on June 8 credit cards to be linked with the unified payments interface (UPI), which will enable more people to make payments using the popular platform. At present, UPI facilitates transactions by linking savings or current accounts through users' debit cards.

UPI has become the most inclusive mode of payment in India, with over 26 crore unique users and 5 crore merchants using the platform. In May this year, 594.63 crore transactions amounting to Rs 10.40 lakh crore were processed through UPI.

ICICI, HDFC & NPCI DATA DECLARED CII

The Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and UPI managing entity NPCI as 'Critical Information Infrastructure' (CII). The notification to this effect was issued on June 16. The IT resources under CII include Core Banking Solution, Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) and Financial Messaging Server. The decision to put their IT resources under CII, has been taken due to frequent cyber-attacks which raised the need for a protected system by all the banks and financial institutions.

The Information Technology Act, 2000 defines "Critical Information Infrastructure" as a "computer resource, the incapacitation or destruction of which shall have debilitating impact on national security, economy, public health or safety". Any unauthorised person accessing these resources may be jailed for up to 10 years. The Act empowers the government to declare any data, database, IT network or communications infrastructure as CII to protect that digital asset.

INDIA'S FIRST APP BASED PPI CARD

Withdrawals by Omnicard became the first RBI-licensed PPI (prepaid instruments) company to offer cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country. using OmniCard are free from frauds like card theft, card cloning, and PIN skimming. The company is working with NPCI to provide this facility.

OmniCard provides users a complete mobile-first journey where the users can create a RuPay-powered digital card in a few seconds, order their physical personalised card and pay using UPI QR codes across merchants.

Run by Noida-based Eroute Technologies, Omnicard is a RuPay-powered prepaid card with a mobile app where the users can spend using swipe, scan, tap and pay online, and avail of in-app offers from partner brands and get rewarded on every spend.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

JUNE

GOVT TO RECRUIT 'AGNIVEERS' FOR 4 YEARS

The Cabinet Committee on Security approved the Agnipath Scheme on June 14 to recruit 'Agniveers' for the Indian Armed Forces, for a fixed period of four years. Over 46,000 of them will be recruited in 2022.

- Candidates in the age group of 17.5 to 21 year, from all over India are eligible for recruitment.
- Educational qualification has been set at 10th pass.
- They will be paid a salary between Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 40,000 per month.
- They will also get an insurance cover of Rs. 48 lakh during the period.
- At the end of 4 years, they will be given Rs. 11.71 lakhs as Seva Nidhi Package.

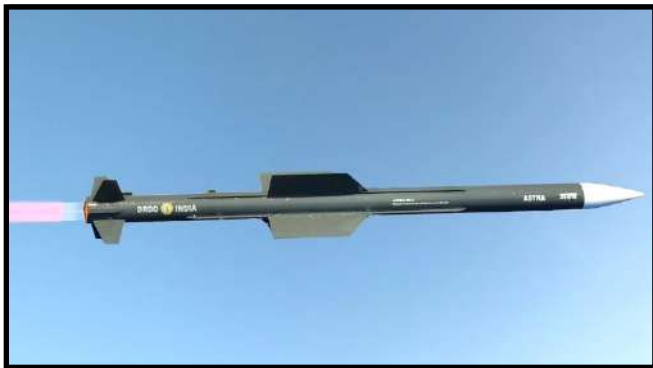
After 4 years, about 25 % will be enrolled in the armed forces as the regular cadres for a minimum period of 15 years.

NAVY RETIRES INS NISHANK & INS AKSHAY

Indian Naval Ships (INS)-'Nishank' and 'Akshay' were decommissioned on June 3 after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation. The ceremony was conducted at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai wherein the National Flag, Naval Ensign and Decommissioning Pennant of the two ships were lowered for the last time at sunset. INS Nishank, the missile corvette and INS Akshay, the patrol warship, both were constructed and commissioned at Poti Shipyard in present-day Georgia.



BDL TO MAKE ASTRA MK-I MISSILES



The Defence Ministry signed a contract on May 31 with defence public sector undertaking Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for supply of the indigenously developed Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air to air missiles and associated equipment for the Indian Air Force and the Navy at a cost of ₹2,971 crore. Astra Mk-I has a speed of over Mach 5 and has a strike range of 75 kms.

INS Gomati: The Godavari class guided-missile frigate, one of the oldest warriors of the Western Fleet, was decommissioned on May 28 at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. After her decommissioning, the ship's legacy will be kept alive in the form of an open-air museum being set up on banks of the eponymous river Gomti in Lucknow. INS Gomati derives her name from the river Gomti and was commissioned on 16 April 1988.

EX KHAAN QUEST 2022: A multinational peacekeeping exercise, featuring participation from military contingents from 16 countries including India, was hosted by Mongolia from June 6 to 19. It aimed at enhancing interoperability, building military to military relationships, developing peace support operations and military readiness among participating nations.

'EX SAMPRITI-X': A joint military training exercise between India and Bangladesh commenced on June 5 at Jessore military station in Bangladesh. The exercise will continue till June 16.

The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Corpat) between the Indian Navy Units of Andaman and Nicobar Command, and Indonesian Navy was held from June 13 to 24, first in the Andaman Sea and later in the Strait of Malacca in Indonesia.

CHINA LAUNCHES NEW AIRCRAFT CARRIER

China launched its third and most advanced, fully indigenously built aircraft carrier from Shanghai's Jiangnan Shipyard on June 17. Named "Fujian," it has the latest electromagnetic catapult-assisted aircraft launch system that will enable it to launch a wider variety of aircrafts, faster and with more ammunition.

It has a flight deck of 316 metres and is 40 metres wide. The Fujian is equipped with blocking devices, and a full-load displacement of more than 80,000 tons. It has been named after the south eastern coastal province of Fujian which lies just across the Taiwan Strait.

GSAT-24 LAUNCHED FROM KOUROU

The ISRO successfully launched communication satellite GSAT-24 from Kourou in French Guiana on June 23. It is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs. Built by ISRO on demand from New Space India Ltd. (NSIL), it was launched by French company Arianespace. NSIL, a Government of India company under the Department of Space, has leased the entire satellite capacity to Tata Play.

RARE CARNIVOROUS PLANT FOUND

The research wing of the Uttarakhand Forest department discovered a rare carnivorous plant named 'Utricularia Furcellata', commonly known as bladderworts, in Mandal valley of Chamoli district. This is the first sighting of such a plant in the entire western Himalayan region. The plant creates a vacuum or negative pressure area to draw its prey inside the trap door. It mostly targets insects, mosquito larvae and even young tadpoles.

LARGEST KNOWN BACTERIA DISCOVERED

Scientists have discovered the world's largest known single cell bacteria, first to be visible with the naked eye. Named Thiomargarita Magnifica, it is in the form of white filaments, almost the size of human eyelashes. The giant white bacterium was found lurking on the rotting leaves sunken in the brackish waters of a red mangrove swamp in Guadeloupe in the Lesser Antilles, tiny islands in the Caribbean Sea. Usually, bacteria are so small that they can only be seen through a microscope. They were the first free-living organisms to appear on earth and consist of one biological cell.

ANOCOVAX - COVID VACCINE FOR ANIMALS

The ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines, in Hisar, Haryana has developed India's first COVID-19 vaccine for animals, named "Anocovax". The vaccine neutralises both Delta and Omicron Variants. It is safe for dogs, lions, leopards, mice and rabbits.



INDIA'S FIRST LIQUID-MIRROR TELESCOPE

A unique Liquid-Mirror Telescope has been commissioned in India at Devasthal Observatory Campus, Nainital in Uttarakhand. It is the only liquid mirror telescope that is operational anywhere in the world.

Located at an altitude of 2450 metres, the telescope will keep a close watch on the skies overhead to identify transient or variable objects such as asteroids, space debris, supernovae, and gravitational lenses.

The major instrumentation funding for the telescope has been jointly provided by Belgium and Canada while India is responsible for the operations and the upkeep of the telescope.

Unlike the conventional telescopes that can be steered to track the specific stellar source objects, the Liquid Mirror Telescope is stationary. It carries out the observations and imaging only at the zenith, i.e. of the overhead sky.

'FRONTIER' - WORLD'S FASTEST COMPUTER

A US-built supercomputer titled 'Frontier' dethroned Japan's 'Fugaku' on May 30 as the world's fastest computer that achieved a computing speed of 1.1 Exaflops (EXA Floating point Operations per Second), as per the TOP500 list published by an international conference of computer experts. This is more than double the speed of Fugaku that had achieved a speed of 0.442 Exaflops.

The Frontier supercomputer at the US Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory at Oak Ridge in the state of Tennessee, USA, is the first to achieve an unprecedented level of computing performance known as exascale, a threshold of a quintillion calculations per second. This super high speed is enabled by some of the world's most advanced pieces of technology from HP and AMD.

A quintillion is the number name for 10 raised to the power of 18, that is, one followed by 18 zeros. An Exaflop is equal to 1,000 Petaflops which in turn refers to performing 1,000 trillion floating point operations per seconds.

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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.

'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.

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.



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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.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JUNE

G-7 SUMMIT HELD IN BAVARIAN ALPS

Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) held three days of talks on June 26-28 during the 48th G7 annual Summit at Schloss Elmau, in Germany's Bavarian Alps. The Summit was held under the Presidency of Germany.

One of the first announcements made was a 600 billion dollar infrastructure initiative to help developing countries tackle climate change. The initiative is seen as the West's response to China's massive Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

G7 members decided to ban imports of gold from Russia, to further isolate Russia economically over its invasion of Ukraine. Gold is Russia's second largest export after energy, and banning its imports would make it more difficult for Russia to participate in global markets. G7 countries account for 90 percent of Gold exports from Russia.



The G7 summit is an opportunity to send out a powerful signal of unity in these turbulent times, advocating for progress, prosperity, peace and security. The G7 represents seven most powerful economies of the world, excluding Russia and China. Together, the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom account for 31 percent of global GDP.

Representatives of the European Union were also present at the G7 Summit. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz had invited India, along with Argentina, Indonesia, Senegal, and South Africa to the 2022 Summit as partner countries. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, took part virtually on June 27.

26th CHOGM HELD IN KIGALI

The 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was hosted by Rwanda on June 24-25 at its capital city, Kigali. Rwanda is a small landlocked country in Central Africa. The Meeting, held every two years, had earlier been postponed twice due to Covid-19 pandemic. From India, at the Commonwealth Summit Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, represented the Prime Minister. The theme for the 2022 meeting was 'Delivering a common future: Connecting, innovating, transforming'.

The Commonwealth is a free association of sovereign states made up of the UK and many of its former dependencies. Although now any country can join the group. The Queen of the UK is the formal head of the Group. It currently has 54 members. The combined gross domestic product of Commonwealth countries in 2021 was US\$13.1 trillion. India is one of the largest contributors to the Commonwealth.

14th BRICS SUMMIT HOSTED BY CHINA

Chinese President Xi Jinping hosted the 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on June 23-24. The summit was held in virtual format under the theme of 'Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development'. From India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the summit in virtual mode. The two-day summit concluded with the adoption of the Beijing Declaration.

AFGHANISTAN HIT BY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

A devastating 6.1 magnitude earthquake in Afghanistan claimed more than 1,000 people and left at least 1,500 injured. The earthquake struck on June 22 about 44 km from the city of Khost. Paktika province in the south-east has been the most affected. The UN agencies tried hard to provide emergency shelter and food aid. The rescue efforts were hampered by heavy rain and hail.



DISASTERS PUSH INTERNAL DISPLACEMENTS

According to the annual Global Trends Report by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, nearly five million people in India were internally displaced due to climate change and disasters in 2021. The report highlighted that globally 100 million people were forced to flee their homes last year due to violence, human rights abuses, food insecurity, the climate crisis, war in Ukraine and other emergencies from Africa to Afghanistan.

The largest displacements in the context of disasters in 2021 occurred in China (6.0 million), the Philippines (5.7 million) and India (4.9 million), though most of these displacements were temporary. By the end of 2021, those displaced by war, violence, persecution, and human rights abuses stood at 89.3 million, up eight per cent on a year earlier and well over double the figure of 10 years ago, the report said.

12th WTO MEET HELD IN GENEVA

The 12th World Trade Organisation, WTO Ministerial Conference was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from June 12 to 15. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal led the Indian delegation in the Conference. Members of the WTO held discussions on such issues as TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) waiver for Covid-19 vaccines, pandemic response, fishery subsidies, agriculture, food security, as well as the WTO's reform and its future work priorities.

The WTO is the world's largest inter-governmental economic organisation, with 164 member states representing over 98% of global trade and global GDP. It works to regulate and facilitate international trade and attempts to hold trade negotiations including resolving trade disputes. It is based in Geneva and headed by its Director General Ngozi Okonjo Iweala. It officially commenced operations on January 1, 1995, pursuant to the 1994 Marrakesh Agreement, which replaced the General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade (GATT) of 1948.

5 NEW NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS FOR UNSC

Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland, the five countries were elected to the UN Security Council as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 two-year term. They were elected by the 193-member UN General Assembly through an election held on June 9. They will replace India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico and Norway at the horse-shoe table from January 1, 2023.

WORLD'S FIRST "RIGHT TO REPAIR" BILL

In a new development for the benefit of consumers, the New York state legislature, for the first time in the world, passed the law for digital electronics, the "Right to repair" bill. It requires digital electronics product makers to make parts, tools, information, and software available to customers and independent repair businesses.

Activists and organisations around the world have been advocating for the right of consumers to be able to repair their own electronics and other products as part of the 'right to repair' movement.

It expects companies to make spare parts, tools and information on how to repair devices available to customers and repair shops to increase the lifespan of products and to keep them from ending up in landfills. This, they claim, leads to immense pressure on the environment and wasted natural resources.

TURKEY IS NOW 'TÜRKİYE'

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey has announced that his country's name has been changed to "Türkiye" (tur-key-YAY) as it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish. The move is seen as part of a push by the country to rebrand it and dissociate its name from the bird, turkey, and some other negative connotations associated with it. The change has been recognised by the UNO also.

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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.

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.



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.

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 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.

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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:

- Halting deforestation and maintaining forests;
- Restoring degraded lands and expanding agro-forestry; and
- 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. Re-forestation of 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.

PERSONS IN NEWS

JUNE

Ms. Draupadi Murmu: She is the presidential candidate of the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance. If elected, she will become the first President of India to belong to a tribal background. A former governor of Jharkhand, she belongs to Odisha's Mayurbhanj district and had started out as a teacher before entering politics.

Ramkrishna Mukkavilli: Founder and the Managing Director of Maithri Aquatech has become the first Indian to be recognised as the Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for water stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC). Maithri Aquatech is a Secunderabad, Telangana based private limited company engaged in innovative solutions for access to water and its purification. It specialises in creating water from air.

SDG Pioneers are recognised by the UN Global Compact as the business leaders who are doing an exceptional job to advance the SDGs through the implementation of the UN Global Compact Ten Principles on the environment, human rights, anti-corruption, and labour.



A R Rahman: Music maestro has been named the ambassador of the British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture', which aims to boost collaboration among emerging artists. The Season of Culture aims to strengthen India-UK collaboration in the areas of arts, English and education.



Harini Logan: The 13-year-old eighth-grader Indian-American from San Antonio, Texas won the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2022 contest in a historic tie-breaker, carrying home prizes and gifts worth more than \$ 50,000.

She spelled 21 words correctly during a 90-second spell off. The final round included words like Pyrrolidone, Scyllarian, Otukian and Senijextee, etc.

Scripps National Spelling Bee is an annual spelling bee that is held in the United States. The annual competition is run on a not-for-profit basis by The E.W. Scripps Company, a media mogul based in Ohio, USA.

HM Queen Elizabeth II: Britain's Queen became the first royal in Britain to celebrate 70 years, Platinum Jubilee of her reign on June 2. She was crowned on June 02, 1953 and has been on the throne for longer than any of her predecessors. Opinion polls show she remains hugely popular and respected among British people.

Khaby Lame: The 22-year-old video creator from Senegal has become the most followed person on TikTok, overthrowing Charli D'Amelio. Khaby rose to the top with a whopping 142.4 million followers against 142.2 million of Charli. Khaby's videos do not have any dialogue and only involve comic performances.

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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.

APPOINTMENTS

JUNE

Parameswaran Iyer: Retired IAS officer has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Niti Aayog. Mr Iyer will succeed present CEO Amitabh Kant.

Tapan Kumar Dekka: Senior IPS officer has been appointed Director of Intelligence Bureau, India's domestic internal security and counter-intelligence agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs.



Zulfiqar Hasan: Senior IPS officer has been appointed as the new Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

Sujoy Lal Thaosan: A 1988 batch IPS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, was appointed as the new Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

Ms. Ruchira Kamboj: Senior Diplomat has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations. A 1987 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Ruchira is presently serving as Ambassador of India to Bhutan. She will succeed TS Tirumurti who is the current incumbent.

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved on June 3 the appointment of MD & CEO for three public sector banks:

Swarup Kumar Saha – Punjab & Sind Bank

Ms. A. Manimekhalai – Union Bank of India

Ajay Kumar Srivastava – Indian Overseas Bank

Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai: Retired judge of the Supreme Court, has been appointed as the chairperson of the Press Council of India. Justice Desai is the first lady chairperson of the council.

Gustavo Petro: A former guerilla commando won Colombia's Presidential elections. Colombia is a large Latin American country, located in the northwestern part of South America.

Hamza Abdi Barre: A former chairman of the Jubbaland state election commission, was appointed as the Prime Minister of Somalia by the President of the country.

Maj Gen Bajram Begaj: Albania's Chief of Armed Forces was elected as the President of the country, by its Parliament. Albania is a small country in South-eastern Europe on the west bank of the Adriatic Sea.

Csaba Korosi: Hungarian diplomat has been elected the President of the upcoming 77th session of the UN General Assembly. He will take up the new post in September 2022, to succeed current General Assembly President Abdulla Shahid of the Maldives.



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 Biplab 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.

AWARDS & HONOURS

JUNE

Golden Conch Award: The Dutch documentary film "Turn Your Body to the Sun", which tells the incredible story of a Soviet Prisoner of War, won this prestigious award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022 (Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation Films). It is directed by Aliona Van der Horst. The prize carries a Golden Conch (Shankh), a Certificate and cash prize of Rs 10 lakhs.

Documentary Film 'Admitted' directed by Ojaswwee Sharma won the Silver Conch award for Best Documentary Film (above 60 minutes) in the National Competition section while 'Screaming Butterflies' directed by Aimee Barua won the Silver Conch award for Best Documentary Film (below 60 minutes).



Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga: Awarded to two individuals, Bhikkhu Sanghasena from Ladakh and Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues from Brazil.

Two organisations were also selected for the award – The Divine Life Society from Uttarakhand and the British Wheel of Yoga from the UK. The winners will be felicitated with a trophy, certificate and cash award of 25 lakh rupees.

Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water: Prof. Thalappil Pradeep of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has been named the 10th laureate of this coveted prize. He was chosen for the Award in the category of 'Creativity Prize,' which is presented for a 'breakthrough discovery' in any discipline involving water.

The bi-annual international scientific award carries a cash component of \$2,66,000 (Rs. 2 crore approx) besides a gold medallion, a trophy, and a certificate.

IIFA Awards announced

The 22nd edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards was held in Abu Dhabi on 4th June. Four top awards:

Best Actor (Male): Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)

Best Actor (Female): Kriti Sanon (Mimi)

Best Director: Vishnuvaradhan (Shershah)

Best Film: Shershah (Vishnuvaradhan)

Palme d'Or: Golden Ball Award for the 'Best Film' at the Cannes Film Festival was won by 'Triangle of Sadness' directed by Ruben Ostlund of Sweden.

2022 L'OEil d'Or: The award for the 'Best Documentary' at the Cannes Film Festival won by Filmmaker Shaunak Sen's documentary, "All That Breathes". The L'OEil d'Or, also known as the Golden Eye award, was created in 2015 by French-speaking authors' society LaScam in collaboration with the Cannes Film Festival.

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.



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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.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

JUNE

The India Story by Bimal Jalan
Turmoil in Punjab by Ramesh Inder Singh
Counterfeit by Kirstin Chen
Cult Classic by Sloane Crosley
Just by Looking at Him by Ryan O'Connell
One's Company by Ashley Hutson
Nuclear Family by Joseph Han
Stuck with You by Ali Hazelwood
The Woman in the Library by Sulari Gentill

MAY

A Place Called Home by Preeti Shenoy
Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure by Ruskin Bond
Leaders, Politicians, Citizens by Rasheed Kidwai, noted journalist
This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub
River of the Gods by Candice Millard
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
The Change by Kirsten Miller
Book Lovers by Emily Henry
Magpie by Elizabeth Day
Book of Night by Holly Black
Under One Roof by Ali Hazelwood

OBITUARY

JUNE

V Krishnamurthy: Leading technocrat, popularly known as "Father of Indian PSUs", passed away on June 26 at his Chennai home. He was 97. He headed three major public companies - BHEL, Maruti Udyog and SAIL -- during the 1970s and the 1980s and was credited for their turnaround. He also served twice as a member of the former Planning Commission. He was conferred Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan for his meritorious services.



Prof. Gopi Chand Narang: One of the most respected Urdu critics, theorists and linguists, passed away on June 15. He was 91. A recipient of Padma Bhushan and Sahitya Akademi Awards, Prof. Narang published more than 65 scholarly and critical books on language, literature, poetics and cultural studies in Urdu, Hindi and English.

KK - Krishnakumar Kunnath: Popularly known as KK, noted Bollywood singer passed away after a live performance in Kolkata on May 31. The 53-year-old reportedly felt unwell while performing and collapsed after returning to his hotel. KK was not only popular in Bollywood but had also recorded hit songs in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Bengali and Marathi among others.

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.

PLACES IN NEWS

JUNE

Mawsynram: A small town in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, set a new rainfall record of highest single-day rainfall since 1966, breaking Cherrapunji's record as the wettest place on earth. It recorded an enormous 1003.6 mm of precipitation in 24 hours ending 8:30 am on June 17, as per the data released by the India Meteorological Department. Mawsynram, located near Shillong, is regarded as the wettest place in the world.



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Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Terminal: Built on the scale of international airports, the ultra-luxurious railway station in Bengaluru became operational on June 13 with Ernakulam Tri-Weekly Express chugging through the station. Fully air-conditioned SMV Railway Terminal is a ₹ 314 crore project. It has solar rooftop panels and a rainwater harvesting mechanism.

Khanjar: The last village of the remote Miyar Valley in the tribal district of Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, has finally been connected with a road on June 3 when a bridge was inaugurated near Khanjar to connect it with the rest of the areas.

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.



SPORTS WORLD

JUNE

Navjeet Dhillon, Indian women's discus thrower, won the gold medal on June 25 with a throw of 56.24 m. at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Archers Jyothi Surekha Vennu and **Abhishek Verma** won the gold medal in compound mixed team event at the World Cup Stage- 3 in Paris on June 25.

Saanapathi Gurunaidu, 16 year old promising boy from Andhra became the first Indian to win a Gold medal at the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico. He lifted a total of 230 kg, 104 in Snatch and 126 in Clean and Jerk to finish on the top in men's 55 kilogram category. India finished with 4 medals, including one gold, two silver and one bronze.

Neeraj Chopra, Tokyo Olympics gold medalist ace Javelin thrower set a new national record of 89.30 metres at Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland. His Tokyo Olympics performance was @87.58 metres. Later, on June 18, he clinched the men's javelin throw gold at the Kuortane Games in Finland.

R. Praggnanandhaa, Grand Master and top-seeded player won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event on June 10 with 7.5 points from nine rounds. He also secured 2nd position in the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour Chessable Masters 2022 online tournament, losing the title to world No.2 Ding Liren of China on May 27.

Indian women's wrestling team won five medals to claim the Under-17 Asian Championship title. In all, alongwith men, the team won eight gold, one silver and one bronze at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

India wins six gold in para shooting

Avani Lekhara, star para shooter won gold medal in the 10 m air rifle standing SH1 category on June 8 at the Para Shooting World Cup in Chateauroux, France, with a new world record score. She also won gold at the R8-Women's 50 meter 3P SH1 event.

Sriharsha Devaraddi won gold in 10 m air rifle standing SH2 men's category.

Manish Narwal and **Rubina Francis** won gold in P6- 10-metre Air Pistol Mixed team while setting a new World Record.

Rahul Jakhar took the individual gold in P5-Mixed 10m Air Pistol Standard SH1 finals and also helped the country win the Team Gold.

