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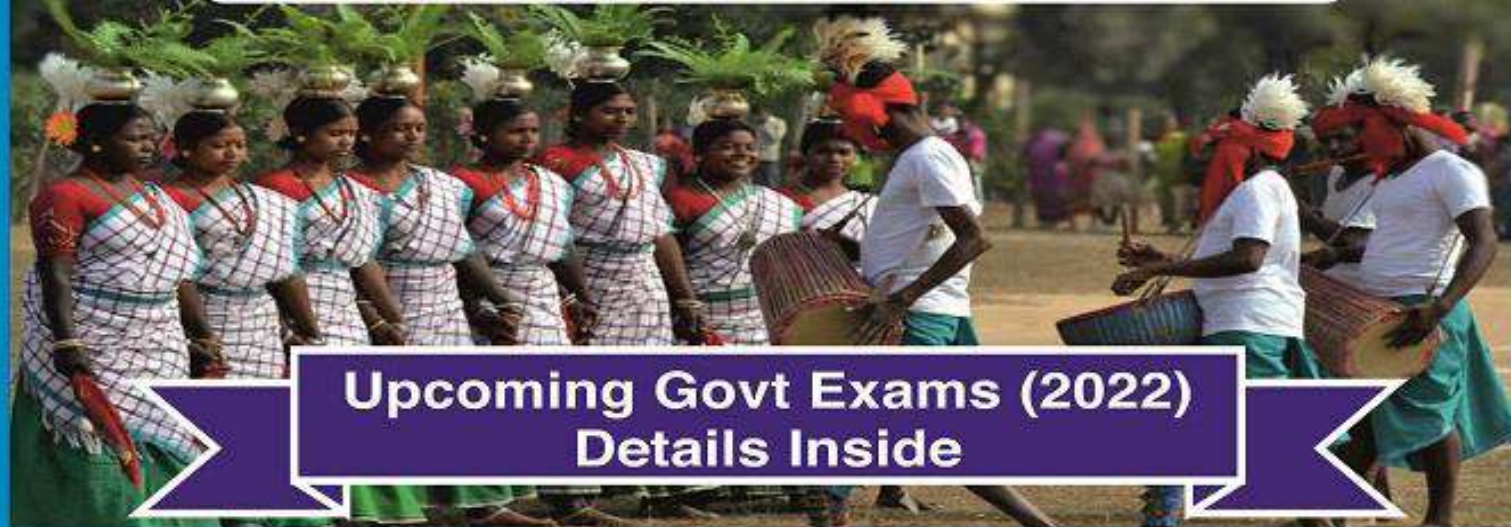
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Figures To Remember

| 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

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Global Gender Gap Index 2022 | 135 th |
| 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 |



NATIONAL NEWS

JULY

INDIA ELECTS FIRST TRIBAL PRESIDENT



Honourable Madam Droupadi Murmu was elected as the 15th President of India on July 21. She secured 64 percent of the votes in the poll and opposition Candidate Yashwant Sinha got 36 percent.

Madam Murmu is the first scheduled tribe (Santhal tribe) person and the second woman to hold the position of President of India. At 64, she also happens to be the youngest President till date.

The low-profile politician is deeply spiritual and a keen practitioner of the meditation techniques of the Brahma Kumaris, a movement she embraced after she lost her husband, two sons, mother and brother in the just six years between 2009-2015.

She is a grassroot tribal leader from Odisha and worked as teacher before joining politics. After holding several important positions in the Odisha government, she was elevated to Governor's post in Jharkhand in 2015, where she served till July 12, 2021. Chief Justice of India, Justice N V Ramana administered the oath of office to Ms Murmu on July 25 at the Central Hall of Parliament.

INDIA'S BIGGEST NATIONAL EMBLEM UNVEILED

Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally unveiled the National Emblem cast on the roof of the new Parliament building on July 11 in New Delhi. The Emblem Has been installed 33 metre above ground level. Cast in high purity bronze, it stands 6.5 metre tall and weighs around 9500 kg.

A supporting structure of steel weighing around 6,500 kg has been constructed to support it. There is no other similar depiction of the emblem, from the perspective of material and craftsmanship, anywhere else in India. Over 100 artisans and craftsmen from various parts of the country worked for over nine months to create the massive national emblem.

State Emblem of India is an adaptation from the Sarnath Lion Capital of Emperor Ashoka which is preserved in the Sarnath Museum at Varanasi. The Lion Capital has four lions mounted back to back on a circular abacus. The frieze of the abacus is adorned with sculptures in high relief of an elephant, a galloping horse, a bull and a lion, separated by four intervening Dharma Chakras, each comprising 24 spokes.

INDIA GETS FIVE MORE RAMSAR SITES



Five more Indian wetlands have got Ramsar recognition as wetlands of international importance. These include three wetlands in Tamil Nadu - Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Pallikaralai Marsh Reserve Forest and Pichavaram Mangrove, Pala wetland in Mizoram and Sakhya Sagar in Madhya Pradesh. There are now a total of 54 Ramsar sites in the country.

The Ramsar recognition aims to develop and maintain an international network of wetlands that are important for the conservation of global biological diversity. The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty for the conservation and rational use of wetlands. It is named after the Iranian city of Ramsar, where this treaty was signed on February 2, 1971.

FOUR NOMINATED TO RAJYA SABHA

Music maestro Ilaiyaraaja, sports icon P T Usha, acclaimed screenwriter V Vijayendra Prasad and philanthropist and spiritual leader Veerendra Heggade were nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the President of India on July 06.

Out of the 245 members of Rajya Sabha, 12 are nominated by the President on the recommendation of the Government. They are nominated under Article 80(a) of the Constitution, according to which they should have special knowledge or practical experience in matters like literature, science, art and social service.

HOME MINISTRY'S WEBSITE RANKED FIRST

The website of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) was ranked first among all the Central Ministries Portal in a National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment. The Digital Police Portal secured second spot.

The ranking exercise was carried out by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in association with its knowledge partners NASSCOM and KPMG in 2021.

It is a periodic assessment intended to improve the effectiveness of States/UTs and the Central Government in the delivery of their online services to citizens. The assessment was based on four parameters viz. i. Accessibility; ii. Content availability; iii. Ease of Use and Information Security and iv. Privacy for Central Ministry Portals.

IIT MADRAS REMAINS AT THE TOP

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released the India Rankings-2022 for the best educational institutes in India, on July 15 in New Delhi. The rankings are part of the National Institutional Ranking Framework, NIRF. Top institutes in various categories are as under:

Overall Best Institute: IIT Madras, Chennai - 4th time in row

Best University: Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, 7th time in row

Best Management institute: IIM, Ahmedabad, 3rd time in row

Best Medical college: AIIMS, New Delhi, 5th time in row

Best Engineering college: IIT, Madras, Chennai, 7th time in row

Best Dental college: Savitha Instt of Medi. & Tech. Scs., Chennai

Best Pharmacy institute: Jamia Hamdard, Delhi

Best Architectural institute: IIT, Roorkee

Best Law Institute: National Law School, Bengaluru

Best College: Miranda House College, New Delhi

INDIA'S FIRST ANIMAL HEALTH SUMMIT

The first India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held 06th July in New Delhi. Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the Summit. It focused on highlighting the importance of animal health to the country's food and nutrition security, rural income and prosperity, and overall economic development.

Given the resurgence of old diseases as well as the emergence of new ones, a call for a comprehensive national animal health strategy is critical. India has the most cattle and produces the most milk in the world, but per-animal productivity remains low. Low productivity can be caused by a variety of factors, the most important of which is animal health, which has a significant impact on productivity.



FCRA RULES AMENDED



The Union Home Ministry has amended the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) giving certain relaxations such as allowing relatives to send more money to India freely. The amended rule now allows relatives abroad to send 10 lakh rupees without informing the government. In case the amount exceeds 10 lakh, the individuals will now have three months to inform the government against 30-days earlier.

LARGEST FLOATING SOLAR POWER PROJECT

India's largest floating solar power project, 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project at Ramagundam, Telangana, became fully operational on July 01. Developed by NTPC at its Ramagundam Super Thermal Power plant, it is endowed with advanced technology as well as environment-friendly features. The project, spread over 500 acres of the plant's reservoir; will save nearly 32.5 lakh cubic metres of water per year from evaporation, besides improving the efficiency of solar panels by keeping them cool.

DCGI APPROVES INDIA'S FIRST MRNA VACCINE

The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) gave its approval for India's first mRNA vaccine GEMCOVAC-19 on June 28. A two dose vaccine, it has been allowed for restricted use in emergency situations for all adults aged above 18 years. Most mRNA (messenger RiboNucleic Acid) vaccines have to be stored at sub-zero temperatures whereas this one can be stored between 2 and 8 degree celsius. This feature makes it the most viable vaccine. The vaccine has been developed by Pune-based Gennova Biopharmaceuticals.

INDIA FARES POORLY IN GENDER GAP INDEX

The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022 on July 10. It ranked India at 135 out of 146 countries covered. India was the worst performer in the "health and survival" sub-index where it ranked 146th.

Although no country achieved full gender parity, the top 10 economies closed at least 80% of their gender gaps, with Iceland (90.8%) leading the global ranking.

The Global Gender Gap Index benchmarks gender parity across four key dimensions or sub-indices — economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment. It awards scores on a 0 to 100 scale, which can be interpreted as the distance covered towards parity or the percentage of the gender gap that has been closed.

The World Bank has approved a loan of one billion dollars to provide support to India's flagship PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission.

The World Bank approved a \$250 million loan to support the Government of India's road safety programme for seven States under which a single accident reporting number will be set up to better manage post-crash events.

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.

NEWS FROM STATES

JULY

KARNATAKA, MANIPUR TOP IN INNOVATION

The NITI Aayog released the third-edition of India Innovation Index 2022 on July 21. Among major states, Karnataka secured top rank; Manipur topped amongst northeast and hill states and Chandigarh stood first among UTs. Innovation is the key to sustainable and inclusive growth. It can help us solve some of the biggest challenges of our times such as bringing millions out of poverty, generating livelihood opportunities and achieving higher levels of development.

The Index is a comprehensive tool for evaluation and development of the country's innovation ecosystem. It ranks states and UTs on their innovation performance and encourages healthy competition between them. The ranking is done on the basis of performance across 66 indicators, distributed across 16 sub-pillars and 7 key pillars.



ODISHA TOPS IN NFS ACT RANKINGS

The Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution released the first edition of 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act' on July 5. The rankings aim to encourage more competition to improve systems. In the ranking, Odisha is placed at top rank followed by Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

This is the first time that states have been ranked for food distribution under the National Food Security Act, 2013. The Act provides for coverage of upto 75% of the rural population and upto 50% of the urban population for receiving subsidised foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), thus covering about two-thirds of the total population. The eligible persons are entitled to receive 5 Kgs of foodgrains per person per month at subsidised prices of Rs. 3/2/1 per Kg for rice/wheat/coarse grains, respectively.

GUJARAT BEST IN PROMOTING STARTUPS



The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry released the "States' Startup Ranking 2021" on July 4 based on the initiatives taken by states and UTs to develop the start-up ecosystem for promoting budding entrepreneurs.

The states were ranked under five categories -- best performers, top performers, leaders, aspiring leaders and emerging start-up ecosystems. The exercise aimed at supporting states and UTs in developing their startup ecosystem and learning from each other's best practices. Gujarat, Meghalaya and Karnataka emerged as the best performing states in developing start-up ecosystems for budding entrepreneurs. Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha and Telangana were categorised as top performers.

Today, India has become the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world, with over 72,000 recognized start-ups and over 105 unicorns. Recognizing the contribution of startups to the economy, the government has selected January 16 to be observed as National Startup Day.

HP FIRST TO INTRODUCE VLTD & ERSS

Himachal Pradesh has become India's first state to connect all the commercial vehicles registered in the state with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) and with the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), number 112. Through this mechanism, the vehicles can be tracked anywhere in India, round the clock. Over 9,423 vehicles have been registered so far and connected with ERSS. Now, both the Police and transport department can monitor the vehicles for detecting the theft of vehicles and vehicle accidents.

KERALA FIRST TO START ITS OWN INTERNET



Kerala has now become the first and the only state in the country to have its own internet service. The Kerala Fibre Optic Network Ltd, – KFON received the Internet Service Provider (ISP) licence from the Central Government's Department of Telecommunications (DoT). KFON aims to provide the internet as a basic right to all the people. It will provide free internet to BPL families and 30,000 government offices.

UP FIRST STATE TO HAVE 13 EXPRESSWAYS

With the inauguration of the 296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway on July 16, Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to have 13 expressways, having a total length of 3,200 kilometres. Of these, six expressways are operational while work is going on seven.

The Bundelkhand Expressway starts near Bharatkoop in Chitrakoot district and merges with the Agra-Lucknow expressway near Kudrail village in Etawah district. This brings the Bundelkhand region within six hours of the national capital region.

It will give a big boost to development in the otherwise backward Bundelkhand region. Built at a cost of Rs 14,850 crore, the four-lane expressway will also have industrial townships in Banda and Jalaun districts.

UP FIRST TO LINK ODOP WITH ONDC

Uttar Pradesh became the first state to link its ambitious scheme One District One Product - ODOP to the Union Commerce Ministry's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). As a result of this integration, all ODOP products will start appearing on all the e-commerce portals and apps that are associated with ONDC.

This will result in the facility of a large digital marketing ecosystem for ODOP artisans and entrepreneurs on the e-Commerce portal. The artisans will be able to sell their products online themselves at their fixed price through ONDC and ODOP Mart.

WORLD'S LONGEST DOUBLE DECKER VIADUCT

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Nagpur Metro achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

The viaduct has a three-layered transport corridor with the first layer occupied by a pre-existing highway, a two way flyover highway at second layer and Nagpur metro rail at the top, all supported on a single-column pier.

The flyover highway is built at the height of nine metres, and the metro at 20 metres. It also created a record for the maximum - three, metro stations constructed on a double-decker viaduct.

ODISHA'S NILACHAL ISPAT BOUGHT BY TATA

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, DIPAM, (under the Ministry of Finance) completed the strategic disinvestment process of the Nilachal Ispat Nigam Limited, NINL in Odisha. 93.7 per cent shares of the joint venture were transferred to Tata Steel Long Products Limited on July 04 at an enterprise value of 12100 crore rupees.

NINL, whose net worth was in the negative to the tune of more than 3,500 crore rupees, was non-functional for over two years. NINL is a Joint Venture of six partners, namely, MMTC, NMDC, BHEL, MECON and two Odisha state enterprises, OMC and IPICOL.

The Asian Development Bank approved a \$96.3 million loan for safe drinking water and sanitation projects in Himachal Pradesh. The loan has been provided under the HP Rural Drinking Water Improvement and Livelihood Project.

INDIA'S LARGEST FLOATING SOLAR PROJECT

Tata Power Solar Systems, a subsidiary of Tata Power, commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 Megawatt Peak (MWp) capacity in Kerala backwaters. The solar plant has been installed on a 350-acre water body in Kayamkulam, Kerala. A power purchase agreement has been signed with a PSU client, wherein the entire power generated from this plant will be used by Kerala State Electricity Board.



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.

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.



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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.

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.

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.*

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.

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.

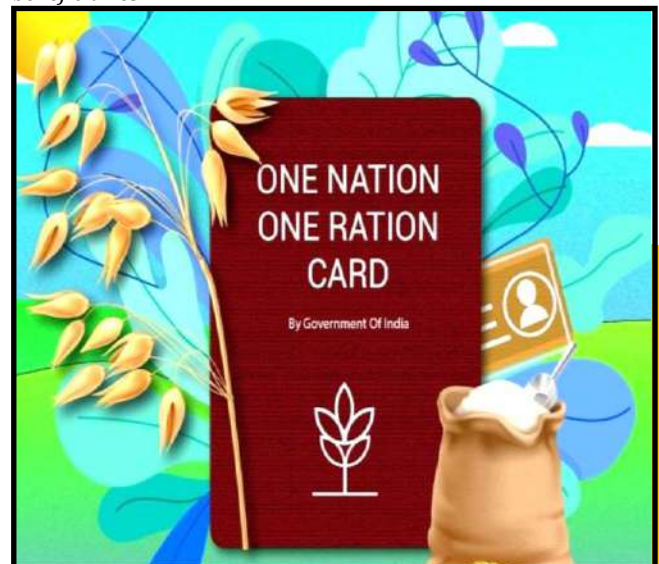
It is located at an altitude of 13 thousand feet above sea level and is spread over an area of about 87 sq km. It was declared a National Park in November, 1982. In 2004, UNESCO declared it as a World Heritage Site. The Valley of Flowers National Park is part of the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve.

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.





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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.

GOVT. INITIATIVES

JULY

TIRANGA CAN BE HOISTED 'DAY AND NIGHT'

The central government amended the Flag Code of India on July 20 to allow the national flag to be flown during the day and night. Earlier, the tricolour could only be hoisted between sunrise and sunset.

This has been done to give further impetus to the centre's "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign, under which all citizens have been urged to hoist the tricolour at their homes from August 13 to 15.

MISSION SHAKTI SCHEME LAUNCHED

The Women and Child Development Ministry launched the Mission Shakti on July 14 for the safety, security and empowerment of women. It aims to realise the government's commitment to women-led development by making them equal partners in nation-building.

The key objectives of the mission are to provide care, support and assistance to women who are victims of crime and violence. It will put in place quality mechanisms for their rescue, protection and rehabilitation and facilitate easy access to various government services available for women.

Mission Shakti has two sub-schemes - Sambal and Samarthya. While the Sambal stresses on safety and security of women, the Samarthya focuses on the empowerment of women.

The components of the Sambal sub-scheme consist of schemes including One Stop Centre, Women Helpline, Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and Nari Adalats. The components of the Samarthya sub-scheme consist of schemes of Ujjwala, Swadhar Greh and Working Women Hostel.

MISSION VATSALYA SCHEME LAUNCHED

The Women and Child Development Ministry issued fresh guidelines for the Mission Vatsalya Scheme (formerly known as Child Protection Services Scheme). The Mission aims to secure a healthy and happy childhood for each and every child in the country, focusing on children in distress. It also has the objective to ensure opportunities to enable them to discover their full potential and assist them in flourishing in all respects, in a sustained manner.

The Mission will assist States and UTs in delivering the mandate of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and achieve the SDG goals. Mission will promote family-based non-institutional care of children in difficult circumstances. Objectives of the Mission Vatsalya include, improve functioning of statutory bodies; strengthen service delivery structures; upscale institutional care and services; encourage non-institutional community-based care; emergency outreach services; training and capacity building.

'NAMASTE' FOR SANITATION WORKERS

Government has formulated a "National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem"- NAMASTE scheme for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks. The scheme is a joint venture of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

It aims to achieve outcomes like zero fatalities in sanitation work in India. It will ensure that no sanitation workers come in direct contact with human faecal matter. It also envisages that all sewer and septic tank sanitation workers have access to alternative livelihoods.



AIRPORT CHECK-INS TO GO CONTACTLESS



Government plans to launch the 'DIGI YATRA' scheme to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports, based on Facial Recognition Technology. The project basically envisages that any traveller may pass through various checkpoints at the airport through a paperless and contactless processing, using facial features to establish the identity which would be linked to the boarding pass.

In the first phase, Digi Yatra is proposed to be rolled out at two Airports - Varanasi and Bengaluru - in August this year. It will be rolled out at five Airports - Pune, Vijayawada, Kolkata, Delhi and Hyderabad - by March next year.

'JAGRITI' TO PROTECT CONSUMER INTERESTS

The Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, launched "Jagruti", a mascot in the form of a young lady, for empowering consumers and generating awareness towards their rights.

She will be projected as an empowered consumer who is spreading awareness about consumer rights and addressing solutions to the problems faced by the consumers. Jariti mascot shall be shown along with tagline "Jago Grahak Jago" in all its media campaigns.

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AADHAAR TO HAVE FACE AUTHENTICATION

The UIDAI has launched a new mobile app named "AadhaarFaceRd" to perform face authentication through mobile app from anywhere and at any time. Now, Aadhaar holders no longer need to carry physical identification by using iris and fingerprint scans by physically visiting their local Aadhaar enrollment centre. Through this verification, an Aadhaar holder's real identity is validated and recorded in the databases of UIDAI which was captured at the time of Aadhaar enrolment.

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 Department 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.

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.

ECONOMY & INDUSTRY

JULY

IMF SLASHES GDP GROWTH RATE TO 7.4%

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has lowered India's growth forecast for the current fiscal (2022-23) to 7.4 percent from 8.2 percent projected earlier. In its World Economic Outlook for July, the IMF said for India, the downward revision by 0.8 per cent reflects mainly less favourable external conditions and more rapid policy tightening.

ADB LOWERS GDP GROWTH RATE TO 7.2%

Asian Development Bank (ADB) lowered the economic growth forecast for India for the current- 2022-23 year to 7.2% from its earlier estimate of 7.5% due to the impact of Covid and the Russia-Ukraine war on the economy.

ADB in its supplement to the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) for 2022 mentioned that ".....India's GDP growth moderated to 4.1% in Q4 of the fiscal year ended March 2022 on disappointing growth in private consumption and a contraction in manufacturing."

JNP BECOMES FIRST 100% PPP PORT

Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNP), Mumbai has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India having all berths being operated on PPP (public-private partnership) model. Here public means government ownership. JNP is one of the leading container ports of the country and is ranked 26th among the top 100 global ports as per Lloyd's List Top 100 Ports 2021 Report.