India's medal tally at the event went up to 12, with six golds, five silvers and one bronze.

Sakshi Malik, Mansi Ahlawat, Divya Kakran, Sarita Mor and Manisha, all five women wrestlers won individual gold medals in their respective weight categories at the Bolat Turlykhanov Cup wrestling tournament, at Almaty in Kazakhstan. Aman Sehrawat clinched the gold medal in the men's 57 kg category. India concluded the event with 12 medals - six golds, one silver, and five bronze, on June 6.

Indian women's shooting team of Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita bagged a gold medal in the 10m air rifle women's team event on May 31 at the ISSF World Cup 2022 in Baku. Azerbaijan. Swapnil Kusale and Ashi Chouksey won the gold medal on June 4 in the 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) mixed team event. India finished at 5th rank, with 2 gold, three silver medals.

Ranji Trophy: Madhya Pradesh defeated 41 times champions Mumbai by six wickets to win their first-ever Ranji Trophy title in the finals played at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on June 25. Sarfaraz Khan of Mumbai was declared 'Player of the Series' for being the season's top-scorer with 982 runs. *The tournament is named after the first Indian cricketer who played international cricket, Ranjitsinhji, who was also known as 'Ranji'. It is the first-class cricket championship played in the test match format. The competition currently has 38 teams, with all 28 states in India and four of the nine union territories having at least one representation.*

In Hero Asia Cup-2022, (men's hockey), team India secured the bronze medal on June 01 by routing Japan 1-0 in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia. The championship was won by S Korea by defeating Malaysia.

FIH Hockey 5s championship: India beat Poland 6-4 in the final on June 5 to clinch the inaugural edition of 5s championship in Lausanne, Switzerland. Hockey 5s is an invasion game played between two teams with 4 field players and a goalkeeper.

Gujarat Titans win their maiden IPL title

Gujarat Titans led by Hardik Pandya won the IPL (Indian Premier League) Trophy in its 15th season on May 29 after a seven-wicket victory over Rajasthan Royals in the final played in Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

Spinner Yuzvendra Chahal from Rajasthan Royals received the Purple Cap for highest wickets-27 wickets in 17 games, while Jos Buttler, also from Rajasthan Royals won the Orange Cap for highest runs- 863.

KIYG 2021 concludes in Panchkula

The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concluded on June 13. The closing ceremony was organised at Indradanush Auditorium in Panchkula, Haryana. The medal tally was topped by host state Haryana by securing 137 medals that included 52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze medals.

Maharashtra got second position by winning 125 medals including 45 gold, 40 silver and 40 bronze medals. Karnataka remained at third place with 22 gold, 17 silver and 28 bronze medals.

Savita Punia, goalkeeper of the Indian women's Hockey team has been named the captain of the Indian squad for the Women's Hockey World Cup 2022. The event is scheduled to be held in Spain and the Netherlands between July 1 and July 17, 2022. She will also lead the team in Commonwealth Games 2022, which is scheduled to begin on July 28 in Birmingham, England.

Mithali Raj announces retirement

Indian icon of women's cricket, 39 year old veteran cricketer from Hyderabad, announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket. Mithali, a right handed batter, played for over 23 years for the country. To date, she is the only female cricketer in the world to have scored 7,805 runs in ODI. Her tally of 64 fifties is the highest in ODIs. She was honoured with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 2021.

Rumeli Dhar, India's pace allrounder announced her retirement from all formats of Cricket on June 22, ending a career where she starred with crucial match-winning contributions for the national side, including being their captain, for 15 years. In all, she played four Tests, 78 ODIs, and 18 T20Is, scoring 1328 runs and taking 84 wickets across formats.

National Air Sports Policy-2022

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced first-ever National Air Sports Policy-2022 on June 7 in New Delhi. The objective of this policy is to include India among the top air sporting nations by 2030. It is also aimed at providing a safe, affordable and sustainable air sports ecosystem in the country. Eleven air sports including Aerobatics, Ballooning, Gliding, Parachuting, Powered aircraft and Rotorcraft will be promoted through this policy.

INTERNATIONAL

World champion Max Verstappen won another Formula One title race on June 19 when he drove his Red Bull team to a thrilling victory in the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal, Canada. He also won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix on June 12 in Baku City Circuit. Baku is the capital of Azerbaijan.

French Open concludes at Roland Garros, Paris

Rafael Nadal of Spain won his 14th singles title at French Open, beating Casper Ruud of Norway on June 5. It is his 22nd Grand Slam title, making him winner of the highest ever number of grand slams, 2 more than 20 each won by Roger Federer (Switzerland) and Novak Djokovic (Serbia).

Iga Swiatek of Poland, World no.1 won the Women's Singles Title by beating US teenager Coco Gauf.

Champions League: Real Madrid won the biggest Football League of Europe for a record-extending 14th time — double the number of any other team on the continent — after beating Liverpool 1-0 in a final played on May 28 at the Stade de France, near Paris.

23rd FIFA World Cup 2026

FIFA, the world governing body for Football, announced on June 16 that the 23rd edition of its World Cup will be hosted in 2026 jointly by three countries – United States, Mexico and Canada. Eleven of the chosen cities are in the US where 60 games will be played, while Canada has two and Mexico has three. The latter two nations will both host 10 games each.

MAY

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.

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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.

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 Payanad 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.

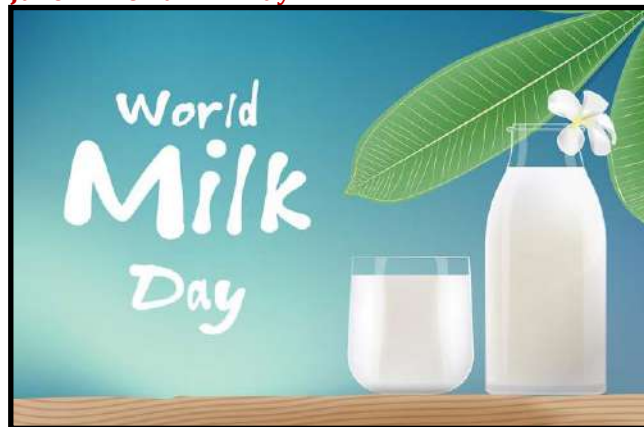
Ronnie O'Sullivan of England claimed his seventh World Snooker Championship title on May 02 with an 18-13 win over his fellow countryman Judd Trump in Sheffield, England. O'Sullivan, 46, has become the oldest world champion in Snooker.



DAYS & DATES

JUNE

June 1: World Milk Day



Observed every year to recognize the importance of milk as a global food and provide an opportunity to bring attention to activities that are connected with the dairy sector. The day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations in 2001. Milk is a rich source of several minerals and nutrients that are necessary for the body's proper functioning. It is a rich source of Calcium and vitamin D, besides Potassium and Magnesium.

The theme for the year 2022 is to focus on achieving a 'Dairy Net Zero' by cutting down the greenhouse gas emission of the industry over the next 30 years.

Remember!! India celebrates "National Milk Day" on Nov 26 to mark the birth anniversary of Milkman of India, Dr. Verghese Kurien.

June 01: The Global Day of Parents

The day is observed annually to pay respects to all the parents in all parts of the world for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship. The day aims to stimulate awareness of the importance of parenthood and its role in providing protection to children, especially in the current tough times of Covid pandemic. The theme for this year is "Appreciate All Parents Throughout the World".

June 3: World Bicycle Day

The United Nations approved this day in 2018 to encourage the use of the bicycle as a means of fostering sustainable development. The bicycle is the most efficient vehicle which channelises human energy into mechanical energy. It is a popular mode of transportation, recreation and sports.

The day aims at developing a culture of cycling for basic transportation, commuting, and improving physical and mental health. Bicycles help in reducing traffic congestion and pollution.

June 5: World Environment Day



It is the biggest annual event in the world run by the United Nations. Its main aim is to raise awareness to protect nature and look at various environmental issues that are growing day by day. The UN General Assembly established this Day in 1972, which was the first day of the Stockholm Conference on the human environment. The theme for the Day this year is 'Only One Earth,' focusing on the need to live sustainably in harmony with nature. Every World Environment Day is hosted by a different country in which official celebrations take place. This year's host country is Sweden.

June 7: World Food Safety Day

It is celebrated to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, agriculture, market access, tourism and sustainable development.

Through this day, WHO pursues its efforts to mainstream food safety in the public agenda and reduce the burden of food-borne diseases globally. The theme for this year's celebrations is "Safer Food, Better Health". The slogan selected for the Day this year is "Food safety is everyone's business". It urges that we all play a role in maintaining food safety throughout the entire supply chain, from farm to table.

June 6: World Pest Day

Also known as World Pest Awareness Day, it is observed to spread awareness about pest management and its benefits for plants and people around us. The day highlights the role of people and organisations who are engaged in the work of pest control and ensure that our lives are safe. The theme chosen for this year is 'One World - Protecting Global Public Health through Professional Pest Management.'

June 8: World Oceans Day

Observed globally every year to raise awareness about the importance of the oceans in our lives and the ways through which we can protect them. With the ongoing issues related to water bodies, such as plastic waste, decreasing level of water, impurities in water and others, it is the utmost necessity to preserve and conserve our oceans. They are the lungs of our planet and provide most of the oxygen we breathe. They are a major source of food and medicine, and a critical part of the biosphere. The theme for this year is "Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean."

June 8: World Brain Tumour Day

Observed every year to educate and create awareness among the public about brain tumours. Brain Tumour happens when there is a mass growth of abnormal cells in the brain and it can be both cancerous and noncancerous. In 2022, the theme of the Day is 'Together We Are Stronger'.

According to the National Health Portal, every day worldwide more than 500 new cases are diagnosed with a brain tumour.

June 12: World Day Against Child Labour

This Day was launched by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Geneva in 2002 to support fight against child labour throughout the world. It provides an opportunity to develop an environment for children to grow and live a dignified life.

The theme for this year is "Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour". It calls for increased investment in social protection systems and schemes to establish strong social protection norms and protect children from child labour. According to UN data, 160 million children are still engaged in child labour.

June 14: World Blood Donor Day

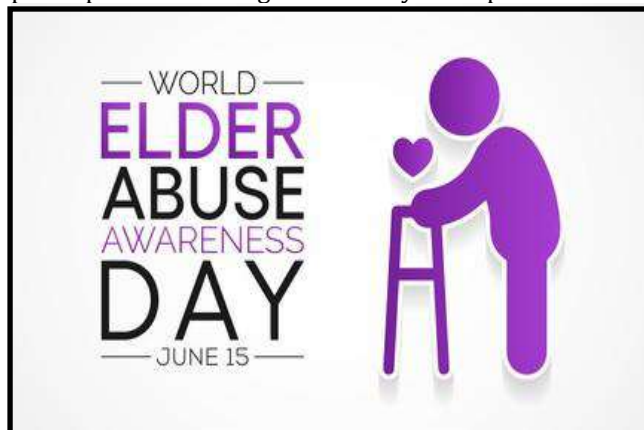
The day is a joint initiative of the WHO and Red Cross to raise awareness about the significance of blood donation. It also aims to educate people on the need for safe blood and blood products for the purpose of transfusion.

The slogan of World Blood Donor Day 2022 is 'Donating Blood is an act of solidarity. Join the efforts and save lives.' This theme focuses on those who voluntarily donate blood to save lives and enhance solidarity within communities.

June 15: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Observed with UN support to provide an opportunity to promote a better understanding of incidence of abuse and neglect of older persons. It is a global social issue that affects the health and human rights of millions of elderly persons around the world.

This year's theme is "Digital Equity for All Ages". It focuses on the need for access and meaningful participation in the digital world by older persons.



June 15: Global/World Wind Day



This day is observed to raise awareness about the power of wind energy and how it is harnessed. According to WindEurope, onshore wind is now seen as the cheapest and the most sustainable form of energy, especially for generating electricity. The day is organised by the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) and the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC). This year the World Wind Day revolves around raising awareness among people about the power and prospect of wind energy. It will be celebrated across social media platforms with the tagline, 'We are #InWithWind, are you?'

June 17: World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

Supported by the UNO, the day is all about a green planet, sustainable development, health and welfare of people. Nearly three quarters of the Earth's ice-free land portion has been altered by humans to meet an ever-growing demand for food, raw materials, highways and homes.

Droughts are among the greatest threats to sustainable development. It is estimated that by 2050 droughts may affect over three-quarters of the world's population. The theme selected for this year, "Rising up from drought together", emphasises the need for early action to avoid disastrous consequences for humanity and the planetary ecosystems.

June 18: Autistic Pride Day

Observed globally every year to respect the rights of persons with autism. In 2005, the first autistic pride day was celebrated in Brazil by the Aspies For Freedom (AFF) created by Gareth & Amy Nelson and it became a global event. This year's theme for the Day is 'Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World'.

Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), refers to a neurological and developmental disorder in which a person's ability to communicate and interact is affected adversely, reflecting in a broad range of conditions characterised by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviours, speech and nonverbal communication. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), one in 160 children have Autism Spectrum Disorder.

June 18: Sustainable Gastronomy Day

The UN General Assembly approved this day for an international observance in 2016. The day acknowledges gastronomy as a cultural expression related to the natural and cultural diversity of the world. UNESCO and the FAO and the UN General Assembly work together to facilitate the observance of this day.

Gastronomy refers to the art of food or the style of cooking from a particular region. Gastronomy often refers to local food and cuisine. Sustainable gastronomy, therefore, means cuisine that takes into account where the ingredients are from, how they are grown and how they reach markets and eventually to our plates and avoiding wastages at every step.

June 19: National Reading Day

The day is celebrated in honour of P N Panicker, considered as the Father of Kerala's Library and Literacy Movement. The Day marks the death anniversary of P N Panicker. Of late, it has become a mass movement to promote literacy and the culture of reading across the country.

June (19): Father's Day

The Day is celebrated every year on the third Sunday of June, though some countries observe it on some different dates also. The Day honours the role fathers play in the family structure and society. It aims to express appreciation and acknowledge the role of the father in children's lives, and society as a whole.

The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the USA. It gained popularity after President Nixon signed a declaration in 1972 to celebrate every third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

June 20: World Refugee Day

This Day is observed every year to respect and honour the courage and resilience of refugees across the world who have been forced out of their homes. The day aims to build understanding and empathy for refugees building their lives in countries new to them. It's an opportunity to make efforts to protect their human rights.

According to the United Nations report, more than 100 million people have been forced to flee their homes so far due to various reasons including violence, disasters and war, among other reasons. This year, the day is taking extra significance as it comes amid the conflict in Ukraine which pushed global displacement figures to record levels. The theme for this year is "Right to Seek Safety".



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June 21: World Music Day

Celebrated around the world to promote peace and spread goodwill through music. On this day, usually young and amateur musicians are encouraged to perform. The day is also popularly referred to as Fete de la Musique in French. It was founded by French composers Jack Lang and Maurice Fleuret in 1981. Every year free concerts are organised across the globe on this day to make music accessible to all.

June 21: World Hydrography Day

Observed globally every year to publicise the work of hydrographers and the importance of hydrography. The day marks the anniversary of the founding of the International Hydrographic Bureau in 1921. In 1970, its name was changed to the International Hydrographic Organisation. It is based in Monte Carlo, Monaco. The theme for this year is "Hydrography - contributing to the United Nations Ocean Decade". Hydrography is the branch of science that measures and describes the physical features of the water bodies and adjoining coastal areas.

June 21: International Yoga Day

Celebrated every year to highlight the importance of Yoga and the pivotal role it plays in rejuvenating our mind and the body, leading to a healthier lifestyle. Yoga is particularly beneficial in times of current pandemic when mental and physical health is under stress. Art of yoga is believed to have originated in India thousands of years ago and also finds mention in ancient scriptures like the Rig Veda. This year, the theme for the event is "Yoga for Humanity".

June 22: World Rainforest Day

The day aims to promote awareness about the rainforests all over the world. The day encourages the governments to take significant steps to conserve the rainforests that are considered to be one of the most valuable resources of the Earth. They are a rich source of coffee, spices, vegetables, and fruits to palm oils, to name a few. The theme for this Day in 2022 is 'The Time is Now'.

Some of the largest rainforests in the world include the Amazon Rainforest which alone supplies 20 percent of the oxygen that we breathe in. Rainforests play a significant role in combating global warming by absorbing the excess carbon dioxide and stabilising the climate patterns. They are characterised by a closed and continuous tree canopy, moisture-dependent vegetation, the presence of epiphytes (plants that grow on other plants) and lianas (woody vines) and the absence of wildfire.

June 23: World Olympic Day

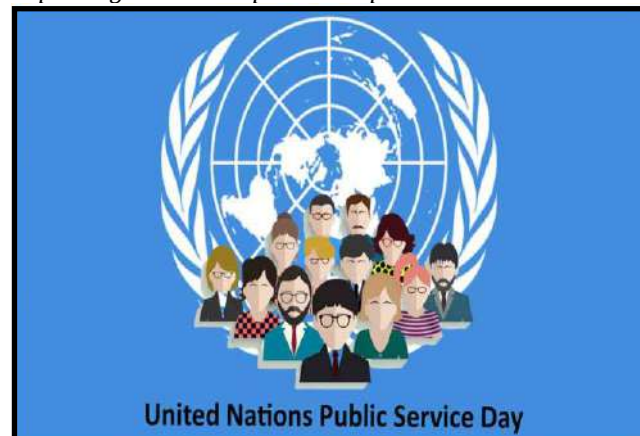
This day is an opportunity to encourage sports lovers all over the world to participate in the Olympic games and make sports their career. Olympic games are held at world level after every four years and include both summer and winter editions. The day marks the birth of the Modern Olympic Movement and the foundation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on this day in 1894 in Paris.

The theme for the year 2022 is 'Together, For a Peaceful World.' It aims at bringing people together in peace through sports and games.

June 23: United Nations Public Service Day

This day is observed to highlight the contribution of public servants in the development process and encourages young people to pursue careers in the public sector. The role of public service and people engaged in it have become far more important when a pandemic is raging across the globe, killing over 63.5 lakh people worldwide.

The theme chosen for this year is "Building back better from COVID-19". It aims to achieve various UN SDGs by improving innovative partnerships.



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June 23: International Widows Day



The day was launched by the United Nations in 2010 to raise awareness of the violation of human rights that widows suffer in many countries following the death of their spouses. The day aims to develop resources and policy to empower widows and allow them to have access to education, work, healthcare and lives free of violence and abuse.

The theme for this year is "Invisible Women, Invisible Problems". The theme highlights how widows are neglected by the authorities and how their problems are ignored. It is critical to protect widows' rights, which are recognized in international law, and to provide them with the same rights and recognition as other human beings.

June 25: Day of the Seafarer

The International Maritime Organisation, London celebrates this day to pay respect to seafarers and sailors who help the entire world function by conducting sea transport, both in civil and in defence. Today, over 90% of global trade is done by sea, since it is still the most cost-effective way to transport goods.

In fact, seafarers include all those who are associated with sea water - from Coast Guards, to Navies, every fisherman and marine biologist and cruise ship captain.

"New technologies for greener shipping" is the World Maritime Day theme for 2022, reflecting the need to support a green transition of the maritime sector into a sustainable future.

June 25: World Vitiligo Day

The purpose of this day is to recognise people with vitiligo and spread awareness of this condition. Vitiligo is caused when the melanin production in the cells dies or stops producing, due to which white spots occur on the body skin. The Day aims to highlight the many myths surrounding this condition. This year's World Vitiligo Day will be hosted in Mexico. The theme selected for this year is "Learning to Live With Vitiligo".

June 26: International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

In 1987, the United Nations General Assembly decided to observe this Day as an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.

The theme for this year is "Share Drug Facts, Save Lives". It aims at combating misinformation on drugs and promoting sharing of facts on drugs for evidence-based prevention, treatment, and care.

June 27: Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day

This day is observed by the United Nations to raise public awareness of the contribution of MSMEs to sustainable development and the global economy. These enterprises, which usually employ fewer than 250 persons, are the backbone of most economies worldwide. The theme selected for this year, "Resilience and Rebuilding: MSMEs for Sustainable Development", focuses on the strong role that MSMEs can play in rebuilding the global infrastructure weakened by the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, Climate Crisis and inter-country conflicts.

According to the data provided by the International Council for Small Business, formal and informal MSMEs make up over 90% of all firms and account on average for 60-70% of total employment and contribute roughly half of world's GDP. To ensure proper care of MSMEs, India has a separate MSME Ministry headed by Sh. Narayan Rane.

June 29: National Statistics Day

It is celebrated every year on the birth anniversary of legendary statistician Prof. P C Mahalanobis, in recognition of his invaluable contribution in enrichment of Statistical Systems in India. Known as the "Father of Indian Statistics", he was the founder of the Indian Statistical Institute and devised the "Mahalanobis Distance", a statistical measure. The Day aims to popularise the use of statistics in everyday life and sensitise the public as to how statistics helps in shaping and framing policies.

June 30: International Day of Parliamentarism

This Day was established in 2018 through a UN General Assembly resolution. It is an opportunity to celebrate parliaments and the ways in which parliamentary systems of government improve the day-to-day lives of people the world over.

Strong parliaments are a cornerstone of democracy. They work to make sure that policies benefit all people, especially the most vulnerable. The Day aims to promote SDG no 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.



June 30: International Asteroid Day



This day is observed to mark the crashing of a huge asteroid in Tunguska in Siberia on this day in 1908. It is the most harmful known asteroid related event on Earth in recent history. The Day aims to raise public awareness about the asteroid impact hazard. On this day, many programmes relating to creating awareness about the study of Asteroids are also run by the UNO.

Asteroid, also called minor planet or planetoid, refers to any of a host of small celestial bodies, usually less than about 1,000 km in diameter, that orbit the Sun, primarily between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, in a nearly flat ring called the asteroid belt.

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.

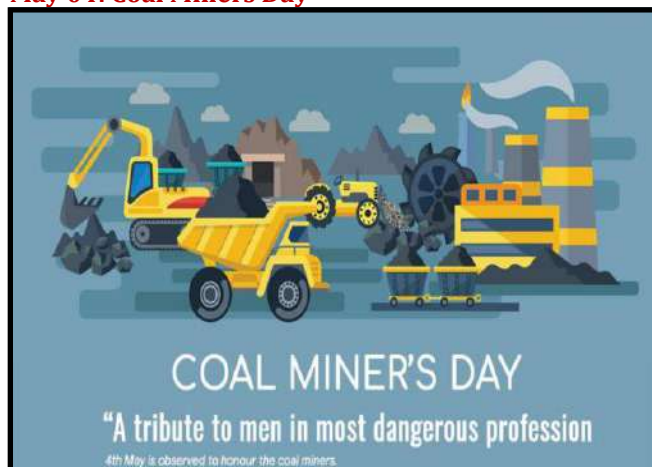
May 04: International Firefighters' Day

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.

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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.

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

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.



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NATIONAL NEWS

APRIL

- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson landed in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on April 21 on his two-day visit to India.
 - ✓ *Modi and Johnson expressed zero tolerance for terrorism and agreed on a new and expanded bilateral defence and security partnership.*
- President of India Ram Nath Kovind embarked on a 7-day two-nation tour on April 1 to Turkmenistan and the Netherlands.
 - ✓ *To commemorate the 75 years of diplomatic relations with Netherlands, a yellow colour newly bred double Tulip flower was named as 'Maitri'.*
- Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth arrived in Mumbai on April 17 on a 8 day official visit to India to strengthen ties between the two countries.
- Prime Minister Modi and US President Joe Biden held a one to one virtual meeting on April 11.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually attended the 5th BIMSTEC Summit on March 30. The summit was hosted by Sri Lanka.
 - ✓ *The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional organisation, established in 1997.*
- 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.
- Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba arrived in New Delhi on April 01 for a three day official visit. Mr Deuba concluded his tour by visiting Varanasi.
- 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*
- 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.
 - ✓ *KVIC created 1,03,219 new manufacturing and service units at a total capital outlay of over Rs. 12,000 crore, leading to creation of over 8.25 lakh jobs.*
- Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya at Teen Murti Estate in New Delhi on April 14. The museum pays rich tributes to the lives and contributions of all the 14 former PMs of the country.
- 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.
- Chief Justice of India, N V Ramana launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system on March 31.
 - ✓ *It will communicate interim orders, stay orders, bail orders, etc. of the Court to concerned authorities through a secured electronic communication channel.*
- Microsoft launched a digital platform named "Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub", in India on March 31.
 - ✓ *It offers over \$300,000 worth of benefits to startups, free access to the technology, tools, and resources they need to build and run their business.*
- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute stated that USA, 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.*

- UGC has decided to allow students to pursue two UG or PG degrees simultaneously, either offline or online, wef the current academic year (2022-23).
- 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.

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.

NEWS FROM STATES

APRIL

- The NITI Aayog released its State Energy and Climate Index, SECI on April 11. Gujarat topped the index, followed by Kerala and Punjab. The top three performers among smaller states were Goa, Tripura and Manipur.
- 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.
- India's first-of-its kind road made out of steel waste has come up at the Hazira Industrial Area in Surat, Gujarat, built by Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India.
- The famous living root (of trees) bridges found in Meghalaya, have been included on the tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites as 'Jingkieng Jri: Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscapes of Meghalaya'.
- The Assam and Meghalaya governments signed an agreement on March 29 in New Delhi to resolve the interstate boundary disputes.

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.



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- 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.

GOVT INITIATIVES

APRIL

- The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways launched a portal named 'e-DAR' (e-Detailed Accident Report). It will be linked to the Integrated Road Accident Database.
- The government plans to train around 2.71 lakh persons over the next five years under Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana.
 - ✓ *Candidates in the age group 18 to 45 years belonging to SC/ OBC, EBC, Transgender community, Safai Karamcharis can apply for the training programme under PM-DAKSH.*
- The Airport Authority of India launched "AVSAR" project to support the talent of local women, artisans and craftsmen and provide them with the right opportunities.
 - ✓ *AVSAR stands for 'Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region'. Every AAI operated airport will allocate a space of 100-200 square feet for artisans for selling/showcasing their products.*
- The centre is planning to launch "Agnipath Scheme" to recruit young people for the Indian Army for three year short terms. The young recruits will be called Agniveers.
- 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.
 - ✓ *It will facilitate darshan of 12 Jyotirlinga and Char Dham, realising dreams of millions of devotees.*

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 ‘Koyla 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.

ECONOMY

APRIL

- India achieved its highest ever merchandise exports of 417.8 billion dollars in the FY ending March 31, 2022. In terms of months, March saw the highest monthly value of merchandise export at 40.38 billion dollars.
- Uttar Pradesh was 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).
 - ✓ *Andhra Pradesh topped in fruit production @ 18.01 MT in 2021-22, followed by Maharashtra @12.30 MT.*
- 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 MW plant will generate 774 million units of power annually and reduce carbon emission by approximately 7 lakh metric tonnes per year.*

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.

BANKING & FINANCE

APRIL

- RBI decided to extend the guidelines on LEI (Legal Entity Identifier) to Primary UCBs and NBFCs.
- *The non-individual borrowers with loans of ₹5 crore and above, shall obtain LEI codes as under:*
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
- RBI released the guidelines on April 7 for establishment of Digital Banking Units (DBUs) towards fulfilment of budget announcement for setting up of 75 DBUs in 75 districts to commemorate 75 years of independence.
 - ✓ *DBU is a specialised fixed point business unit or hub for delivering digital banking products and services online in self-service mode, 24X7@365.*

- HDFC Ltd., a leading housing finance company and the parent company of the HDFC Bank, announced on April 4 its decision to merge with the latter.
 - ✓ *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.*

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 'HouseWorksWork', 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.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

APRIL

- Indian Coast Guard inducted an Auxiliary Barge, Urja Pravaha, at Bharuch in Gujarat on April 23. It has been designed to carry cargo ship fuel, aviation fuel and freshwater for ships deployed at far-flung areas.
- INS Vagsheer, the sixth and the last of the Scorpene-class submarines of Project-75, 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 Indian Coast Guard commissioned the first advanced light helicopter (ALH) MK III Squadron in Bhubaneswar on 10 April to bolster maritime security.
- India successfully flight-tested Anti-Tank Guided Missile Helina on April 11. The Helina is the helicopter-launched versions Nag missiles, with a range of 7-8 km.
- 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 Indian Navy commissioned the second Naval Air Squadron-316, named ‘Condors’ into service at INS Hansa at Dabolim, Goa on March 29, comprising of 4 Boeing P-8I multi-role anti-submarine aircrafts.
- **Exercise Varuna:** held by the Indian and French navies 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).
- Lieutenant General Manoj Pande was 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.
- 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.
- Bengaluru based Indian spacetechnology startup, Pixxel launched on April 1 its first commercial satellite called ‘Shakuntala’, onboard a Falcon-9 rocket of SpaceX.
 - ✓ *It hosts one of the highest resolution hyperspectral commercial cameras that have ever sent in space.*
- Researchers at IIT Madras have launched the country’s first polycentric prosthetic knee, named ‘Kadam’.
 - ✓ *It provides stability, reduces the risk of stumbling and its patented geometry is specifically optimised for use on uneven terrains.*
- 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.
- NASA and the European Space Agency’s Hubble Space Telescope established an extraordinary new benchmark by detecting the farthest individual star ever seen.
 - ✓ *The star named Earendel, which means “morning star” in Old English, is estimated to be 12.9 billion light years away from the Earth.*

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 parachuting, 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.

INTERNATIONAL

APRIL

- In a historic development, Twitter announced to sell its company to world's richest man Elon Musk, in a \$ 44 billion deal.
- The World Bank slashed its forecast for global economic growth in 2022 to 3.2%, citing the war in Ukraine, inflation and the lingering effects of the pandemic.
- IMF in its latest World Economic Outlook report released on April 20, slashed its global growth outlook for 2022 to 3.6% from earlier 4.4%.

- ✓ IMF said "global economic prospects have worsened significantly due to commodity price volatility and disruption of supply chains caused by Ukraine war."

- The World Trade Organisation (WTO) has revised down its projection for global trade growth (in volume) for 2022 to 3% from earlier 4.7%.

- ✓ *The reduction is due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict that has impacted commodity prices, disrupted supplies and intensified economic uncertainty.*

- 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.
- Ecuador, in South America, has made history by becoming the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals.
- The Court observed that wild animals have the right "not to be hunted, fished, captured, collected, kept, retained, trafficked, marketed or exchanged".

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.

PERSONS IN NEWS

APRIL

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.

Deepika Padukone: Popular Bollywood actress has been named as one of the judges on the world famous prestigious Cannes Film Festival in France.

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.

Virat Kohli: Retained his position as the most valued celebrity in India 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, becoming 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.

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.

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, followed by Amazon chief Jeff Bezos (\$171 bn).



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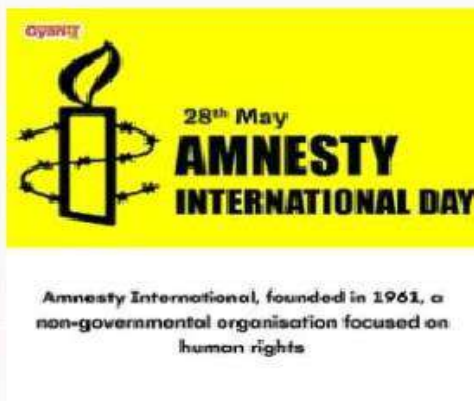
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Gautam Adani: As per the M3M Hurun Global Rich List released on March 16, Gautam Adani was the biggest gainer in 2022 adding \$49 billion to his wealth last year. *The jump came after the listing of renewable energy company Adani Green, after which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

APPOINTMENTS

APRIL

Dr. Suman K Bery: Appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog.

Dr. Ajay Sood: Appointed as the new Principal Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister.

Dr Manoj Soni: Appointed as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

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

Iqbal Singh Lalpura: Re-appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities.

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

Gilbert F. Hougbo: A former prime minister of Togo has been elected as the next Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Emmanuel Macron: Won a second term in France's presidential election with 58.2 percent of the vote. \

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.

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 Jagadeesh 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 Costo: 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

AWARDS & HONOURS

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.

International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021: Awarded to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of Chandigarh and to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat.

Champions of the Earth: (Lifetime Achievement Award) The UNEP selected Sir David Attenborough for this award for his dedication to research and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration.

Grammy Awards 2022

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

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

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 Bielawaska 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: 'Shershah' 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

OBITUARY

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.

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.

PLACES IN NEWS

APRIL

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 FAO. 500 volunteers planted over 3.50 crore trees in Hyderabad in a year.

Mumbai has also been selected as the second 'Tree City of the World' from India.

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.

Storm Megi: Also known locally as Tropical Storm Agaton, Megi caused havoc in the Philippines' central regions in April's second week, claiming over 250 lives.

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, with their hands tied behind.

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.

SPORTS WORLD

APRIL

India's Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal created history by winning the mixed doubles finals to secure India's first ever gold medal at WSF World Doubles Squash championship at Glasgow, England.

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.

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

D Gukesh became the first Indian player in 48 years to win the La Roda International Open, 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 Sathiyam 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 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 becoming the first Indian weightlifter to clinch a silver 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.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS WORLD

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 Imola, 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.

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.

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.

2026 Commonwealth Games: The Australian state of Victoria has been officially announced as the host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games. 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.

"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.

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.

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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 India Open badminton championship in 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.

Model Test For General / Economy / Banking Awareness



JUNE GK TEST - 01

1. India received the highest ever annual Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of \$ 83.57 billion in 2021-22. Which sector received the highest share of 25%?
 - a. Micro engineering
 - b. Bio-technology
 - c. Computer software & hardware
 - d. Edutech field
 - e. Fintech field
2. Prime Minister Modi visited _____ in Japan for two days, 23 and 24 May to attend QUAD summit:
 - a. Osaka
 - b. Tokyo
 - c. Kyoto
 - d. Kobe
 - e. Yokohama
3. Which group of Indian workers were awarded and honoured by WHO for their 'outstanding' contribution to advancing global health?
 - a. ANMs
 - b. Frontline Nurses
 - c. Village level workers
 - d. ASHA workers
 - e. Frontline doctors
4. President of which country launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) with a dozen initial partners?
 - a. France
 - b. Australia
 - c. Japan
 - d. USA
 - e. Germany
5. Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by a Presidential notification?
 - a. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
 - b. Pramod Mishra
 - c. Vinai Kumar Saxena
 - d. Rajiv Gauba
 - e. Tushar Mehta
6. A new mobile app named ABHA launched by the National Health Authority is associated with which field?
 - a. Fit India
 - b. Ayushman Bharat
 - c. TB Control
 - d. Maternal health
 - e. Child health
7. Which of the following terms is not from the terminology of the stock markets?
 - a. ASBA
 - b. Rights issue
 - c. Prospectus
 - d. Takeout financing
 - e. Listing
8. Securities and Exchange Board of India, is described among which of the following statements?
 - a. SEBI is the regulator for the capital markets
 - b. SEBI protects the interest of investors
 - c. SEBI is for ethical practices in share market
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above
9. Vijay Shekhar Sharma has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which fintech company for another 5 years term?
 - a. Razorpay
 - b. BharatPe
 - c. Phonepe
 - d. Paytm
 - e. Justpay
10. Jose Ramos-Horta, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate was sworn in as president of East Timor. This country is in which part of the world?
 - a. South Asia
 - b. Southeast Asia
 - c. West Asia
 - d. Eastern Asia
 - e. Northeastern Africa
11. Ministry of Education, released on May 25 the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report. It covered which area?
 - a. Status of rural schools
 - b. Status of Schools in tribal areas
 - c. Health of the school education system
 - d. Quality of research work in universities
 - e. Achievements of IIMs in corporate field
12. Captain Abhilasha Barak became the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator. She comes from which state?
 - a. Rajasthan
 - b. Haryana
 - c. Manipur
 - d. Assam
 - e. Karnataka
13. 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. Who has been selected to head this committee?
 - a. Urjit Patel
 - b. Usha Thorat
 - c. M K Jain
 - d. B P Kanungo
 - e. M R Hota
14. India's first simulation-based war training centre, which will use artificial intelligence (AI) to

- create virtual reality wargames, will soon be set up at which place?
- Hyderabad
 - Bengaluru
 - Pachmarhi
 - Nainital
 - New Delhi
15. Which of the following mentioned options below is not a money market instrument?
- Treasury Bills
 - Commercial Paper
 - Certificate of Deposit
 - Equity Share
 - None of these
16. Small and marginal farmers get preferential treatment from banks for loans. Who are the marginal farmers?
- Those with land holding up to one acre
 - Daily wagers working on the land
 - Those with land holdings up to one hectare
 - Landless farmers
 - Farmers doing contract farming
17. "Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure" is a collection of boyhood memoirs of which author?
- Chetan Bhagat
 - Vikram Seth
 - Ruskin Bond
 - Ismail Merchant
 - Shashi Tharoor
18. India's biggest Drone Festival- "Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022" was held in which city on May 27-28?
- Lucknow
 - Gandhi Nagar
 - Gwalior
 - Hyderabad
 - New Delhi
19. Who became the first Hindi author to win the coveted International Booker Prize?
- Krishna Sobti
 - Arundhati Roy
 - Geetanjali Shree
 - Meera Nair
 - Shashi Deshpande
20. What is the name of the survey vessel that joined the Indian Navy at sea in Chennai on May 26?
- Nirdeshak
 - Anveshak
 - Dhruv
 - Sandhayak
 - Sarvekshak
21. _____ became the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity?
- Chennai
 - Hyderabad
 - Kolkata
 - Bengaluru
 - New Delhi
22. Which documentary from India won the 2022 L'OEil d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival?
- Amma and Appa
 - Jareena, Portrait of a Hijda
 - Gulabi Gang
 - All That Breathes
 - Children of Pyre
23. The Government has advised AC manufacturers to keep default setting at 24 degree Celsius primarily for what purpose?
- To improve efficiency of ACs
 - To reduce emission of CFC gases
 - To ensure lesser use of energy
 - To improve cooling of ACs
 - None of these
24. Reverse Repo is a tool that can be used by RBI to _____ :
- Inject liquidity
 - Absorb liquidity
 - Receive deposits from the banks
 - All of the above
 - None of the above
25. What was the name of the Godavari class guided-missile frigate, one of the oldest warriors of the Western Fleet, which was decommissioned on May 28 at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai?
- INS Narmada
 - INS Kataar
 - INS Khanderi
 - INS Deepak
 - INS Gomati
26. Which country was selected as the 'Country of Focus' at the Mumbai International Film Festival -MIFF 2022?
- Maldives
 - Greece
 - Bangladesh
 - Philippines
 - Japan
27. Which Football Club won the Champions League, the biggest Football League of Europe, for a record-extending 14th time?
- Liverpool FC
 - Real Madrid FC
 - Man United FC
 - Chelsea FC
 - FC Barcelona
28. Gujarat Titans defeated which team to win the 15th edition of the IPL (Indian Premier League) Trophy on May 29?
- Mumbai Indians
 - Punjab Kings
 - Delhi Capitals
 - Rajasthan Royals
 - Chennai Super Kings
29. India's first Lavender Festival was held at which place in Jammu & Kashmir?
- Ganderbal
 - Gulmarg
 - Bhaderwah
 - Anantnag
 - Pahalgam
30. Palme d'Or: (Golden Ball) Award for the 'Best Film' at the Cannes Film Festival was won by which film?
- Boy from Heaven
 - Triangle of Sadness
 - Forever Young
 - Holy Spider
 - Brother and Sister
31. What does the term B2B stand for in E-commerce?
- It means trade between businesses to businesses
 - The dealings between businesses to banks
 - Transactions between Bulk buyers to Banks
 - All of the above
 - None of these
32. In the acronym D-SIB, the letter S implies
- Standard
 - Stability
 - Systematically
 - Systemically
 - Statutory
33. The government has revised the premium rates of its two flagship social security schemes, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, PMSBY. Consider the following statements in this regard:
- PMJJBY offers life insurance cover only against death by accident
 - PMSBY provides cover of Rs. 2 lakh in case of complete disability
 - Annual premium for the PMSBY is Rs. 20 only
 - Persons in the age group of 18 to 60 are eligible to join PMJJBY

Select the correct option:

- a. Only i, ii and iv are correct
 - b. Only ii and iii are correct
 - c. Only i and iv are correct
 - d. Only i and iii are correct
 - e. All four are correct
34. Indian women's shooting team bagged a gold medal in the 10m air rifle women's team event on May 31 at the ISSF World Cup 2022 in Baku, Azerbaijan. Which of the following is NOT a shooter?
- a. Elavenil Valarivan
 - b. Shreya Agarwal
 - c. Esha Singh
 - d. Divya Kakran
 - e. Manu Bhaker
35. According to the data released by the National Statistical Office on May 31, the Indian economy grew at its slowest pace in a year during the quarter ending March 31, 2022 @ 4.1% only. Which of the following was NOT a major reason for this low rate?
- a. Ukraine - Russia conflict
 - b. Global rise in crude oil prices
 - c. Impact of Omicron wave
 - d. Lower output in the manufacturing sector
 - e. Weak support from the farm sector
36. For the first time in the country, the Department of Indian Posts has delivered mail in which state using a drone as part of a pilot project?
- a. Jharkhand
 - b. Odisha
 - c. Madhya Pradesh
 - d. Gujarat
 - e. Punjab
37. The world-famous Valley of Flowers was opened for tourists from 1st of June. It is in which place?
- a. Gulmarg, J&K
 - b. Ooty, Tamil Nadu
 - c. Nilgiri Hills, Karnataka
 - d. Darjeeling, W. Bengal
 - e. Chamoli, Uttarakhand
38. With reference to digital payments, which of the statements is/are correct?
- 1) BHIM app allows the user to transfer money to anyone with the UPI- enabled bank account.

2) Chip pin debit card has four digit PIN for authentication.

3) BHIM app has three factors of authentication.

- a. 1 only
- b. 3 only
- c. 1 and 2
- d. 1 and 3
- e. All three are correct

39. "Rule of the Law Index" is released by which of the following?

- a. Amnesty International
- b. International Court of Justice
- c. UN Commissioner of Human Rights
- d. World Justice Project
- e. International Labour Organization

40. Which of the following statement(s) about 2022 Asia Hockey Cup men's is/are true?

- i. It was sponsored by Nikkie
- ii. It was won by South Korea
- iii. India won Bronze medal
- iv. It was held in Kualalumpur

Select the correct option:

- a. Only i and iii are correct
- b. Only ii and iii are correct
- c. Both, iii and iv are correct
- d. Only iii is correct
- e. Only ii is correct

41. A supercomputer titled 'Frontier' has dethroned Japan's 'Fugaku' on May 30 as the world's fastest computer, achieving a computing speed of 1.1 Exaflops. Frontier has been installed in which country?

- a. China
- b. USA
- c. Sweden
- d. France
- e. Japan

42. The Defence Ministry signed a contract with defence public sector undertaking Bharat Dynamics Limited, for supply of Astra Mk-I hypersonic missiles. It is based in which place?

- a. Balasore
- b. Jalahalli
- c. Gwalior
- d. Hyderabad
- e. Garhchiroli

43. Which country was in the news as it changed its name?

- a. Serbia
- b. Romania
- c. Latvia
- d. Turkey
- e. Estonia

44. HM Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's Queen became the first royal in

Britain to complete 70 years of her reign on June 2. Which of the following is the main residential palace of the Queen?

- a. Windsor Castle
- b. Buckingham Palace
- c. The King's House
- d. Kensington Palace
- e. Woodstock Palace

45. Consider the following events:

1. The first democratically elected communist party government formed in an Indian State.
2. India's then largest bank, "Imperial Bank of India" was renamed "State Bank of India"
3. Air India was nationalized and became the national carrier.
4. Goa became a part of independent India.

Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?

- a. 4-1-2-3
- b. 3-2-1-4
- c. 4-2-1-3
- d. 3-1-2-4
- e. 1-2-3-4

46. Basel norms are important international regulatory stipulations. They are meant for which sector?

- a. Insurance
- b. Banking
- c. Share Market
- d. Pension funds
- e. E-Commerce

47. June 5 was celebrated as World Environment Day. What was the theme selected for this year's celebrations?

- a. Save Earth: Save Planet
- b. One Earth: One life
- c. Only One Earth
- d. Environment - Work for it
- e. Green-Clean Earth

48. CORBEVAX has become India's first vaccine to get DCGI approval as a heterogeneous COVID-19 booster dose. Match the following:

a. Covaxine	i. Serum Institute of India
b. Covishield	ii. Bharat Biotech
c. Corbevax	iii. Zydus Cadila
d. Sputnik	iv. Biological E
e. ZyCov-D	v. GamaleyaInstitute

Select the correct option:

- a. A-ii; B-v; C-i; D-iv; E-iii

- b. A-ii; B-i; C-iv; D-v; E-iii
c. A-i; B-iii; C-ii; D-iv; E-v
d. A-iii; B-i; C-iv; D-ii; E-v
e. A-v; B-iii C-i; D-ii E-iv

49. **India defeated Poland to win the FIH Hockey 5s championship. It was hosted by which country?**

- a. Poland b. Germany
c. Switzerland d. Indonesia
e. Spain

50. **How is the National Green Tribunal (NGT) different from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)?**

1) The NGT has been established by an Act and CPCB has been created by an executive order of the government.

2) The NGT aims to provide justice on environmental issues whereas the CPCB promotes the cleanliness of streams and wells, aims to improve the quality of air in the country.

Which of the statement given below is/are correct?

- a. 1 only b. 2 only
c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2
e. None of these

JUNE GK TEST - 02

1. **The Government launched _____ Portal on June 6 for bringing all credit-linked government schemes on a single platform:**

- a. Parmarth b. Rin Bharti
c. Vyvsai Mitra d. Arth Sahai
e. Jan Samarth

2. **Consider the following statements:**

- I. Bank Rate Policy
II. Open Market Operations
III. Devaluation of Rupee

Which of the above are called fiscal measures?