RAILWAY ACHIEVES BEST MONTHLY LOADING

Indian Railways achieved the best-ever monthly freight loading of over 125 million tonnes in June this year, recording a growth of 11.28 per cent over the same period in 2021. The growth was fuelled by incremental loading of over 13 million tonnes in Coal, followed by Cement and Food grains.

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.



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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.

BANKING & FINANCE

JULY

FINANCIAL SERVICES INSTITUTIONS BUREAU

Government has decided to transform the Banks Board Bureau into Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), as a single entity for making recommendations for appointments of whole time directors and non-executive chairman of public sector banks and financial institutions, including insurance companies.

FSIB will replace BBB as a professional body with autonomy in its affairs and shall have its own secretariat. Mr Bhanu Pratap Sharma has been designated as the first head of FSIB.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has asked the Department of Financial Services to carry out necessary modifications in the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Scheme of 1970/1980 for this purpose.

The FSIB will advise the government on a suitable performance appraisal system for whole-time directors and non-executive chairmen of the state-run financial services institutions. It will also develop a code of conduct and ethics for whole-time directors. It will even help these state-run banks, FIs and insurers in developing business strategies and capital raising plans, etc.

These functions will be in addition to its role as head-hunter for top executives of public-sector banks, financial institutions and insurers.



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ALL 63,000 PACS TO BE COMPUTERISED



The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs CCEA has approved the computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies - PACS in the country. The decision will enhance accuracy and transparency and lead to better service delivery. Roughly 63,000 functional PACS will be computerised with an overall budget outlay of 2516 crore rupees. The move is expected to benefit 13 crore farmers.

The PACS constitute the lowest of the three-tier Short-term cooperative credit in the country comprising approximately 13 crore farmers as its members. PACS accounts for 41 per cent of the total KCC (Kisan Credit Card) loans and 95 per cent of these are to the Small and Marginal farmers.*

**The other two tiers, State Cooperative Banks and District Central Cooperative Banks have already been automated by the NABARD and brought on Common Banking Software.*

SBI STARTS WHATSAPP BANKING

India's largest public sector lender, State Bank of India has launched its WhatsApp Banking services to make banking easier for its customers. Now, SBI customers can avail certain banking services using WhatsApp, which may come in handy for many as they do not have to download the app or go to the ATM anymore.

SBI customers can get their Account Balance and view Mini Statement on WhatsApp. SBI WhatsApp Banking services will be available to customers when they send a message saying 'Hi' on the number 919022690226.

UBI ENTERS METAVERSE AND SANDBOX

The Union Bank of India launched the Metaverse Virtual Lounge and Open Banking Sandbox environment techno features for its customers. The UBI is the first Indian bank to launch this high-tech initiative in partnership with Tech Mahindra.

Uni-verse, the Metaverse Virtual Lounge of the Bank will deliver a unique experience of banking to the customers who can roam around the lounge, get information about bank deposits, loans, Government welfare schemes and digital initiatives etc. as if they are experiencing in the real world.

Open Banking Sandbox will enable the bank to collaborate with Fintechs and start-up partners for developing and launching innovative banking products. Sandbox will allow the bank to operate in an Open Banking environment which will not only turn Third Party innovative ideas into reality but will also open the path for new avenues.

SBI TO SET UP OPERATIONS SUBSIDIARY

Country's largest lender, the State Bank of India received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India for setting up its proposed "operations support subsidiary" aimed at reducing the cost-to-income ratio.

The subsidiary would focus on providing support services mainly for agriculture, micro, small and medium enterprises, other micro loans, data entry operations, activities that can be undertaken as allowed for Business Correspondents, among others.

It will handle routine jobs with more technology and some people. Core functions such as the loan sanctioning process will remain within the bank as they cannot be outsourced, as per RBI directions.

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.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

JULY

INDIA'S FIRST HUMAN CARRYING DRONE

India's first human carrying platform — a pilot-less drone made its debut on July 19 in New Delhi in the presence of the Prime Minister. This 'Varuna' drone has been designed and developed by a startup and has the capacity to carry one person inside.

This drone has been made specifically for the use by the Indian Navy. 30 such drones have already been delivered to the Navy. It has a range of 25 kms with a payload of 130 kgs; and around 25-33 mts of flight time.

HEAT ABHYAS TESTED BY DRDO

The DRDO alongwith Indian Army successfully flight-tested on June 30 the indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) named Abhyas, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast. Abhyas can simulate a variety of aircrafts for anti-aircraft warfare practices and testing of surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems. It can fly at a speed of 180 meter per second and cover 5 km altitude.



THE SUBMARINE, INS SINDHUDHVAJ bid adieu to the Indian Navy on July 16, after serving for a glorious period of 35 years. It was part of ten Sindhughosh Kilo-class diesel-electric submarines that were commissioned in the Indian Navy from 1986 to 2000. They were all built by Russian firm Sevmash in Severodvinsk city in Northwest Russia.



FRIGATE DUNAGIRI LAUNCHED FOR TESTING

The fourth and latest ship of the Indian Navy's 17A Frigates, the Dunagiri, was launched on July 15 into the Hooghly River at the yard of Kolkata's Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited.

The ship will be formally commissioned into the Indian navy after completion of rigorous testing of various systems of the ship.

NAVAL AIR SQUADRON 324 FORMED

The Indian Navy commissioned Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam, on July 04. The squadron has been formed with indigenously designed and built Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III (MR) helicopters. The squadron has been named as 'Kestrels', after a bird species that has good sensory capabilities, symbolising the role envisaged of the aircraft and the air squadron.

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AUTONOMOUS UAV TESTED BY DRDO

The DRDO successfully carried out the maiden flight of India's first UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) fighter aircraft, the "Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator" on July 01 from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka. The aircraft was powered by a small turbofan engine.

This flight marks a major milestone in terms of proving critical technologies towards the development of future unmanned aircraft. The programme is linked to the development of India's fifth-generation stealth fighter advanced medium combat aircraft.

RIM OF THE PACIFIC (RIMPAC) EXERCISE

Indian multi-role stealth frigate INS Satpura and a P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft took part in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise held at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii.

Led by the US Navy, 27 countries are participating in the current edition of the multidimensional exercise, starting from June 29 to August 4. It is the world's largest naval wargames including the four 'Quad' countries and the nations around the South China Sea. 25,000 personnel including ground troops, along with 38 warships, four submarines and 170 aircrafts took part in the exercise.

ISRO LAUNCHED SINGAPOREAN SATELLITES

Indian Space Research Organisation, successfully launched three Singaporean satellites on June 30 from the spaceport at Sriharikota. The commercial launch was performed using the workhorse rocket PSLV-C53. With this, the recently formed commercial arm of the Department of Space known as the New Space India Limited has successfully completed two launches, the first being the launch of the GSAT-24 communication satellite onboard the Ariane-V rocket from French Guiana, for Tata Play, on June 23.

INDIA'S FIRST 3D PRINTED ROCKET ENGINE

Indian space tech startup Agnikul Cosmos launched on July 13 India's first rocket factory to make 3D-printed engines end-to-end. Based out of the IIT Madras, Agnikul is the first company to have designed a semi-cryo rocket that could be built as a single of 3D-printed hardware.

Agnikul had test-fired a fully 3D-printed rocket engine, Agnilet in early 2021. The startup is currently building the country's first private small satellite rocket, Agnibaan, with a capacity to carry up to 100 kg of payload to low Earth orbits up to 700 km.

A rocket engine has thousands of parts that have to be independently made, verified, qualified and finally welded together. Agnikul team uses 3D printing technology to push the engine as a single component. There are no assemblies, no conventional process of integration. It comes out of the printer as a fully made rocket engine.

FIRST IMAGE FROM JAMES WEBB TELESCOPE



NASA released one of the first images of the early universe taken from the James Webb Space Telescope, on July 12. It is the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the universe till date going back 13 billion years. Known as Webb's First Deep Field, the image shows a galaxy cluster named SMACS 0723.

It is overflowing with detail, as it revealed thousands of galaxies, including the faintest objects ever observed in the infrared. It contains the light from galaxies that has taken many billions of years to reach us.

The James Webb Space Telescope, the most powerful satellite based infrared telescope till date, was launched on December 25, 2021 beginning a one-million-mile journey. It has been developed by NASA in partnership with ESA (European Space Agency) and CSA (Canadian Space Agency).

NASA LAUNCHED CAPSTONE CUBESAT

On June 29, NASA launched CAPSTONE, a microwave oven-sized CubeSat weighing just 55 pounds (25 kg). CAPSTONE, short for "Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment", is designed to test the elliptical lunar orbit. CAPSTONE aims to help reduce risk for future spacecrafts by validating innovative navigation technologies, and by verifying the dynamics of the halo-shaped orbit. The satellite was launched onboard an Electron rocket of the US firm Rocket Lab, from Mahia, New Zealand.

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.

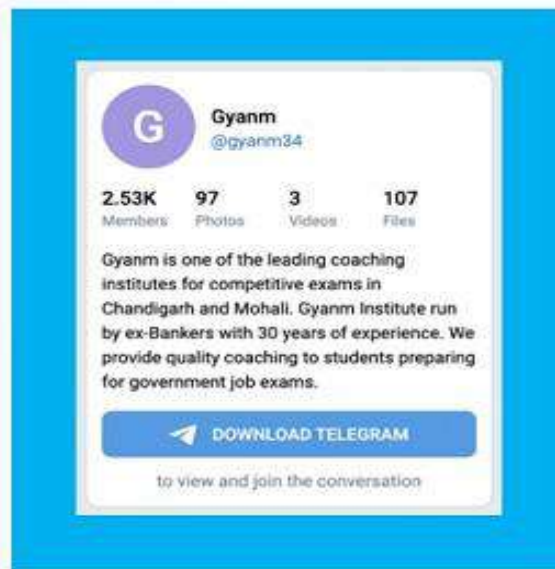
'EX SAMPRITI-X': A joint military training exercise between India and Bangladesh commenced on June 5 at Jessore military station in Bangladesh. The exercise will continue till June 16.





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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.



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'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.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JULY

JAPAN'S PASSPORT IS THE MOST POWERFUL

The Henley Passport Index released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports 2022 on July 20. It ranks the world's 199 passports according to the number of visa free access allowed on a particular passport.

Japan's passport is the most powerful in the world, followed by Singapore and South Korea. The holder of a Japanese passport can get visa-free access to 193 countries. India has slipped from 85th place to the 87th with visa-free access to only 60 countries. Afghanistan is ranked at the bottom with visa-free access to just 27 countries.

WICKREMESINGHE: PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA

Ranil Wickremesinghe, the six-time Sri Lanka Prime Minister and leader of the main opposition party, United National Party was elected as the new Sri Lankan President on July 20. He secured 134 votes in the 225-member house, while his main rival, ruling party lawmaker Dulas Alahapperuma, got only 82 votes.

Earlier, he was sworn in as the interim President of Sri Lanka on July 15, following the resignation of then president Rajapaksa Gotabaya. The 73-year-old Wickremesinghe surpassed the other two candidates in the race comfortably as he received indirect support from the party of outgoing president Gotabaya.

FIRST I2U2 SUMMIT HELD VIRTUALLY

The first virtual summit of the four-nation grouping 'I2U2' (India-Israel; USA-UAE) was hosted by the US President Joe Biden on July 14, during his visit to Israel. Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually joined the US President, Israeli PM Yair Lapid and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The summit focussed on the food security crisis and clean energy. The leaders discussed innovative ways to ensure longer-term, more diversified food production and food delivery systems that can better manage global food shocks. They agreed on increasing the joint investment in 6 important areas of water, energy, transport, space, health & food security.

UAE agreed to invest \$ 2 billion to develop food parks in India with expertise from the US and Israel to maximise crop yields to support food security in South Asia and the Middle East.

The I2U2 Grouping was conceptualised during the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four countries held on 18th October last year. It intends to mobilise private sector capital and expertise to help modernise the infrastructure, low carbon development pathways for the industries, improve public health and promote the development of critical emerging and green technologies.

CIVIL UPRISING IN SRI LANKA

The cash-starved island nation witnessed a tumultuous day on July 9 when thousands of protesters stormed President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's official residence in central Colombo's high-security Fort area after breaking the barricades. Protesters did not spare Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe despite his offer to resign and set on fire his private residence in an affluent neighbourhood in the capital.

Gotabaya resigned on July 13 and fled to the Maldives, on his way to Singapore. Wickremesinghe was declared as the interim president till the formal installation of a new president. He declared a state of emergency in the country.

Lanka is suffering rampant inflation and is struggling to import food, fuel and medicine as it faces its worst economic crisis in 70 years. The country has also run out of foreign currency and has had to impose a ban on sales of petrol and diesel for private vehicles. All this happened due to alleged financial mismanagement of the government led by the Rajapaksa family, leading to unprecedented widespread civilian protests.

SWEDEN AND FINLAND MOVE TOWARDS NATO



Sweden and Finland signed the Accession Protocols at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels on July 5.

The development is significant coming in the backdrop of the Ukraine conflict as Russia strongly opposes the eastward expansion of NATO and Finland shares a 1340 km long border with Western Russia. This means that NATO forces will pose a serious threat to Russia on the 1340 km long border.

NATO stands for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. The 30-member NATO group seeks to promote collective security among its members. The NATO charter states that an armed attack against any of its members is considered an attack against all of them.

UN OCEAN CONFERENCE HELD IN LISBON

Governments of Kenya and Portugal, co-hosted the 2022 UN Ocean Conference from 27 June to 1 July in Lisbon, Portugal. The overall theme of the Conference was: "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions."

More than 6,000 participants, including 24 Heads of State and over 2,000 representatives of civil society attended the Conference, advocating for urgent and concrete actions to tackle the ocean crisis.

Among the challenges the Ocean faces are coastal erosion, rising sea levels, warmer and more acidic waters, marine pollution, overexploitation of fish stocks and decrease of marine biodiversity.

Acknowledging that climate change is "one of the greatest challenges of our time", leaders stressed the need to address the cumulative impacts of a warming planet, on the ocean, including ecosystem degradation and extinction of species.

LONDON RANKED BEST CITY FOR STUDENTS

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), London released the list of Best Student Cities for 2023 on June 30. London continues its top rank since 2018 for students looking to study abroad.

Munich and Seoul share the second position this year, followed by Zurich in the fourth spot. Four Indian cities also feature on the list. With an overall score of 48.5, Mumbai is placed in the 103rd spot. Bangalore followed it at 114th, Chennai in 125th and Delhi at 129th positions.

The rankings are based on six key categories: University Rankings, Student Mix, Desirability, Employer Activity, Affordability, and Student Voice. All the indicators are given equal weightage when calculating the overall scores. The list covered around 140 cities this year.

VIENNA RANKED AS "MOST LIVEABLE CITY"

The Global Liveability Index 2022 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), London has ranked 173 cities around the world, based on a range of criteria, including the availability of green space, infrastructure, crime rates, political stability, and health care. Most of the top 10 world's most liveable cities continue to be in Western Europe.

Vienna (Austria) was placed at first spot, followed by Copenhagen (Denmark) in second place and Zurich (Switzerland) in third place. The National capital of India New Delhi was ranked at 112th position while the country's financial capital Mumbai was ranked at 117th position. At the bottom of the index were cities such as Damascus, Lagos, Tripoli, Karachi.

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.

PERSONS IN NEWS

JULY

Jagdeep Dhankhar: Current West Bengal Governor has been announced as the Vice Presidential candidate by the BJP led NDA. Dhankhar hails from Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan and has been elected as MP and MLA earlier. He had been practising as an advocate before joining politics. Since July 2019, he has been serving as the Governor of West Bengal. He resigned as Governor before filing nomination for the Vice Presidentship. The voting for electing the vice president is done only by the members of the Parliament, and not by state MLAs.



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Gautam Adani: According to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List as of July 21, Adani Group chief became the world's 4th richest person with a net worth of \$116.4 billion, surpassing Microsoft cofounder Bill Gates. As per Forbes data, Adani's fortune surged by over 3 billion, thanks to sharp run-up in Adani Group stocks. Adani Group's interests span infrastructure, commodities, power generation and transmission and real estate.



Mukesh Ambani, with a fortune of \$ 90.1 billion, was placed at 10th spot. Elon Musk continues to be at number one with \$235.8 billion net worth, followed by Bernard Arnault of Louis Vuitton and Amazon's Jeff Bezos at second and third place, respectively.

Boris Johnson: British prime minister announced his resignation on July 7 as Conservative Party leader. The scandal-hit leader was left isolated as more than 40 ministers and aides, including three cabinet members, quit the government in the last 2-3 days demanding his resignation. 58-year Johnson said he will continue to serve as Prime Minister of the UK until the Conservative Party chooses his successor.

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.

APPOINTMENTS

JULY

Ekhnath Shinde: Elected as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra on June 30 after Uddhav Thakrey submitted his resignation on June 29.

Samant Kumar Goel: Re-appointed as the Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), foreign intelligence agency of India, for another year from June 24.

Dinkar Gupta: Former Punjab DGP was appointed as the new Chief of National Investigation Agency-NIA.

Nitin Gupta: Senior Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been appointed as the new Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

Indermit Gill: The World Bank has appointed an Indian national as its Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics, from September 1, 2022. Mr Gill is currently Vice President for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions.

Dinesh Gunawardena: Took the oath as Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister on July 22. He has been appointed by the newly elected President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Yair Lapid: Elected as the 14th Prime Minister of Israel. Lapid's term could be the short one as the general elections in Israel are scheduled to take place on November 1, 2022.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr: Sworn in as the 17th President of the Philippines in Manila on June 30. He succeeded the outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte.

T Raja Kumar: A senior Indian origin diplomat from Singapore took over as President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Paris, the world's anti-terrorism financing agency.

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 Deka: 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 Thaisen: 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 29guerrilla 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.

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AWARDS & HONOURS

JULY

68th National Film Awards

The 68th National Film Awards were announced by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry on July 22. Noted film producer Vipul Shah was the chairperson of the ten member jury. Mr Anurag Thakur is the current minister for Information and Broadcasting Ministry. The prestigious National Film Awards were established in 1954 and are administered by the Government of India's Directorate of Film Festivals.

Some of the main awards are as under:

Overall Best Feature Film: Soorai Potru, (Tamil) by Sudha Kongara (*Soorai Potru means Praise the Brave*)

Best Hindi Film: Toolsidas Junior by Mridul Mahendra
Best Director: Sachy for Ayyappanum Koshiyum (Malayalam)

Best Popular Film: Tanhaji (Hindi) by Om Raut

Best Actor: Suriya for Soorai Potru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji

Best Actress: Aparna Balamurali for Soorai Potru

Most Film Friendly State: Madhya Pradesh

Sini Shetty crowned Femina Miss India

Sini Shetty from Karnataka was crowned Femina Miss India 2022 winner on July 03 at the Jio Convention Centre in Mumbai. The 21-year old Sini has done graduation and is a trained Bharatanatyam Dancer. Besides Sini, Rubal Shekhawat from Rajasthan was selected as Femina Miss India 2022 1st runner up and Shinata Chauhan from Uttar Pradesh as 2nd Runner up, Femina Miss India 2022.

Femina Miss India Beauty Contest run by the The Times media group, is India's national beauty contest to select the contestants for representing India at various international beauty pageants. Femina is a leading popular women's magazine in India.

Pallavi Singh: The beauty queen from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh won the Mrs Universe Divine Title at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea. The contest saw participation from 110 countries. Earlier, she won the title of Mrs India held in Jaipur in 2020. She then won the title of Mrs Indo-Asia Universe in the Asia-level competition held in Delhi in October 2021.



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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 30pprox.) 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.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

JULY

Honey & Spice by Bolu Babalola

The It Girl by Ruth Ware

The Bodyguard by Katherine Center

Fellowship Point by Alice Elliott Dark

Death by Bubble Tea by Jeniffer J Chow

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Very thin font by Oswald light

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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

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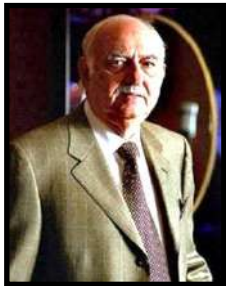
The Woman in the Library by Sulari Gentill

OBITUARY

JULY

Bhupinder Singh: Veteran ghazal singer passed away in Mumbai on July 18. 82-year old Singh sang scores of Bollywood numbers in his heavy bass voice. He is remembered for his memorable songs like Dil Dhoondhta Hai; Do Diwane Shehar Mein; Naam Gum Jayega; and many more.





Pallonji Mistry: Head of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, died on June 28 at the age of 93 at his residence in Mumbai. Mistry was the largest individual shareholder in the Tata Group with a 18.4 percent holding in the conglomerate. He received the Padma Bhushan in 2016 for his contribution in the field of industry and trade.

The Mumbai-based 156-year-old Shapoorji Pallonji Group now operates in the construction business in Africa, India, the Middle East and South Asia. It has constructed some of Mumbai's iconic buildings such as the Reserve Bank of India building, the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) building, Brabourne Stadium, iconic Taj Hotel, among others.

Shinzo Abe: Former prime minister of Japan, was shot dead on July 8 at around 11.30 am in the city of Nara in western Japan while he was delivering a speech. He served as prime minister of Japan and President of the Liberal Democratic Party from 2006 to 2007 and again from 2012 to 2020, becoming the longest-serving prime minister in Japan's history.