- a. Only II b. Both I and II
c. Both I and III d. Only III
e. None of the given options is true

3. **A joint military training exercise named 'Ex SAMPRITI-X' was held between India and _____ from June 5 to 16:**

- a. Bangladesh b. Nepal

- c. Thailand d. Sri Lanka
e. Japan

4. **The Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute on June 7 in which city?**

- a. Bhopal b. Shillong
c. Guwahati d. New Delhi
e. Bhubaneswar

5. **The first-ever National Air Sports Policy-2022 was announced on June 7. Which of the following is NOT an Air Sport?**

- a. Aerobatics b. Surfing
c. Ballooning d. Gliding
e. Parachuting

6. **What was India's rank in the 2022 edition of the Environmental Performance Index prepared for 180 countries?**

- a. 97th b. 105th
c. 113th d. 153rd
e. 180th

7. **The 22nd edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards was held in _____ on 4th June:**

- a. Sharjah b. Pataya
c. Dubai d. Abu Dhabi
e. Jakarta

8. **Which of the following mentioned options below is NOT an example of primary securities?**

- a. Bills b. Bonds
c. Shares d. Book debts
e. New currency

9. **Pick the odd one out**

- a. Roland Garros
b. US open c. Wimbledon
d. Australian Open
e. England Open

10. **Bajram Begaj has been elected as the President of Albania. Consider the following statements:**

1. Albania is located in Western Africa
2. Bajram Begaj won the general elections in the Albania
3. Albania is located on the Western coast of Adriatic Sea
4. Mr. Begaj was elected President by the Parliament

Select the correct option:

- a. Only 1 and 3 are correct

- b. Only 1 and 4 are correct
c. Only 2 and 3 are correct
d. Only 3 and 4 are correct
e. All four are correct

11. **In the world's first population estimation of the fishing cat, an endangered species, 176 of them were counted in which area of India?**

- a. Sunderbans
b. Gangasagar delta
c. Chilika Lake
d. Krishna Delta
e. Palk Strait

12. **Consider the following statements**

1. In India, the number of the Non-Scheduled Banks is more than the Scheduled Banks.

2. The Non-Scheduled Banks in India are less than the Scheduled Banks.

3. State Bank of India is not a Scheduled Bank.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. Only 1 b. Only 2
c. Only 3 d. All of the above
e. Only 1 and 3

13. **The Thummalapalle mine which is considered to have one of the world's largest reserves of 1.50 lakh tonnes of uranium is located in which among the following Indian States?**

- a. Karnataka b. Andhra Pradesh
c. Tamil Nadu d. Kerala
e. Chhattisgarh

14. **Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a three-nation tour from May 30 to June 7. Which of the following represent the three countries covered by him?**

1. Kenya 2. Gabon
3. Ghana 4. Senegal
5. Qatar
a. 1, 3 & 5 b. 2, 4 & 5
c. 1, 2 & 4 d. 3, 4 & 5
e. 2, 3 & 4

15. **The French Open Grand Slam concluded on June 5. Consider the following statements in this regard:**

- i. It was played at Roland Garros, Paris
ii. Women's Singles title was won by Iga Swiatek

- iii. Iga Swiatek hails from Serbia
iv. It was record 14th French Open title for Rafael Nadal
Select the correct option:
a. Only i, iii and iv are correct
b. Only ii and iii are correct
c. Only i, ii and iv are correct
d. Only ii, iii and iv are correct
e. All four are correct
16. **The Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India in its bi-monthly review meeting on June 8, did NOT change which of the following rates?**
a. Repo Rate
b. Fixed Reverse Repo Rate
c. Standing Deposit Facility
d. Marginal Standing Facility
e. Bank Rate
17. **Which of the following is an example of short term government security?**
a. Debenture
b. Zero coupon Bond
c. Treasury bill
d. Short Term Govt Bond
e. None of these
18. **Mithali Raj announced her retirement from Cricket. Consider the following statements:**
1. She played for India for 23 years
2. She has highest score of 7,805 runs in ODIs
3. She hails from Mumbai
4. She was honoured with Padma Bhushan in 2020
Select the correct option:
a. 1, 3 and 4 are true
b. 2 and 4 are true
c. 1 and 2 are true
d. 3 and 4 are true
e. 1, 2 and 4 are true
19. **National Highways Authority of India - NHAI and its contractors entered Guinness World Records for laying 75 Km long continuous Bituminous Concrete Road in less than five days, between Amravati and Akola. It is in which state?**
a. Gujarat
b. Madhya Pradesh
c. Maharashtra
d. Rajasthan
e. Uttar Pradesh
20. **With the reference to India's satellite launch vehicles, consider the following statements:**
1. PSLVs launch the satellite useful for Earth resources monitoring
2. GSLVs are designed mainly to launch communication satellites.
3. Satellites launched by PSLVs are usually in geostationary position.
Which of the statements given below is/are correct?
a. 1 and 2 only
b. 2 and 3 only
c. 1 and 3
d. Only 3
e. Only 1
21. **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA approved on June 8 an increase in Minimum Support Price for all intended Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2022-23. Which of the following is NOT a Kharif crop?**
a. Paddy
b. Maize
c. Tur
d. Mustard
e. Sunflower
22. **World Brain Tumour Day is observed on which day of June?**
a. 8th
b. 13th
c. 18th
d. 23rd
e. 29th
23. **What is the name of India's first COVID-19 vaccine for animals, developed by the ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines, in Hisar, Haryana?**
a. Bovivax
b. Anocovax
c. AniCov
d. CattleX
e. Bovinil
24. **Who has been named the ambassador of the British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture', which aims to boost collaboration among emerging artists?**
a. A R Rahman
b. Amitabh Bachchan
c. Priyanka Chopra
d. Kumar Sanu
e. Dr. Kumar Vishwas
25. **Name the Indian Grand Master and top-seeded player who won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event:**
a. V Praneeth
b. R. Praggnanandhaa
c. Viswanathan Anand
d. Mitrabha Guha
e. Raja Rithvik
26. **Which US state was in the news for having passed the world's first "Right to Repair" Bill?**
a. California
b. Georgia
c. New York
d. Florida
e. Texas
27. **Which of the following is NOT a natural lake?**
a. Kodaikanal (Tamil Nadu)
b. Kolleru (Andhra Pradesh)
c. Naini Taal (Uttarakhand)
d. Renuka (Himachal Pradesh)
e. Sambhar Lake (Rajasthan)
28. **_____ became the first state to approve a Drone Policy 2022 to enable the use of drones and similar technology for different public services in the state:**
a. Uttar Pradesh
b. Himachal Pradesh
c. Gujarat
d. Haryana
e. Sikkim
29. **The Government of India has launched Rashtriya _____ Portal to invite nominations for various awards from the various ministries, departments, and agencies:**
a. Samman
b. Gaurav
c. Protsahan
d. Puraskar
e. Reward
30. **Recently, five countries were elected to the UN Security Council as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 two year term. Which one of the following is NOT one of them?**
a. Ecuador
b. Jamaica
c. Japan
d. Malta
e. Mozambique
31. **The 12th World Trade Organisation, WTO Ministerial Conference was held in which city, from June 12 to 15:**
a. Brussels
b. Monte Carlo
c. Venice
d. Rome
e. Geneva
32. **Government plans to set up how many PM Shri schools across the country to function as the laboratory of NEP 2020?**
a. 1,000
b. 5,000
c. 10,000
d. 15,000
e. 20,000
33. **The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Corpat) between the Indian and Indonesian Navy was held from June 13 to 24, first in the Andaman Sea and later in _____:**
a. Bay of Bengal
b. Indian Ocean
c. Strait of Malacca
d. Strait of Lombok

- e. Strait of Makassar
34. Which of the following is NOT considered as a means of foreign currency inflow into the country?
- FDI
 - FCNR A/c
 - FII
 - NRI A/c
- e. No Frills A/c
35. Which one of the following statements correctly describe the meaning of legal tender money?
- The money which is tendered in courts of law to defray the fee of legal cases.
 - The currency in which it is obligatory to accept payments, unconditionally.
 - The bank money in the form of cheques, drafts, bill of exchange, etc.
 - The metallic money in circulation in a country.
 - All are correct
36. The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concluded on June 13. Which state secured the top position in medal tally by securing 137 medals?
- Maharashtra
 - Haryana
 - Karnataka
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Gujarat
37. India won six gold medals at the Para Shooting World Cup in Chateauroux, France. Which of the following won two gold medals each in the event?
- Avani Lekhara and Manish Narwal
 - Manish Narwal and Sriharsha Devaraddi
 - Sriharsha Devaraddi and Rahul Jakhar
 - Rahul Jakhar and Avani Lekhara
 - Manish Narwal and Rubina Francis
38. Csaba Korosi has been elected as the President of the upcoming 77th session of the UN General Assembly. He hails from which country?
- Kenya
 - Ethiopia
 - Hungary
 - Venezuela
 - Chile
39. June 15 is celebrated as the World _____ Awareness Day:
- Pollution
 - Climate
 - Cancer
 - Elder Abuse
 - Child rights
40. Built on the scale of international airports, the ultra-luxurious Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Terminal became operational on June 13. It is in which city?
- Mysore
 - Trivandrum
 - Chennai
 - Bengaluru
 - Secunderabad

41. The term "two state solution" is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of which of the following countries.
- China
 - Israel
 - Iraq
 - Yemen
 - India
42. Which of the pairs given below are correctly matched?
- Aleppo — Syria
 - Kirkuk — Yemen
 - Mosul — Palestine
 - Kandhaar — Afghanistan
- Select the right option:
- 1 and 2
 - 1 and 4
 - 2 and 3
 - 3 and 4
 - None of the above
43. Which of the following institutions is not directly associated with the financial sector in India?
- BSE
 - NSE
 - SEBI
 - CII
 - IDBI
44. India's first private train service, under the Bharat Gaurav Scheme, started its journey on June 14 from which place?
- Jamnagar
 - Haridwar
 - Bodhgaya
 - Patna
 - Coimbatore
45. Europe's biggest start-up conference - Vivattech 2020 selected _____ as the "country of the year":
- Switzerland
 - India
 - Japan
 - Taiwan
 - Singapore
46. Sujoy Lal Thaosan, a 1988 batch IPS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the new Director General of which Central Armed Police Force?
- SSB
 - CRPF
 - CISF
 - ITBP
 - BSF
47. The Reserve Bank of India on June 16 raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs _____ per transaction on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions:
- 8,000
 - 12,000
 - 15,000
 - 20,000
 - 30,000
48. Consider the following pairs:
- Chapchar Kut Festival – Mizoram
 - Khongjom Parba ballad – Manipur
 - Thang-Ta Dance – Sikkim

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 1 and 2
- 2 only
- 2 and 3
- All are correct

49. The World Competitiveness Index 2022 released on June 15, placed India at _____ spot, six steps above from its previous ranking:

- 23rd
- 27th
- 37th
- 43rd
- 49th

50. The identity platform 'Aadhar' provides open API. What does acronym API stands for?

- Application Programming Interfaces
- Application Programming Information
- Application Providing Interface
- Appropriate Programming Information
- Application for Programmed Interaction

ANSWER KEY | JUNE | GK TEST | I

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

ANSWER KEY | JUNE | GK TEST | 2

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

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REASONING ABILITY

Directions: (Q. 1 - 5): In each question below are given three statements followed by three conclusions numbered I, II and III. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the two given statements, disregarding commonly known facts.

- 1) **Statements:** All pearls are diamonds.
All diamonds are gold
All gold are silvers.
Conclusions:
I. All pearls are silvers.
II. No diamond is a gold.
III. Some silvers are diamonds.
a) Only I follow b) Only II and III follow
c) Only I and III follow
d) All I, II and III follow
e) None of these
- 2) **Statements:** Some paintings are colours.
All colours are rainbows.
No rainbow is a shower.
Conclusions:
I. Some colour are shower.
II. Some showers are not colours.
III. Some paintings are not rainbows.
a) Only I follow b) Only II follows
c) Only III follow d) All I, II and III follow
e) None of these
- 3) **Statements:** Some ships are boats.
Some boats are sails.
No sail is a sailors.
Conclusions:
I. No boat is a sailors.
II. Some sails are ships.
III. Some boats are not sailors.
a) Only I follow b) Only II follow
c) Only II and III follow
d) Only III follows e) None of these
- 4) **Statements:** Some bags are trolleys.
All trolleys are luggage.
Some luggage is a warehouse.

Conclusions:

- I. Some trolleys are warehouses
II. Some luggage are trolleys.
III. No bag is a warehouses.
a) Only I follow b) Only II follow
c) Only II and III follow d) None follow
e) None of these

- 5) **Statements:** Some pants are trousers.
No trouser is a shirt.
All shirts are ties.

Conclusions:

- I. Some shirts are not pants.
II. Some shirts are trousers.
III. Some ties are not trousers.
a) Only I and III follows b) Only III follows
c) Only I and II follows d) Only II follows
e) None of these

Directions (Q. 6 - 10): In the following questions, the symbols %, \$, #, @ and & are used with the following meaning as illustrated below:

'A%B' means 'A is not smaller than B'.
'A\$B' means 'A is not greater than B'.
'A#B' means 'A is neither greater than nor equal to B'.
'A@B' means 'A is neither smaller than nor equal to B'.
'A&B' means 'A is neither greater than nor smaller than B'.

Now in each of the following questions assuming the given statements to be true, for conclusions I and II given below them is/are definitely true? Give answer

- 6) **Statements:** V # W, W % T, T \$ H
Conclusions: I. V @ T II. H & W
a) if only Conclusion I is true.
b) if only Conclusion II is true.
c) if either Conclusion I or II is true.
d) If neither Conclusion I nor II is true.
e) If both Conclusions I and II are true.
- 7) **Statements:** H @ M, M % E, E # C
Conclusions: I. C % M II. H @ E
a) if only Conclusion I is true.
b) if only Conclusion II is true.
c) if either Conclusion I or II is true.
d) If neither Conclusion I nor II is true.
e) If both Conclusions I and II are true.

- 8) **Statements:** A % B, B & D, D @ E
Conclusions: I. D \$ A II. A @ E
a) if only Conclusion I is true.
b) if only Conclusion II is true.
c) if either Conclusion I or II is true.
d) If neither Conclusion I nor II is true.
e) If both Conclusions I and II are true.
- 9) **Statements:** X % Y, Y @ Z, Z # A
Conclusions: I. A # X II. X \$ A
a) if only Conclusion I is true.
b) if only Conclusion II is true.
c) if either Conclusion I or II is true.
d) If neither Conclusion I nor II is true.
e) If both Conclusions I and II are true.
- 10) **Statements:** P \$ Q, Q @ R, R % S
Conclusions: I. S # Q II. S & Q
a) if only Conclusion I is true.
b) if only Conclusion II is true.
c) if either Conclusion I or II is true.
d) If neither Conclusion I nor II is true.
e) If both Conclusions I and II are true.

Directions (Q. 11 - 12): Study the following information carefully and answer the given Questions based on it.

A family consists of six members A, B, C, D, E and F. B is son of C. E is brother of C. D is daughter of A. C is not the mother of B. A and C are married couple. F is brother B.

- 11) **How many male members are there in the family?**
a) Three b) Five
c) Two d) Four
e) None of these
- 12) **How is E related to F?**
a) Father b) Brother
c) Uncle d) Cousin
e) None of these
- 13) **If each vowel of the word WITHOUT is changed to the previous letter of the English alphabets and each consonant is changed to the next letter of the English alphabet, and then the alphabets thus formed are arranged in alphabetical order from left to right, which of the following will be exactly in the middle?**
a) T b) H
c) U d) I
e) None of these

Directions (Q. 14 - 18): Each question is based on the five three-digit numbers given below:

534 231 516 382 165

- 14) **If in each number, the first and the third digits are interchange, which will be the second highest number?**

- a) 534 b) 231
c) 516 d) 382
e) 165

- 15) **If one is added to the first digit of each of the numbers and the first and the second digit of each number are interchanged, then which of the following will be the highest number?**

- a) 534 b) 231
c) 516 d) 382
e) 165

- 16) **If in each number, all three digits are arranged in ascending order, which of the following will be the second highest number?**

- a) 534 b) 231
c) 516 d) 382
e) 165

- 17) **Which of the following is the sum of the first and the third digit of the second lowest and the highest number respectively?**

- a) 8 b) 6
c) 10 d) 4
e) None of these

- 18) **If in each number, all the digits are arranged in descending order from left to right within the number then how many numbers thus formed will be even number?**

- a) None b) One
c) Two d) Three
e) More than three

Directions (Q. 19 - 23): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Eight people F, G, H, I, V, W, X and Y are sitting in two parallel rows containing four people each F, G, H and I are sitting in row -2 facing north and V, W, X and Y are sitting in row 1 facing south (but not necessarily in the same order). Thus, each person sitting in row 2 faces another person sitting in row - 1. Each of the two rows consists of one Lawyer, one Teacher, one Clerk and one Astronomer (but not necessarily in the same order).

- (i) The Lawyer of row 2 sits second to the right of I. W faces one of the immediate neighbours of I. Only one person sits between W and the Astronomer.
- (ii) The one who faces the Astronomer of row 1 is an immediate neighbour of F. Only one person sits between F and the Clerk.
- (iii) V sits second to the right of Y. X does not face H. The Astronomer of row 2 faces the Teacher of row 1.
- (iv) H faces one of the immediate neighbor of Lawyer of row -1. The Lawyer of row 1 does not sit at any of the extreme ends of the line. Y is not a Lawyer.

- 19) Which one of the following represents the people sitting at extreme ends of both the lines?
 a) G, I and W, X b) G, I and Y, V
 c) H, F and Y, W d) F, I and W, Y
 e) None of these
- 20) Who amongst the following sits on the immediate left of Clerk of row 2?
 a) I b) The Lawyer of row 1
 c) The Teacher of row 1
 d) H e) G
- 21) Which of the following pairs represent both the immediate neighbours of X?
 a) Y and the Astronomer of row 1
 b) W and the Teacher of row 1
 c) V and the Lawyer of row 1
 d) W and the Clerk of row 1
 e) V and the Clerk of row 1
- 22) Which of the given statements is true with respect to the given arrangement?
 a) X sits on the immediate right of W.
 b) G and Y face each other
 c) H is an Astronomer
 d) None of the given statement is true
 e) The Teacher of one row faces the Lawyer of another row.
- 23) If X and W interchange their places, so do I and Y, then who amongst the following faces F?
 a) X b) I
 c) G d) V
 e) None of these

Directions (Q. 24 - 25): Read the situations given below to answer the questions:

Nine houses A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J are situated such that:

- (i) C is 2m west of B.
- (ii) A is 4m south of B.
- (iii) H is 2m north of A.
- (iv) G is 6m east of H.
- (v) D is 2m west of G.
- (vi) F is 4m south of G.
- (vii) I is situated in the middle of B and C.
- (viii) E is situated in the middle of H and D.

- 24) What is the distance between H and D?
 a) 2m b) 4m
 c) 6m d) 1m
 e) None of these
- 25) What is the direction of B with respect to H?
 a) East b) South
 c) North d) North east
 e) None of these

Directions (Q. 26 - 30): Study the information given below and answer the questions that follow.

In a certain code language,

“these eight segments” is written as “kam pur tum”,

“these comprise more than” is written as “pur vat cem bam”,

“forty percent more than” is written as “cem mor vat rug”,

“weight percent than” is written as “rug jel vat”.

- 26) How is “weight” written in this code language?
 a) rug b) jel
 c) vat d) Either a or b
 e) Cannot be determined
- 27) How is “than” written in this code language?
 a) pur b) cem
 c) vat d) bam
 e) kam
- 28) How will “less percent than” be written in this code language?
 a) tum fat vat b) cam fat mor
 c) mor fat kam d) rug fat vat
 e) Either b or d
- 29) How will “eight than more” be written as in this code language?
 a) cem kam rug b) cem kam vat
 c) vat cem tum d) Either b or c
 e) Either a or c
- 30) Which of the following is definitely a code for “forty eight thousand than”?
 a) mor vat kam sut b) vat sut tum mor
 c) tum vat cem sut d) Either a or b
 e) Either b or c

Directions (Q. 31 - 35): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Eight friends A, B, G, H, J, K, P and Q are seated in a straight line, but not necessarily in the same order. Some of them are facing North while some are facing South.

Only three people sit to the left of K. G sits second to the right of K. H sits third to the left of Q. Q is not an immediate neighbor of K. Q does not sit at any of the extreme ends of the line. Both the immediate neighbors of Q face south. B sits second to the left of P. As many people sit between K and B as between K and J. Immediate neighbors of H face opposite directions (i.e., if one person faces north then the other person faces south and vice-versa). A faces north. J and H face direction opposite to A (i.e. If A faces north then both J and H face south and vice-versa).

- 31) How many people sit to the right of Q?
 a) three b) more than four
 c) four d) one
 e) two

- 32) Who amongst the following represent the persons sitting at extreme ends of the line?
 a) A, P b) B, A
 c) J, B d) H, A
 e) J, Q
- 33) Who amongst the following sits second to the left of J?
 a) H b) K
 c) A d) G
 e) None of these
- 34) Who amongst the following faces North?
 a) J b) P
 c) G d) B
 e) H
- 35) Which of the following is true, based on the given arrangement?
 a) J sits at one of the extreme ends of the line.
 b) B faces North.
 c) Q and G face the same directions.
 d) Only two people face North.
 e) None of these

Directions (Q. 36 - 40): Study the information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Seven friends P, Q, R, S, T, U, and V like different fruits viz. Grapes, Banana, Cheeku, Pear, Orange, Kiwi, and Apple and goes for shopping on different days of same week from Monday to Sunday, but not necessarily in the same order.

(i) Four friends go for shopping between the one who likes Apple and P, who does not go for shopping Tuesday. Only the one who likes Cheeku go for shopping between U and S. The one who likes Pear go for shopping just after U.

(ii) Q does not go for shopping on Friday and Sunday and does not like Cheeku. T go for shopping before Q, but not just before. R likes Orange. The one who likes Kiwi go for shopping on Wednesday.

(iii) The one who likes Grapes does not go for shopping on Saturday. V does not go for shopping just after the one who likes Pear. S does not like Kiwi.

- 36) Who among the following go for shopping on Tuesday?
 a) U b) The one who likes Cheeku
 c) Q d) R
 e) None of these
- 37) On which of the following day Q goes for shopping?
 a) Friday b) Sunday
 c) Tuesday d) Wednesday
 e) None of these
- 38) Which of the following fruit U likes?
 a) Cheeku b) Kiwi
 c) Grapes d) Apple
 e) None of these

- 39) How many friends go for shopping between T and P?
 a) Two b) One
 c) Three d) More than three
 e) No one
- 40) Which of the following person like Banana?
 a) V b) P
 c) T d) U
 e) None of these

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

Directions (Q. 41 - 45): In the following questions two equations numbered I and II are given. You have to solve both the equations. Give answer if;

- 41) I. $10x^2 - 17x - 20 = 0$
 II. $15y^2 + 7y - 4 = 0$
 a) $x < y$ b) $x > y$
 c) $x = y$ or no relationship cannot be established between x and y
 d) $x \geq y$ e) $x \leq y$
- 42) I. $60x^2 - 49x - 49 = 0$
 II. $35y^2 - 24y - 35 = 0$
 a) $x < y$ b) $x > y$
 c) $x = y$ or no relationship cannot be established between x and y
 d) $x \geq y$ e) $x \leq y$
- 43) I. $56x^2 - 123x + 55 = 0$
 II. $55y^2 - 144y + 81 = 0$
 a) $x < y$ b) $x > y$
 c) $x = y$ or no relationship cannot be established between x and y
 d) $x \geq y$ e) $x \leq y$
- 44) I. $12x^2 + 47x + 40 = 0$
 II. $30y^2 - 13y - 3 = 0$
 a) $x < y$ b) $x > y$
 c) $x = y$ or no relationship cannot be established between x and y
 d) $x \geq y$ e) $x \leq y$
- 45) I. $63x^2 - 5x - 42 = 0$
 II. $27y^2 + 24y - 35 = 0$
 a) $x < y$ b) $x > y$
 c) $x = y$ or no relationship cannot be established between x and y
 d) $x \geq y$ e) $x \leq y$

Directions (Q. 46 - 50): What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following number series?

- 46) 3600, 600, 120, 30, 10, ?
 a) 10 b) 8
 c) 5 d) 3
 e) None of these

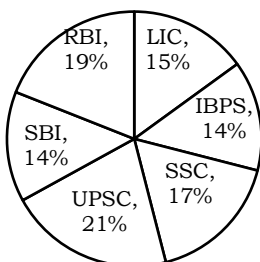
- 47) 11, 13, 30, 96, 392, ?
 a) 1640 b) 1438
 c) 1839 d) 1970
 e) None of these
- 48) 25, 28, 26, 29, 27, ?
 a) 35 b) 30
 c) 28 d) 25
 e) None of these
- 49) 362, 452, 550, 656, 770, 892, ?
 a) 2014 b) 1024
 c) 201 d) 1022
 e) None of these
- 50) 3, 4, 10, 33, 136, ?
 a) 385 b) 685
 c) 885 d) 985
 e) None of these

Directions (Q. 51 - 55): What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following question?

- 51) $(100/3)\%$ of 786 - $(11/8)$ of 1032 = ? - $[3\frac{1}{4}]$ of 528
 a) 879 b) 559
 c) 459 d) 689
 e) 571
- 52) 52% of 10400 + 1024 + $(25 \times 34) \div 1.7 = ?$ - 54% of 9250
 a) 11927 b) 13217
 c) 12132 d) 10436
 e) None of these
- 53) $4567.89 - 567.89 - 678.89 = ?$
 a) 3322.11 b) 3321.11
 c) 4321.11 d) 3321.21
 e) None of these
- 54) $20 \times 8 + 60 - 40 = ? + 70$
 a) 163 b) 204
 c) 110 d) 134
 e) none of these
- 55) 47% of 600 + 35% of 4500 - 70% of 870 = ?
 a) 1348 b) 1327
 c) 1248 d) 1176
 e) 1832

Directions (Q. 56 - 60): Study the following pie chart and table carefully and answer the following questions given below:

Total number of students = 15000



Percentage of Male Students:

LIC	32%
IBPS	15%
SSC	52%
UPSC	24%
SBI	64%
RBI	18%

- 56) What is the ratio of the total number of male students of UPSC to the total number of female students of RBI?
 a) 779:252 b) 38:73
 c) 242:797 d) 252:779
 e) None of these
- 57) The total number of SSC students is approximately what percent of the total number of female students of SBI?
 a) 327% b) 337%
 c) 299% d) 319%
 e) 239%
- 58) What is the difference between the total number of female students of LIC and the female students of IBPS?
 a) 255 b) 145
 c) 355 d) 225
 e) 105
- 59) The female students of SSC is by what percent less than the total number of students of RBI and UPSC together?
 a) 49.6% b) 67.6%
 c) 39.6% d) 79.6%
 e) None of these
- 60) What is the approximate average number of the female students of all the competitive exams together?
 a) 1924 b) 1761
 c) 1671 d) 1821
 e) 1931
- 61) The average weight of 3 ladies - M, N, and O is 55 kg. Another lady P joins the group and the average now becomes 54 kg. If another lady Q, whose weight is 2 kg more than that of P, replaces M, then the average weight of N, O, P, and Q becomes 52 kg. The weight of M is:
 a) 61 kg b) 64 kg
 c) 65 kg d) 68 kg
 e) None of these
- 62) Tiger purchased a guitar for Rs. 52000. He sold it at a loss of 13%. With that money he purchased another guitar and sold it at a profit of 15%. What is his overall loss/profit?
 a) 26 profit b) 12 profit
 c) 12 loss d) 26 loss
 e) None of these



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- 63) Two trains each 520 m long are running in opposite direction on parallel tracks. Their speeds are 108 km/hr and 36 km/hr respectively. Find the time taken by the slower train to pass the driver of the faster train.
- a) 36 sec b) 20 sec
c) 13 sec d) 27 sec
e) None of these
- 64) In place of 14% profit a watch is sold at 37% profit and the seller gets Rs. 179.40 more. Find the selling price of the watch if it was sold at 35% profit.
- a) Rs.1053 b) Rs.897
c) Rs.1008 d) Rs.700
e) None of these
- 65) Rajat is 11 years elder then his brother and 3 years younger than her sister Gauri. When Gauri was born, her father's age was 25 and when Rajat's brother was born his mother's age was 31. Find the difference between ages of Rajat's father and his mother.
- a) 9 years b) 6 years
c) 5 years d) 8 years
e) 2 years
- 66) Find the number of ways in which the words can be formed with the letters of the word 'MAGNETS' beginning with M and ending with S.
- a) 36 ways b) 120 ways
c) 96 ways d) 24 ways
e) None of these
- 67) A man takes 5 hours 45 minutes to row a boat 115 km downstream of a river and 4 hours 30 minutes to cover a distance of 72 km upstream. Find the speed of the river current in km/hr.
- a) 2 km/hr b) 5 km/hr
c) 6 km/hr d) 4 km/hr
e) None of these
- 68) In what ratio must a grocer mix two varieties of sugar worth Rs 50 a Kg and Rs 60 a Kg so that by selling the mixture at Rs 60.50 a Kg he may gain 10%?
- a) 1:4 b) 3:2
c) 1:1 d) 1:6
e) None of these
- 69) Find the difference between the simple interest and the compound interest at 2.5% per annum for 2 years on principal of Rs. 40000.
- a) Rs. 30 b) Rs. 42
c) Rs. 20 d) Rs. 24
e) None of these
- 70) A, B and C can do a piece of work in 24, 36 and 54 days respectively. They all started work together & after 2 days A left. B left 3 days

before the completion of work. In how many days total work be completed?

- a) 157/9 days b) 216/10 days
c) 243/12 days d) 363/14 days
e) None of these

Directions (Q. 71 - 75): What will come in place of (?) question mark?

- 71) $35 \times 8 + 56 - 98 = ? + 60$
- a) 178 b) 247
c) 142 d) 206
e) None of these
- 72) $\sqrt{?} = 60\% \text{ of } 400 + 35\% \text{ of } 60$
- a) 62451 b) 68121
c) 63521 d) 64521
e) None of these
- 73) $82\% \text{ of } 2850 + 44\% \text{ of } 3200 - 56\% \text{ of } 440 = ?$
- a) 3650.2 b) 3487.6
c) 3412.05 d) 3498.6
e) 3695.4
- 74) $3928 \div 8 \times 2 + 563 - 257 = ?$
- a) 1124 b) 1288
c) 1265 d) 1324
e) 1285
- 75) $1656 \div 23 + 2016 \div 36 - 920 \div 4 + 81 \times 12 = ?$
- a) 982 b) 789
c) 870 d) 1020
e) 625

Directions (Q. 76 - 80): Read the information carefully and answer the following questions:

Total number of AC sold by two different companies LG and Voltas in different months (Sep, Oct, Nov and Dec) is 7500. Total number of AC sold by LG is two-third of total number of AC sold by the company Voltas. The percentage of total number of AC sold by LG in the month of Sep and Oct is 22% and 35% respectively. The total number of AC sold by LG in the month of Nov is 270 less than the total number of AC sold by the same company in the month of Dec. The percentage of total number of AC sold by Voltas in the month of Nov is 27%. The ratio of total AC sold by LG in Dec to that of total AC sold by Voltas in Sep is 2: 3. Total AC sold by LG in Sep is 315 less than the total AC sold by Voltas in the month of Oct.

- 76) What is the difference between the total number of AC sold by LG in September to that of Voltas in December?
- a) 360 b) 480
c) 540 d) 640
e) None of these
- 77) What is the ratio between the total number of AC sold by LG in the month of Oct to that of Dec?
- a) 25: 16 b) 35: 26
c) 45: 26 d) 35: 16
e) None of these

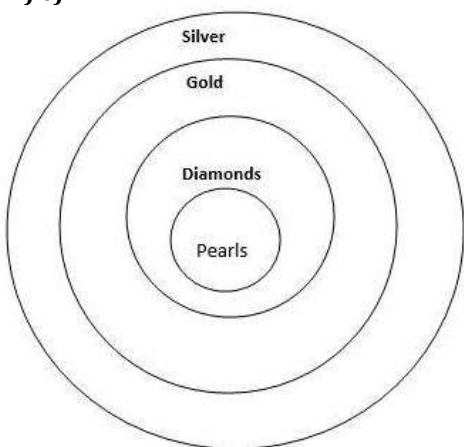
- 78) Total AC's sold in the month of Nov is approximately what percentage of total AC sold in the month of Oct by both the companies together?
- a) 76% b) 62%
c) 55% d) 85%
e) None of these
- 79) What is the average number of AC sold by Voltas except Nov month?
- a) 1095 b) 1355
c) 1105 d) 1245
e) None of these
- 80) What is the difference between the total AC sold in the month of Sep to that of Dec by both the companies together?
- a) 90 b) 50
c) 65 d) 45
e) None of these

ANSWER KEY

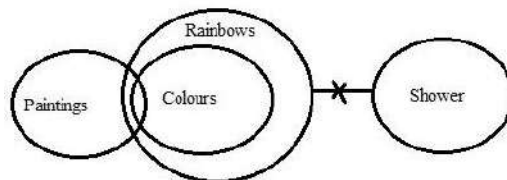
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11	D	12	C	13	A	14	E	15	D
16	D	17	B	18	B	19	C	20	D
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26	B	27	C	28	D	29	D	30	D
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SOLUTION

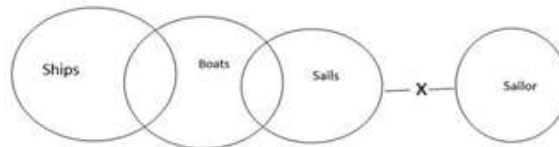
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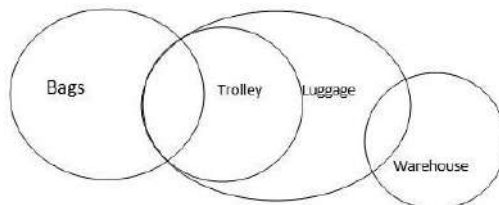
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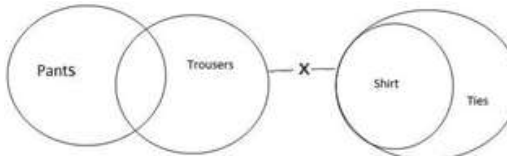
3) d):



4) b):



5) b):



(6 - 10):

6) d): Decoding statement: $V < W, W \geq T, T \leq H$

Combined Inequalities: $V < W \geq T \leq H$

$V < W \geq T \leq H$

No relationship can be established between V and T. Hence conclusion I does not follow.

$V < W \geq T \leq H$

No relationship can be established between H and W. Hence conclusion II does not follow.

7) b): Decoding statement : $H > M, M \geq E, E < C$

Combined Inequalities : $H > M \geq E < C$

$H > M \geq E < C$

No relationship can be established between C and M. Hence conclusion I does not follow.

$H > M \geq E < C$

$\therefore H > E$. Hence conclusion II follows.

8) e): Decoding statement : $A \geq B, B = D, D > E$

Combined Inequalities : $A \geq B = D > E$

$A \geq B = D > E$

$\therefore A \geq D$. Hence conclusion I follows.

$A \geq B = D > E$

$\therefore A > E$. Hence conclusion II follows.

9) c): Decoding statement : $X \geq Y, Y > Z, Z < A$

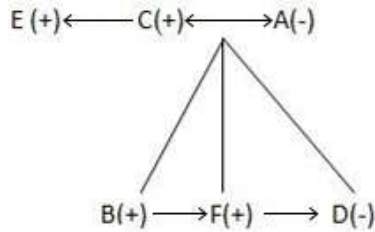
Combined Inequalities : $X \geq Y > Z < A$

$X \geq Y > Z < A$

No relationship can be established between X and A. Hence Either conclusion I or conclusions II will follow.

- 10) a): Decoding statement : $P \leq Q, Q > R, R \geq S$
 Combined Inequalities : $P \leq Q > R \geq S$
 $P \leq Q > R \geq S \quad Q > S$
 Hence conclusion I follows.
 $P \leq Q > R \geq S \quad Q > S$
 Hence conclusions II does not follow.

(11 - 12)



11) d): 12) c):

13) a):

W	I	T	H	O	U	T
X	H	U	I	N	T	U
H	I	N	T	U	U	X

(14 - 18):

14) e): Given numbers:

534 231 516 382 165

After the rearrangement, we have

435 132 615 283 561

Thus, the second highest number is 561 → 165

15) d): Given numbers:

534 231 516 382 165

After adding one to the first digit of each number, we get

634 331 616 482 265

After the rearrangement the digits of each number, we have

364 331 166 842 625

Thus, the highest number is 842 → 382

16) d): Given numbers:

534 231 516 382 165

After arranging the digits of each number, we get

345 123 156 238 156

After arrangement, second highest number is 238 → 382

17) b): First digit of the second lowest number i.e. 231 → 2

Third digit of the highest number i.e. 534 → 4

Required sum = 2 + 4 = 6

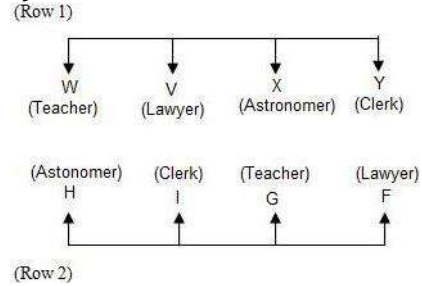
18) b): Given numbers:

534 231 516 382 165

After arranging the digits of each number in descending order, we get

543 321 651 832 651

(19 - 23):



19) c):

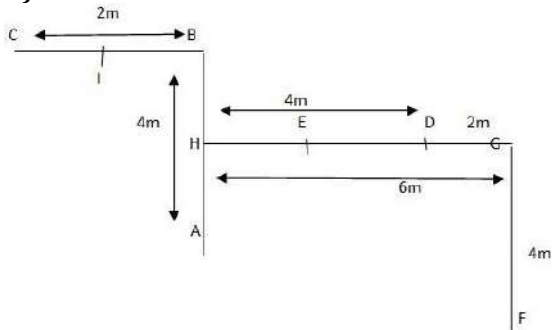
20) d):

21) e):

22) c):

23) b):

(24 - 25):



24) b):

25) c):

(26 - 30):

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26) b):

27) c):

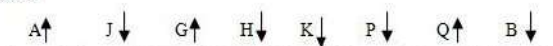
28) d):

29) d):

30) d):

(31 - 35):

Case 2:



31) d):

32) b):

33) a):

34) c):

35) c):

(36 - 40):

Days	Person	Fruits
Monday	S	Apple
Tuesday	T	Cheeku
Wednesday	U	Kiwi
Thursday	Q	Pear
Friday	R	Orange
Saturday	P	Banana
Sunday	V	Grapes

36) b): 37) e): 38) b):
 39) c): 40) b):

(41 - 45):

41) c): I. $10x^2 - 17x - 20 = 0$
 $10x^2 + 8x - 25x - 20 = 0$
 $2x(5x + 4) - 5(5x + 4) = 0$
 $(2x - 5)(5x + 4) = 0$
 $\therefore x = 5/2, -4/5$
 II. $15y^2 + 7y - 4 = 0$
 $15y^2 - 5y + 12y - 4 = 0$
 $5y(3y - 1) + 4(3y - 1) = 0$
 $(3y - 1)(5y + 4) = 0$
 $\therefore y = -4/5, 1/3$

Hence, no relationship cannot be established between x and y.

Alternate Solution:

Here it is no need to solve the equations,

The roots of x are + & - and the roots of y are also even + & -.

Hence, no relationship cannot be established between x and y.

42) c): I. $60x^2 - 49x - 49 = 0$
 $60x^2 - 84x + 35x - 49 = 0$
 $12x(5x - 7) + 7(5x - 7) = 0$
 $(12x + 7)(5x - 7) = 0$
 $\therefore x = -7/12, 7/5$
 II. $35y^2 - 24y - 35 = 0$
 $35y^2 + 25y - 49y - 35 = 0$
 $5y(7y + 5) - 7(7y + 5) = 0$
 $(5y - 7)(7y + 5) = 0$
 $\therefore y = 7/5, -5/7$

Hence, no relationship cannot be established between x and y.

43) c): I. $56x^2 - 123x + 55 = 0$
 $56x^2 - 88x - 35x + 55 = 0$
 $8x(7x - 11) - 5(7x - 11) = 0$
 $(8x - 5)(7x - 11) = 0$
 $\therefore x = 5/8, 11/7$
 II. $55y^2 - 144y + 81 = 0$
 $55y^2 - 45y - 99y + 81 = 0$
 $5y(11y - 9) - 9(11y - 9) = 0$
 $(5y - 9)(11y - 9) = 0$
 $\therefore y = 9/5, 9/11$

Hence, relationship cannot be established.

44) a): I. $12x^2 + 47x + 40 = 0$
 $12x^2 + 15x + 32x + 40 = 0$
 $3x(4x + 5) + 8(4x + 5) = 0$
 $(3x + 8)(4x + 5) = 0$
 $\therefore x = -8/3, -5/4$
 II. $30y^2 - 13y - 3 = 0$
 $30y^2 + 5y - 18y - 3 = 0$
 $5y(6y + 1) - 3(6y + 1) = 0$
 $(5y - 3)(6y + 1) = 0$
 $\therefore y = 3/5, -1/6$
 Hence, $x < y$

45) c): I. $63x^2 - 5x - 42 = 0$
 $63x^2 + 49x - 54x - 42 = 0$
 $7x(9x + 7) - 6(9x + 7) = 0$
 $(7x - 6)(9x + 7) = 0$
 $\therefore x = 6/7, -7/9$
 II. $27y^2 + 24y - 35 = 0$
 $27y^2 + 45y - 21y - 35 = 0$
 $9y(3y + 5) - 7(3y + 5) = 0$
 $(9y - 7)(3y + 5) = 0$
 $\therefore y = 7/9, -5/3$

Hence, relationship between x and y cannot be established.

(46 - 50):

46) c): $3600 \div 6 = 600$
 $600 \div 5 = 120$
 $120 \div 4 = 30$
 $30 \div 3 = 10$
 $10 \div 2 = 5$

47) d): $11 \times 1 + 2 = 13$
 $13 \times 2 + 4 = 30$
 $30 \times 3 + 6 = 96$
 $96 \times 4 + 8 = 392$
 $392 \times 5 + 10 = 1970$

48) b): Alternate series:
 $25 + 1 = 26$
 $28 + 1 = 29$
 $26 + 1 = 27$
 $29 + 1 = 30$
 Other method: B
 $25 + 3 = 28$
 $28 - 2 = 26$
 $26 + 3 = 29$
 $29 - 2 = 27$
 $27 + 3 = 30$

49) d): $362 + 90 = 452$
 $452 + 98 = 550$
 $550 + 106 = 656$
 $656 + 114 = 770$
 $770 + 122 = 892$
 $892 + 130 = 1022$

50) b): $3 \times 1 + 1 = 4$
 $4 \times 2 + 2 = 10$
 $10 \times 3 + 3 = 33$
 $33 \times 4 + 4 = 136$
 $136 \times 5 + 5 = 685$

(51 - 55):

51) b): $(100/3)\%$ of $786 - (11/8)$ of $1032 = ? - [3\frac{1}{4}]$ of 528
 $262 - 1419 = ? - 1716$
 $? = 559$

52) a): 52% of $10400 + 1024 + (25 \times 34) \div 1.7 = ? - 54\%$ of 9250
 $\Rightarrow 5408 + 1024 + 500 = ? - 4995$
 $\Rightarrow ? = 11927$

53) b): $4567.89 - 567.89 - 678.89 = ?$

$? = 4000 - 678.89$

$? = 3321.11$

54) c): $20 \times 8 + 60 - 40 = ? + 70$

$? = 160 + 60 - 110 = 110$

55) c): $47\% \text{ of } 600 + 35\% \text{ of } 4500 - 70\% \text{ of } 870 = ?$

$? = 282 + 1575 - 609$

$? = 1248$

(56 - 60):

56) d): Number of male students of UPSC = $21/100 \times 24/100 \times 15,000 = 756$

Total number of female students of RBI = $19/100 \times 82/100 \times 15,000 = 2337$

Required ratio = $756:2337 = 252:779$

57) b): Number of SSC students = $17/100 \times 15,000 = 2,550$

Number of female students of SBI = $14/100 \times 36/100 \times 15,000 = 756$

Required percent = $2550/756 \times 100 = 337.30\% \approx 337$

58) a) Number of female students of LIC = $15/100 \times 68/100 \times 15,000 = 1,530$

Number of female students of IBPS = $14/100 \times 85/100 \times 15,000 = 1,785$

Required difference = $1,785 - 1,530 = 255$

59) d): Number of female students of SSC = $17/100 \times 48/100 \times 15,000 = 1,224$

Number of students of RBI and UPSC = $(19 + 21) \% \text{ of } 15,000 = 40/100 \times 15,000 = 6,000$

Required percent = $[(6000 - 1224)/6000] \times 100 = 79.6\%$

60) c): Number of female students of LIC = $15/100 \times 68/100 \times 15,000 = 1,530$

Number of female students of IBPS = $14/100 \times 85/100 \times 15,000 = 1,785$

Number of female students of SSC = $17/100 \times 48/100 \times 15,000 = 1,224$

Number of female students of UPSC = $21/100 \times 76/100 \times 15,000 = 2,394$

Number of female students of SBI = $14/100 \times 36/100 \times 15,000 = 756$

Number of female students of female RBI = $19/100 \times 82/100 \times 15,000 = 2337$

Required average = $10026/6 = 1671$

61) a): Let M, N, O, P and Q represent their respective weights. Then,

$M + N + O = (55 \times 3) = 165 \text{ kg,}$

$M + N + O + P = (54 \times 4) = 216 \text{ kg.}$

$P = (216 - 165) \text{ kg} = 51 \text{ kg,}$

$Q = (51 + 2) \text{ kg} = 53 \text{ kg.}$

$N + O + P + Q = (52 \times 4) = 208 \text{ kg.}$

Now, $(M + N + O + P) - (N + O + P + Q) = (216 - 208) \text{ kg} = 8 \text{ kg.}$

$\Rightarrow M - Q = 8$

$\Rightarrow M = (8 + 53) = 61 \text{ kg.}$

62) a): First selling price = $52000 \times 87/100 = \text{Rs. } 45240$

Second selling price = $45240 \times 115/100 = \text{Rs. } 52026$

Profit = $52026 - 52000 = 26$

63) c): Length of the train = 520 m

Speed = $108 + 36 = 144 \times 5/18 = 40 \text{ m/s}$

Time taken = $520/40 = 13 \text{ sec.}$

64) a): Let the CP of the watch be Rs. x.

According to the question,

$x \times 137/100 - x \times 114/100 = 179.40$

$137x - 114x = 179.40 \times 100$

$23x = 179.40 \times 100$

$x = 780$

Required selling price = $780 \times 135/100 = \text{Rs. } 1053$

Alternate method: A

Difference in profit = $37 - 14 = 23$

Now, $23\% \equiv 179.40$

$135\% = 179.40 \times 135/23 = \text{Rs. } 1053$

65) d): Let his Rajat's brother's age be 'x'.

Rajat's age = $x + 11$

Gauri's age = $x + 11 + 3 = x + 14$

Father's age = $x + 14 + 25 = x + 39$

Mother's age = $x + 31$

Difference = $x + 39 - (x + 31) = 8 \text{ years}$

66) b): We have to arrange five letters (A, G, N, E and T).

So, required no. of ways = $5! = 120 \text{ ways}$

67) a): Speed downstream = Distance/time = $(115 \times 4)/23 = 20 \text{ km/hr}$

$\{5 \text{ hrs } 45 \text{ min} = 5(3/4) = 23/4 \text{ hours}\}$

speed upstream = distance/time = $(72 \times 4)/9 = 16 \text{ km/hr}$

$\{4 \text{ hrs } 30 \text{ min} = 4(1/2) = 9/2 \text{ hours}\}$

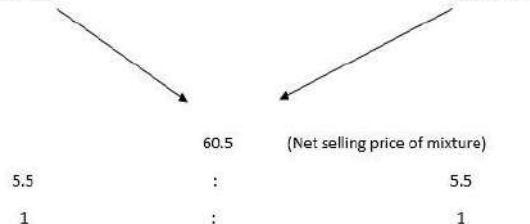
therefore, speed of the current = $1/2 \times (20 - 16) = 2 \text{ km/hr}$

68) c): Selling price of Ist Sugar

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$50 + 5 = 55$

$60 + 6 = 66$



- 69) e):** The difference between compound interest and simple interest for 2 years = $P(r/100)^2$
 Here, Principal (P) = Rs. 40000
 Rate (r) = 2.5%
 Now difference, D =
 $(40000 \times 2.5 \times 2.5) / (100 \times 100)$
 D = Rs. 25
- 70) b):** Let total work = LCM of 24, 36 and 54 = 216 units
 A's 1 day work = 9 units, B's 1 day work = 6 units & C's 1 day work = 4 units
 Total work completed by all in 2 days = $(9+6+4) \times 2 = 38$ units
 In last 3 days C alone worked so his work in last 3 days = $3 \times 4 = 12$ units
 So remaining work = $216 - 38 - 12 = 216 - 50 = 166$ units, which is completed by B & C together so they completed it in = $166 / (6+4) = 166/10$ days
 So total work completed in = $2 + (166/10) + 3 = 216/10$ days.