He was shot by 41-year-old Yamagami Tetsuya, who was arrested from the spot. Abe, 67, stepped down from the position of prime minister in 2020 due to ill health. He was one of the key supporters of strong India-Japan ties and took several initiatives for promoting many mega projects in India.

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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.

PLACES IN NEWS

JULY

Burhanpur: This district of Madhya Pradesh became the first district in the country where all people from each of 254 villages have access to safe drinking water through taps.

At the time of the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission on 15th August 2019, only 36.54 percent of over one lakh households in Burhanpur had potable drinking water through tap connections. In addition to the households, all 640 schools, 547 Anganwadi centers and 440 other public institutions now also have tap connections.

Varanasi: The holy city known for showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages, will be declared the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

Varanasi will become the "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.

California Fires: A rapidly growing wildfire in California (USA) near Yosemite National Park, more than tripled in size since July 22, burning more than 15,600 acres by July 24. The blaze, called the Oak Fire, threatened thousands of structures and forced the evacuations of 3,800 residents. The California Fire Department reported that a large number of vast wildfires in nearby areas have burnt forest in over 35,000 acres.

Wildfires are increasing in size and intensity in the Western United States, and wildfire seasons are growing longer. Recent research has suggested that heat and dryness associated with global warming are major reasons for the increase in bigger and stronger fires.

Greece and Turkey: The two countries are presently being ravaged by hundreds of blazes reducing once green forests to ashes. Both are suffering a second consecutive summer of wildfires this year. The flames, estimated to have been fuelled by a southern European heatwave fed by hot air from North Africa, have destroyed farms, homes and forests leaving people in need of dire relief assistance.



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.



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.

SPORTS WORLD

JULY

Neeraj Chopra, Tokyo Olympic gold medallist, created history by becoming first Indian to win a Silver medal on July 24 in men's javelin throw event at World Athletics Championships.

In the prestigious competition held at Eugene in Oregon, USA, the champ grabbed second position with his best throw of 88.13 metres, 55 cm more than his Olympic throw of 87.58 meters. Anderson Peters from Grenada won the gold with a throw of 90.54 metres.

PV Sindhu, ace Indian shuttler clinched Women's Single title of Singapore Open on July 16. The two-time Olympic medalist defeated Wang Zhi Yi of China, to claim her maiden title in Singapore Open and third title this year after registering wins in Korea Open and Swiss Open.

Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 on July 16 in Serbia.

Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram emerged winner in the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open in Spain, on July 16.

Harshada Garud, just 18 years old, clinched the gold with an aggregate lift of 157kg (69kg+88kg), in the women's 45kg category on July 18 at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Alfiya Pathan and Gitika, India's champion girl boxers won gold medals at the inaugural edition of the Elorda Boxing Cup in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. Two other girls, Kalaivani Srinivasan and Jamuna Boro won silver medals.

The 33-member Indian contingent concluded its campaign with an overall tally of 14 medals, including 2 gold, 2 silver and 10 bronze medals.

Neeraj Chopra, Olympic champion javelin thrower clinched his first-ever Silver medal at the prestigious Diamond League meet in Stockholm, Sweden as he broke his own national record of 89.30m by securing a throw of 89.94 m.

Bhagwani Devi, a 94-year-old sprinter from India, won the gold medal in the 100 m sprint at the World Masters Athletics Championships held in Tampere, Finland, with a timing of 24.74 seconds.

Ronaldo Singh, the 20 year old Cycling Champion from Manipur scripted history on June 22 by becoming first Indian to win Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022, held in New Delhi.

Mohammed Shami created a new record by becoming the fastest Indian bowler to take 150 ODI wickets. He achieved the feat on July 12 during his 80th ODI, playing against England at Kennington Oval, London.

Indian skipper Rohit Sharma scripted a new world record by becoming the first captain in the history of cricket to win 14 successive T20 Internationals. He achieved the feat after India beat England by 49 runs in the T20I in Birmingham, England on July 9.





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India tops at ISSF World Cup, Changwon

- Arjun Babuta won his first gold medal in 10m Air Rifle on July 11 at the ISSF World Cup stage at Changwon in South Korea.
- The duo of Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane bagged the gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event.
- Arjun, Shahu and Paarth Makhija bagged the country's third gold medal, winning the men's 10m air rifle team event.
- Aishwary Tomar won gold medal in the Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) event.
- Two-time Olympian Mairaj Ahmad Khan created history by becoming the first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event.

India finished at the top of the medal tally with five golds, six silver and four bronze medals.

The 44th Chess Olympiad started in Chennai on July 28. It will continue till August 10. The prestigious competition, which has been organised since 1927, is being hosted in India for the first time and after 30 years in Asia.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that India will host the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup.

Gujarat to host 36th National Games

Gujarat has been declared as the host for the 36th National Games which will be held from September 27 to October 10 for the first time ever. Due to a number of factors, including the coronavirus pandemic since 2020, the prestigious event is being hosted after a seven-year hiatus; the previous one was in Kerala in 2015.

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INTERNATIONAL

Tour de France: Jonas Vingegaard (of Denmark) claimed his maiden title on July 24 after finishing the race at the Champs Elysees, Paris. The 3,328km cross country marathon with over 21 stages, started on July 01 and Jonas completed it in 79 hrs, 33 min and 20 sec. The Tour de France is one of the hardest sporting events in the world.

Charles Leclerc from Monaco won the Austrian Grand Prix for the team Ferrari on July 10 at Spielberg, Austria.

Ferrari driver Carlos Sainz (of Spain) won his maiden Formula One British Grand Prix 2022 on July 3 at Silverstone circuit in Northamptonshire, England.

Novak Djokovic became the first tennis player to win 80 matches at each of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments with a 1st round win at Wimbledon in London, UK.

Curtains down for Wimbledon

The only Grand Slam to be played on grass court, completed its 135th edition on July 10 at London. The oldest tennis tournament, Wimbledon traditions include a strict all-white dress code for competitors.

Men's Singles title: Won by Serbian star Novak Djokovic after beating Australia's Nick Kyrgios

Women's Singles title: Won by Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan by defeating Ons Jabeur of Tunisia.

The World Athletics Championships began on July 15 in Eugene in the state of Oregon, USA. The tournament concluded on 24th of July. This year was the 18th edition of the Championship and the USA is hosting the most prestigious event for the first time. The 10-day grand sporting event hosted over 2,000 athletes representing more than 200 nations. USA topped the medal tally with 33 medals, including 13 gold medals.

Malaysia Open Badminton Tournament 2022 concluded on July 3 at the Axiata Arena, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) won the men's singles title while Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand) won the women's singles title.

Ben Stokes, England all-rounder and captain of the test team, announced retirement from ODI (One Day International) Cricket on July 18, 2022.

Eoin Morgan, England's 2019 ICC World Cup Winning Captain, announced his retirement on June 28 from international cricket. The 35-year-old Morgan captained England Men's team to their first-ever ICC World Cup victory at Lord's in 2019.

With 17 sixes against Afghanistan at the 2019 Cricket World Cup, he also holds the record for the most 6s in an ODI innings ever

The 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games will be hosted in July, 2028 in Los Angeles, United States. The city has previously hosted the Olympics in 1984 and 1932.

The Olympic Council of Asia announced on July 19 that China will host the postponed 19th edition of the Asian Games in September 2023 in Hangzhou.

The World Athletics Council during its meeting in Oregon, United States on July 14, decided to award hosting rights for the 2025 World Athletics Championships to Tokyo, the capital city of Japan.



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.

DAYS & DATES

JULY

July 01: National Doctor's Day



This day is celebrated to thank the doctors and physicians for their relentless service to humanity. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted their role and the sacrifices and contributions made by them all over the world.

This day gives a perfect opportunity to salute their work. The theme for the Day for the year 2022 is 'Family Doctors on the Front Line'. It highlights the contribution of the doctors for their service and dedication to humanity.

The day also marks the birthday (July 01, 1882) of renowned Physician and former Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy (Bharat Ratna). Incidentally, he died on the same date in 1962, aged 80 years.

July 01: Chartered Accountants Day

The Day is celebrated to commemorate the founding of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on this day in 1949 by an Act of the Parliament. ICAI is the second largest accounting body in the world, after the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Notably,

ICAI is the only licensing and regulatory body for the financial audit and accounting profession in the country. Its headquarters are in New Delhi.

July 1: National Postal Worker Day

This day is celebrated to the recognition of postal workers across the world as a unique way to say 'thanks' to the postmen and all delivery personnel, as online shopping has become a lifeline for many of us. During the pandemic, postal workers also emerged as frontline workers who even risked their lives to work tirelessly to ensure connectivity and communication by delivering mail and packages at every doorstep.

July 2: World Sports Journalists Day

It is observed globally every year to acknowledge the work of sports journalists and to encourage them to do

better at their work. They are a vital link between sports persons and their fans. Because of their hard work, we are able to enjoy various sports events sitting in our homes. The day was established in 1994 to mark the 70th anniversary of the International Sports Press Association, based in Lausanne, Switzerland.

July (2): The International Day of Cooperatives

Celebrated across the world every year on the first Saturday of July, to increase awareness about cooperatives and to promote ideas of international solidarity, economic efficiency, equality and world peace. This year it is the 100th edition of International Day of Cooperatives. The theme for 2022 is "Cooperatives Build a Better World".

A cooperative is defined as a business setup that is owned and operated by all those who work for it and share the profit/loss. In India, a separate Ministry of Cooperation has been set up at the Centre to promote cooperatives. It is headed by Sh. Amit Shah.

July 6: World Zoonoses Day

Celebrated every year to raise awareness for the risk of zoonotic diseases. Zoonoses are infectious diseases (virus, bacteria, fungi and parasites) that can spread from animals to humans, and vice versa, either with direct contact with animals or indirectly, vector-borne or food-borne.

It was on this day in 1885, when Louis Pasteur, renowned French microbiologist and chemist successfully administered the first vaccine against Rabies virus, which is a zoonotic disease.

July 10: National Fish Farmers' Day

The Day is celebrated with support from the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in association with the National Fisheries Development Board to honour fishermen, aqua preneurs in appreciation of their achievements in the field of fisheries. It was on this day in 1957 that Dr. Hiralal Chaudhury and Dr. Alikunhi achieved the successful induced breeding of major carps at Angul in Odisha for the first time in the country.

At present, the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is headed by union minister Sh. Parshottam Rupala.



July 11: World Population Day



Supported by the UNO, the day seeks to bring attention to the urgency and importance of population related issues around the world. The day aims to highlight the difficulties created by overpopulation and raise awareness about how overpopulation may harm the ecosystem and progress of humanity.

According to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), the theme for this year is "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all – Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all".

According to the UNO, in 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, it stands at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050.

July 12: World Malala Day

Designated by the United Nations, this day commemorates the birthday of the young Pakistani human rights activist, Malala Yousafzai, who became the youngest Nobel Prize laureate in October 2014, at the young age of 17 years. The day aims to honour the young woman who has been a prominent activist for female education since her early teens.

She founded the Malala Fund, a non-profit organisation in 2013 along with her father to ensure free, safe, quality school education for girls around the world.

July 14: Shark Awareness Day

Celebrated worldwide to promote awareness about the need to conserve Shark fish. The worldwide demand for shark-fin soup, shark-tooth medallions, and a false sense of security on beaches everywhere, all combine to leave sharks persecuted and endangered, with millions of them being killed each year. Overfishing is the biggest threat. An estimated 100 million sharks are killed each year, mostly to meet demand for an expensive Chinese dish called shark fin soup.

Sharks are the most popular predator fish found in deep and shallow waters throughout the world's oceans. They come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Most sharks eat smaller fish and invertebrates, but some of the larger species prey on other sea animals. Sharks do not have bones—they are made up of cartilage. They are called Elasmobranchs, which translates into fish made of cartilaginous tissues.

July 15: World Youth Skills Day

Observed with the support of UNESCO to achieve better socio-economic conditions for today's youth by providing them with appropriate skills as a means to meet the challenges of unemployment.

The day celebrates the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship. The theme for the day this year is "Transforming youth skills for the future".

July 17: World Day for International Justice

Observed all around the world to promote international criminal justice and as a way of supporting the work of the ICC - International Criminal Court based at the Hague, Netherlands. It is also known as International Criminal Justice Day or International Justice Day.

The day marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute on July 17, 1998, the treaty that created the International Criminal Court.

The day unites all those who wish to support justice, promote the rights of the victims, and also help in preventing crime that threatens the peace, security, and well-being of the world.

July 18: International Nelson Mandela Day

Observed every year with UN support in recognition of Nelson Mandela's contribution in promoting the culture of peace and freedom. The day commemorates the birthday of the great African leader. Like Gandhi Ji, he was the man who dethroned white Europeans from South Africa and became first Black President of South Africa in 1994. He was honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 and Bharat Ratna in 1990.

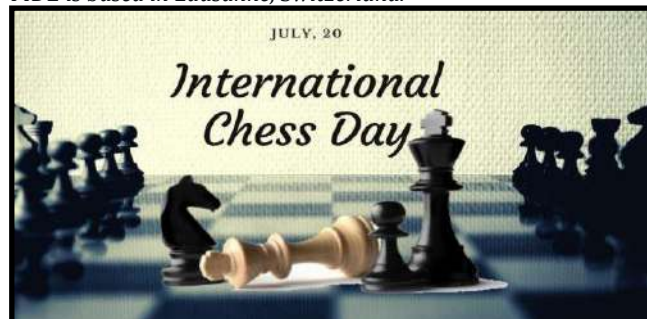
The theme selected for 2022 is "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." It focuses on the plight of food security and climate change.

July 20: World Chess Day

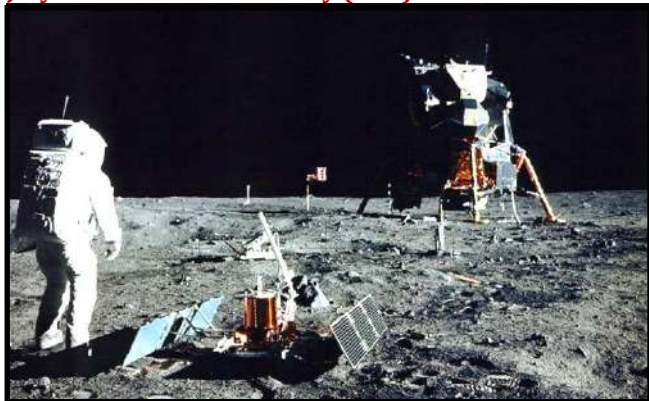
The United Nations celebrates this day to mark the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) on this day in Paris in 1924. It also provides an important platform to foster dialogue, solidarity and culture of peace along with recognizing the instrumental role played by the FIDE in supporting international cooperation for chess activity.

Invented in India in the fifth century, this board game was originally named "Chaturanga".

FIDE is based in Lausanne, Switzerland.



July 20: National Moon Day (USA)



Also called “Space Exploration Day”, it commemorates the day man first walked on the moon in 1969. NASA reported the moon landing as being “...the single greatest technological achievement of all time.”

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 carried the first two humans to the moon. Six hours after landing the lunar module Eagle on the moon, Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface, becoming the first human to step on the moon surface. He spent nearly two and a half hours outside the spacecraft. His fellow astronaut, Buzz Aldrin soon followed, stepping onto the lunar surface. The third astronaut Michael Collins remained alone in orbit for more than 21 hours, piloting the command module.

July 22: National Mango Day

The day is celebrated to honour the ‘National Fruit’ of India, also known as ‘King of Fruits’. Mango, besides being very delicious, is also rich in vitamin A and C, Potassium, fibre and Vitamin B-6, making it a very important superfood for our body. It is one of the most popular and widely cultivated fruits of the tropical world.

The scientific name of Mango is Mangifera Indica and is a member of the cashew family (Anacardiaceae). India is the largest producer of mangoes, followed by China and Thailand. In India alone, mangoes come in more than a hundred different varieties with unique colours, shapes and sizes. Some of the most popular varieties include Alphonso, Dushehri, Langdaa, Chousaa, Mallika, Malda, Balia, Amrapali, and many more. An exquisite mango breed called the Miyazaki mango, a native to Miyazaki city of Japan, costs nearly Rs. 2.5 to 3 lakh per kg.

July 22: World Brain Day

The day is dedicated to raising awareness and promoting advocacy related to brain health. This year, the World Federation of Neurology (WFN) and MS International Federation (MSIF) are at the forefront, leading the campaign to spread awareness about multiple sclerosis (MS), a neurological disease whose effects range from cognitive impairment to significant physical disability.

The theme of this year's celebrations is “Brain Health for all” as our brains continue to be challenged by pandemics, wars, climate change and the myriad of disorders impacting human existence globally.

July 22: National Flag Day

It was on this day that the tricolour was adopted as the national flag of India in 1947. The adoption of the national flag of India was the first thing that was discussed when the members of the Indian Constituent Assembly convened in the Constitution Hall in Delhi on July 22, 1947. The National Flag of India was designed by Indian freedom fighter Pingali Venkayya.

The Indian government modified the Flag Code of India on January 26, 2002, allowing people to hoist the national flag over their homes and offices. The Code was later amended on December 30, 2021, to allow for the National Flag made of polyester or machine made flags.

July 23: National Broadcasting Day

The day is observed to commemorate the first ever radio broadcast in the country that went on the air on this day in 1927, from the Bombay Station under a private company, the Indian Broadcasting Company. The company failed in 1930 and the government took it over and named it Indian State Broadcasting Service.

Later, on June 8, 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service became All India Radio - AIR, the official radio broadcaster of India. Since 1956, AIR has been officially called ‘Akashvani’ and is owned by Prasar Bharati, the nation's official broadcaster.

Today, AIR is the largest radio network in the world with 479 stations across India, covering over 92 per cent of the area and accessible to 99.19 percent of the population of the country. It broadcasts programmes in 23 languages and 179 dialects.

July 24: Income Tax Day

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) celebrates this day to commemorate the introduction of income tax for the first time in India on this day in 1860 by Sir James Wilson. The tax was levied to compensate for the losses incurred by the British regime during the first war of independence in 1857.

First Income Tax Day was celebrated in 2010. Several outreach programmes are organised across the country to celebrate the Day to promote payment of taxes as a value norm and for sensitising potential tax payers that payment of taxes was an ethical duty of all citizens.



July 26: Kargil Vijay Diwas



This year is the 23rd anniversary of Kargil Vijay. The day is named after the successful 'Operation Vijay' on July 26 in 1999, when India regained control of the high mountain outposts at Tiger Hill which had been stealthily taken over by Pakistan.

In the history of independent India, the Kargil War will be remembered as the fiercest and the most valiant operations conducted by the Indian Army. It is estimated that as many as 527 Indian soldiers sacrificed their lives while more than 1,300 were injured. The main function to pay tributes to the martyrs is held at the Kargil War Memorial in the Drass area of Ladakh.

July 26: World Mangrove Day

Each year the day is celebrated to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.

Also known as the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem, it was adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in 2015.

Mangroves are extraordinary ecosystems, located at the interface of land and sea in tropical regions, which offer a considerable array of ecosystem goods and services. They not only provide sustainable livelihoods to millions of people but also function as a protective barrier for its inhabitants from natural calamities by taking the lashes on itself.

The Sundarbans, one of the largest mangrove forests in the world (1,40,000 hectares), is spread over the delta of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna rivers in West Bengal and adjoining areas of Bangladesh.

July 28: World Hepatitis Day

The day provides an opportunity to step up national and international efforts to counter Hepatitis and highlight the need for a greater global response to fight against Hepatitis. The day commemorates the birthday of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered Hepatitis B virus and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for it.

Supported by the WHO, this year's theme is "Hepatitis can't wait". With a person dying every 30 seconds from a

hepatitis related illness – even in the current COVID-19 crisis – we can't wait to act on viral hepatitis. Hepatitis refers to an inflammatory condition of the liver, usually caused by a viral infection. It has several variants such as Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E.

July 28: World Nature Conservation Day

This Day is observed to increase awareness about the best practices to protect our natural resources. It aims to create and increase awareness about the importance of natural resources and how one can live sustainably. The day encourages people to save and protect Earth's natural resources that are fast-depleting owing to over-exploitation and even misuse.

We can promote conservation and sustainability of nature by adopting measures like planting more trees, conserving energy, using green fuels, saving water and avoiding use of single-use plastics.

July 29: Global Tiger Day

Also known as the International Tiger Day, it is observed every year to create awareness about tiger conservation and protection of their natural habitat. At Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia in 2010, Governments of tiger populated countries had vowed to double tiger population by 2022. India has achieved this target as the Tiger Estimation Report 2018 says that India now has 2967 tigers. MP has the highest numbers - 526, closely followed by Karnataka at 524. India has the largest number of tigers in the world. There are 53 Tiger reserves in India.

JULY 30: WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Observed with support from UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to raise awareness about the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.

This year's theme is "Use and abuse of technology". This year's theme focuses on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and impede human trafficking.

Human trafficking refers to the crimes that exploit women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex. Since 2003 UNODC has collected information on about 225,000 victims of trafficking detected worldwide and many more are reported by countries across the globe.



JULY 31: THE WORLD RANGER DAY

The day aims to commemorate the Rangers who lost their lives or got wounded while on duty and to celebrate the work that Rangers do to protect the world's natural and cultural heritage. It was on this day in 1992 that the International Ranger Federation (IRF) was founded in Britain.

A Ranger typically refers to a forest ranger in protected forest and forest reserves or a park ranger in National Parks and Sanctuaries. They provide recreational opportunities and interpretation of sites while providing links between local communities, protected areas and local administration.