(71 - 75):

71) a): $35 \times 8 + 56 - 98 = ? + 60$
 $? = 280 + 56 - 158 = 178$

72) b): $\sqrt{?} = 60\% \text{ of } 400 + 35\% \text{ of } 60$
 $\sqrt{?} = 240 + 21$
 $\sqrt{?} = 261$
 $? = 68121$

73) d): $82\% \text{ of } 2850 + 44\% \text{ of } 3200 - 56\% \text{ of } 440 = ?$
 $\Rightarrow ? = 2337 + 1408 - 246.4$
 $\Rightarrow ? = 3498.6$

74) b): $3928 \div 8 \times 2 + 563 - 257 = ?$
 $? = 982 + 563 - 257$
 $? = 1288$

75) c): $1656 \div 23 + 2016 \div 36 - 920 \div 4 + 81 \times 12 = ?$
 $72 + 56 - 230 + 972 = ?$
 $? = 870$

(76 - 80):

Months	LG	Voltas
Sep	660	1170
Oct	1050	975
Nov	510	1215
Dec	780	1140
Total	3000	4500

- 76) b):** The total AC sold by LG in the month of Sep = 660
 The total AC sold by Voltas in the month of Dec = 1140
 Required difference = $1140 - 660 = 480$
- 77) b):** The total AC sold by LG in the month of Oct = 1050
 The total AC sold by LG in the month of Dec = 780
 Required ratio = $1050 : 780 = 35 : 26$
- 78) d):** Total AC sold in the month of Nov by both the companies together = $510 + 1215 = 1725$
 Total AC sold in the month of Oct by both the companies together = $1050 + 975 = 2025$
 Required % = $(1725/2025) \times 100 = 85.18\% = 85\% \text{ approx}$
- 79) a):** The average number of AC sold by Voltas except Nov month = $(1170 + 975 + 1140)/3 = 3285/3 = 1095$
- 80) a):** The total AC sold in the month of Sept by both the companies together = $660 + 1170 = 1830$
 The total AC sold in the month of Dec by both the companies together = $780 + 1140 = 1920$
 Required difference = $1920 - 1830 = 90$

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JUNE 2022	
1.	Which day of June is celebrated as the International Asteroid Day? June 30
2.	The so called 'Asteroid Belt' is located between which two planets? Mars and Jupiter
3.	International Day of Parliamentarism on June 30 is associated with SDG number ____, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: 16
4.	Researchers from Forest Department of which state discovered a rare carnivorous plant named 'Utricularia Furcellata'? Uttarakhand
5.	National Statistics Day is observed on June 29 to mark the birth anniversary of which legendary statistician of India? Prof. P C Mahalanobis
6.	The United Nations celebrates which Day on June 27 to raise public awareness of the contribution of MSMEs to the global economy? Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day
7.	The 48 th G-7 Summit was held in Bavarian Alps on June 26-28. It is in which country? Germany
8.	G7 members decided to ban imports of gold from which country? Russia
9.	Who holds the Presidency of G7 Group for the year 2022? Germany
10.	Who is the present Chancellor of Germany? Olaf Scholz
11.	From which city Prime Minister Mody started his two nation visit on June 26? Munich, Germany
12.	Name the veteran technocrat, popularly known as "Father of Indian PSUs", who passed away on June 26: V Krishnamurthy
13.	June 26 is observed as the International Day against ____ and Illicit Trafficking: Drug Abuse
14.	Name the team which won Cricket's national level Ranji Trophy: Madhya Pradesh
15.	Madhya Pradesh won the Ranji Trophy by defeating which team? Mumbai
16.	Who was declared 'Player of the Series' in the Ranji Trophy? Sarfraz Khan
17.	Jyothi Surekha Vennu and Abhishek Verma won the gold medal on June 25 in an international event in which sports? Archery

18.	Navjeet Dhillon, Indian women's ____ won the gold medal on June 25 at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan: Discus Thrower
19.	The International Maritime Organisation celebrates June 25 as the Day of the Seafarer. Headquarters of IMO are in which city? London
20.	The 26 th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was hosted by which country on June 24-25? Rwanda
21.	At present how many countries are members of Commonwealth Group? 54
22.	June 25 is observed as the World Vitiligo Day. Vitiligo is associated which body part? Skin
23.	Deficiency or absence of ____ causes vitiligo: Melanin
24.	Tapan Kumar Deka, senior IPS officer has been appointed Director of which apex agency? Intelligence Bureau
25.	Who has been appointed as the next CEO of Niti Aayog? Parameswaran Iyer
26.	Scientists have discovered the world's largest known single cell bacteria, first to be visible with the naked eye. What is its name? Thiomargarita Magnifica
27.	Who has been named as the captain of India's women Hockey team? Savita Punia
28.	Which is the first Indian airport to run entirely on hydro and solar power as it switched to renewable sources for its energy needs? Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport
29.	Who has been selected as the Presidential candidate by the National Democratic Alliance? Ms Draupadi Murmu
30.	Ms Draupadi Murmu hails from which state? Odisha
31.	The country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', started in five villages of which state? Gujarat
32.	Indian wrestling team secured which position at the Under-17 Asian Championship at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan? First

33.	The ISRO successfully launched communication satellite GSAT-24 from which place on June 23? Kourou in French Guiana
34.	French Guiana is located in which part of the world? Latin America
35.	Which country hosted the 14th BRICS Summit in virtual mode on 23rd of June? China
36.	UN celebrates which day on June 23 to raise awareness of the violation of human rights that widows suffer in many countries? International Widows Day
37.	United Nations Public Service Day is observed on which date? June 23
38.	World Olympic Day on June 23 marks which event associated with Olympics? Foundation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on this day in 1894
39.	Headquarters of IOC are situated in which place? Lausanne, Switzerland
40.	A devastating 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck which part of Afghanistan on June 22, claiming more than 1,000 lives? South Eastern
41.	June 22 is observed as World Rainforest Day. Which is the largest rain forest in the world? Amazon Rain Forest
42.	Which Indian pace all-rounder announced her retirement from all formats of Cricket on June 22? Rumeli Dhar
43.	What was the theme for this year's International Yoga Day celebrated on June 21? Yoga for Humanity
44.	World Hydrography Day is observed on June 21 to mark the foundation of International Hydrographic Organisation. It is based in which place? Monte Carlo, Monaco
45.	Khaby Lame, the 22-year-old video creator from Senegal has become the most followed person, with 14.2 crore followers on which social media platform? TikTok
46.	MSME department of which state won the first prize in the category "National MSME Award 2022 for States/UTs"? Odisha
47.	Name the senior diplomat who has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations? Ms. Ruchira Kamboj
48.	_____ became the 36 th State to implement One Nation One Ration Card-ONORC scheme on June 20: Assam
49.	The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched NIPUN scheme on June 20 for benefit of

	which category of workers? Construction workers
50.	What is the full form of NIPUN? National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers
51.	June 19 is observed as the National Reading Day to mark the anniversary of which famous book man of Kerala? P N Panicker
52.	Which documentary won the prestigious award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022? What is the name of the award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022? Golden Conch
53.	The Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared IT resources of which 3 FIs as 'Critical Information Infrastructure'? ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and NPCI
54.	Which small town in Meghalaya, set a new record on June 17, of highest single-day rainfall? Mawsynram
55.	Gustavo Petro, a former guerilla commando won Presidential elections in which country? Colombia
56.	Which three countries have been granted the hosting rights for the FIFA World Cup 2026? USA, Canada and Mexico
57.	Country's first of its kind and the largest desalination plant was inaugurated at which place in Gujarat? Dahej
58.	What is the function of desalination plant? To process sea water to convert it to normal water
59.	Name the 16 year old promising boy from Andhra who became the first Indian to win a Gold medal at the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico: Saanapathi Gurunaidu
60.	World champion Max Verstappen won the Canadian Grand Prix in which city? Montreal
61.	What is the name of the most advanced, indigenously built aircraft carrier launched recently by China? Fujian
62.	With which country India launched the joint logo for the celebration of 50 Years of its Diplomatic Relations, on June 18? Vietnam
63.	What is the theme of this year's World Refugee Day? Right to Seek Safety
64.	President of which country signed a declaration in 1972 to celebrate every third Sunday of June as Father's Day? USA
65.	June 18 is celebrated as the Sustainable Gastronomy Day. Gastronomy is associated with which field? Art of food / cooking

66.	June 18 is celebrated as _____ Pride Day to respect the rights of persons with autism: Autistic
67.	Which Indian airport launched India's first Vertical Axis Wind Turbine along with a solar panel? Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
68.	Prof. Thalappil Pradeep of the IIT _____ won the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water: Madras
69.	Who has been appointed as the first woman chairperson of the Press Council of India? Justice (retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai
70.	Hamza Abdi Barre has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which African country? Somalia
71.	The annual World Competitiveness Index 2022 released on June 15 placed India at which rank? 37th
72.	Which country secured the top rank in the World Competitiveness Index 2022? Denmark
73.	On June 16, RBI raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs _____ per transaction on cards, PPIs and UPI for recurring transactions, with immediate effect: 15,000
74.	What is the full form of PPI? Prepaid Payment Instruments
75.	Supported by the UNO, June 17 is observed as World Day to Combat _____ and Drought: Desertification
76.	_____ has been appointed as the new Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB): Sujoy Lal Thakosen
77.	Which company has become the first RBI-licensed PPI (prepaid instruments) company to offer cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country? Omnocard
78.	Europe's biggest start-up conference – Vivattech 2020 selected India as the "country of the year" for what reason? To honour the contribution of the Indian start-ups to the world
79.	India's first private train service, under the Bharat Gaurav Scheme, started its journey on June 14 from Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu for _____ of Maharashtra: Sainagar Shirdi
80.	One of the most respected Urdu critics, theorists and linguists, passed away on June 15. Who was he? Prof. Gopi Chand Narang
81.	Built on the scale of international airports, the ultra-luxurious Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway

	Station became operational on June 13. It is in which city? Bengaluru
82.	Govt launched Agnipath scheme to recruit _____ for the Indian Armed forces: Agniveers
83.	The Agniveers will be recruited for a period of _____ years: Four
84.	Neeraj Chopra, Tokyo Olympics gold medalist ace Javelin thrower was in news recently for what reasons? He improved his Tokyo Olympic record by 1.72 metres
85.	Global/World Wind Day is observed on which day of June? 15th
86.	June 15 is celebrated as World _____ Awareness Day: Elder Abuse
87.	What is the theme of this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day? Digital Equity for All Ages
88.	India's first display fabrication facility, Generation 6 AMOLED Display FAB, is being set up in which city? Hyderabad
89.	What is the expansion of the abbreviation AMOLED? Active-Matrix Organic Light-Emitting Diodes
90.	Name the Hungarian diplomat who has been elected the President of the upcoming 77th session of the UN General Assembly: Csaba Korosi
91.	Celebration of World Blood Donor Day is supported by WHO and which other global organisation? Red Cross
92.	Sriharsha Devaraddi , Manish Narwal, Rubina Francis and Rahul Jakhar, all won gold at an international _____ event: Shooting
93.	Max Verstappen of the team Red Bull won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix on June 12 in which circuit? Baku City Circuit
94.	The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concluded in which city on June 13? Panchkula, Haryana
95.	Which state team secured top position in the medal tally at the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021? Haryana
96.	The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Corpat) was held from June 13 to 24 in which area? Andaman sea and Strait of Malacca
97.	Government plans to set up how many PM Shri Schools in the country? 15,000
98.	As part of the National Education Policy, what is the four stage 15 year model of school education? 5+3+3+4

99.	What are the names given to the four stages of school education? Foundation, Preparatory, Middle and Secondary
100.	Which city hosted the 12th World Trade Organisation, WTO Ministerial Conference? Geneva
101.	World Trade Organisation is based in which city? Geneva
102.	Who is the current Director General of WTO? Ngozi Okonjo Iweala
103.	Ngozi Okonjo Iweala hails from which country? Nigeria
104.	The WTO came in existence on January 1, 1995 based on which agreement? Marrakesh Agreement
105.	Marrakesh is a prominent city of which country? Morocco
106.	Which day of June is celebrated as the World Day Against Child Labour? 12th
107.	Recently, how many new non-permanent members were elected for the UN Security Council? Five
108.	Out of Ecuador, Japan, Germany, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland, which one has NOT been selected as a new member of UNSC? Germany
109.	New non-permanent members are elected for what period? Two years
110.	Which forum elects the non-permanent members of the UNSC? UN General Assembly
111.	The new 5 members of the UN Security Council will join from which date? January 01, 2023
112.	The Government launched Rashtriya _____ Portal to invite nominations for various awards from the various ministries, departments, and agencies? Puraskar
113.	Who can nominate individuals/organisations for award of Padma awards? Any Indian citizen
114.	_____ became the first state to approve a 'Drone Policy 2022' to enable the use of drones and similar technology for different public services: Himachal Pradesh
115.	For the first time in the world, _____ passed the law for digital electronics, the "Right to repair" bill: New York state, USA
116.	Which India Grand Master won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event with 7.5 points from nine rounds? R. Praggnanandha
117.	Name the music maestro who has been named as the ambassador of the British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture': A R Rahman

118.	Ramkrishna Mukkavilli became the first Indian to be recognised as the Global SDG Pioneer for water stewardship by UNGC. What is SDG? Sustainable Development Goal
119.	What is the name of the India's first COVID-19 vaccine for animals, developed by ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines, in Hisar, Haryana? Anocovax
120.	Among Indian private universities, which university was ranked at the top by the QS World University Rankings, 2023? OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana
121.	What is the theme of this year's World Brain Tumour Day observed on June 8? Together We Are Stronger
122.	The 4th State Food Safety Index prepared by the FSSAI, placed which state at number one among large states? Tamil Nadu
123.	The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA approved on June 8 an increase in Minimum Support Price for Kharif crops. MSP for Paddy was increased by how much amount? Rs. 100
124.	Which among Urad, Groundnut, Mustard and Sunflower is NOT a Kharif crop? Mustard
125.	The Reserve Bank allowed on June 8 credit cards to be linked with which popular digital payment platform? UPI
126.	What is the full form of UPI? Unified Payments Interface
127.	Name the Indian icon of women's cricket who announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket: Mithali Raj
128.	NHAI entered Guinness World Records for laying 75 km long continuous Bituminous Concrete Road in less than five days at which place? On NH-53, section between Amravati to Akola in Maharashtra
129.	The RBI did not change which key rate among the changes announced on June 8? Fixed Reverse Repo
130.	The recent hike in Repo rate will lead to a _____ in amount of EMI for various personal loans: Rise
131.	June 8 is observed as World _____ Day: Oceans
132.	Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a three-nation tour to Gabon, _____ and Qatar on May 30: Senegal
133.	What is the location of Senegal on the world map? West coast of Western Africa
134.	World's first population estimation of the fishing cat, conducted outside the protected area

	network, was done in which part of India? Chilika Lake, Odisha
135.	Which international day is observed on June 6 to spread awareness about pest management and its benefits for plants and people around us? World Pest Day
136.	Major General Bajram Begaj has been elected as the President of Albania. It is located in which part of the world? Southeastern Europe
137.	The 22nd edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards was held in _____ on 4th June: Abu Dhabi
138.	For which film Vicky Kaushal won the IIFA Best Actor Award? Sardar Udham
139.	Who won the IIFA Award for Best Director for the film Shersha? Vishnuvardhan
140.	India was placed at which rank in the 2022 edition of the Environmental Performance Index prepared for 180 countries? 180th
141.	Which country displayed the best performance in the Environmental Performance Index-2022? Denmark
142.	Ex Khaan Quest 2022, a multinational peacekeeping military exercise, was hosted by which country? Mongolia
143.	Name the union minister who announced the first-ever National Air Sports Policy-2022 on June 7 in New Delhi: Jyotiraditya Scindia, Civil Aviation Minister
144.	Out of Aerobatics, Ballooning, Rafting and Gliding, which one is NOT a air sport? Rafting
145.	At which place the Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute on June 7? New Delhi
146.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Food Safety Day on June 7? WHO – World Health Organisation
147.	For what purpose government launched Jan Samarth Portal on June 6? To bring all credit-linked government schemes on a single platform
148.	What was the name of the joint military training exercise held between India and Bangladesh from June 5 to 16? Ex Sampriti-X
149.	Ex Sampriti-X was held at which place? Jessore military station in Bangladesh
150.	The Central Government asked all the states and UTs to phase out SUP to improve the environment for achieving a "Clean and Green" India. What is SUP? Single use Plastics

151.	Famous Tennis Grand Slam, French Open was held at which place? Roland Garros, Paris
152.	Who holds the record to win 14 singles titles of French Open, including this year's title? Rafael Nadal
153.	Who holds the record to win 22 men's singles titles in Grand Slams? Rafael Nadal
154.	Name the World number one women's tennis player who also won this year's Women's Singles Title in French Open: Iga Swiatek
155.	Iga Swiatek hails from which country? Poland
156.	Which country won the inaugural edition of FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne, Switzerland? India
157.	Prime Minister Modi virtually launched a global initiative "LiFE Movement", on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5. What is full form of LiFE? Lifestyle for the Environment
158.	Which last village of the remote Miyar Valley in Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, was connected with a road on June 3? Khanjar
159.	Which Covid vaccine has become India's first vaccine to get DCGI approval as a heterogeneous COVID-19 booster dose? Corbevax
160.	Corbevax is manufactured by which vaccine making company? Biological E', Hyderabad
161.	Which is the host country for this year's celebrations for the World Environment Day? Sweden
162.	What is the theme selected for this year's World Environment Day observed on June 5? Only One Earth
163.	Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of the Punjab & Sind Bank? Swarup Kumar Saha
164.	Ajay Kumar Srivastava has recently been appointed MD & CEO of which public sector bank? Indian Overseas Bank
165.	A unique Liquid-Mirror Telescope has been commissioned in India at Devasthal Observatory Campus. It is situated at which place? Nainital, Uttarakhand
166.	Which company has been selected to carry out the construction of the Noida International Airport at Jewar, in Uttar Pradesh? Tata Projects
167.	Government launched which scheme to provide free education to the meritorious SC boys and girls in the best private residential schools? SRESHTA
168.	What is the expansion of the acronym SRESHTA? Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Area

169.	Sakshi Malik, Mansi Ahlawat, Divya Kakran, Sarita Mor and Manisha, all five won individual gold medals in an international event in which sport? Wrestling
170.	What type of ships were INS Nishank and INS Akshay which were decommissioned on June 3 after rendering 32 years of glorious service? Missile corvette and patrol warship, respectively
171.	HM Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's Queen became the first royal in Britain to celebrate ____years of her reign on June 2: 70
172.	Harini Logan, the 13-year-old eighth-grader Indian-American from San Antonio, Texas, was in news for what reasons? She won the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2022 contest in USA
173.	Turkey has announced that his country's name has been changed to ____ as it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish: Türkiye (tur-key-YAY)
174.	United Nations approved which day of June in 2018 as World Bicycle Day to encourage the use of the bicycle as a means of fostering sustainable development? 3rd
175.	The Defence Ministry selected which local company for supply of the Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air to air missiles? Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad
176.	What is the effective strike range of Astra Mk-I missile? 75 km
177.	What is the name of the world's fastest computer that achieved a computing speed of 1.1 exaFLOPS (exa Floating point Operations per Second)? Frontier
178.	The Frontier supercomputer has been installed at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory at Oak Ridge in which country? USA
179.	An Exaflops represents capacity to process how many transactions per second? A quintillion (10¹⁸ i.e. 1 followed by 18 zeros)
180.	Indian Hockey team won which medal at the Hero Asia Cup-2022 in Jakarta? Bronze
181.	Jakarta is the capital of which country? Indonesia
182.	The world-famous Valley of Flowers, located in _____, Uttarakhand was opened for tourists from 1st of June: Chamoli
183.	For the first time in the country, Indian Posts delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in which state? Gujarat
184.	Popularly known as KK, noted Bollywood singer passed away after a live performance in Kolkata

	on May 31. What was his full name? Krishnakumar Kunnath
185.	The Global Day of Parents is observed on which date? June 01
186.	Which UN Agency supports the celebration of World Milk Day on June 01? FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation
187.	Which Indian state has been selected for World No Tobacco Day Award-2022 by WHO? Jharkhand
188.	Which corporate house commissioned a first of its kind, 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan? Adani group
189.	According to the data released by the National Statistical Office on May 31, the Indian economy is likely to grow by ____% in 2021-22: 8.7
190.	Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita, all three are part of which Indian team that won gold at an international event? Shooting
191.	The government has revised the premium for the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY to what amount? Rs. 436
192.	The enhanced premium for the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana is ____: Rs. 20
193.	What is the amount of insurance cover available under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana? Rs. 2 lakh
194.	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana provides a cover of Rs. ____ lakh, in case of death due to any reason: Two
195.	Which film won the Palme d'Or- Golden Ball Award for the 'Best Film' at the Cannes Film Festival? Triangle of Sadness
196.	India's first Lavender Festival was held in Bhaderwah in which place? J&K
197.	Which franchisee team won the 15 th season of IPL? Gujarat Titans
198.	According to the data released by the commerce ministry, in 2021-22, which country had the highest amount of bilateral trade with India? USA
199.	Which FC won the Champions League, biggest Football League of Europe, for a record-extending 14th time? Real Madrid
200.	Which was the "Country of focus" in this year's Mumbai International Film Festival? Bangladesh
201.	Name the Godavari class guided-missile frigate, one of the oldest warriors of the Western Fleet, which was decommissioned on May 28: INS Gomati

202.	L'OEil d'Or is the name of the award for the 'Best _____' at the Cannes Film Festival: Documentary
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203.	Which global body supports the celebration of No Tobacco Day on May 31? World Health Organisation
204.	International Everest Day is observed on which date? May 29
205.	Why May 29 has been selected as the International Everest Day? It marks the first conquering of Everest in 1953
206.	What is the theme for this year's World Menstrual Hygiene Day observed on May 28? We are committed
207.	Headquarters of the global NGO Amnesty International are located in which city? London
208.	India's biggest Drone Festival- "Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022" was held in which city on May 27-28? New Delhi
209.	Name the 64 year old Delhi based Hindi author who won the International Booker Prize: Geetanjali Shree
210.	Geetanjali Shree won the Booker Prize for which of her novel? "Ret Samadhi" (Tomb of Sand)
211.	Who translated the Hindi novel "Ret Samadhi" into English? Ms. Daisy Rockwell
212.	What is the amount of cash award in the International Booker Prize? British Pound 50,000/-
213.	What is the name of the second survey ship inducted in Indian Navy on May 26? Nirdeshak
214.	Which city became the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity? Kolkata
215.	Supercomputer 'PARAM PORUL' has been established in which educational institution? NIT Tiruchirappalli
216.	Murali Sreeshankar, from Kerala won the gold medal on May 26 at the 12th International _____ Meeting in Kallithea, Greece: Jumping
217.	_____ became the first state in India to launch a pilot project on Olympic Values Education Programme: Odisha
218.	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

219.	The 4th edition of state-level popular Shirui Lily Festival 2022 was hosted by the _____ government from May 25 to 29: Manipur
220.	Name the Army lady officer who became the first combat aviator in the Army Aviation Corps: Captain Abhilasha Barak
221.	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
222.	India recently joined which international forum that aims at decarbonising the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors? First Movers Coalition
223.	The First Movers Coalition is an initiative launched by the _____ government and WEF: United States
224.	The Travel and Tourism Development Index released on May 24, ranked India at which place? 54th
225.	Which country topped the Travel and Tourism Development Index? Japan
226.	India and the USA signed an Investment Incentive Agreement on May 23 in which city? Tokyo, Japan
227.	National Health Authority has launched revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account mobile application. What is its name? ABHA
228.	Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by a Presidential notification? Vinai Kumar Saxena
229.	Jose Ramos Horta was sworn in as president of East Timor. It is in which part of the world? Southeast Asia
230.	Which company has overtaken Apple as the world's most valuable company in terms of its market capitalisation? Saudi Aramco
231.	Saudi Aramco is associated with which field? Petroleum refining
232.	Dr Tedros has been elected to serve a second ____ year term as Director-General of the WHO: Five
233.	Dr Tedros hails from which country? Ethiopia
234.	The first commercial drone flight in the country's healthcare sector was undertaken recently in which state? Uttarakhand
235.	Vivek Kumar, 2004 batch IFS officer was appointed as the _____ to Prime Minister: Personal Secretary (PS)
236.	Salil S. Parekh has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Indian IT company? Infosys

237.	Vijay Shekhar Sharma was re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Fintech Company of India? Paytm
238.	US President Joe Biden launched the IPEF for prosperity with a dozen initial partners. Expand IPEF: Indo-Pacific Economic Framework
239.	Prime Minister Modi visited Japan for two days, 23 and 24 May, to attend which global summit? QUAD Leaders' Summit
240.	What is the full form of QUAD? Quadrilateral Security Dialogue
241.	What is the theme of this year's World Turtle Day held on May 23? Shellebrate
242.	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
243.	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
244.	Which team won the Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 on May 22? Haryana
245.	The Indian men's compound team won the gold medal on May 21 in the Hyundai ____ World Cup 2022: Archery
246.	Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Australia? Anthony Albanese
247.	Which UN agency recently honoured India's one million all-women ASHA workers for their 'outstanding' contribution to health sector? WHO - World Health Organisation
248.	India's first simulation-based war training centre, named Wargame Research and Development Centre, is being set up at which place? New Delhi
249.	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
250.	Who will be the head of this committee? B P Kanungo
251.	Order of the British Empire has recently been conferred upon Kishore Jayaraman. He is President, India and South Asia for which company? Rolls-Royce
252.	The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at which rank in the World Air Power Index? Third
253.	Who is the author of the book "A Place Called Home"? Preeti Shenoy

254.	Rasheed Kidwai, noted journalist, has authored which book recently? Leaders, Politicians, Citizens
255.	Which UN Report slashed India's growth rate for 2022 to 6.4 %? World Economic Situation and Prospects" (WESP) report.
256.	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
257.	Who has been appointed as the next Chief Executive of Hong Kong by the China's State Council? John Lee
258.	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
259.	The UNO has designated which day of May to be observed as International Day for Biodiversity? 22nd
260.	Martyrdom day of which Indian statesman is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day on May 21? Rajiv Gandhi
261.	What is the name of the Rajiv Gandhi's shrine located in New Delhi? Veer Bhumi
262.	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
263.	Which state received the highest amount of FDI in 2021-22, accounting for 38% share? Karnataka
264.	World's first airport for electric flying cars and large drones has been built in Coventry, in which country? England
265.	Which country topped the medal tally at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany? India
266.	Which woman boxer from Telangana became the world champion in 52 kg category? Nikhat Zareen
267.	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
268.	The ICCW facility will be provided by using which digital payment platform? UPI - Unified Payments Interface
269.	At the global level, which organisation maintains the most comprehensive "Red List of Threatened Species"? International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland