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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."



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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

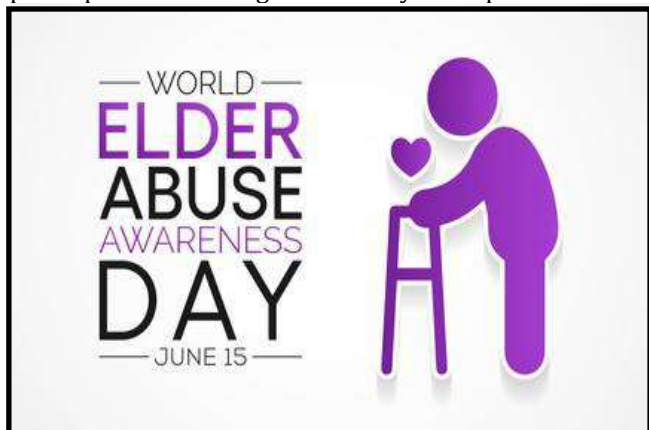
The day is a joint initiative of the WHO and Red Cross to raise awareness about the significance of blood donation. It also aims to educate people on the need for safe blood and blood products for the purpose of transfusion.

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

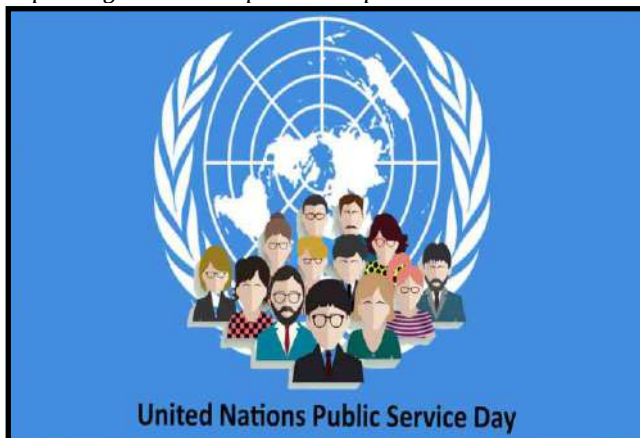
This day is an opportunity to encourage sports lovers all over the world to participate in the Olympic games and make sports their career. Olympic games are held at world level after every four years and include both summer and winter editions. The day marks the birth of the Modern Olympic Movement and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



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.



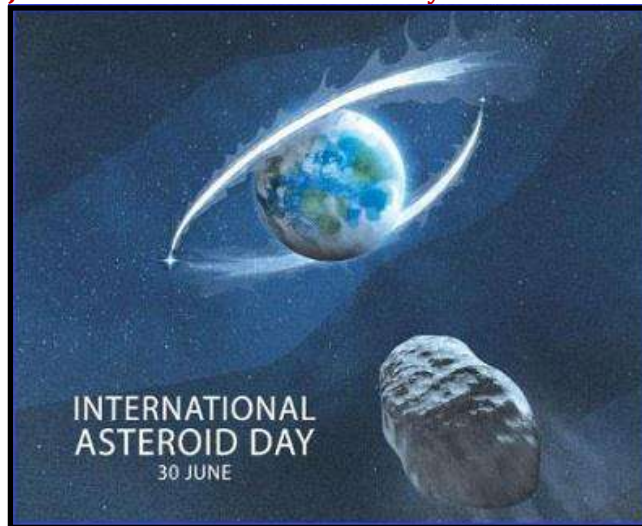
June 30: World Social Media Day



The day aims to celebrate the power of social media. It highlights how social media has emerged as the key tool for communication and connecting people across the world with just a few clicks. People can stay connected with their friends and family via social media. It has also broadened the limitations of many small-scale businesses and budding entrepreneurs.

The United Nations has put out a tweet stating how misinformation on social media could be harmful. It urges people to pledge to pause falseness and verify content before sharing.

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.

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NATIONAL NEWS

MAY

- 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.
- Prime Minister Modi visited Japan for two days, 23 and 24 May, at the invitation of his Japanese counterpart Mr. Fumio Kishida to attend Quad (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) Leaders' Summit.
- Prime Minister Modi visited Lumbini, Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima. He offered prayers at the sacred Mayadevi temple in Lumbini.
- 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. India is currently the President of UNCCD- COP-14.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
 - ✓ *Section 124A says a person commits the crime of sedition, if he/she creates hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the government established by law in India.*

- Govt released the Civil Registration System Report 2020, based on actual births and deaths reported at around 3.2 lakh registration units across the country.
 - ✓ *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.*
 - ✓ *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.*
- India's biggest Drone Festival- "Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022" was held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on May 27-28.
- India was selected to be the 'country of honour' at the Marché Du Film, organised alongside the Cannes Film Festival this year.
- The World Bank report titled "Migration and Development Brief" released on May 11, revealed that India was the top recipient of remittances in 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.*
- The World Bank approved \$47 million financial support to the Government of India for the Mission Karmayogi, a national program to build civil service capacity.

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.

NEWS FROM STATES

MAY

- Odisha became the first state in India to launch on May 24 a pilot project on Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP).
- 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 Maharashtra Cabinet approved the country's first-of-its-kind gene bank programme aimed at

conserving native biodiversity to ensure that natural resources are passed onto the next generation.

- The country's first "Amrit Sarovar " was inaugurated on May 13 at village Patwai in district Rampur, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ *The Amrit Sarovar is an initiative to develop and beautify selected village ponds as attractive tourist spots for the overall development of the area.*
- 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 4th edition of state-level popular Shirui Lily Festival 2022 was hosted by the Manipur government from May 25 to 29

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.

GOVT INITIATIVES

MAY

- The Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education, released on May 25 the National Achievement Survey 2021 report.
 - ✓ *The Survey assessed the health of the school education system at classes 3, 5, 8 and 10th with a cycle period of three years.*
- 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 Union Government announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned 'Cotton Man' Suresh Bhai Kotak.
 - ✓ *The Council aims to bring a tangible improvement in protecting the interests of cotton farmers, traders, spinners, weavers and textile mills.*
- 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.
- 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.

- The pilot phase of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) was launched on April 29 in Bengaluru. It aims to onboard 30 million sellers and 10 million merchants online. The plan is to cover at least 100 cities and towns by August this year.

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.*

ECONOMY

MAY

- India recorded the highest ever annual FDI inflow of \$ 83.57 billion in 2021-22. Computer software and hardware received highest share of 25%, 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.*
- The Agriculture Ministry released on May 19 the third advance estimate of production of major agricultural crops for 2021-22.
 - ✓ *Total production was estimated at a record 314.51 million tonnes (mt) which is higher by 3.77 mt than the production during 2020-21.*
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), for the first time, attained turnover of 1.15 lakh crore rupees, more than that of any FMCG company in India
 - ✓ *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.*
- Billionaire Gautam Adani acquired the Swiss cement major Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC for \$10.5 billion.
- 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.
- Kerala fintech company “Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd” became India’s 100th unicorn having valuation of \$1 billion and above.

- ✓ *Open offers a neo-banking platform that integrates all the tools used by small businesses and integrates it with the business's current account.*

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.

BANKING & FINANCE

MAY

- RBI announced 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.
- RBI approved the transfer of 30,307 crore rupees as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year ending March 31, 2022.
- RBI asked banks on May 19 to provide the option of "Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal" at their ATMs, also including white label ATMs.
- The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing/withdrawing over Rs 20 lakh in a financial year or opening of a current account.

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.*

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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.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MAY

- The Indian Navy received the second survey vessel 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.
- Two frontline warships of the Indian Navy were launched at Mazgaon Docks in Mumbai on May 17. The two ships are INS Surat, a Project 15B Destroyer and INS Udaygiri, a Project 17A Frigate.
- The Indian Coast Guard commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron on May 04 at Kochi, Kerala. The new Air Squadron is equipped with the Advanced Mark III (ALH Mark III) helicopters.
- ICGS Kamla Devi: Fast patrol vessel, named after social reformer and freedom activist Kamladevi Chattopadhyay was inducted in the Indian Coast Guard on May 2 in Kolkata.
- 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 Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar.
- 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 Bay of Bengal.
- Bongosagar: The third edition of Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral exercise Bongosagar commenced on 24 May at Port Mongla, in Southwestern Bangladesh.
- The fourth edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol CORPAT was held in the Northern Bay of Bengal on May 22-23.
- India's first Flow Chemistry Technology Hub was set up at Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences in Hyderabad with support from the government of Telangana.

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 spacetech 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 paratropping, among others.
- **Ex-Dustlik**: Training exercise between Indian and Uzbekistan armies, was held in Yangiariq, Uzbekistan from March 22 to 31.
- **LAMITIYE-2022**: Military exercise between the Indian and Seychelles army was held from March 22 to 31 in Seychelles.
- **SLINEX-2022**: Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise was held in Visakhapatnam on March 7-8, followed by the sea phase on March 9-10 in the Bay of Bengal.
- **Dharma Guardian 2022**: India and Japan conducted the annual joint military exercise in Belgaum, Karnataka, from Feb 27 to March 10.
- The Indian Railways successfully tested the deployment of its Automatic Train Protection system, 'Kavach'.
- *It is the world's cheapest automatic train collision protection system designed to achieve the goal of "zero accidents".*
- One of the millions of asteroids in our solar system has now got the recognition of being the first ever asteroid with three very own satellites. The asteroid is named 130 Elektra or just Elektra.

FEBRUARY

- Goa Shipyard Ltd delivered the ICGS Saksham, 5th and final vessel of the Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vehicles order to the Indian Coast Guard.
- The Indian Army commenced implementing Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging of its ammunition inventory.
- *The first consignment of RFID tagged ammunition was dispatched on Feb 09 from Ammunition Factory,*

Khadki (Pune) to Central Ammunition Depot, Pulgaon (Wardha) in Maharashtra.

- The Indian Army signed a contract for Rs 3,131.82 crore with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for the manufacturing of Konkurs-M anti-tank guided missiles.
- The fifth submarine of Project 75, Yard 11879, under Indian Navy's Kalvari class, commenced her sea trials on 01 Feb. Later, It will be named INS Vagir.
- **"Milan 2022"**: One of the biggest naval exercises started on Feb 25 in the Bay of Bengal. Quad members India, US, Australia and Japan were among 16 nations which sent their ships for the drill.
- **Eastern Bridge-VI**: The Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman organised bilateral air exercise from Feb 21 to 25 at Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan.
- Marking the first launch mission of the year 2022, ISRO launched its PSLV-C52 rocket from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh on Feb 14.
- *It placed earth observation satellite EOS-04 and two small satellites – INSPIRESat-1 and INS-2TD into the sun synchronous polar orbit at 529 km altitude.*

INTERNATIONAL

MAY

- The Saudi Arabian oil company Saudi Aramco achieved a market capitalization \$2.426 trillion on May 11, exceeding Apple's \$2.415 trillion by just over \$11 billion, becoming largest market cap company.
- India joined 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 generate 30% of global emissions.*
- US President Joe Biden launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) on May 23 in Tokyo with a dozen initial partners.
 - ✓ *IPEF is aimed at strengthening ties in the Indo-Pacific region to define the coming decades for technological innovation and the global economy.*
- 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.
- 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.



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- The 2022 edition of “The State of the World’s Forests” released by the FAO, Rome, says that forests cover 31 percent of the Earth’s land surface.
- Denmark has become the first country in the world to suspend the COVID-19 vaccination programme as the epidemic has been brought under control.

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.

PERSONS IN NEWS

MAY

Captain Abhilasha Barak: The 26 year old army officer from Haryana became the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator.

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.

Lionel Messi: Captain of Argentina’s Football team topped the Forbes’ list of World’s highest paid athletes, with a reported income of \$130 million in 2021.

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.

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.

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).

MARCH

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

FEBRUARY

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

APPOINTMENTS

MAY

Vinai Kumar Saxena: Appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by a Presidential notification.

Manik Saha: BJP state president of Tripura was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tripura on May 15.

Rajiv Kumar: Appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner, wef May 15, 2022.

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

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

Krishnan Ramanujam: Selected as the Chairperson of the national IT industry body NASSCOM for 2022-23.

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 Infosys re-appointed Mr Parekh as the MD & CEO of the Company 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.

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.

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan: Elected as President of the United Arab Emirates.

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

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. Houngbo: 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.

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

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

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

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

A Manimekhalai: Union Bank of India

Ajay Kumar Srivastava: Indian Overseas Bank

Swaroop Kumar Saha: Punjab & Sind Bank

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

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

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

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

FEBRUARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AWARDS & HONOURS

MAY

ASHA workers honoured by WHO

India's one million all-women ASHA workers were awarded and honoured by WHO for their 'outstanding' contribution to advancing global health, demonstrated leadership and commitment to regional health issues.

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.

Order of the British Empire: Conferred upon Kishore Jayaraman, President, India and South Asia for Rolls-Royce, by Her Majesty The Queen.

2022 Templeton Prize: Dr. Frank Wilczek, a Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist and author, was honoured with the prestigious Templeton Prize for his achievements in physics.

Royal Gold Medal 2022: Regarded as one of the world's highest honours for architecture, given by the Royal Institute of British Architects, London, this medal was conferred upon the Ahmedabad based 94 year old acclaimed Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi.

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.

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.

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 (WEOY) 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 Bielawska from Poland won the crown of at the 70th edition of the beauty pageant on Mar 16 at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

FEBRUARY

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

Best Actor: Ranveer Singh for '83'

Best Actress: Kriti Sanon for Mimi

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

Best Film: 'Shershaah' by Vishnuvardhan

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

OBITUARY

MAY

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

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”.

PLACES IN NEWS

MAY

Kolkata: Became the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity.

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.

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.

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.

Jamtara: This district in Jharkhand has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries.

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.

Vietnam’s Bach Long glass pedestrian bridge was opened to the public. The 632m (2,073ft) long bridge is supposed to be the world’s longest glass bridge

✓ *Made from French clear tempered glass, it is strong enough to support up to 450 people at a time.*

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.

SPORTS WORLD

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.

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.

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. However, he broke the 30 year old National Record of 13:29:70, set by Bahadur Prasad in 1992.

Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal on May 02 at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships at Heraklion in Greece.

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.

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.

The 24th Summer Deaflympics were held in Brazil's Caxias Du Sul from 1st to 15th of May. India won 16 medals that included 8 gold, 1 silver and 7 bronze.

Khelo India University Games 2021

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.

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

The 4th Khelo India Youth Games: Jaya the blackbuck, Vijay the tiger and Dhakad the bull were unveiled as the three mascots for the biggest sports event in the U-18 age category, to be held in Haryana from 4-13 June.

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

APRIL

India's Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal created history by 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 Sathyan in the men's singles summit clash at Shillong on April 25.

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

India defeated France 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 Emola, Italy.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sportstar Aces Awards-2022:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS WORLD

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

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

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

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

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

FEBRUARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Women's singles title was won by world number one Ashleigh Barty, after defeating Danielle Collins of USA on

Jan 29. She became the first Australian after 1978 to win a grand slam on home ground.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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JULY GK TEST - 01

1. As per which article of the Indian Constitution, the President can nominate 12 members of the Rajya Sabha?
 - a. 29 (2)
 - b. 63
 - c. 80(a)
 - d. 197
 - e. 363
2. For the first time in FIFA World Cup history, its 23rd edition will be hosted jointly by three nations, in 2026. Select the correct option?
 - a. France, England and Germany
 - b. Brazil, Argentina and Colombia
 - c. Paraguay, Chile and Peru
 - d. USA, Canada and Mexico
 - e. Spain, Portugal and Italy
3. What was the theme of this year's International Yoga Day celebrated on June 21?
 - a. Life with Yoga
 - b. Health is Yoga
 - c. Yog makes your life
 - d. Yoga for Humanity
 - e. #Yoga@everday
4. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched an innovative project named NIPUN on June 20 in New Delhi, for which category of workers?
 - a. Road labourers
 - b. Construction workers
 - c. Industrial workers
 - d. Factory labourers
 - e. Women labourers
5. The Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared IT resources of three top financial institutions as 'Critical Information Infrastructure' (CII). Which of the following is correct in this context?
 - a. PNB, SBI and NPCI
 - b. LIC, ICICI Bank and SBI
 - c. SBI, HDFC Bank and ICICI
 - d. ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and NPCI
 - e. NPCI, SBI and LIC
6. The Dutch documentary film "Turn Your Body to the Sun" won which award for the Best Documentary Film at the MIFF-2022?
 - a. Golden Lion
 - b. Nataraja Statuette
 - c. Golden Conch
 - d. Statuette of Mumba Devi
 - e. Golden Clap
7. With the joining of _____ state, the ONORC scheme has been successfully implemented in all the 36 states and UTs:
 - a. Rajasthan
 - b. Chhattisgarh
 - c. Jharkhand
 - d. Assam
 - e. West Bengal
8. Name the senior Diplomat who has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations:
 - a. Vinay Kwatra
 - b. Ms. Ruchira Kamboj
 - c. Sanjay Verma
 - d. Dammu Ravi
 - e. Saurabh Kumar
9. Deficit financing leads to inflation in general, but it can be checked if
 - a. Government expenditure leads to increase in the aggregate supply in proportion to aggregate demand
 - b. Only aggregate demand is increased
 - c. All the expenditure is denoted national debt payment only
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above
10. Consider the following pairs:
 - 1) Basel III – Artificial Intelligence
 - 2) Blockchain –Crypto currency
 - 3) CRILC – Credit Rating
 - 4) CREDAI – Real Estate
 Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
 - a. 1 and 3 only
 - b. 2 only
 - c. 2 and 3 only
 - d. 1, 2 and 3
 - e. 2 and 4 only
11. Consider the following statements with reference to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which was in the news recently:
 1. It's an overseas unit of RBI.
 2. It has 39 global members.
 3. It takes measures to prevent money laundering and terror financing.
 4. It is based in Mumbai
 Which of the above statements are correct?
 - a. Only 4 and 2
 - b. 2, 3 and 4 only
 - c. only 2
 - d. only 3 and 1
 - e. Only 2 and 3 are correct
12. A devastating 6.1 magnitude earthquake in Afghanistan claimed more than 1,000 people and left at least 1,500 injured. It ravaged which part of Afghanistan?

- a. Northern b. North eastern
c. Western d. South Eastern
e. Southern
13. Which state started the country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', in its five villages?
a. Karnataka
b. Madhya Pradesh
c. Gujarat d. Odisha
e. Tripura
14. Draupadi Murmu is the presidential candidate of the National Democratic Alliance. She hails from which state?
a. Bihar b. Odisha
c. Chhattisgarh d. West Bengal
e. Jharkhand
15. Which BRICS member country hosted the 14th summit of BRICS on June 23?
a. Brazil b. Russia
c. India d. China
e. South Africa
16. Who has been named the captain of the Indian squad for the Women's Hockey World Cup 2022 to be held in Spain and the Netherlands between July 1 and July 17, 2022?
a. Ritu Rani
b. Jaspreet Kaur
c. Savita Punia
d. Punam Barla
e. Deep Grace Ekka
17. The 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was hosted by which country on June 24-25 at its capital city, Kigali?
a. Kenya b. Ethiopia
c. Rwanda d. Zambia
e. Namibia
18. The 48th G-7 Summit was held in the Bavarian Alps. It is in which country?
a. France b. Germany
c. Italy d. UK
e. Canada
19. Team Madhya Pradesh defeated which team to win their maiden Ranji Trophy on June 25?
a. Mumbai b. Karnataka
c. Delhi d. Tamil Nadu
e. Vidarbha
20. The motif of 'Hampi's stone chariot' is printed on the reverse of which currency note?
a. One Rupee Note
b. Rs. 10 note
c. Rs. 50 note
d. Rs. 100 note
e. Rs. 500 note
21. 'European Bank for Reconstruction and Development' is a multilateral development bank set up in 1991 after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Its headquarters are in _____.
a. Manila b. London
c. Jakarta d. Geneva
e. Kuala Lumpur
22. V Krishnamurthy, leading technocrat, passed away on June 26 at his Chennai home. Consider the following statements in this regard?
1. He was popularly known as "Father of Indian PSUs"
2. He served twice as Member of the Planning Commission
3. He headed three major PSUs, BHEL, Maruti Udyog and SAIL
4. He was conferred Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan for his meritorious services.
Select the correct option:
a. Only 1 and 4 are correct
b. Only 1 and 2 are correct
c. Only 3 and 4 are correct
d. Only 1, 3 and 4 are correct
e. All four are correct
23. Pallonji Mistry, head of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, died on June 28 at the age of 93 in Mumbai. What is the main business of this Group?
a. Oil & Gas
b. Bulk transport
c. Iron and Steel
d. Construction
e. Minerals & Coal
24. Ronaldo Singh, the 20 year old Cycling Champion from _____ scripted history on June 22 by becoming first Indian to win Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022:
a. Punjab b. Haryana
c. Rajasthan d. Manipur
e. Assam
25. As per the Global Liveability Index 2022 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), London, which is the "most liveable city"?
a. London b. Osaka
c. Vienna d. Copenhagen
e. Zurich
26. What is the name of India's first mRNA vaccine that was approved by DCGI on June 28 for emergency use?
a. Neurovac b. Sinopharm
c. Moderna d. GemcoVac
e. Covovax
27. Which big bank received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India for setting up its proposed "operations support subsidiary" aimed at bringing down the cost-to-income ratio?
a. PNB b. SBI
c. ICICI Bank d. HDFC Bank
e. Axis Bank
28. ISRO successfully launched three satellites of which country on June 30 from the spaceport at Sriharikota?
a. Hong Kong b. Singapore
c. S Korea d. Vietnam
e. Italy
29. The disqualification of the Members of Parliament and of the state legislatures on the ground of defection has been provided in which schedule of the Constitution?
a. 10th b. 19th
c. 29th d. 63rd
e. 97th
30. Premier stock exchange Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has secured trade mark for its building in Mumbai. What is its name?
a. Dada Bhai Naroji Bhawan
b. Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers
c. Mata Jeejeebhoy Towers
d. Phiroze Dada Bhai Bhawan
e. Jamshed Ji Memorial Arena
31. A recent headline in the newspapers was "The Cabinet

- Committee on Economic Affairs approved the computerization of PACS in the country". This news is associated with which field?**
a. Petrochemicals
b. Primary Education
c. Farm Credit
d. Print Media
e. Handloom sector
- 32. The DRDO alongwith Indian Army successfully tested on June 30 the indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) named Abhyas. What type of weapon/equipment is it?**
a. Ballistic Missile
b. Torpedo
c. Drone
d. Light Helicopter
e. Cruise Missile
- 33. It is one of the world's largest naval war games including the four 'Quad' countries and the nations around the South China Sea. What is its name?**
a. RIMPAC b. AL PACINO
c. DRUMSTICK d. RIM O' FIC
e. NAVALINK
- 34. National Doctor's Day on July 01 marks the birth/death anniversary of renowned Physician Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy (Bharat Ratna). He also served as the Chief Minister of an Indian state. Can you name it?**
a. West Bengal b. Manipur
c. Assam d. Bihar
e. Tripura
- 35. In India, a separate Ministry of Cooperation has been set up at the Centre to promote cooperatives. It is headed by which minister?**
a. Piyush Goel b. Amit Shah
c. Nitin Gadkari d. Giriraj Singh
e. Ashwini Vaishnav
- 36. The DRDO successfully carried out the maiden flight of India's first "Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator" on July 01 from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga. It is in which state?**
a. Rajasthan b. Odisha
c. Kerala d. Karnataka
e. Jharkhand
- 37. India's largest floating solar power project, 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project became fully operational on July 01 at Ramagundam. It is in which state?**
a. Andhra Pradesh
b. Telangana
c. Karnataka
d. Tamil Nadu
e. Chhattisgarh
- 38. Indian Railways achieved the best-ever monthly freight loading of over 125 million tonnes in June this year, recording a growth of 11.28 per cent over the same period in 2021. Which single item constituted the bulk of it?**
a. Coal b. Fertilisers
c. Iron & Steel d. Food grains
e. Cement
- 39. Honourable Madam Draupadi Murmu is the first tribal to be elected as the President. She belongs to which tribe?**
a. Gond b. Bhil
c. Santhal d. Khond
e. Muria
- 40. Which of the following are decided by the Reserve Bank of India?**
I. Deposit interest rates
II. Base Rate
III. Prime Lending Rate
Select the correct answer using the codes given below
a. Only I b. Only II
c. Only III d. II and III
e. None of these
- 41. On June 29, NASA launched CAPSTONE, a microwave oven-sized CubeSat, not from USA, but from _____:**
a. France b. Canada
c. Spain d. Australia
e. New Zealand
- 42. As per the recent amendment to the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), now relatives abroad can send up to _____ lakh rupees without informing the government:**
a. 5 b. 10
c. 12 d. 15
e. 20
- 43. Who has been crowned Femina Miss India 2022 winner on July 03 at Mumbai?**
a. Shinata Chauhan
b. Rubal Shekhawat
c. Sini Shetty
d. Shinata Shekhawat
e. Rubal Chauhan
- 44. Government has decided to constitute the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB). Consider the following statements in this regard:**
1. FSIB will replace Banks Board Bureau
2. FSIB will be an autonomous professional body
3. FSIB will help public sector banks, FIs and insurers in developing business strategies and capital raising plans
4. FSIB will act as head-hunter for top executives of public-sector banks, financial institutions and insurers.
Select the right option:
a. Only 1, 2 and 4 are correct
b. Only 3 and 4 are correct
c. Only 1 and 2 are correct
d. Only 2, 3 and 4 are correct
e. All four are correct
- 45. Government completed the strategic disinvestment process of the Nilachal Ispat Nigam Limited on July 4 by transferring its ownership to Tata Steel Long Products Limited at an enterprise value of 12100 crore rupees. This steel plant is in which state?**
a. Jharkhand
b. Chhattisgarh
c. Karnataka
d. Odisha
e. West Bengal
- 46. Alfiya Pathan and Gitika, India's champion girl boxers won gold medals at the inaugural edition of the Elorda Boxing Cup. It was hosted by which country?**
a. Bulgaria b. Kazakhstan
c. Israel d. Romania
e. South Korea

47. July 6 is observed as World Zoonoses Day. Examine following statements in this context:

1. Zoonotic diseases are confined to zoo animals only
2. Zoonoses are infectious diseases spread through virus and/or bacteria
3. Zoonoses spread from animals to humans
4. Zoonotic diseases do not spread from humans to animals

Select the correct option:

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

48. According to the External Affairs Minister of India, the vision of India in the Indo-Pacific region is based on 'SAGAR'. Which one of the followings is the correct full form of 'SAGAR'?

- a. Security And Growth for All in the Region
- b. Stability And Growth For All In the Region
- c. Sustainability And Growth For All In the Region
- d. Sovereignty And Growth For All In the Region
- e. Security And Governance For All In the Region

49. Which of the following are the instruments of Credit Control in the hands of the RBI?

- I. Lowering or raising the Bank Rate
- II. Raising the minimum support price of the major agro products.
- III. Lowering or raising the minimum cash reserves maintained by the commercial banks.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. Only I
- b. Only II
- c. Only III
- d. Both I and III
- e. Both II and III

50. Sweden and Finland signed the Accession Protocols at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels on July 5. How many members are there in the NATO Group?

- a. 21
- b. 23
- c. 27
- d. 30
- e. 33

JULY GK TEST - 02

1. The President of India nominated four new members to the Rajya Sabha on July 06. Which one of the following is NOT one of them?

- a. Music maestro Ilaiyaraaja
- b. Sports icon P T Usha
- c. Acclaimed screenwriter V Vijayendra Prasad
- d. Business tycoon Anand Mahindra
- e. Spiritual Guru Veerendra Heggade

2. _____ became the first state to link its ambitious scheme One District One Product - ODOP to the Union Commerce Ministry's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC):

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Rajasthan
- c. Haryana
- d. Chhattisgarh
- e. Uttar Pradesh

3. Boris Johnson, British prime minister announced his resignation on July 7 as the leader of which political party?

- a. Labour Party
- b. Conservative Party
- c. Liberal Democratic Party
- d. Ultra Conservative Party
- e. National Labour Party

4. Who scripted a new world record by becoming the first captain in the history of cricket to win 14 successive T20 Internationals?

- a. Virat Kohli
- b. Babar Azam
- c. Rohit Sharma
- d. Joe root
- e. Steve Smith

5. July 10 is observed as the National Fish Farmers' Day. Who is the current union minister for the Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Ministry?

- a. Sarbanada Sonowal
- b. Pralhad Joshi
- c. Virendra Kumar
- d. Parshottam Rupala
- e. Giriraj Singh

6. Shinzo Abe, former prime minister of Japan, was shot dead on July 8. Which of the following statements is NOT true in this context?

- a. He was the longest serving prime minister of Japan
- b. He was 67 years old.
- c. He lost elections in 2020.
- d. He was killed in the city of Nara
- e. He resigned as PM in 2020 on health grounds.

7. The 135th edition of the oldest tennis tournament, Wimbledon, came to an end on July 10. This is the only Grand Slam that is played on _____ court:

- a. Clay
- b. Hard
- c. Grass
- d. Turf
- e. Carpet

8. What is the number of member countries in the multi-lateral group ASEAN - Association of South East Nations?

- a) 9
- b) 10
- c) 11
- d) 12
- e) 13

9. Many times, we read about future trading in newspapers. What is 'future trading'?

I. It is nothing but a trade between any two stock exchanges, wherein it is decided to purchase the stocks of each other on a fixed price throughout the year.

II. It is an agreement between two parties to buy or sell an underlying asset in the future at a predetermined price.

III. It is regulated by Indian Contract Act

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

10. _____ became the first Indian bank to launch the Metaverse Virtual Lounge and Open Banking Sandbox environment techno features for its customers:

- a. Bank of Baroda
- b. Canara Bank
- c. Yes Bank
- d. HDFC Bank
- e. Union Bank of India

11. India's biggest national emblem was unveiled atop the new parliament building on July 11. It is an adaptation from the Lion Capital of Emperor Ashoka which is preserved in the Sarnath Museum. It is in which city?

- a. Bhopal
- b. Patna
- c. Varanasi
- d. Kushinagar
- e. Cuttack

12. Which state has been declared as the host for the 36th National Games to be held from September 27 to October 10?

- a. Kerala
- b. Odisha
- c. Jharkhand
- d. Maharashtra
- e. Gujarat

13. NASA released one of the first images of the early universe taken from the James Webb Space Telescope, on July 12. Which of the following statements is NOT correct in this context?
 - a. It is the first satellite based telescope of NASA
 - b. It is world's most powerful satellite based infrared telescope
 - c. It was launched on December 25, 2021
 - d. It has been co developed by NASA, ESA and CSA
 - e. The image shows a galaxy cluster named SMACS 0723
14. World's longest double decker viaduct, running 3.14 km with highway flyover and metro rail over it, has been constructed in which Indian city?
 - a. Mumbai
 - b. Pune
 - c. Lucknow
 - d. Nagpur
 - e. Bengaluru
15. Raja Ram Mohan Roy award is given for outstanding excellence in which field?
 - a. Journalism
 - b. Social work
 - c. Women empowerment
 - d. Literature
 - e) None of these
16. The UN special agency International Maritime Organisation is based in which city?
 - a. Rome
 - b. Venice
 - c. London
 - d. Vienna
 - e. Geneva
17. What is the Public Debt Office of Reserve Bank of India?
 - a. It is a central depository for all types of Government securities except Treasury Bills
 - b. Attends to the function of note issue the Reserve Bank of India
 - c. Is responsible for maintaining external value of the rupee
 - d. Controls balance of payment position of the Government of India
 - e. None of the given options is true
18. Which Indian space tech startup launched India's first rocket factory to make 3D-printed engines end-to-end?
 - a. Spacefire
 - b. Dhruva Space
 - c. Agnikul Cosmos
 - d. Pixxel
 - e. Astro Labs
19. Which country gave the best performance in the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022, released on July 10?
 - a. Austria
 - b. England
 - c. Italy
 - d. Denmark
 - e. Iceland
20. Which country hosted the first virtual summit of the four-nation grouping 'I2U2' (India-Israel; USA-UAE) on July 14?
 - a. Israel
 - b. India
 - c. UAE
 - d. USA
 - e. UK
21. The Women and Child Development Ministry launched the Mission Shakti on July 14. Which of the following is NOT correct in this context?
 - a. It aims to promote the safety and security of women
 - b. It aims to provide employment to rural women
 - c. It will work for overall empowerment of women
 - d. It aims to help women victims of crime and violence.
 - e. It aims to provide support and assistance to women in distress
22. Pallavi Singh, the beauty queen from _____, Uttar Pradesh won the Mrs Universe Divine Title in South Korea:
 - a. Lucknow
 - b. Bareilly
 - c. Kanpur
 - d. Varanasi
 - e. Agra
23. According to the new air quality limits set by the WHO, average annual PM2.5 concentrations should be no higher than five micrograms per cubic meter. What does PM stand for?
 - a. Particulate Matter
 - b. Particular Mass
 - c. Prevalent Moisture
 - d. Post Morte
 - e. Present Matter
24. The approved assets against which currency notes are issued by RBI comprise of-
 - a. Gold coin and bullion and rupee coin
 - b. Foreign securities and Government of India rupee securities of any maturity
 - c. Bills of exchange and promissory notes payable in India which are eligible for purchase by RBI
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the given options is true
25. The government issued fresh guidelines for the Mission _____, (formerly known as Child Protection Services Scheme) for securing a healthy and happy childhood for each and every child in the country:
 - a. Baalak
 - b. Shishudhan
 - c. Balmitra
 - d. Vatsalya
 - e. Matrisneh
26. Which institute/university secured overall first rank for the fourth successive year in the NIRF ranking 2022 released on July 22?
 - a. IIT Ahmedabad
 - b. IIM Lucknow
 - c. IISc Bengaluru
 - d. IIT Madras
 - e. JNU Delhi
27. Which state has become the first state in the country to have 13 expressways, having a total length of 3,200 kilometres?
 - a. Maharashtra
 - b. Uttar Pradesh
 - c. Rajasthan
 - d. Gujarat
 - e. Madhya Pradesh
28. The 2025 World Athletics Championships will be hosted by which city?
 - a. Rio-de-Janeiro
 - b. Sydney
 - c. Montreal
 - d. Beijing
 - e. Tokyo
29. Which ministry's website was ranked first among all the Central Ministries Portal in a National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment?
 - a. Home Ministry
 - b. Finance Ministry
 - c. Defence Ministry
 - d. Railway Ministry
 - e. Agriculture Ministry
30. _____ has now become the first and the only state in the country to have its own internet service:
 - a. Odisha
 - b. Manipur
 - c. Goa
 - d. Kerala
 - e. Sikkim
31. Which global organisation releases the World Economic Outlook report?
 - a. World Bank
 - b. OECD
 - c. WEF
 - d. IMF
 - e. JICA
32. Who among the following is the NOT a current Deputy Governor of RBI?
 - a. Mahesh Kumar Jain
 - b. T Rabi Sankar
 - c. M Rajeswar Rao
 - d. B P Kanungo
 - e. M Debabrata Patra
33. What is the name of the fourth and latest ship of the Indian Navy's 17A Frigates, launched on July 15 into the Hooghly River?
 - a. Dhaulagiri
 - b. Krishnagiri
 - c. Dunagiri
 - d. Nilgiri
 - e. Dronagiri
34. Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar has been announced as the Vice-Presidential candidate by the BJP led NDA. Which of the following

statements is NOT correct in this context?

- He was Governor of West Bengal
- He hails from Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan
- He is a former member of Lok Sabha
- All the MPs and state MLAs will vote to elect the Vice President
- He practised as an advocate before joining politics

35. What is the name of the mascot in the form of a young lady that was recently launched by the Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, for empowering consumers and generating awareness towards their rights?

- Sayaani
- Vidushi
- Jagriti
- Jagoree
- Sajgaa

36. INS Sindhudhvaj bid adieu to the Indian Navy on July 16, after serving for a glorious period of 35 years. What type of warship was it?

- Cruiser
- Destroyer
- Frigate
- Corvette
- Submarine

37. PV Sindhu, ace Indian shuttler clinched Women's Single title of _____ Open on July 16:

- Thailand
- Malaysia
- Manila
- Singapore
- Indonesia

38. Bhupinder Singh, a noted bollywood personality passed away in Mumbai on July 18. He was a renowned _____:

- Comedian
- Lyricist
- Ghazal singer
- Script writer
- Musician

39. Who among the following is regarded as the Father of Sanskrit grammar?

- Kalidasa
- Charak
- Panini
- Aryabhatt
- Vedvrat

40. Which of the following is NOT a type of Tropical Storm?

- Hurricane
- Typhoon
- Cyclone
- Blizzard
- Tornado

41. 'Smart Money' is a term used for-

- Internet banking
- FDRs in banks
- Credit cards
- Demand drafts of banks
- Bank Note

42. Government has formulated a "National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation

Ecosystem" scheme for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks. Which of the following statements is NOT true in this context?

- The scheme has a short name 'NAMASTE'
- It aims to achieve zero fatalities in sanitation work
- It will facilitate bank funding for sanitary machinery
- It aims that sanitation workers do not come in direct contact with human faecal matter
- It aims to provide alternative livelihoods to sanitation workers.

43. Government plans to launch a scheme to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports, based on Facial Recognition Technology. What is its name?

- Nirbaadh
- Sugam Yatra
- Digi Yatra
- Vayu Mitra
- Yatri Mitra

44. Name the England all-rounder and captain of the test team, who announced retirement from ODI (One Day International) Cricket on July 18:

- Jonny Bairstow
- Joe Root
- Jason Roy
- Chris Woakes
- Ben Stokes

45. Consider the following statements-

- Second nationalization of banks was done in 1980.
 - Seven banks forming subsidiaries of State Bank of India were nationalised in 1960.
 - SBI was nationalised in 1949.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- Only 1
 - Only 2
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Both 2 and 3
 - Only 3

46. India was re-elected to the UN Human Rights Council for a record 6th term. Where are the HQs of the UNHRC?

- Geneva
- Zurich
- Rome
- Brussels
- The Hague

47. Jawaharlal Nehru Port has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India where all berths are being operated on PPP (public-private partnership) model. It is located in which place?

- Visakhapatnam
- Mangaluru
- Paradip
- Mumbai
- Mormugao

48. World Chess Day on July 20 marks the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) on this day in Paris in 1924. Where are the headquarters of FIDE?

- Geneva
- Ottawa
- Paris
- Lausanne
- Vienna

49. Which one of the following river flows between Vindhyan and Satpura ranges?

- Narmada
- Mahanadi
- Son
- Netravati
- Tapti

50. The term 'Ways and Means Advances refers to-

- The advances allowed under DRI Scheme by commercial banks
- The advances allowed by commercial banks under Twenty Point Economic Programme
- The temporary advances made to the government by RBI
- All of the above
- None of the given options is true

ANSWER KEY | JULY | GK TEST | 1

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

ANSWER KEY | JULY | GK TEST | 2

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

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(MODEL TEST PAPER)



REASONING ABILITY

Directions - These questions consists of a question and two statements numbered I and II given below it. You have to decide whether the data given in the statements are sufficient to answer the questions. Read both the statements and choose the most appropriate option.

- 1) How many people are standing between L and K in the line of 19 people (Note: All are standing in a straight line facing north)?
I. Y stands to the extreme left end of the line. Only five people stand between Y and K. Only six people stand between K and R. Only four people stand between R and L.
II. J stands exactly in the centre of the line. Only two people stand between I and J. Only five people stand between I and L. I stands to the left of L. K stands third to the left of J.
- a) The data given in both statements I and II together are **not** sufficient to answer the question
b) The data in **both** statements I and II together are necessary to answer the question
c) The data in statement **II alone** is sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement I alone is not sufficient to answer the question
d) The data **either** in statement I alone or statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question
e) The data in statement **I alone** is sufficient to answer the question while the data in statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question
- 2) Among six people – A, B, C, D, E and F standing around a circle some facing the centre while some facing outside (i.e.

opposite to the centre) what is the position of A with respect to E?

(Note: Facing the same direction means, if one is facing the centre then the other also faces the centre and vice versa. Facing the opposite directions means if one is facing the centre then the other faces outside and vice versa)

I. C stands second to the right of E. E faces outside. C is an immediate neighbour of both D and B. F stands second to the left of D. D faces the same direction as E.

II. Only two people stand between B and E. Both B and E face outside. E is an immediate neighbour of both D and F. B is an immediate neighbour of both C and A. A is not an immediate neighbour of D.

a) The data in **both** statements I and II together are necessary to answer the question

b) The data in statement **II alone** is sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement I alone is not sufficient to answer the question

c) The data given in both statements I and II together are **not** sufficient to answer the question

d) The data **either** in statement I alone or statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question

e) The data in statement **I alone** is sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question

- 3) How is X related N?

I. X is mother of J. T is married to Z. N is the daughter of T. Z is the brother of J.

II. X is married to Y. Y is the father of J. J is married to M and Z is the uncle of N.

- a) The data given in both statements I and II together are **not** sufficient to answer the question
- b) The data in statement **I alone** is sufficient to answer the question while the data in statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question
- c) The data **either** in statement I alone or statement II alone are sufficient to answer the question
- d) The data in **both** statements I and II together are necessary to answer the question
- e) The data in statement **II alone** is sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement I alone is not sufficient to answer the question

4) Among mobiles R, S, T, U, V and W which is costlier?

I. T is costlier than only two mobiles. S is costlier than R but not the costliest. V is costlier than only W.

II. R is cheaper than only two mobiles. V is costlier than W but cheaper than T. T is cheaper than R. S is cheaper than U.

- a) The data in statement **II alone** is sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement I alone is not sufficient to answer the question
- b) The data given in both statements I and II together are **not** sufficient to answer the question
- c) The data **either** in statement I alone or statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question
- d) The data in statement **I alone** is sufficient to answer the question while the data in statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question
- e) The data in **both** statements I and II together are necessary to answer the question

5) In a six story building (consisting of floors numbered 1 to 6, wherein the topmost floor is numbered 6 and the ground floor is numbered 1) each of the six friends namely M, N, O, P, Q and R lives on a different floor (Not necessarily in the same order). Who amongst them lives on the lower most floor?

I. M lives on floor numbered five. Only two people live between M and N. Q lives immediately above P.

II. P lives on floor numbered three. Only two people live between P and O. N lives immediately above R. N lives on even numbered floor.