270.	World Bee Day is observed on which date? May 20
271.	What was the theme for this year's World Metrology Day? Metrology in the Digital Era
272.	Which Indian corporate clinched the deal to acquire Swiss cement major Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC? Adani group
273.	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
274.	What was the theme for this year's International Museum Day observed on May 18? The Power of Museums
275.	The 24th Summer Deaflympics were held in Caxias Du Sul from 1st to 15th of May. It is in which country? Brazil
276.	Which team won the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship? Odisha
277.	The Union Government announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned 'Cotton Man', _____ Kotak: Suresh Bhai
278.	Vesak Day is observed every year in May on the first Full Moon Day. It is associated with which religion? Buddhism
279.	The Forbes' list of World's highest paid athletes released on May 11, placed which player at the top? Lionel Messi
280.	Lionel Messi plays for which Football Club? FC Paris Saint-Germain
281.	Nidhi Chibber, senior IAS officer has been appointed as the chairperson of which apex national body? Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi.
282.	Ms. Elisabeth Borne has been named as the Prime Minister of _____ by its President: France
283.	Two frontline warships of the Indian Navy were launched at Mazgaon Docks Limited in _____ on May 17: Mumbai
284.	What are the names of these two warships launched recently? Surat and Udaigiri
285.	Surat and Udaigiri are which category of ships? Destroyer and Frigate, respectively
286.	Between Destroyer and Frigate, usually ____ is larger and more powerful: Destroyer
287.	Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary in _____ has been upgraded to a Tiger Reserve: Rajasthan
288.	World Telecommunication and _____ Society Day is observed annually on May 17: Information

289.	World Hypertension Day is observed on which day of May? 17th
290.	Blood pressure is measured by two numbers to convey upper and lower blood pressure levels. Name these two indicators: Systolic and Diastolic
291.	World's longest suspension footbridge, named 'Sky Bridge', was thrown open to the public on May 13 in which country? Czech Republic
292.	Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been elected as the new President of which East African country? Somalia
293.	Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Tripura? Manik Saha
294.	Which city is the capital of Tripura? Agartala
295.	Thomas Cup is associated with which sports? Men's Badminton
296.	Indian team defeated which country to win its first ever Thomas Cup in its 73 year history? Indonesia
297.	Uber Cup is associated with which sports? Women's Badminton
298.	Team of which country won the Uber Cup 2022? South Korea
299.	Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as the President of which West Asian country? UAE-United Arab Emirates
300.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to which place in Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima? Lumbini
301.	How Lumbini is associated with Lord Buddha? It is his birth place
302.	Which place in Bihar is associated with attainment of enlightenment by Lord Buddha? Bodhgaya
303.	In which way Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh is associated with Lord Buddha? He attained Nirvana at this place
304.	May 16 is observed as National Dengue Day with support from which ministry? Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
305.	Who is the current Health and Family Welfare Minister of India? Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
306.	What is the theme of this year's International Family Day that was observed on May 15? Families and Urbanisation
307.	The country's first "Amrit Sarovar " was inaugurated on May 13 at village Patwai in district Rampur in which state? Uttar Pradesh
308.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to develop ____ Amrit Sarovars in every district,

	during the 75 th anniversary of India's independence: 75
309.	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
310.	From which country India received highest amount of inward remittances in 2021? USA
311.	Which apex national authority launched the National Data and Analytics Platform - NDAP on May 13? NITI Aayog
312.	What is the objective of launching NDAP? To improve access and use of published Indian government data
313.	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
314.	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
315.	What is the approximate Extended Range of BrahMos missile? 350 km
316.	Which fighter jet was employed to conduct test launch of ER version of BrahMos air launched supersonic cruise missile? Sukhoi Su-30 MKI
317.	_____ became first country in the world to suspend vaccination against COVID-19: Denmark
318.	Jamtara district in _____ has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries: Jharkhand
319.	Jamtara has been the work place of which great social reformer: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
320.	Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the national level IT industry body NASSCOM for 2022-23? Krishnan Ramanujam
321.	_____ has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewers: Agra
322.	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
323.	Which state approved the country's first-of-its-kind gene bank programme aimed at conserving native biodiversity? Maharashtra
324.	Who is the current Governor of Maharashtra? H'ble Bhagat Singh Koshiyari
325.	What is another popular name for the International Workers' Day or Labour Day? May Day

326.	The May Day commemorates the tragic incident of May 4, 1886, the Haymarket massacre that took place in _____: Chicago, USA
327.	World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first _____ of May every year: Sunday
328.	May 2 is observed worldwide as World _____ Day to raise awareness about more sustainable fishing practices to conserve this species: Tuna
329.	Whitley Gold Award is presented for outstanding contribution in which field? Nature's conservation
330.	Who is the winner of this year's Whitley Gold Award? Charudutt Mishra
331.	What is the amount of cash reward in the Whitley Gold Award? One lakh British Pounds
332.	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
333.	What is the full form of KVIC? Khadi and Village Industries Commission
334.	The abbreviation FMCG stands for what? Fast Moving Consumer Goods
335.	Tarun Kapoor, retd IAS officer, former petroleum secretary, has been appointed Advisor to which apex authority? Prime Minister
336.	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
337.	Which government department is associated with promotion of ONDC? Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
338.	What is special about a company incorporated under section 8 of Companies Act, 2013? It's a 'not for profit' company
339.	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
340.	Freedom of the press is implicit under which Article of the Indian Constitution? 19(1)(a)
341.	World Asthma Day is observed on _____ Tuesday of May: First
342.	Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the world level in which field? Weightlifting
343.	Santosh Trophy is associated with which sports? Football

344.	Which state lifted the Santosh Trophy to become the National Football Champion? Kerala
345.	Which global organisation releases the World Press Freedom Index? Reporters Without Borders, Paris
346.	India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index slipped to ____ spot, from 142 nd last year: 150th
347.	Which country topped the World Press Freedom Index in 2022? Norway
348.	Which international day you will select to show your support and appreciation for the fire-fighters? International Fire fighters' Day, May 4
349.	People show gratitude to the firefighters by proudly wearing and displaying ____ and ____ ribbons pinned together: Blue and Red
350.	Which apex government body released India's Civil Registration System (CRS) Report 2020? Registrar General of India
351.	Who is the current Registrar General of India? Dr. Vivek Joshi
352.	Registration of births and deaths in India is done under which law? Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969
353.	What is the name of the national competitive event organised annually to promote sports talent in India? Khelo India University Games
354.	Which university hosted the Khelo India University Games 2021? Jain University (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru
355.	Which university won the overall champion title in the Khelo India University Games 2021? Jain University, Bengaluru
356.	The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" was released by which global organisation? FAO - Food and Agricultural Organisation
357.	As per the State of the World's Forests report, forests cover ____ percent of the Earth's land surface: 31
358.	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
359.	What type of vessel is ICGS Kamla Devi, recently inducted in the Indian Coast Guard? Fat Patrol Vessel
360.	Name the ace cueist who won his seventh World Snooker Championship title on May 02 in England: Ronnie O'Sullivan
361.	Snooker Champion Ronnie O'Sullivan hails from which country? England

362.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the Hand Hygiene Day on May 5? WHO - World Health Organisation
363.	Who is the Director General of WHO? Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
364.	Which global sports body celebrates the World Athletics Day on May 7? World Athletics
365.	Headquarters of World Athletics are in which city? Port Hercules, Monaco
366.	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
367.	What was the main factor for prompting recent hike in the Repo Rate? Continuing of high consumer inflation
368.	To ease the inflationary tendencies, the RBI hiked the CRR by 50 basis points to ____ percent: 4.50
369.	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
370.	The Federal Reserve System of USA is world's most powerful central bank. Who is its current chairman? Jerome Powell
371.	The Indian Coast Guard commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron on May 04 at which place? Kochi, Kerala.
372.	The 845 Squadron of the Indian Coast Guard is equipped with which aircraft? ALH Mark III helicopters
373.	What is the full form of ALH? Advanced Light Helicopter
374.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a three-nation Europe trip from May 2 to 4. He visited which three countries? Germany, Denmark and France
375.	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
376.	Copenhagen is the capital of which country? Denmark
377.	Which country among Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and Norway, is NOT a Nordic Country? Netherlands
378.	The Elysee Palace is the official residence of the President of which country? France
379.	Why Kerala fintech company "Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd" was in news recently? It has become India's 100th unicorn company

380.	What is a unicorn company? A startup having valuation of \$1 billion and above
381.	What do we call a bank that operates exclusively online without traditional physical branch networks? Neobank
382.	India has been selected to be the 'Country of Honour' at the Marché Du Film, the business section of the _____ Film Festival: Cannes
383.	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
384.	The FCT Hub will promote transition to more modern approaches to manufacturing APIs. What is API? Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients
385.	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
386.	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
387.	In India, the coal mining began in 1774 when the East India Company exploited the Raniganj coalfield. It is in which state? West Bengal
388.	World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice in a year, on second Saturday of _____ and _____ : May and October
389.	What is the theme for this year's World Migratory Bird Day? Light Pollution
390.	World Red Cross Day on May 8 marks the birth anniversary of _____, founder of the Red Cross Movement: Henri Dunant
391.	The International Committee of the Red Cross is based in which city? Geneva, Switzerland
392.	World Thalassaemia Day is observed on which day of May? 8th
393.	Thalassaemia is associated with which type of disorder in human body? Decay of red blood cells
394.	In many countries, including India, Mothers' Day is celebrated on the second _____ of May: Sunday
395.	Latest excavations by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Rakhigarhi, revealed vital remains of which civilisation? Harappa
396.	Rakhigarhi, a world famous site for vast remains of Harappa civilisation is located at which place? District Hissar, Haryana
397.	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

398.	Which state is hosting the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? Haryana
399.	If you plan to participate in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games, your age should be below _____ years: 18
400.	How Jay, Vijay and Dhakad are associated with the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? They are the game mascots
401.	Which Indian corporate became the first one to cross annual revenue of \$ 100 billion? Reliance Industries Ltd.
402.	World Food Prize is conferred by which global NGO? World Food Prize Foundation, USA
403.	Who is the winner of this year's World Food Prize? Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig
404.	Dr. Cynthia is a prominent climate research scientist in which organisation? NASA, USA
405.	What is the amount of cash reward given with the World Food Prize? \$ 2,50,000/-
406.	RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, launched on May 9 "PM-WANI" scheme. Expand PM-WANI: Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface
407.	Name the legendary Santoor player who died of a heart attack on May 10 in Mumbai: Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma
408.	Santoor is a popular local musical instrument of which area? Jammu & Kashmir
409.	Yoon Suk-Yeol was sworn in as the new President of South Korea on May 10. Which is the capital of S Korea? Seoul
410.	India's first semi-high speed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) is to be made operational on which route? New Delhi-Meerut Corridor
411.	Which company has built in India, the special coaches for RRTS, capable of running at speeds of 180 kmph? Alstom of France
412.	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
413.	Rodrigo Chaves was sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica. It is in which area? Central America, south of Mexico
414.	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
415.	What is the full form of UNCCD? United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
416.	Who represented India at the recent Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD?

	Bhupender Yadav, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister
417.	Red Bull's reigning champion Max Verstappen won the first-ever Miami Grand Prix on May 8 in which country? USA
418.	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
419.	Avinash Sable from Beed, Maharashtra broke the 30 year old national record on May 6 in which athletic event? 5,000 metre race
420.	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
421.	Bach Long- world's longest glass pedestrian bridge, spanning 632 mts, has been opened in which country? Vietnam
422.	International Nurses Day on May 12 marks the birthday of which great legendary nursing icon? Florence Nightingale
423.	Florence Nightingale hailed from which country? England
424.	The Supreme Court ordered on May 11 that Section ____ of the Indian Penal Code should be put on hold till further orders: 124A
425.	Name the 1984 batch retired IAS officer who has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India: Rajiv Kumar
426.	The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing or withdrawing over Rs ____lakh in a financial year: 20
427.	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
428.	Name the veteran Indian architect who has been honoured with the Royal Gold Medal 2022: Balkrishna Doshi
429.	World renowned architect, Balkrishna Doshi is based in which city? Ahmedabad
430.	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
431.	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

432.	The 2022 Templeton Prize has been won by Dr. Frank Wilczek. He is a renowned professor of which subject? Physics
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433.	World Veterinary Day is observed on the last ____ of April: Saturday
434.	April 30 is observed all over India as the Ayushman ____ Diwas: Bharat
435.	Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana provides a health insurance cover of ____ lakh rupees per family per year: Five
436.	Which day of April is celebrated as the International Dance Day? 29th
437.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 28? ILO--International Labour Organisation
438.	Headquarters of ILO are located in which city? Geneva
439.	World Intellectual Property Day celebrations are supported by which special UN agency? World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO)
440.	Headquarters of WIPO are in which place? Geneva, Switzerland
441.	The 7 th Raisina Dialogue was inaugurated in which city on 25 th of April? New Delhi
442.	Who was the Chief Guest at the 7 th Raisina Dialogue? Ms. Ursula Von Der Leyen
443.	Ms. Leyen holds which important apex office? Presidency of European Union
444.	Headquarters of European Union are located in which city? Brussels, capital of Belgium
445.	Who became the national champion on April 25 at the 83 rd Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships in Shillong? A Sharath Kamal
446.	Malaria is a life-threatening disease which is caused by ____ Parasites: Plasmodium
447.	Malaria spreads to humans through the bites of infected female ____ mosquitoes: Anopheles
448.	Max Verstappen led the team Red Bull to victory in the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix on April 24 in which country? Italy
449.	Who was the first recipient of the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award in Mumbai on April 24? Prime Minister Narendra Modi
450.	Who has been named Laureus World Sportsman of the Year? Max Verstappen
451.	Elaine Thompson-Herah has been named Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year. She hails from which country? Jamaica

452.	The Khelo India University Games were declared open in _____ on April 24: Bengaluru
453.	The Panchayati Raj Act came into existence in which year? 1993
454.	The Panchayati Raj Act was enacted by which amendment of the Indian Constitution? 73rd
455.	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
456.	Which popular Bollywood actress has been named as one of the judges on the world famous prestigious Cannes Film Festival? Deepika Padukone
457.	Which Indian billionaire industrialist has become the world's fifth-richest person according to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List? Gautam Adani
458.	Emmanuel Macron won a second term in presidential election of _____ with 58.2 % of the vote: France
459.	Indian Coast Guard inducted an Auxiliary Barge, named _____, at Bharuch in Gujarat on April 23: Urja Pravaha
460.	Indian compound men's team won the gold medal on April 23 in the _____ World Cup Stage-1 at Antalya, Turkey: Archery
461.	The Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award is conferred by which UN Agency? The UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
462.	Who is the winner of this year's Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award? Sir David Attenborough
463.	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
464.	The RBI has decided to extend the guidelines on LEI to Primary UCBs and NBFCs also. What is LEI? Legal Entity Identifier
465.	As per a latest report by SIPRI, _____ topped in the military expenditure in 2021: USA
466.	India was placed at _____ spot in the world, in terms of its military expenditure in 2021: Third
467.	SIPRI is noted think tank in military domain, based at _____ in Sweden: Stockholm
468.	Ravi Dahiya, Bajrang Punia and Gourav Baliyan, all three are top _____ of India: Wrestlers

469.	Appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog? Dr. Suman K Bery
470.	British Prime Minister Boris Johnson landed in _____, Gujarat on April 21 on his two day visit to India: Gandhinagar
471.	Britain and India agreed to conclude the negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement by _____ this year: Diwali
472.	Who are the two cricketers included in this year's top 5 Wisden Cricketers of the Year list? Jasprit Bumrah and Rohit Sharma
473.	Who has been named as the "Leading Man Cricketer in the World" by the Wisden? Joe Root
474.	Name the Mauritius Prime Minister who arrived in Mumbai on April 17 on an eight-day official visit to India? Pravind Kumar Jugnauth
475.	Which international Day is observed globally every year to mark the birthday and date of death of legendary writer William Shakespeare? English Language Day
476.	This year, the city of Guadalajara in _____ has been selected as the World Book Capital for 2022: Mexico
477.	Which UN agency promotes the celebration of World Book and Copyright Day on April 23? UNESCO
478.	The Earth day observed on April 22, was renamed officially by the UN in 2009 as International _____ Earth Day: Mother
479.	What is the theme of this year's International Mother Earth Day? Invest in our Planet
480.	India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned by which public sector oil company? Oil India Limited
481.	India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned at which place? Jorhat, Assam
482.	Dr. Ajay Sood has been appointed as the new Principal _____ Adviser to the Prime Minister: Scientific
483.	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
484.	The Vagsheer has been named after which deadly deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean? Sand Fish
485.	What is the theme of this year's World Creativity and Innovation Day observed on April 21? Collaboration
486.	April 21 is observed as Civil Services Day in India. Who referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'? Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

487.	The World Bank and the IMF held their summer meetings April 18-19 in which city? Washington DC, USA.
488.	The World Bank slashed its forecast for global economic growth to ____% for this year: 3.2%.
489.	What is the full form of KVIC? Khadi and Village Industries Commission
490.	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
491.	Which global organisation brings out the World Economic Outlook Report? International Monetary Fund (IMF)
492.	The foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) was laid on April 19 in which city? Jamnagar, Gujarat
493.	Which Indian GM became the first Indian player to win the La Roda International Open in Spain in 48 years? D Gukesh
494.	Export of which food item witnessed an astounding growth of 291 percent in 2021-22, from 2013-14, reaching \$4,600 million? Sugar
495.	World Liver Day is observed on April 19. Which is the most common infection of liver? Hepatitis A, B, C
496.	Who has been appointed as the new Chief of the Indian Army? Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande
497.	National Fire Service Day is observed on which day of April? 14th
498.	The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways has developed a portal named 'e-DAR' for what purpose? To accelerate settlement of accident claims
499.	What is the full form of e-DAR? electronic-Detailed Accident Report
500.	Which team won the men's title in 71st Senior National Basketball Championship? Tamil Nadu
501.	_____ was crowned as the National Champion in the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship: Haryana
502.	Who won the gold in the Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark? Sajan Prakash
503.	In which country gushing floods caused by heavy rains killed more than 400 people in its KwaZulu-Natal province? South Africa
504.	International Day for Monuments and Sites on April 18 is also known by which popular name? World Heritage Day

505.	World Haemophilia Day is observed globally on April 17. It is associated with which disorder? Bleeding
506.	Which international day is observed on April 16 to raise awareness about the threats faced by elephants? Save the Elephant Day
507.	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
508.	Tropical storm Megi brought torrential downpours to the central regions of _____ in April's second week: Philippines
509.	Dr Manoj Soni has been appointed as the chairman of the Union _____ Commission: Public Service
510.	The Australian state of _____ has been officially announced as the host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games: Victoria
511.	The 2022 Commonwealth Games are being hosted by _____, UK from July 28 to August 8, 2022: Birmingham
512.	World Art Day is celebrated globally every year on ____ April to promote the development and enjoyment of art: 15th
513.	Iqbal Singh _____ has been re-appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities: Lalpur
514.	Which global organisation brings out the bi-annual report "South Asia Economic Focus"? World Bank
515.	What is another popular name for the Ambedkar Jayanti observed on April 14? Bhim Jayanti
516.	Who has been selected as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year - 2021: Ms. Falguni Nayar
517.	Ms. Falguni Nayar is the founder and CEO of which company? Nykaa
518.	The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the first advanced light helicopter (ALH) MK III Squadron on April 10 in which place? Bhubaneswar
519.	Which city has been recognised as a 'Tree City of the World' by the Arbor Day Foundation, USA, for a second consecutive year? Hyderabad
520.	Which is the second city from India to be recognised as a 'Tree City of the World'? Mumbai
521.	Indian Grandmaster, _____ won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament on April 12: R Praggnanandhaa
522.	4th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup was won by which team? The Netherlands

523.	Finals of 4 th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup were played in which city of South Africa? Potchefstroom
524.	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
525.	The Asian Development Bank granted a two million dollar Project Readiness Financing Loan for which state? Nagaland
526.	Whom is the current chairman of the University Grant Commission (UGC)? Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar
527.	International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021 has been awarded to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of _____ and to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat: Chandigarh
528.	April 13 is celebrated as the Siachen Day. What type of geographical entity is Siachen? Glacier
529.	People of Assam celebrate Baisakhi as _____ Bihu: Rongali
530.	In which state festival of Baisakhi is observed as Vishu? Kerala
531.	Tamil Nadu celebrates festival of Baisakhi by the name of ____? Puthandu
532.	Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya on April 14 in which city? New Delhi
533.	Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya has been developed on which erstwhile monument? Teen Murti Estate
534.	Who has been appointed as coordinator for the G20 summit, to be hosted by India in 2023? Harsh Vardhan Shringla
535.	Who is the India's 'Sherpa' for the forthcoming G20 summit in 2023? Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal
536.	Which country in South America, has made history by becoming the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals? Ecuador
537.	Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister in Pakistan? Shehbaz Sharif
538.	Shehbaz Sharif is the country chief of which political party? Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)
539.	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
540.	The first human space flight was carried out by _____, a Russian astronaut: Yuri Gagarin

541.	India successfully flight-tested ATGM Helina on April 11. What is expansion of ATGM? Anti-Tank Guided Missile
542.	What is the effective strike range of Helina? 7-8 km
543.	Which apex organisation released its State Energy and Climate Index, SECI on April 11? NITI Aayog
544.	Which state secured first position in the SECI? Gujarat
545.	Among smaller states, _____ topped the SECI: Goa
546.	Which 'Made in India' aircraft made its first commercial flight on April 12? Dornier Do-228
547.	Which Indian company manufactured the Dornier Do-228 aircraft? HAL - Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bengaluru
548.	Researchers at IIT _____ have launched the country's first polycentric prosthetic knee, named Kadam: Madras
549.	What was the theme of this year's World Parkinson's Day celebrated on April 11? Integrated Health Care
550.	National _____ Motherhood Day is observed on April 11: Safe
551.	World Homoeopathy Day on April 10 marks the birth anniversary of which great Homoeopath? Dr. Samuel Hahnemann.
552.	Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal created history by winning India's first ever gold medal at WSF World Doubles _____ championship at Glasgow, England: Squash
553.	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
554.	Targeted candidates in the age group 18 to _____ years can apply for the training programme under PM-DAKSH: 45
555.	Which paramilitary force observes April 09 as its "Shaurya Diwas"? CRPF
556.	The Airport Authority of India has launched an initiative "AVSAR" to encourage and support the talent of _____.: Local artisans & craftsmen
557.	What is the full form of AVSAR? Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region
558.	DRDO successfully flight tested the Solid _____ Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster on April 8 at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur: Fuel
559.	The SFDR is associated with which weapon system? Missiles
560.	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
561.	What was the name of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise held from 25 March to 6 April? Khanjar 2022
562.	Khanjar 2022 was held at which place? Bakloh, HP
563.	Saraswati Samman, a prestigious national level award, is given for outstanding achievement in which field? Literature
564.	Who is the winner of the 2021 Saraswati Samman? Ramdarash Mishra
565.	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)
566.	What is the amount of cash award given with the Saraswati Samman? Rs.15 lakh
567.	The RBI released the guidelines on establishment of DBUs on April 7. What is a DBU? Digital Banking Units
568.	In its first Monetary Policy Committee meeting on April 8, the RBI kept the benchmark interest Repo rate unchanged at ____ percent: 4
569.	RBI introduced SDF in its April monetary policy meet. What is the full form of SDF: Standing Deposit Facility
570.	President of India Ram Nath Kovind embarked on a 7-day tour on April 1 to which two nations? Turkmenistan and the Netherlands
571.	Which is the capital of Turkmenistan and The Netherlands? Ashgabat and Amsterdam
572.	India achieved its highest ever merchandise exports of \$417.8 billion in 2021-22. Which month's contribution was highest? March
573.	What is the name of the official mascot for this year's FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? La'eeb
574.	The La'eeb has been designed after what? A free flowing Keffiyeh
575.	What is a Keffiyeh? A traditional Arabian headdress
576.	The Yangtze River Three Gorges 1, world's largest electricity-run cruise ship, made its maiden voyage on April 5 in which country? China
577.	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
578.	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
579.	What is the name of the Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? Al Rihla
580.	Which sports goods company has produced the football Al Rihla? Adidas
581.	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
582.	What is the name of the India's first private commercial satellite launched by Bengaluru based spacetech startup, Pixxel? Shakuntala
583.	Which big housing finance company announced its merger with the HDFC Bank? HDFC Ltd
584.	Who is the MD & CEO of HDFC Bank? Sashidhar Jagadishan
585.	Name the senior IFS officer of 1988 batch who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary: Vinay Mohan Kwatra
586.	Which national day associated with the shipping industry is observed on April 5? National Maritime Day
587.	Founder and CEO of the Nykaa has been ranked as the richest Indian self-made woman in the World. Who is she? Falguni Nayar
588.	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
589.	Which musical album won the Grammy for the "Album of the Year" for 2022? 'We Are' by Jon Batiste
590.	Who won the Grammy for the "Best New Artist"? Olivia Rodrigo
591.	Viktor Orban has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of _____ for a fourth term: Hungary
592.	Which team won the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022? Australia
593.	Finals of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 were played at which place? Christchurch, New Zealand
594.	Which apex national institution launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system on March 31? Supreme Court
595.	The famous living root bridges, Jingkieng Jri, found in _____, have been included on the tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites: Meghalaya