- a) The data given in both statements I and II together are **not** sufficient to answer the question
- b) The data in statement **II alone** is sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement I alone is not sufficient to answer the question
- c) The data in statement **I alone** is sufficient to answer the question while the data in statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question
- d) The data **either** in statement I alone or statement II alone are sufficient to answer the question
- e) The data in **both** statements I and II together are necessary to answer the question

Directions – In these questions there are given four statements followed by five conclusions, one of which definitely does not logically follow (or is not a possibility or occurrence) from the given statements. That conclusion is your answer.

(Note: You have to take the four given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.)

6) Statements:

No toy is a doll.
All guns are toys.
All houses are dolls.
All dolls are baskets.

Conclusions:

- a) All baskets are toys
b) No gun is a house
c) All guns being baskets is a possibility
d) All houses are baskets
e) No doll is a gun

7) Statements:

Some logics are reasons.
All reasons are arguments.
All arguments are fights.
No fight is a discussion.

Conclusions:

- a) All discussions being logics is a possibility
b) No discussion is an argument
c) All logics being discussion is a possibility

- d) All reasons are fights
e) No reason is a discussion
- 8) **Statements:**
All references are mails.
All mentions are references.
All comments are mentions.
No mail is a declaration.
Conclusions:
a) No reference is a declaration
b) All comments are mails.
c) No mention is a declaration
d) All declarations being comments is a possibility
e) Atleast some mails are mentions
- 9) **Statements:**
Some moments are flashes.
All moments are seconds.
All flashes are instances.
No instance is an hour.
Conclusions:
a) All hours being second is a possibility
b) No second is a flash
c) No hour is a flash
d) Atleast some moments are instances
e) Atleast some seconds are instances
- 10) **Statements:**
All circles are spheres.
All spheres are rectangles.
No rectangle is a pyramid.
No pyramid is a triangle.
Conclusions:
a) Atleast some circles are pyramids
b) All triangles being circles is a possibility
c) All rectangles being triangles is a possibility
d) Atleast some rectangles are circles
e) No pyramid is a sphere

Directions - Study the following information and answer the question.

Seven friends namely L, M, N, O, P, Q and R like the different animated movies namely, Finding Nemo, Rio, Frozen, Up, Lion King, Shrek and Cars but not necessarily in the same order. Each friend also has a presentation on topics of different subjects namely Civics, History, English, Geography, Chemistry, Physics and Biology but not necessarily in the same order.

Q has a presentation on Civics and likes neither Frozen nor Up. The one who likes Finding Nemo has a presentation on History. L likes Rio and has a presentation neither on Geography nor on Chemistry.

The one who likes Cars has a presentation on Biology. M has a presentation on Physics and does not like up. The one who likes Up does not have a presentation on chemistry. O likes Lion King. R does not have a presentation on History and does not like Up. P does not like Up.

- 11) **On which of the following subjects P has a presentation?**
a) Chemistry b) English
c) Biology
d) Other than those given as options
e) Geography
- 12) **Four of the following five form a group as per the given arrangement. Which of the following does not belong to that group?**
a) R - Cars b) Q - Shrek
c) N - Up d) M - Frozen
e) P - Rio
- 13) **Which of the following combinations is definitely correct?**
a) N - Chemistry b) R - History
c) L - English
d) All the give combinations are definitely correct
e) P - Geography
- 14) **Which of the following combinations of movie and subject is definitely correct with respect to N?**
a) Up - Chemistry
b) Other than those given as options
c) Shrek - Geography d) Up - Geography
e) Finding Nemo - History
- 15) **Four of the following five form a group as per the given arrangement. Which of the following does not belong to that group?**
a) Biology - cars
b) Chemistry - Lion King
c) Civics - Shrek d) English - Frozen
e) Geography - Up
- 16) **Which of the following movies does Q like?**
a) Shrek
b) Other than those given as options
c) Finding Nemo d) Lion King
e) Cars

Directions - In the given question assuming the given statements to be true, find which of the given four conclusion I, II, III and IV is true and give your answer accordingly.

- 17) **Statements:**
 $S > M \geq D > H \leq R \leq T < W$
Conclusions:
 I. $S > H$ II. $W > H$
 III. $R < W$ IV. $M > T$
 a) Only I, II and III are true
 b) Only II is true
 c) Only I and II are true
 d) Only I and either II or IV are true
 e) All I, II, III and IV are true
- 18) **Statements:**
 $M > U > L \leq N$; $L \geq Y > A$
Conclusions:
 I. $Y < N$ II. $M > N$
 III. $N = Y$ IV. $M > A$
 a) Only either II or III is true
 b) Only IV and either I or III are true
 c) Only IV is true
 d) Only II is true
 e) Only III is true
- 19) **Statements:**
 $J \geq A > D = E$; $L < A < M$
Conclusions:
 I. $M < J$ II. $J > L$
 III. $D > L$ IV. $E < M$
 a) Only II is true
 b) Only I and II are true
 c) None is true
 d) Only II and IV are true
 e) Only I and II are true
- 20) **Statements:**
 $Y > F \leq O \leq P$; $F \geq U < T$
Conclusions:
 I. $Y > P$ II. $T < F$
 III. $O > T$ IV. $P < U$
 a) Only I is true b) Only II is true
 c) Only III is true d) None is true
 e) Only I and IV are true
- 21) **Statements:**
 $M \geq N \leq Y \leq R < U = Z \geq E$
Conclusions:
 I. $M > R$ II. $Z \leq R$
 III. $R > E$ IV. $Z > Y$
 a) Only I and II are true
 b) Only IV is true
 c) None is true
 d) Only II and IV are true
 e) Only II and III are true

- 22) **Statements:**
 $P \geq Q \leq C \leq B = M > D$
Conclusions:
 I. $M > Q$ II. $D \leq P$
 III. $M = Q$ IV. $C > D$
 a) None is true
 b) Only IV is true
 c) Only either I or II are true
 d) Only II and III are true
 e) Only either I or III is true

Directions - Study the following information carefully and answer the given question.

A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are sitting around a square table in such a way that four of them sit at four corners of the square while four sit in the middle of each of the four sides. The ones who sit at the four corners face the centre of the table while those who sit in the middle of the sides face outside. Each one of them likes a different subject viz. Mathematics, Hindi, English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History and Geography. (None of the information given is necessarily in the same order).

C sits third to the left of the one who likes Geography. The one who likes Geography faces outside. Only two people sit between C and H. The one who likes Mathematics sits to immediate right of H.

The one who likes Chemistry sits second to right of G. G is neither an immediate neighbour of H nor C. G does not like the Geography.

Only one person sit between A and the one who likes Chemistry.

D sits to immediate left of the one who likes Physics. G does not like Physics.

E likes History. E is not an immediate neighbour of A.

The one who likes Hindi is an immediate neighbour of E.

The one who likes Biology is an immediate neighbour of F.

- 23) **Who among the following sits diagonally opposite the one who likes Mathematics?**
 a) The one who likes Hindi
 b) D
 c) A
 d) The one who likes English
 e) The one who likes Biology

- 24) Who among the following represent the immediate neighbours of the one who likes Chemistry?
 a) B, F b) C, E
 c) B, E d) D, F
 e) F, H
- 25) Who amongst the following sits exactly between H and B?
 a) C
 b) The one who likes Hindi
 c) The one who likes English
 d) G e) A
- 26) Which of the following is true regarding B?
 a) B is one of the immediate neighbours of D
 b) The one who likes Geography is an immediate neighbour of B
 c) B sits second to left of H
 d) B likes History
 e) B is an immediate neighbour of the one who likes Mathematics
- 27) What is the position of the one who likes Physics with respect to G?
 a) Second to the left b) Third to the right
 c) Fourth to the left d) Second to the right
 e) Third to the left
- 28) Which of the following subjects does D like?
 a) Biology b) Mathematics
 c) Hindi d) Chemistry
 e) English
- 29) Who amongst the following likes Geography?
 a) B b) F
 c) H d) A
 e) D

Directions – Read the given information carefully and answer the given question.

Point N is 8 m to the west of Point O. Point P is 4 m to the south of Point O. Point Q is 4 m to the east of point P. Point R is 6 m to the north of Point Q. Point S is 8 m to the west of Point R. Point T is 2 m to the south of Point S.

- 30) How far and in which direction is Point T from Point N?
 a) 4 m to the east b) 8 m to the west
 c) 4 m to the west d) 6 m to the east
 e) 6 m to the south
- 31) If Point T is 4 m to the north of Point E, then what is the distance between E and Q?
 a) 11 m b) 8 m

- c) 15 m d) 5 m
 e) 9 m

Directions – Study the following information to answer the given question.

A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are sitting in a straight line equidistant from each other (but not necessarily in the same order). Some of them are facing south while some are facing north.

(Note: Facing the same direction means. If one is facing north then the other also faces north and vice versa. Facing the opposite directions means. If one is facing North then the other faces south and vice versa).

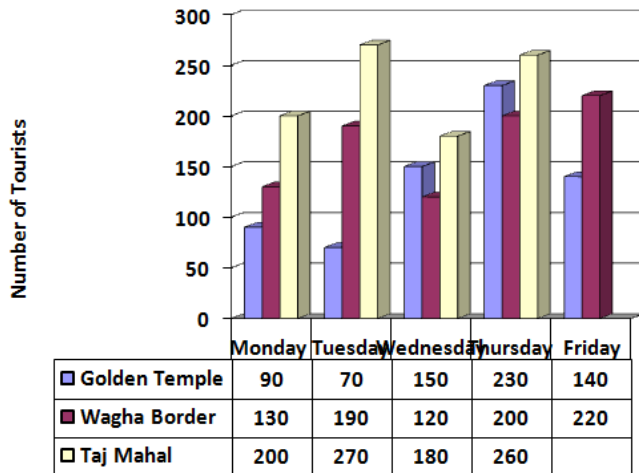
H faces north. C sits at one of the extreme ends of the line. A sits third to the left of C. D is not an immediate neighbour of C. G sits third to the right of A. B sits to the immediate right of G. B does not sit at any of the extreme ends of the line. Only one person sits between F and D. G sits second to the left of F. E sits second to the right of B. Both the immediate neighbours of G face the same direction. Both the immediate neighbours of A face the opposite directions. E faces the same direction as B.

- 32) Who among the following sits second to the right of F?
 a) H b) D
 c) C d) G
 e) A
- 33) Which of the following is true with respect to the given information?
 a) G sits at one of the extreme ends of line
 b) B sits exactly between A and F
 c) B sits third to the right of E
 d) A faces north
 e) A sits second to the left of B
- 34) How many persons in the given arrangement facing North?
 a) Four b) One
 c) Three d) Two
 e) More than four
- 35) Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and so form a group. Which of the following does not belong to the group?
 a) B, A b) D, C
 c) E, B d) A, E
 e) G, F

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

Directions (Q. 36-40): Study the following graph carefully to answer the questions –

Number of foreign tourists who visited three different places in five different days



- 36) What is the average number of foreign tourists who visited Wagha Border on all the days together?
 a) 184 b) 172
 c) 186 d) 174
 e) None of these
- 37) On which day was the difference between the number of foreign tourists who visited Taj Mahal and Golden Temple, second highest?
 a) Monday b) Tuesday
 c) Wednesday d) Thursday
 e) Friday
- 38) What is the respective ratio between the number of foreign tourists who visited Taj Mahal on Thursday and the number of foreign tourists who visited Golden Temple on Friday?
 a) 14 : 9 b) 8 : 13
 c) 13 : 8 d) 13 : 7
 e) None of these
- 39) On which day was the total number of foreign tourists who visited all the three places together second lowest?
 a) Monday b) Tuesday
 c) Wednesday d) Thursday
 e) Friday

- 40) Total number of foreign tourists who visited all the three places on Tuesday together is what per cent of the total number of foreign tourists who visited Wagha Border on Monday and Wednesday together?
 a) 168 b) 124
 c) 112 d) 224
 e) 212
- 41) The present ages of Vishal and Shekhar are in the ratio of 14 : 17 respectively. Six years from now, their ages will be in the ratio of 17 : 20 respectively. What is Shekhar's present age?
 a) 17 years b) 51 years
 c) 34 years d) 28 years
 e) None of these

Directions (Q. 42 - 46): Study the following table carefully to answer the questions that follow-

Number of Units Manufactured (in thousands) by Six different Companies over the Years

| Year | Company | | | | | |
|------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| 2004 | 14.5 | 13.8 | 11.6 | 16.2 | 13.9 | 15.1 |
| 2005 | 15.8 | 14.9 | 12.4 | 16.3 | 14.1 | 15.2 |
| 2006 | 15.9 | 14.6 | 12.7 | 16.0 | 15.4 | 15.5 |
| 2007 | 16.0 | 15.0 | 12.9 | 15.3 | 15.7 | 16.1 |
| 2008 | 15.4 | 15.5 | 13.8 | 15.6 | 16.4 | 16.7 |
| 2009 | 16.2 | 16.7 | 14.9 | 16.3 | 16.6 | 16.7 |

- 42) What is the respective ratio of total number of units manufactured by company A and B together in the year 2009 to those manufactured by companies C and D together in the same year?
 a) 312 : 329 b) 317 : 311
 c) 329 : 312 d) 311 : 317
 e) None of these
- 43) The number of units manufactured by company E in the year 2005 is approximately what per cent of the total number of units manufactured by it in all the years together?
 a) 31 b) 27
 c) 7 d) 15
 e) 23
- 44) What is the average number of units manufactured by company D in the years 2004 and 2007 together?

- a) 14650 b) 15750
c) 13750 d) 16470
e) None of these
- 45) What is the total number of units manufactured by Company C over all the years together?
a) 783 b) 7830
c) 783000 d) 78.3
e) None of these
- 46) What is the per cent increase in the number of units manufactured by company F in the year 2008 from the previous year? (rounded off to two digits after decimal)
a) 3.73 b) 3.62
c) 4.35 d) 4.16
e) None of these
- 47) Population of a village increases every year by 15%. If its population in January 2015 was 2,60,000, what will be its population in January 2016?
a) 2,99,000 b) 2,86,000
c) 3,43,850 d) 3,38,000
e) None of these
- 48) Shelly could get equal number of Rs. 25 per piece, Rs. 40 piece and Rs. 65 per piece bangles. She spends a total of Rs. 1,560 for all the bangles. How many of each type did she buy?
a) 12 b) 14
c) 16
d) Cannot be determined
e) None of these
- 49) What is the approximate total surface area of a right circular cone of height 14 cm and base radius 7 cm?
a) 510 b) 511
c) 490 d) 505
e) 499
- 50) Two stations A and B are 110 km apart on a straight line. One train starts from A at 7 am and travels towards B at 20 kmph. Another train starts from B at 8 am and travels towards A at a speed of 25 kmph. At what time will they meet?
a) 9 am b) 11 am
c) 11:30 am d) 10 am
e) 12:30 pm

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

- 51) $\{(52)^2 + (45)^2\} \div ? = 8$
a) 611.345 b) 487.225
c) 591.125 d) 372.425
e) None of these
- 52) $14.2\% \text{ of } 5500 + 15.6\% \text{ of } ? = 1795$
a) 6500 b) 6200
c) 5600 d) 5800
e) None of these
- 53) $(5696 \div 4 - ?) \times 5 = 1020$
a) 1180 b) 1200
c) 1240 d) 1220
e) None of these
- 54) $118963 - 107958 - 9589 = ?$
a) 1420 b) 1404
c) 1416 d) 1412
e) None of these
- 55) $\frac{12.5 \times 2.4 + 5.5 \times 0.8}{?} = 8$
a) 3.4 b) 4.8
c) 3.8 d) 4.3
e) None of these

Direction (Q. 56- 60): In each of the following a number series is given. Below it a number is given followed by (a) (b) (c) (d) & (e). You have to complete the series starting with the number given according to the sequence for the given series?

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| | 5 | 12 | 60 | 340 | |
| 7 | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |

Which of the following number will come in place of (d)?

- a) 172 b) 5044
c) 1012 d) 20164
e) 28

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| | 11 | 15 | 38 | 126 | |
| 7 | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |

Which of the following number will come in place of (c)?

- a) 102 b) 30
c) 2140 d) 80
e) 424

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| | 2 | 3 | 8 | 27 | |
| 5 | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |

Which of the following number will come in place of (e)?

- a) 184 b) 6
c) 925 d) 45
e) 14

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| | 12 | 28 | 64 | 140 | |
| 37 | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |

Which of the following number will come in place of (e)?

- a) 1412 b) 164
c) 696 d) 78
e) 340

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| | 2 | 3 | 9 | 40.5 | |
| 4 | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |

Which of the following number will come in place of (b)?

- a) 486 b) 81
c) 3645 d) 18
e) 6

61) The difference between a two-digit number and the number obtained by interchanging the digits is 36. What is the difference between the sum and the difference of the digits of the number if the ratio between the digits of the number is 1 : 2?

- a) 10 b) 9
c) 11 d) 8
e) 7

62) In a lottery, there are 15 boys and 10 girls. Three students are selected at random. What is the probability that 1 girl and 2 boys are selected?

- a) $\frac{31}{47}$ b) $\frac{21}{46}$
c) $\frac{22}{47}$ d) $\frac{31}{46}$
e) $\frac{21}{47}$

63) I. $x^2 - 10x + 21 = 0$
II. $y^2 - 16y + 63 = 0$

- a) $x > y$ b) $x \geq y$
c) $x < y$
d) relationship between x and y cannot be determined
e) $x \leq y$

64) I. $x^2 - (16)^2 = (23)^2 - 56$

II. $y^{1/3} - 55 + 376 = (18)^2$

- a) $x > y$ b) $x \geq y$
c) $x < y$
d) relationship between x and y cannot be determined
e) $x \leq y$

65) I. $\frac{12}{\sqrt{(x)}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{(x)}} = \sqrt{(x)}$

II. $y^2 - \frac{(18)^{5/2}}{\sqrt{y}} = 0$

- a) $x > y$ b) $x \geq y$
c) $x < y$
d) relationship between x and y cannot be determined
e) $x \leq y$

66) I. $\sqrt{(36)}x + \sqrt{(64)} = 0$

II. $\sqrt{(81)}y + (4)^2 = 0$

- a) $x > y$
b) $x \geq y$
c) $x < y$
d) relationship between x and y cannot be determined
e) $x \leq y$

67) I. $\frac{25}{\sqrt{(x)}} + \frac{9}{\sqrt{(x)}} = 17\sqrt{(x)}$

II. $\frac{\sqrt{(y)}}{3} + \frac{5\sqrt{(y)}}{6} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{(y)}}$

- a) $x > y$ b) $x \geq y$
c) $x < y$
d) relationship between x and y cannot be determined
e) $x \leq y$

68) Three taps A, B and C can fill a tank in 12, 15 and 20 hours respectively. If A is open all the time and B and C are open for one hour each alternately, in what time will the tank be full?

- a) 9 hours b) 7 hours
c) 8 hours d) 10 hours
e) 11 hours

69) A and B started a business in partnership investing Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 15,000 respectively. After six months, C joined them with Rs. 20,000. What will be B's share in

total profit of Rs. 25,000 earned at the end of 2 years from the starting of the business?

- a) Rs. 8,000 b) Rs. 8,500
- c) Rs. 9,000 d) Rs. 7,500
- e) Rs. 9,500

70) A boatman goes 2 km against the current of the stream in 1 hour and goes 1 km along the current in 10 minutes. How long will it take to go 5 km in stationary water?

- a) 80 minutes b) 75 minutes
- c) 70 minutes d) 72 minutes
- e) 84 minutes

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Directions (71-80): Read the following passage carefully and the questions given below it. Certain words/phrases are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

China's rising power is based on its remarkable economic success. Shanghai's overall economy is currently growing at around 13% per year, thus doubling in size every five or six years. Everywhere there are start-ups, innovations, and young entrepreneurs hungry for profits. In a series of high-level meetings between Chinese and African officials, the advice that the African leaders received from the Chinese was sound, and more practical than they typically get from the World Bank. Chinese officials **stress** the crucial role of public investments, especially in agriculture and infrastructure, to lay the basis for private sector-led growth. In a hungry and poor rural economy, as China was in the 1970s and as most of Africa is today, a key starting point is to raise farm productivity. Farms need the benefits of fertilizer, irrigation and high-yield seeds, all of which were a **core** part of China's economical take off. Two other equally critical investments are also needed: roads and electricity, without which there cannot be a modern economy. Farmers might be able to increase their output, but it won't be able to reach the cities, and the cities won't be able to provide the country-side with inputs. The government has taken pains to ensure that the electricity grids and transportation networks reach every village in China. China is prepared to help Africa in substantial ways in agriculture, roads, power, health and education. And that is not an **empty** boast. Chinese leaders are prepared to share new high-yield rice varieties, with their African counterparts and, all over Africa, China is financing and, constructing basic infrastructure.

This illustrates what is wrong with the World Bank. The World Bank has often forgotten the most basic lessons of development, preferring to lecture the poor and force them to privatise basic infrastructure, which is **untenable**, rather than to help the poor to invest in infrastructure and other crucial sector. The Bank's failure began in the early 1980s when under the ideological **sway** of then American President and British Prime Minister it tried to get Africa and other poor regions to cut back or close down government investments and services. For 25 years, the bank tried to get governments out of agriculture, leaving impoverished peasants to fend for themselves. The result has been a disaster in Africa, with farm productivity stagnant for decades. The bank also pushed for privatization of national health systems, water utilities, and road and power networks, and has grossly underfinanced these critical sectors. This extreme free-market ideology, also called "**structural adjustment**", went against the practical lessons of development successes in China and the rest of Asia. Practical development strategy recognises that public investments – in agriculture, health education, and infrastructure – are necessary complements to private investments. The World Bank has instead wrongly seen such vital public investments as an enemy of private sector development. Whenever the bank's ideology failed, it has blamed the poor for corruption, mismanagement, or lack of initiative. Instead of focusing its attention on helping the poorest countries to improve their infrastructure, there has been a crusade against corruption. The good news is that African governments are getting the message on how to spur economic growth and are getting crucial help from China and other partners that are less wedded to extreme free-market ideology than the World Bank. They have declared their intention to invest in infrastructure, agriculture modernization, public health, and education. It is clear the Bank can regain its relevance only if it becomes practical once again, by returning its focus to financing public investments in priority sectors. If that happens, the Bank can still do justice to the bold vision of a world of **shared prosperity** that prompted its creation after World War II.

71) The author's main objective in writing the passage is to

- a) make a case for the closure of the World Bank since it promotes US interests over those of other countries.

- b) illustrate how China can play a more concrete role in Africa.
- c) criticize the World Bank for playing a crucial role in China's development but neglecting Africa.
- d) recommend that China adopt the guidelines of the World Bank to sustain growth.
- e) use China's success as an example of the changes required in World Bank ideology.

72) What advice have African leaders received from their Chinese counterparts?

- a) Focus primarily on innovation, start-ups and urban development.
- b) To ensure all citizens benefit from economic development, investment, not the private sector.
- c) Improve agricultural output through government investment to stimulate economic growth.
- a) None b) Only (C)
- c) Only (B) d) Both (A) & (B)
- e) None of these

73) What effect has the World Bank policy had on African nations?

- a) The African government has restricted private sector investment in agriculture.
- b) Africa has focused more on health and education rather than on agriculture.
- c) The agriculture sector in these countries is not as productive as it could be.
- d) US and Britain have volunteered substantial aid to Africa as Africa has complied with World Bank ideology.
- e) None of these

74) What is the difference in the Chinese and World Bank approach to development?

- a) Unlike the World Bank, China favours the public sector and restricts private sector participation in crucial sectors.
- b) Contrary to China's strategy of dependence on the private sector, the World Bank pressurises governments to take the lead in investing in agriculture.
- c) While the World Bank has focused on agriculture, China's priority has been rooting out corruption so that investment in infrastructure is utilised appropriately.
- d) The Chinese government has retained control over essential services like transport

while the World Bank favours private sector involvement.

e) None of these

75) What is China's view on the development of the transportation and power networks?

- a) Development in these sectors is not as important as investing in agriculture.
- b) Resources need to be diverted from the rural to the urban areas to meet the needs of the growing population in cities.
- c) The government should be solely responsible for developing these services so all citizens have access to them.
- d) It is more important to develop and maintain transportation networks and power grids in rural areas.
- e) None of these

76) Which of the following cannot be said about structural adjustment?

- a) It is the World Bank's free market ideology adapted by Asian countries.
- b) Under this strategy public sector investment in priority sectors is discouraged.
- c) As a development strategy it has failed in Africa.
- d) With this strategy there has been a lack of adequate investment in critical sectors.
- e) It is an ideology advocated by the World Bank which needs to be modified to facilitate economic growth.

77) Which of the following is NOT true in the context of the passage?

- a) China's involvement in Africa so far has been restricted to advising its leaders.
- b) The World Bank was created by the US and Britain for the sole purpose of furthering their interest.
- c) China's economy was once in the same state as many African countries are today.
- a) None b) Only (B)
- c) Only (A) d) Both (A) & (B)
- e) None of these

78) What has/have been the outcome/s of Shanghai's economy prospering?

- a) The World Bank has changed its development strategy.
- b) China's importance globally has been enhanced.
- c) Rural areas are being neglected to promote development of cities.

- a) Only (B) b) Both (A) & (B)
 c) Both (B) & (C) d) All (A), (B), & (C)
 e) None of these

79) **Why is the author optimistic about Africa's future?**

- a) The World Bank has committed itself to invest huge sums in Africa's development.
 b) Africa has decided to adopt a structural adjustment ideology which has benefited many nations.
 c) Africa has committed itself to adopting China's strategy for economic growth.
 d) China has urged the World Bank to waive the interest on its loans to Africa.
 e) None of these

80) **What advice has the author given the World Bank?**

- a) Support China's involvement in developing Africa
 b) Reduce the influence of the US and Britain in its functioning
 c) Adopt a more practical ideology of structural adjustment
 d) Change its ideology to one encouraging both public and private sector investment in basic infrastructure
 e) Focus on fighting corruption rather than interfering in the governance of developing countries

Directions (81-83): Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

- 81) **sway**
 a) fluctuate b) influence
 c) govern d) dependence
 e) unsteady
- 82) **core**
 a) centre b) heart
 c) adequate d) intermediate
 e) essential
- 83) **stress**
 a) highlight b) strain
 c) taxing d) tension
 e) emphasis

Directions (84-85): Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

- 84) **untenable**
 a) viable b) unsound
 c) consistent d) superior

- e) attractive
 85) **empty**
 a) full b) objective
 c) meaningful d) occupied
 e) intelligent

Directions (86-89): Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part off the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (e). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any).

- 86) It is not worthy(a)/the company's reputation(b/to compromise on quality(c)/ for the sake of profit. (d) No error (e)
- 87) The company which has (a) /won the government contract (b)/ also plans to invest (c)/ with the power sector. (d)/ No error (e)
- 88) Implementing these measures (a) / will help the government (b)/ to save more of (c)/ 400 crores each year. (d)/No error (e)
- 89) You have failed to produce (a)/ no evidence to support (b)/ the charge that he (c)/ is responsible for the error. (d) /No error (e)

Directions (90-93): Which of the phrases (a), (b), (c) and (d) given below should replace the phrase given in bold in the following sentences to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is and there is no correction required, mark (e), i.e. 'No correction required' as the answer.

- 90) The minimum eligibility age **shall be less** to sixty years to allow more senior citizens to avail of the benefits of the scheme,
 a) should be lowered b) should be lower
 c) being lesser d) must be lessen
 e) No correction required
- 91) The latest study by Nasscom indicates **possibly short of** five lakh qualified engineers in the IT industry.
 a) the possible shortage off
 b) possibly short by
 c) possibility of shortage
 d) a possible shortage of
 e) No correction required
- 92) China **has to be prepared to** meet many age-related social and financial challenges in the coming years.
 a) is been preparing
 b) was prepared
 c) have been prepared
 d) has preparations
 e) No correction required

- 93) It is necessary to ascertain **that we can do to** attract investment to the manufacturing sector.
 a) how we can do b) what we can do
 c) more can be done d) that has been done
 e) No correction required

Directions (94-95): In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by numbers (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in this sentence in the same sequence to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

- 94) The Chairman in his speech stated the ____ in company profits was ____ to team building.
 a) incline, owing b) rise, liable
 c) slump, accountable d) surge, due
 e) plunge, response
- 95) The main ____ of Healthcare reforms is ____ medical care to every citizen.
 a) purpose, available b) cause, providing
 c) challenge, accessing
 d) assurance, qualified
 e) focus, extending

Directions (96-100): Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

(A) In fact, today, social entrepreneurship is no different from starting a profit-motivated company.

(B) The major challenge they face is employee selection and retention.

(C) For decades social development in India meant charity.

(D) However, the challenges social organizations experience are tougher.

(E) This is because while volunteering for social work is not new, attracting talented people and tapping their potential at lower costs is difficult.

(F) In recent years, however, economic changes have brought business sense and professionalism to the sector.

- 96) Which of the following should be the FIFTH sentence in the paragraph?
 a) A b) B
 c) C d) D
 e) E
- 97) Which of the following should be the SIXTH (LAST) sentence in the paragraph?
 a) B b) C
 c) D d) E
 e) F

- 98) Which of the following should be the SECOND sentence in the paragraph?
 a) B b) C
 c) D d) E e) F
- 99) Which of the following should be the FIRST sentence in the paragraph?
 a) A b) B
 c) C d) D e) E
- 100) Which of the following should be the THIRD sentence in the paragraph?
 a) A b) B
 c) C d) D e) E

ANSWER KEY

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| 6 | A | 7 | C | 8 | D | 9 | B | 10 | A |
| 11 | D | 12 | E | 13 | C | 14 | D | 15 | D |
| 16 | A | 17 | A | 18 | B | 19 | D | 20 | D |
| 21 | B | 22 | E | 23 | A | 24 | C | 25 | E |
| 26 | E | 27 | E | 28 | A | 29 | B | 30 | A |
| 31 | B | 32 | B | 33 | E | 34 | A | 35 | B |
| 36 | B | 37 | E | 38 | D | 39 | A | 40 | E |
| 41 | C | 42 | C | 43 | D | 44 | B | 45 | E |
| 46 | A | 47 | A | 48 | A | 49 | E | 50 | D |
| 51 | C | 52 | A | 53 | D | 54 | C | 55 | D |
| 56 | B | 57 | A | 58 | C | 59 | A | 60 | D |
| 61 | D | 62 | B | 63 | E | 64 | E | 65 | A |
| 66 | A | 67 | C | 68 | B | 69 | D | 70 | B |
| 71 | E | 72 | E | 73 | C | 74 | E | 75 | E |
| 76 | A | 77 | D | 78 | E | 79 | C | 80 | D |
| 81 | B | 82 | E | 83 | A | 84 | A | 85 | C |
| 86 | A | 87 | D | 88 | C | 89 | B | 90 | A |
| 91 | D | 92 | E | 83 | B | 94 | D | 95 | E |
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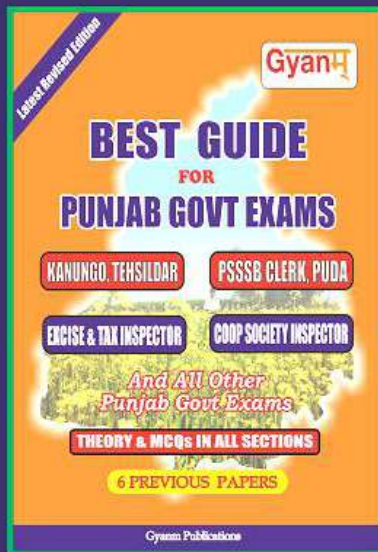
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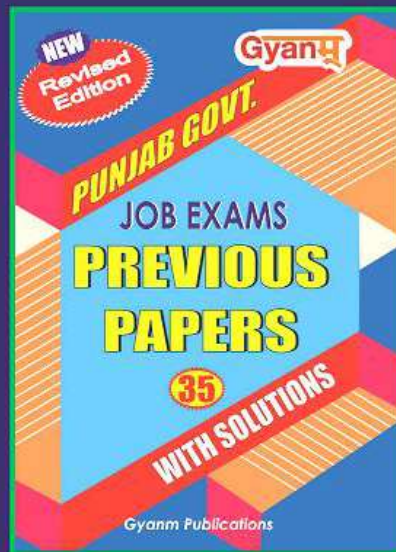
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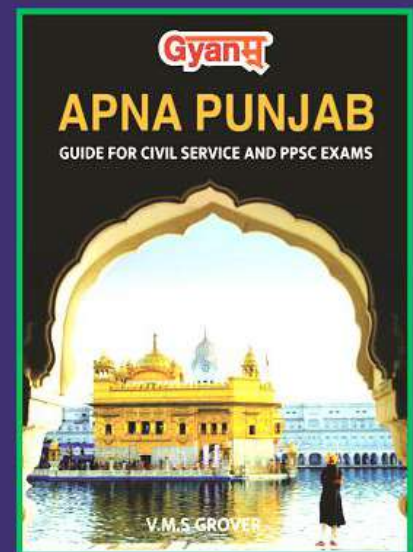
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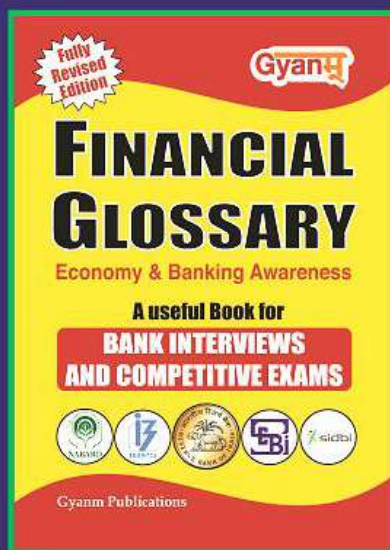
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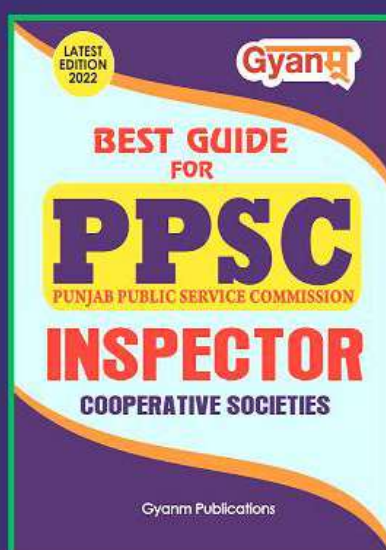
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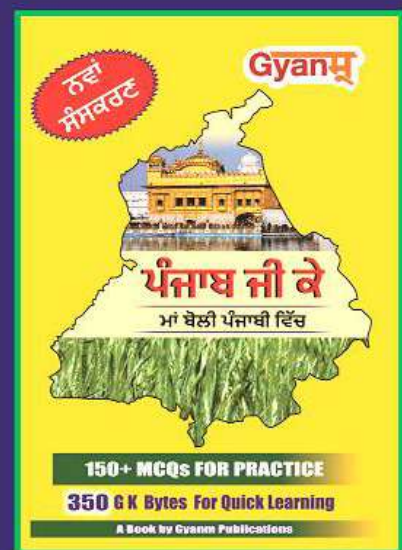
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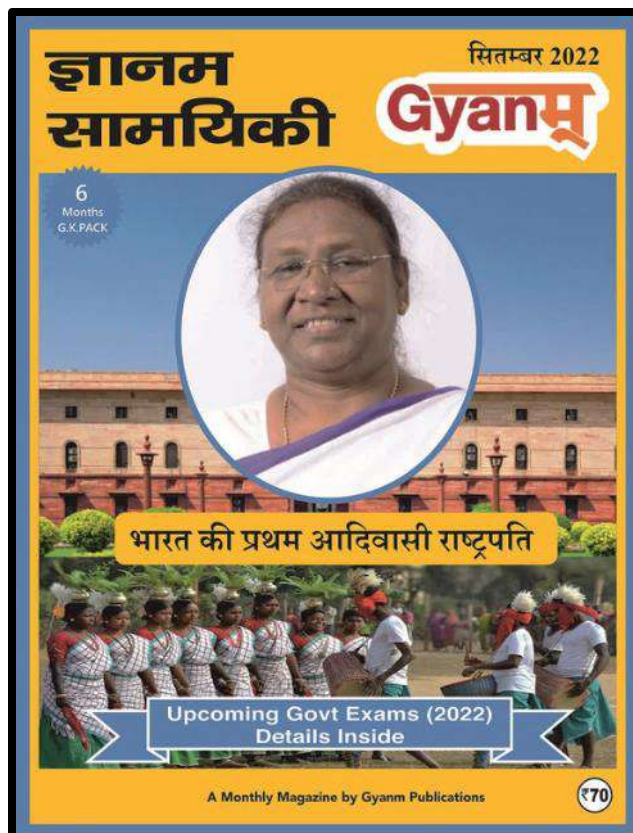


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1. The World Ranger Day is observed on which day of July? **31st**
2. Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30? **UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**
3. Which city hosted the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad that started on July 28? **Chennai**
4. Recently, how many Indian wetlands were accorded Ramsar recognition as wetlands of international importance? **Five**
5. City of Ramsar is located in which country? **Iran**
6. For which state the Asian Development Bank approved a \$96.3 million loan for funding of safe drinking water and sanitation projects? **Himachal Pradesh.**
7. Indian Olympics Association approved which state as the host for the 36th National Games to be held between Sep 27 and Oct 10 this year? **Gujarat**
8. Hepatitis affects which part of the body? **Liver**

9. What is the theme of this year's World Hepatitis Day? **Hepatitis can't wait**
10. Success of which military operation on July 26 in 1999 sealed Indian victory over Pakistan in Kargil war? **Operation Vijay**
11. The Kargil War Memorial is located at which place in Ladakh? **Drass**
12. The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that _____ will host the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup: **India**
13. Which Indian national has been appointed by the World Bank as its Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics? **Indermit Gill**
14. Which Indian State has largest number of Tigers? **Madhya Pradesh**
15. Income Tax Day on July 24 marks which event in the history? **Introduction of Income tax in 1860**

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| 16. | National Broadcasting Day on July 23 marks which event in broadcasting history of India? First ever radio broadcast in 1927 |
| 17. | The first ever radio broadcast in India was made from which radio station in 1927? Bombay station |
| 18. | All India Radio functions under which apex organisation? Prasaar Bharti |
| 19. | Which US city hosted the World Athletics Championships from July 15 to 24? Eugene |
| 20. | Who won this year's Tour de France cycling marathon? Jonas Vingegaard |
| 21. | Jonas Vingegaard hails from which country? Denmark |
| 22. | The 68 th National Film Awards were announced on July 22. These are administered by which organisation? Directorate of Film Festivals |
| 23. | Name the noted film producer who headed the jury for the 68 th National Film Awards: Vipul Shah |
| 24. | Which film won the National Award for Best Feature Film? Soorai Potru |
| 25. | Film Soorai Potru has been made in which language? Tamil |
| 26. | Film Toolsidas Junior was in news recently for which reason? It won the National Award for the Best Hindi Film |
| 27. | Which district of Madhya Pradesh became the first district in the country where all people from each of 254 villages have access to safe drinking water through tap? Burhanpur |
| 28. | Which two European countries were in news recently for being ravaged by devastating wildfires? Greece and Turkey |
| 29. | Neeraj Chopra won which medal in World Athletics Championships? Silver |
| 30. | Which US state was devastated by widespread severe wildfires in third week of July? California |
| 31. | Which Indian state has largest area under Mangrove forests? West Bengal |
| 32. | The central government amended the Flag Code of India on July 20 for what purpose? To allow the hoisting of national flag during night also |
| 33. | What is the theme of this year's World Brain Day observed on July 22? Brain Health for all |
| 34. | Which exquisite mango breed costs nearly Rs. 2.5 to 3 lakh per kg in Japan? Miyazaki |
| 35. | _____ Gunawardena was appointed Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister on July 22: Dinesh |
| 36. | Madam Droupadi Murmu was elected as the _____ President of India on July 21: 15th |
| 37. | Madam Murmu is the first tribal President of India. She hails from which tribe? Santhal |
| 38. | Which state topped among major states in the India Innovation Index 2022 released by the NITI Aayog on July 21? Karnataka |
| 39. | According to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List as of July 21, for the first time, an Indian business tycoon was ranked fourth richest in world. Who is he? Gautam Adani |

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| 40. | Which country's passport is most powerful as per the World's Most Powerful Passports 2022 list released by the Henley Passport Index on July 20? Japan |
| 41. | What is the rank of India's passport in the Henley Passport Index? 87th |
| 42. | Ranil Wickremesinghe was elected as the new Sri Lankan President on July 20. What is his party's name? United National Party |
| 43. | July 20 is observed as Space Exploration Day to commemorate which landmark event? First human landing on Moon in 1969 |
| 44. | Who was the first human being to step on moon's surface? Neil Armstrong of USA |
| 45. | July 20 is observed as World Chess Day. What was the ancient name of Chess in India? Chaturanga |
| 46. | The International Chess Federation (FIDE) is based in which city? Lausanne, Switzerland |
| 47. | _____ has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India: Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai |
| 48. | What is meant by Landlord Port? All its berths are operated on PPP mode |
| 49. | What is the other popular name for the Jawaharlal Nehru Port? Nhava Sheva Port |
| 50. | The postponed 19th edition of the Asian Games will be held now in September 2023 in which city? Hangzhou, China |
| 51. | Arjun Babuta, Mehuli Ghosh, Shahu Tushar Mane and Paarth Makjija, all won gold in their respective categories, at an international event in which sports? Shooting |
| 52. | Who created history by becoming the first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event at international level? Mairaj Ahmad Khan |
| 53. | Which large public sector bank recently launched its WhatsApp banking service? State Bank of India |
| 54. | _____ has become India's first state to connect all the commercial vehicles registered in the state with Vehicle Location Tracking Device: Himachal Pradesh |
| 55. | India's first human carrying platform — a pilot-less drone made its debut on July 19 in New Delhi. What is its name? Varuna |
| 56. | The current Flag Code of India was implemented in which year? 2002 |
| 57. | The 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games will be hosted in July, 2028 in which city? Los Angeles, USA |
| 58. | Harshada Garud, 18 year old girl, clinched the gold on July 18 in an international event in which sports? Weightlifting |
| 59. | Name the England all-rounder and captain of the test team, who announced retirement from ODI Cricket on July 18: Ben Stokes |
| 60. | The World Bank has approved a loan of one billion dollars to provide support to India's flagship PM _____ Health Infrastructure Mission: Ayushman Bharat |