596.	Nepalese Prime Minister who arrived in New Delhi on April 01 for a three day official visit: Sher Bahadur Deuba
597.	The first day of the first month of the Hindu calendar, marks the beginning of which Hindu calendar? Vikram Samvat, 2079 this year
598.	Vikram Samvat starts on the first day of which month of Hindu calendar? Chaitra
599.	World Autism Awareness Day is observed on which day of April? 2nd
600.	The recent data released by the Ministry of Agriculture shows that _____ is the top producer of vegetables: Uttar Pradesh
601.	Which state is the largest producer of fruits in India? Andhra Pradesh
602.	Indian and French navies conducted exercise 'Varuna-2022' in the _____ from March 30 to April 3: Arabian Sea
603.	NASA and the European Space Agency's Hubble Space Telescope discovered the farthest individual star ever seen to date. What is its name? Earendel
604.	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
605.	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
606.	Who has been named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021? S. Mirabai Chanu
607.	S. Mirabai Chanu is the outstanding sportsperson from which sports? Weightlifting
608.	Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 released by Duff & Phelps, placed which Indian celebrity at top? Virat Kohli
609.	Raj Subramaniam, Indo-American technocrat has been appointed as the new CEO of which US multinational courier delivery giant? FedEx
610.	Which country hosted virtually the 5th BIMSTEC Summit on March 30? Sri Lanka
611.	What is the full form of BIMSTEC? Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
612.	How many countries are member of BIMSTEC? Seven
613.	Which two north-eastern states signed an agreement on March 29 in New Delhi to resolve their interstate boundary disputes? Assam and Meghalaya

614.	Who is the Chief Minister of Meghalaya? Conrad Sangma
615.	The Indian Navy commissioned the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316 into service at INS Hansa at which place? Dabolim, Goa
616.	What is name of the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316? The Condors'
617.	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
618.	Gilbert F. Houngbo, a former prime minister of Togo has been elected as the next Director-General of which UN agency? International Labour Organisation (ILO)
619.	Where are the headquarters of ILO? Geneva, Switzerland
620.	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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621.	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
622.	World Theatre Day is celebrated on which day of March month? 27th
623.	The 94th Academy Awards (Oscars) were held on March 27 in which city? Hollywood, Los Angeles, California
624.	Which film won the Oscar for the best film? CODA
625.	The Oscar for the Best Director was lifted by _____ : Ms. Jane Campion for The Power of the Dog.
626.	Actor Will Smith won the Oscar for the Best Actor for which film? King Richards
627.	Name the heroine who won the Oscar for the Best Actress? Jessica Chastain
628.	Every year, the Earth Hour is celebrated worldwide on the last _____ of March: Saturday
629.	Who won the Women's Singles title on March 27 at the Swiss Open Badminton Championships at Basel, Switzerland? P V Sindhu
630.	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
631.	Which state topped the number of ODF Plus villages at 13,960 under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase-II? Telangana

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632.	What is the full form of ODF? Open Defecation Free
633.	Who is the winner of this year's Stockholm Water Prize 2022? Prof. Wilfried Brutsaert, USA
634.	What is the name of the 19-seater aircraft developed recently by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru? Hindustan 228
635.	Which state topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021 released by the NITI Aayog on March 25? Gujarat
636.	Which team won the SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship on March 25? India
637.	President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the prestigious 'President's Colour' to INS _____ in Jamnagar- Gujarat on March 25? Valsura
638.	The Reserve Bank inaugurated its national level innovation hub on March 24 in _____ to promote advanced technology in banking? Bengaluru
639.	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
640.	Asia's largest civil aviation event, 'Wings India 2022' started on March 24 in which city? Hyderabad
641.	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%
642.	What is the theme of this year's World Tuberculosis Day observed on March 24? Invest to End TB; Save Lives
643.	Shaheed Diwas or Martyr's Day is observed on March 23. The National Martyrs Memorial is located at which place? Hussainiwala, in district Ferozepur.
644.	Shaheede Aazam Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were awarded death sentence for which offence? For fatally shooting Assistant Police Superintendent John P. Saunders
645.	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
646.	March 23 is observed as World Meteorological Day. World Meteorological Organisation is based in which city? Geneva
647.	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

648.	Military exercise Ex-Dustlik was held in which place? Yangiariq, Uzbekistan
649.	What is the name of the fourth Covid vaccine approved by the DCGI for children in 12 to 18 age group? Covovax
650.	India scripted history by achieving an ambitious target of export of goods worth \$ _____ billion within a single year (2021-22): 400
651.	The World Bank issued the Wildlife Conservation Bonds to support South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species of which animal? Black Rhino
652.	The IFFCO Paradeep Plant achieved a rare feat of highest ever annual production of Phosphates in the world. It is in which state? Odisha
653.	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
654.	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
655.	Which global award is known as "Nobel of Mathematics"? Abel Prize
656.	Abel Prize is awarded in which country? Norway
657.	Dennis Parnell Sullivan, winner of this year's Abel Prize, hails from which country? USA
658.	What is the amount of cash given with the Abel Prize? 7.5 million Norwegian Kroners
659.	_____ has become the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme to become completely paperless. Nagaland
660.	Which union ministry launched the Sujalam 2.0 campaign on March 22 for greywater management? Jal Shakti
661.	The World Air Quality Report released on March 22 has ranked which country as most polluted? Bangladesh
662.	What was the theme of this year's World Water Day on March 22? Groundwater- Making the Invisible Visible
663.	Yulimar Rojas of _____ improved her own women's triple jump world record with a leap of 15.74 metres: Venezuela
664.	Which Indian company has become the first Indian firm to be an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? Byju's

665.	With which country India hosted the joint military exercise LAMITIYE-2022 from March 22 to 31? Seychelles
666.	Steve Smith of _____ has become the fastest to score 8000 runs in Test cricket: Australia
667.	Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India Ltd? Hisashi Takeuchi
668.	In which country a passenger plane with 132 persons on board crashed in the hills, without any apparent reason? China
669.	In which state a leader who lost recent MLA elections, has been sworn in as the Chief Minister? Uttarakhand
670.	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
671.	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
672.	The central government has announced the new Vibrant Villages Programme for which type of villages? For villages on the northern border of the country
673.	What is the objective of the Vibrant Villages Programme launched recently? To upgrade and improve the overall infra facilities in the border villages
674.	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
675.	RBI approved whose name for re-appointment as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IDBI Bank? Rakesh Sharma
676.	India and Japan conducted the annual joint military exercise named _____ from February 27 to March 10: Dharma Guardian 2022
677.	Bilateral India – Japan military exercise Dharma Guardian 2022 was conducted at which place? Belgaum, Karnataka
678.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Hearing Day on March 03? WHO
679.	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

680.	Which country is going to host the 31st Southeast Asian Games from May 12 to 23? Vietnam
681.	What is the name of the first ever asteroid discovered with three very own satellites? Elektra
682.	The Zero Discrimination Day is observed on which date? March 01
683.	Which national day on March 01 marks the creation of the Indian Civil Accounts Service on this day in 1976? Civil Accounts Day
684.	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%
685.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of market regulator SEBI? Ms. Madhabi Puri Buch
686.	The Government of India unveiled a special logo on Feb 25 to commemorate 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and _____: Belgium
687.	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
688.	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
689.	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
690.	Sadia Tariq, 15 year old girl from J&K won a gold medal in the Moscow _____ Stars Championship: Wushu
691.	What is the name of the rescue mission launched by the Indian government to evacuate its nationals from Ukraine? Operation Ganga
692.	India's first electronic waste eco-park is expected to come at which place? Narela in North Delhi
693.	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
694.	Which country topped the International Intellectual property (IP) Index 2022? USA
695.	What was India's rank in the International IP Index 2022? 43rd

696.	According to Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022, what is India's rank in terms of number of billionaires? Third
697.	National Safety Day on March 4 marks the establishment of which body on this day in 1965? National Safety Council
698.	India celebrates National Security Day on March 4. Who is our National Security Advisor? Ajit Doval
699.	What was India's rank in the 6th Edition of 'Sustainable Development Report 2021 (SDR 2021)' released by Sustainable Development Solutions Network? 120th
700.	What was this year's theme for the World Obesity Day observed on March 4? Everybody Needs to Act
701.	Shane Warne, Australian cricket legend died at the age of 52 after a suspected heart attack. He was an outstanding _____ bowler: Leg Spinner
702.	What is the name of the country's first indigenous Flying Trainer designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore? Hansa – NG
703.	The ninth edition of Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise SLINEX was held in _____ on March 7 and 8: Visakhapatnam
704.	Who became the third cricketer and the first woman to appear in six World Cups? Mithali Raj
705.	Government launched the 'Sagar Parikrama' mission on 5th March at Mandvi, Gujarat for what purpose? To know the problems of coastal fisher folk
706.	What is the name of the indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, successfully tested on March 4 by Indian Railways? Kavach
707.	Which union ministry supports the celebration of Janaushdhi Diwas on March 7? Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers
708.	The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME Ministry launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named "_____" on March 7: SAMARTH
709.	Which country topped the medal tally in the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt? India
710.	Internationally, which day of March is observed as No Smoking Day? 9th
711.	What is the name of the UPI facility for feature phones launched by RBI on March 8? UPI123Pay
712.	What is the full form of UPI? Unified Payments Interface

713.	Which organisation manages operation of UPI? NPCI
714.	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
715.	With a view to increase urban educated women's participation in the workforce, which Bank kicked off a new initiative, the 'HouseWorksWork'? Axis bank
716.	Headquarters of Axis Bank are located in which city? Mumbai
717.	World Kidney Day is observed globally on the second _____ of March every year: Thursday
718.	Yoon Suk Yeol has been elected as the new President of which country? South Korea
719.	Government has set up National Land Monetization Corporation under administrative control of which union ministry? Finance Ministry
720.	What is the objective of setting up of the National Land Monetization Corporation? To manage monetization of the surplus land of public sector undertakings
721.	Priyanka Nutakki who became India's 23 rd newest Woman Grandmaster, hails from which state? Andhra Pradesh
722.	Who won the National Champion title at MPL's National Women Chess Championship at Bhubaneswar, Odisha? Divya Deshmukh
723.	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
724.	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
725.	Headquarters of NaBFID are located in which city? Mumbai
726.	What is the authorised capital of NabFID: One Lakh crore
727.	International Day of Women Judges was observed for the first time this year, on which date? March 10
728.	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

729.	Who created a world record as professional football's all-time leading scorer with 807 goals? Cristiano Ronaldo
730.	C. Ronaldo hails from which country? Portugal
731.	C. Ronaldo plays for which popular football club? Manchester United
732.	Who became the all-time highest wicket-taker in the history of the Women's World Cup? Jhulan Goswami
733.	_____broke the record for most matches captained in the ICC Women's World Cup: Mithali Raj
734.	WHO has approved the setting up of its first Global Centre for Traditional Medicine - GCTM in _____, Gujarat: Jamnagar
735.	In the Acronym AYUSH, what does letter 'U' stand for? Unani
736.	Who is the current union minister for Ayush ministry? Sarbananda Sonowal
737.	Debasish Panda has been appointed as the Chairman of which apex regulatory body in financial sector? Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
738.	Headquarters of IRDAI are located in which city? Hyderabad
739.	Country's first medical city named as 'Indrayani Medicity' is coming up near _____, Maharashtra: Pune
740.	Country's first Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal of Indian Railways was commissioned on March 10 in which state? Jharkhand
741.	What is the theme for this year's World Consumer Rights Day, celebrated on March 15? Fair Digital Finance
742.	International Day of Mathematics on March 14 commemorates the birthday of which great mathematician and physicist? Albert Einstein
743.	International Day of Mathematics expressed in digits as 3.14 represents the value of which popular mathematical factor? Pi - 22/7
744.	World Glaucoma Day is observed on March 12. Glaucoma is associated with which human organ? Eyes
745.	Popular film and TV awards, BAFTA are announced annually in which city? London
746.	Which film won the BAFTA for the Best Feature Film? The Power of the Dog
747.	Actor Will Smith won the BAFTA for Best Actor, for which film? King Richard
748.	For which film Jane Campion won the BAFTA for Best Director? The Power of the Dog

749.	What is the full form of BAFTA? British Academy of Film and Television Arts
750.	Which country hosted the Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championships in second week of March? Jordan
751.	Who became the first Indian to clinch Silver medal at the BWF Superseries 300 German Open 2022 in Mulheim, Germany? Lakshya Sen
752.	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
753.	As per the "Trends in International Arms Transfers-2021" report, _____ was the largest exporter of military equipment in the world during 2017-21: USA
754.	_____ was the largest supplier of major arms to India, accounting for 46 percent share: Russia
755.	The country's first Digital Water Bank 'Aqverium' was launched on March 14 in which city? Bengaluru
756.	National Vaccination Day on March 16 marks the giving of first dose of _____ on this day in 1995: Oral Polio
757.	What is the theme for this year's National Vaccination Day? Vaccines work for all
758.	Katalin Eva Novak has been elected by the Parliament of _____to be the first female President of the country: Hungary
759.	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
760.	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
761.	Miss Karolina Bielawaska from Poland won the Miss _____ crown of at the 70th edition of the beauty pageant on March 16: World
762.	Who became the first-ever woman bowler to breach the 250 mark in wicket taking in ODIs? Jhulan Goswami
763.	A solar tree officially certified by the Guinness World Records as the largest solar tree, has been installed in which Indian city? Ludhiana
764.	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

765.	What is the full expansion of the term MMR? Maternal Mortality Ratio
766.	Which Indian state achieved the lowest MMR of 30 during 2017-19? Kerala
767.	Who is the current Registrar General of India? Vivek Joshi
768.	MMR is defined as the number of _____ deaths per 100,000 live births during a given period: Maternal
769.	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
770.	As on date, the 41 ordnance factories have been re-organised into how many Defence Public Sector Units (DPSUs)? Seven
771.	Global Recycling Day is observed on which date? March 18
772.	What is the theme of this year's Global Recycling Day? Recycling Fraternity
773.	World Sleep Day is observed annually on the Friday before the March Equinox. What was its date this year? March 18
774.	Which global organisation supports the celebration of International Day of Happiness on March 20? UNO
775.	World _____ Day on March 20 aims to raise awareness about which common bird? Sparrow
776.	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
777.	P M of Japan came to India to attend two-day 14 th Indo-Japan _____: Annual Summit
778.	Who is the Prime Minister of Japan? Fumio Kishida
779.	What is the name of the 105-metre Offshore Patrol Vessel commissioned in the Indian Coast Guard on March 16 at Goa? ICGS Saksham
780.	As per the "World Happiness Report 2022", which country was ranked the world's happiest country, for the fifth consecutive year? Finland
781.	What was India rank in the World Happiness Index released by the "World Happiness Report 2022"? 136th
782.	Name the veteran cueist who lifted his eighth title at the 19th Asian Billiards Championship 2022 in Doha, Qatar: Pankaj Advani
783.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Poetry Day on March 21? UNESCO

784.	Mr. Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been appointed the MD & CEO of which public sector Bank? Indian Overseas Bank
785.	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
786.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Australian Prime Minister _____ held the second India-Australia virtual summit on 21st March: Scott Morrison
787.	Name the Indian shuttler who secured second position in the prestigious All England Open Badminton Championship in UK: Lakshya Sen
788.	Which team won the Indian Super League Football Championship? Hyderabad FC
789.	Charles Leclerc (from Monaco) of Team _____ won F1 season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix: Ferrari
790.	Which state hosted the 35th edition of the world famous Surajkund International Crafts Mela? Haryana
791.	Pritzker Prize is awarded for the outstanding excellence in which field? Architecture
792.	Diebedo Francis Kere, winner of this year's Pritzker Prize, hails from which country? Burkina Faso
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793.	World Rare Disease Day is observed on last _____ of February: Day
794.	National Science Day on Feb 28 marks the discovery of which event on this day in 1928? Raman effect
795.	Sir C V Raman was awarded Nobel Prize in 1930 in which field? Physics
796.	India celebrates National Protein Day on which date? Feb 27
797.	Name one of the biggest banks of the USA, which became the first bank to mark its entry in metaverse: JPMorgan Chase & Co
798.	Asian Development Bank, for the first time, gave loan to a private company in India. Which is this company? IIFL Home Finance Ltd
799.	The world famous Khajuraho Dance Festival was held in which state from Feb 20 to 26? Madhya Pradesh
800.	Which country topped the medal tally in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games? Norway
801.	One of the biggest naval exercises started on Feb 25 in the Bay of Bengal. What was its name? Milan 2022

802.	The Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman organised which bilateral air exercise from Feb 21 to 25? Eastern Bridge-VI
803.	Bilateral air exercise Eastern Bridge-VI was held at which place? Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan
804.	Which team won the Second LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship-2022? Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre
805.	The Second LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship-2022 was held at which place? Leh, Ladakh
806.	_____ registered the fastest fifty by an Indian batter in women's ODI cricket: Richa Ghosh
807.	The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has granted emergency use authorisation to which COVID-19 vaccine, for 12-18-year age group? CORBEVAX
808.	Which Indian company manufactures the Corbevax vaccine? Biological E Ltd.
809.	Vaccine maker company Biological E Ltd. Is located in which city? Hyderabad
810.	Which group of people celebrate the World Thinking Day on Feb 22? Girl guides and girl scouts
811.	Asia's largest bio-CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) plant was inaugurated on Feb 19 in _____, Madhya Pradesh: Indore
812.	Sakibul Gani from _____ became the first batsman in the world to score a triple century in a debut match in first class cricket: Bihar
813.	Who is the author of the book "The \$10 Trillion Dream"? Subhash Chandra Garg
814.	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
815.	The government of India aims to promote the '_____ India' project for strengthening the country's educational institutions in the health sector: Heal by
816.	The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) successfully entered its _____ year of implementation with the upcoming Kharif 2022 season: 7th
817.	'Meri Policy Mere Hath' scheme is associated with which type of insurance? Crop insurance
818.	Which film won the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Award for the "Best Film"? Shershaah

819.	Which country was worst affected by the Tempest Eunice on Feb 18-19? Britain
820.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the International Mother Language Day on Feb 21? UNESCO
821.	International Labour Organisation supports celebration of World Social Justice Day on Feb 20. It is based in which city? Geneva
822.	What is the title of the latest book by Bill Gates? How to Prevent the Next Pandemic
823.	Name the Nobel laureate who authored the book The Books of Jacob: Olga Tokarczuk
824.	Name the noted professor, writer, author, and consultant who has been appointed Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India: Dr V. Anantha Nageswaran
825.	To keep citizens updated on all Parliamentary proceedings and other activities, the government launched which app on Jan 29? Digital Sansad App
826.	Which team won the Women's Asia Cup (Hockey) in Muscat, Oman on Jan 28? Japan
827.	Who won the men's singles title in the Australian Open tournament? Rafael Nadal
828.	Which city hosted the finals of the Australian Open tournament? Melbourne
829.	Name the women tennis player who won the women's singles title in the Australian Open tournament? Ashleigh Barty
830.	Ashleigh Barty hails from which country? Australia
831.	Men's singles title in the Odisha Open Badminton Tournament was won by which player? Kiran George
832.	Who won women's singles title in the Odisha Open Badminton Tournament in Cuttack? Unnati Hooda
833.	Who was declared "World Games Athlete of the Year-2021"? P R Sreejesh
834.	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
835.	February 2 is observed as the World Wetlands Day. India is home to how many Ramsar Wetland sites? 49
836.	Antonio Costa has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which European country? Portugal
837.	Sergio Mattarella has been re-elected as the Italian _____ for a second seven-year term: President

838.	Tata Sky, the leading Direct to Home (DTH) platform, has changed its name to _____. Tata Play
839.	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
840.	Which company surpassed US chipmaker Intel to become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021? Samsung Electronics, S Korea
841.	Government on Feb 2 purchased which new Indian Covid vaccine for use in India? ZyCoV-D
842.	Which company is producing ZyCoV-D vaccine in India? ZyduS Cadila
843.	ZyCoV-D is the world's first ____ based vaccine for COVID-19 developed in India: DNA
844.	On the occasion of World Wetlands Day (Feb 2), how many wetlands of India have been added to list of Ramsar Sites? Two
845.	Which two wetlands have been recently added to Ramsar sites list? Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary
846.	Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary is located in which state? Gujarat
847.	Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary, the largest natural floodplain wetland of India, is located in which state? Uttar Pradesh
848.	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
849.	Which country was India's top trading partner in 2021? USA
850.	The Indian Army signed a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for supply of which missile? Konkurs-M anti-tank guided missile
851.	Konkurs-M missiles are being manufactured in India in collaboration with which country? Russia
852.	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
853.	Which state's tableau was elected as the best state tableau in the Republic Day Parade 2022? Uttar Pradesh

854.	Among the three services, which marching contingent was adjudged as the best marching contingent? Indian Navy
855.	Among the Central Armed Police Forces, the contingent of which force was named the best marching contingent? CISF - Central Industrial Security Force
856.	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
857.	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
858.	Who is India's sole participant in the Winter Olympics 2022? Arif Khan, skiing
859.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC)? Prof M Jagadesh Kumar
860.	Prime Minister Modi dedicated the 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality' to the nation on Feb 5 in which city? Hyderabad
861.	'Statue of Equality' is the statue of which great saint? Bhakti Saint Ramanujacharya
862.	Which country won the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) football championship? Senegal
863.	India lifted the prestigious ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup by defeating which country? England
864.	Who captained the Indian team in the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup? Yash Dhull
865.	Which Indian player was declared "Man of the Match" for scalping 5 wickets and also scoring 35 runs? Raj Angad Bawa
866.	Which country won the AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022? China
867.	Which city hosted the AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022? Navi Mumbai
868.	Safer Internet Day is observed every year on the second day of the _____ week of February: Second
869.	What is the theme of this year's Safer Internet Day? Together for a better Internet
870.	Which city will be the main host of 2024 summer Olympics? Paris, France
871.	The National Deworming Day is observed on which day of February? 10th
872.	Which common safe medicine is given free to children on Feb 10 for preventing stomach worms? Albendazole

873.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Pulses Day on Feb 10? FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation
874.	Headquarters of Food and Agriculture Organisation are in which city? Rome, Italy
875.	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
876.	Atal Tunnel is located in which state? Himachal Pradesh
877.	The Atal Tunnel has been made under which mountain pass? Rohtang Pass
878.	Which government agency constricted the Atal Tunnel? Border Roads Organisation
879.	What is the name of the nationwide operation launched by the Railway Protection Force to curb human trafficking? Operation Aahat
880.	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
881.	The RBI emerged as the ____ largest buyer of gold among the world's Central Banks in 2021: Second
882.	In its last monetary policy review of 2021-22, RBI decreased which policy rate? No change
883.	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
884.	Anibal Torres has been appointed as the prime minister of which country in South America? Peru
885.	The Indian Army commenced implementing Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging of which of its inventory? Ammunition inventory.
886.	Which country topped the Democracy Index 2021 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, London on Feb 10? Norway
887.	India was placed at which spot in the Democracy Index 2021? 46th
888.	February 11 is celebrated as the Unani Day to mark the birth anniversary of which great medical practitioner? Hakim Ajmal Khan
889.	Which UN agency supports celebration of International Day of Women and Girls in Science on Feb 11? UNESCO
890.	India celebrates National Productivity Day on Feb 12 to mark the foundation of _____ Council on this day in 1958: National Productivity

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