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| 61. | Name the 82 year old veteran ghazal singer who passed away in Mumbai on July 18: Bhupinder Singh |
| 62. | Which holy city known for showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages, will be declared the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation for 2022-23? Varanasi |
| 63. | Government plans to launch the _____ scheme to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports, based on Facial Recognition Technology: DIGI YATRA |
| 64. | Government has formulated a "National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem" scheme for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks. What is its short name? NAMASTE |
| 65. | July 18 is observed as International Nelson Mandela Day. He was the first black president of which country? South Africa |
| 66. | P V Sindhu clinched Women's Single title of _____ Open on July 16: Singapore |
| 67. | Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 on July 16 in which country? Serbia |
| 68. | What was the name of the submarine that was decommissioned by the Indian Navy on July 16? INS Sindhudhvaj |
| 69. | What is the name of the mascot launched recently by the Department of Consumer Affairs? Jagriti |
| 70. | What is the tagline of the consumer awareness campaign of the Department of Consumer Affairs? Jago Grahak Jago |
| 71. | Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, vice presidential candidate of NDA, hails from which state? Rajasthan |
| 72. | What is the name of the fourth and latest ship of the Indian Navy's 17A Frigates, launched on July 15? Dunagiri |
| 73. | _____ became the first and the only state in the country to have its own internet service: Kerala |
| 74. | Which ministry's website was ranked first among all the Central Ministries Portal in a National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment? Home Affairs |
| 75. | The UIDAI has launched a new mobile app named _____ to perform face authentication through mobile app: AadhaarFaceRd |
| 76. | The 2025 World Athletics Championships will be hosted by which city? Tokyo |
| 77. | _____ has become the first state in the country to have 13 expressways, having a total length of 3,200 kilometres: Uttar Pradesh |
| 78. | What is the name of the 296-km-long Expressway inaugurated on July 16 in Uttar Pradesh? Bundelkhand Expressway |
| 79. | Which Institute / University secured first position as the "overall best" institute in the NIRF 2022 ranking? IIT Madras |

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| 80. | The Women and Child Development Ministry issued fresh guidelines for the Mission Vatsalya Scheme. It is associated with which field? Children's welfare |
| 81. | Name the beauty queen from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, who won the Mrs Universe Divine Title: Pallavi Singh |
| 82. | The Women and Child Development Ministry launched the Mission _____ on July 14 for the safety, security and empowerment of women: Shakti |
| 83. | Which country hosted the first I2U2 summit in virtual mode: USA |
| 84. | What is the full form of the abbreviation I2U2? India-Israel; USA-UAE |
| 85. | Which global organisation released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022 on July 10? WEF - World Economic Forum |
| 86. | Which country secured first rank in the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022? Iceland |
| 87. | What was India's rank in the recently released Global Gender Gap Index for 2022? 135th |
| 88. | Which Indian space tech startup on July 13, launched India's first rocket factory to make 3D-printed engines end-to-end? Agnikul Cosmos |
| 89. | Who created a new record by becoming the fastest Indian bowler to take 150 ODI wickets? Mohammed Shami |
| 90. | July 14 is observed as Shark Awareness Day. Sharks do not have _____ in their body? Bones |
| 91. | NHAI achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in _____, Maharashtra: Nagpur |
| 92. | Which telescope was in news for sending the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the universe till date? James Webb Space Telescope |
| 93. | Who won the men's singles title in the Malaysia Open Badminton Tournament 2022? Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) |
| 94. | _____ has been declared as the host for the 36 th National Games to be held from Sep 27 to Oct 10: Gujarat |
| 95. | India's biggest National Emblem was unveiled on the roof of the new Parliament building on July 11. Its original statue is preserved at which place? Sarnath Museum, Varanasi |
| 96. | How many Dharm Chakras are there at the base of the National Emblem? Four |
| 97. | World Malala Day is observed on July 12. What is the name of the NGO run by Malala? Malala Fund |
| 98. | Malala Fund organisation works in which field? Girls' education |
| 99. | Which UN agency is associated with celebration of World Population Day on July 11? UN Fund for Population Activities |
| 100. | _____ became India's first bank to launch the Metaverse Virtual Lounge and Open Banking Sandbox environment techno features for its customers: Union Bank of India |

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| 101. | Charles Leclerc from _____ won the Austrian Grand Prix for the team Ferrari on July 10 at Spielberg, Austria: Monaco |
| 102. | Wimbledon is the only grand slam to be played on _____ court: Grass |
| 103. | Serbian star Novak Djokovic won the men's singles at Wimbledon after beating _____: Nick Kyrgios |
| 104. | Who won the women's singles at Wimbledon? Elena Rybakina |
| 105. | Elena Rybakina hails from which country? Kazakhstan |
| 106. | Nick Kyrgios hails from which country? Australia |
| 107. | Shinzo Abe, former prime minister of Japan, was shot dead on July 8 in which city of Japan? Nara |
| 108. | Which union ministry is associated with celebration of National Fish Farmers' Day on July 10? Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying |
| 109. | Who is the current head of the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying? Parshottam Rupala |
| 110. | The first India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held 06th July in which city? New Delhi |
| 111. | Who scripted a new world record by becoming the first captain in the history of cricket to win 14 successive T20 Internationals? Rohit Sharma |
| 112. | Rohit Sharma achieved the above record feat by winning match against which team? England |
| 113. | At which place Rohit Sharma won his 14 th successive T20 match? Birmingham, England |
| 114. | Boris Johnson, British prime minister announced his resignation on July 7. He heads which political party? Conservative Party |
| 115. | Uttar Pradesh became the first state to link its ambitious scheme ODOP to the ONDC platform. Mention full form of ODOP and ONDC: One District One Product; Open Network for Digital Commerce |
| 116. | Which union ministry has launched the ONDC platform? Union Commerce Ministry |
| 117. | President of India nominated how many new members to the Rajya Sabha on July 6? Four |
| 118. | Under which article of the Indian Constitution President can nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha? Article 80(a) |
| 119. | Portugal co-hosted the 2022 UN Ocean Conference along with which other country, from 27 June to 1 July? Kenya |
| 120. | UN Ocean Conference 2022 was held in which city? Lisbon, Portugal |
| 121. | Which two countries signed the Accession Protocols at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels on July 5? Sweden and Finland |
| 122. | How many countries are member of NATO Group? 30 |
| 123. | Headquarters of NATO are in which city? Brussels |
| 124. | Which union ministry released the first edition of 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act |

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| | on July 5? Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution |
| 125. | National Food Security Act was passed in which year? 2013 |
| 126. | The eligible persons under the National Food Security Act are entitled to receive ____ Kg of foodgrains per person per month at subsidised prices: Five |
| 127. | Which state secured the top rank in the 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act'? Odisha |
| 128. | World Zoonoses Day is observed on July 6 to raise awareness for the risk of _____ diseases: Zoonotic |
| 129. | Alfiya Pathan and Gitika, are India's champion girls in which sports? Boxing |
| 130. | The inaugural edition of the Elorda Boxing Cup was held in Nur-Sultan. It is the capital of which country? Kazakhstan |
| 131. | The Indian Navy commissioned Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 at INS Dega at which place? Visakhapatnam |
| 132. | Which type of aircrafts have been inducted in the Naval Air Squadron 324? ALH MK III (MR) helicopters |
| 133. | The Ministry of Commerce and Industry released the "States' Startup Ranking 2021" on July 4. Which state topped the Ranking as best performer? Gujarat |
| 134. | The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management completed the disinvestment process of the Nilachal Ispat Nigam Limited on July 4. It is in which state? Odisha |
| 135. | The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management is part of which union ministry? Ministry of Finance |
| 136. | Which private sector steel company acquired the Nilachal Ispat Nigam Limited for Rs. 12,100 crore? Tata Steel Long Products Limited |
| 137. | Government has decided to transform the Banks Board Bureau into which new institution? Financial Services Institutions Bureau, FSIB |
| 138. | Who has been appointed as the first head of the FSIB? Bhanu Pratap Sharma |
| 139. | Name the 21 year old beauty queen from Karnataka who won the Femina Miss India 2022 crown on July 3: Sini Shetty |
| 140. | Femina Miss India Beauty Contest is run by which corporate group? The Times media group |
| 141. | The amended FCRA rules now allow relatives abroad to send ____ lakh rupees without informing the government: Ten |
| 142. | What is the full form of FCRA? Foreign Contribution Regulation Act |
| 143. | "List of Best Student Cities for 2023" released on June 30 by the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), London, selected _____ as best city for students looking to study abroad: London |
| 144. | On June 29, NASA launched CAPSTONE, a microwave oven-sized CubeSat weighing just 55 pounds (25 kg) |

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| | from a spaceport outside USA, in which country? New Zealand |
| 145. | _____ has been elected as the 14th Prime Minister of Israel: Mr. Yair Lapid |
| 146. | Indian Railways achieved the best-ever monthly freight loading of over 125 million tonnes in June this year. Which was the main item carried by Railway? Coal |
| 147. | India's largest floating solar power project, 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project became fully operational on July 01. It is in which state? Telangana |
| 148. | T Raja Kumar, a senior Indian origin diplomat took over as President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Paris. He hails from which country? Singapore |
| 149. | The DRDO successfully carried out the maiden flight of India's first unmanned fighter aircraft on July 01 from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga. It is in which state? Karnataka |
| 150. | The International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated across the world on the first _____ of July: Saturday |
| 151. | Who is the current head of the Ministry of Cooperation? Sh. Amit Shah |
| 152. | July 01 is observed as the Chartered Accountants Day. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is based in which city? New Delhi |
| 153. | The National Doctor's Day on July 01 marks the birth and death anniversary of which great Indian doctor? Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, Bharat Ratna |
| 154. | The Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise was held at Pearl Harbour in which place? Near Hawaii Islands, USA |
| 155. | Which day of June is observed as the World Social Media Day? 30th |
| 156. | Ferdinand Marcos Jr. was sworn in as the 17th President of which Southeast Asian country? Philippines |
| 157. | The DRDO along with Indian Army successfully flight-tested on June 30 the indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) named ____ : Abhyas |
| 158. | The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs CCEA has approved the computerization of all PACS in the country. What is PACS? Primary Agriculture Credit Societies |
| 159. | Indian Space Research Organisation, successfully launched three satellites of which country on June 30? Singapore |
| 160. | Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)? Nitin Gupta |
| 161. | Pallonji Mistry, doyen of construction industry, passed away on June 28. He was head of which business group? Shapoorji Pallonji Group |
| 162. | Tata Power Solar Systems commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 Megawatt Peak (MWp) capacity in which state? Kerala |

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| 163. | Samant Kumar Goel has been re-appointed as the Chief of which foreign intelligence agency of India? Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) |
| 164. | Who has been appointed as the new Chief of National Investigation Agency-NIA? Dinkar Gupta |
| 165. | the 20 year old Cycling Champion from Manipur who scripted history by becoming first cyclist to win Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022: Ronaldo Singh |
| 166. | Who has become the first tennis player to win 80 matches at each of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments? Novak Djokovic |
| 167. | Which city topped the Global Liveability Index 2022? Vienna |
| 168. | Vienna is the capital of which country? Austria |
| 169. | Among Indian cities, which city earned the highest ranking of 112 th rank in the Global Liveability Index 2022? New Delhi |
| 170. | The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) gave its approval for India's first mRNA vaccine named on June 28: Gemcovac-19 |
| 171. | Gemcovac-19 is being manufactured by which pharma company? Gennova Biopharmaceuticals, Pune |
| 172. | What is the full form of mRNA? messenger Ribonucleic Acid |
| 173. | The RBI granted approval to which big bank for setting up its proposed "operations support subsidiary" aimed at bringing down the cost-to-income ratio? State Bank of India |
| 174. | The World Bank approved a \$250 million loan to support the Government of India's _____ programme for seven States: Road safety |
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| 175. | Which day of June is celebrated as the International Asteroid Day? June 30 |
| 176. | The so called 'Asteroid Belt' is located between which two planets? Mars and Jupiter |
| 177. | International Day of Parliamentarism on June 30 is associated with SDG number ____, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: 16 |
| 178. | Researchers from Forest Department of which state discovered a rare carnivorous plant named 'Utricularia Furcellata'? Uttarakhand |
| 179. | National Statistics Day is observed on June 29 to mark the birth anniversary of which legendary statistician of India? Prof. P C Mahalanobis |
| 180. | 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 |
| 181. | The 48 th G-7 Summit was held in Bavarian Alps on June 26-28. It is in which country? Germany |
| 182. | G7 members decided to ban imports of gold from which country? Russia |
| 183. | Who holds the Presidency of G7 Group for the year 2022? Germany |

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| 184. | Who is the present Chancellor of Germany? Olaf Scholz |
| 185. | From which city Prime Minister Mody started his two nation visit on June 26? Munich, Germany |
| 186. | Name the veteran technocrat, popularly known as "Father of Indian PSUs", who passed away on June 26: V Krishnamurthy |
| 187. | June 26 is observed as the International Day against _____ and Illicit Trafficking: Drug Abuse |
| 188. | Name the team which won Cricket's national level Ranji Trophy: Madhya Pradesh |
| 189. | Madhya Pradesh won the Ranji Trophy by defeating which team? Mumbai |
| 190. | Who was declared 'Player of the Series' in the Ranji Trophy? Sarfaraz Khan |
| 191. | Jyothi Surekha Vennum and Abhishek Verma won the gold medal on June 25 in an international event in which sports? Archery |
| 192. | Navjeet Dhillon, Indian women's _____ won the gold medal on June 25 at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan: Discus Thrower |
| 193. | The International Maritime Organisation celebrates June 25 as the Day of the Seafarer. Headquarters of IMO are in which city? London |
| 194. | The 26 th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was hosted by which country on June 24-25? Rwanda |
| 195. | At present how many countries are members of Commonwealth Group? 54 |
| 196. | June 25 is observed as the World Vitiligo Day. Vitiligo is associated which body part? Skin |
| 197. | Deficiency or absence of _____ causes vitiligo: Melanin |
| 198. | Tapan Kumar Deka, senior IPS officer has been appointed Director of which apex agency? Intelligence Bureau |
| 199. | Who has been appointed as the next CEO of Niti Aayog? Parameswaran Iyer |
| 200. | 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 |
| 201. | Who has been named as the captain of India's women Hockey team? Savita Punia |
| 202. | 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 |
| 203. | Who has been selected as the Presidential candidate by the National Democratic Alliance? Ms Draupadi Murmu |
| 204. | Ms Draupadi Murmu hails from which state? Odisha |
| 205. | The country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', started in five villages of which state? Gujarat |
| 206. | Indian wrestling team secured which position at the Under-17 Asian Championship at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan? First |

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| 207. | The ISRO successfully launched communication satellite GSAT-24 from which place on June 23? Kourou in French Guiana |
| 208. | French Guiana is located in which part of the world? Latin America |
| 209. | Which country hosted the 14th BRICS Summit in virtual mode on 23rd of June? China |
| 210. | 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 |
| 211. | United Nations Public Service Day is observed on which date? June 23 |
| 212. | World Olympic Day on June 23 marks which event associated with Olympics? Foundation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on this day in 1894 |
| 213. | Headquarters of IOC are situated in which place? Lausanne, Switzerland |
| 214. | A devastating 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck which part of Afghanistan on June 22, claiming more than 1,000 lives? South Eastern |
| 215. | June 22 is observed as World Rainforest Day. Which is the largest rain forest in the world? Amazon Rain Forest |
| 216. | Which Indian pace all-rounder announced her retirement from all formats of Cricket on June 22? Rumeli Dhar |
| 217. | What was the theme for this year's International Yoga Day celebrated on June 21? Yoga for Humanity |
| 218. | 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 |
| 219. | 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 |
| 220. | MSME department of which state won the first prize in the category "National MSME Award 2022 for States/UTs? Odisha |
| 221. | Name the senior diplomat who has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations: Ms. Ruchira Kamboj |
| 222. | _____ became the 36 th State to implement One Nation One Ration Card-ONORC scheme on June 20: Assam |
| 223. | The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched NIPUN scheme on June 20 for benefit of which category of workers? Construction workers |
| 224. | What is the full form of NIPUN? National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers |
| 225. | June 19 is observed as the National Reading Day to mark the anniversary of which famous book man of Kerala? P N Panicker |
| 226. | Which documentary won the prestigious award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022? What is |

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| | the name of the award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022? Golden Conch |
| 227. | 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 |
| 228. | Which small town in Meghalaya, set a new record on June 17, of highest single-day rainfall? Mawsynram |
| 229. | Gustavo Petro, a former guerilla commando won Presidential elections in which country? Colombia |
| 230. | Which three countries have been granted the hosting rights for the FIFA World Cup 2026? USA, Canada and Mexico |
| 231. | Country's first of its kind and the largest desalination plant was inaugurated at which place in Gujarat? Dahej |
| 232. | What is the function of desalination plant? To process sea water to convert it to normal water |
| 233. | 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 |
| 234. | World champion Max Verstappen won the Canadian Grand Prix in which city? Montreal |
| 235. | What is the name of the most advanced, indigenously built aircraft carrier launched recently by China? Fujian |
| 236. | With which country India launched the joint logo for the celebration of 50 Years of its Diplomatic Relations, on June 18? Vietnam |
| 237. | What is the theme of this year's World Refugee Day? Right to Seek Safety |
| 238. | President of which country signed a declaration in 1972 to celebrate every third Sunday of June as Father's Day? USA |
| 239. | June 18 is celebrated as the Sustainable Gastronomy Day. Gastronomy is associated with which field? Art of food / cooking |
| 240. | June 18 is celebrated as _____ Pride Day to respect the rights of persons with autism: Autistic |
| 241. | Which Indian airport launched India's first Vertical Axis Wind Turbine along with a solar panel? Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai |
| 242. | Prof. Thalappil Pradeep of the IIT _____ won the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water: Madras |
| 243. | Who has been appointed as the first woman chairperson of the Press Council of India? Justice (retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai |
| 244. | Hamza Abdi Barre has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which African country? Somalia |
| 245. | The annual World Competitiveness Index 2022 released on June 15 placed India at which rank? 37th |
| 246. | Which country secured the top rank in the World Competitiveness Index 2022? Denmark |
| 247. | On June 16, RBI raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs |

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| | _____ per transaction on cards, PPIs and UPI for recurring transactions, with immediate effect: 15,000 |
| 248. | What is the full form of PPI? Prepaid Payment Instruments |
| 249. | Supported by the UNO, June 17 is observed as World Day to Combat _____ and Drought: Desertification |
| 250. | _____ has been appointed as the new Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB): Sujoy Lal Thaosan |
| 251. | 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 |
| 252. | Europe's biggest start-up conference - Vivatech 2020 selected India as the "country of the year" for what reason? To honour the contribution of the Indian start-ups to the world |
| 253. | 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 |
| 254. | One of the most respected Urdu critics, theorists and linguists, passed away on June 15. Who was he? Prof. Gopi Chand Narang |
| 255. | 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 |
| 256. | Govt launched Agnipath scheme to recruit _____ for the Indian Armed forces: Agniveers |
| 257. | The Agniveers will be recruited for a period of _____ years: Four |
| 258. | 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 |
| 259. | Global/World Wind Day is observed on which day of June? 15th |
| 260. | June 15 is celebrated as World _____ Awareness Day: Elder Abuse |
| 261. | What is the theme of this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day? Digital Equity for All Ages |
| 262. | India's first display fabrication facility, Generation 6 AMOLED Display FAB, is being set up in which city? Hyderabad |
| 263. | What is the expansion of the abbreviation AMOLED? Active-Matrix Organic Light-Emitting Diodes |
| 264. | Name the Hungarian diplomat who has been elected the President of the upcoming 77th session of the UN General Assembly: Csaba Korosi |
| 265. | Celebration of World Blood Donor Day is supported by WHO and which other global organisation? Red Cross |
| 266. | Sriharsha Devaraddi , Manish Narwal, Rubina Francis and Rahul Jakhar, all won gold at an international _____ event: Shooting |

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| 267. | Max Verstappen of the team Red Bull won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix on June 12 in which circuit? Baku City Circuit |
| 268. | The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concluded in which city on June 13? Panchkula, Haryana |
| 269. | Which state team secured top position in the medal tally at the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021? Haryana |
| 270. | The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Corpat) was held from June 13 to 24 in which area? Andaman sea and Strait of Malacca |
| 271. | Government plans to set up how many PM Shri Schools in the country? 15,000 |
| 272. | As part of the National Education Policy, what is the four stage 15 year model of school education? 5+3+3+4 |
| 273. | What are the names given to the four stages of school education? Foundation, Preparatory, Middle and Secondary |
| 274. | Which city hosted the 12th World Trade Organisation, WTO Ministerial Conference? Geneva |
| 275. | World Trade Organisation is based in which city? Geneva |
| 276. | Who is the current Director General of WTO? Ngozi Okonjo Iweala |
| 277. | Ngozi Okonjo Iweala hails from which country? Nigeria |
| 278. | The WTO came in existence on January 1, 1995 based on which agreement? Marrakesh Agreement |
| 279. | Marrakesh is a prominent city of which country? Morocco |
| 280. | Which day of June is celebrated as the World Day Against Child Labour? 12th |
| 281. | Recently, how many new non-permanent members were elected for the UN Security Council? Five |
| 282. | Out of Ecuador, Japan, Germany, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland, which one has NOT been selected as a new member of UNSC? Germany |
| 283. | New non-permanent members are elected for what period? Two years |
| 284. | Which forum elects the non-permanent members of the UNSC? UN General Assembly |
| 285. | The new 5 members of the UN Security Council will join from which date? January 01, 2023 |
| 286. | The Government launched Rashtriya _____ Portal to invite nominations for various awards from the various ministries, departments, and agencies? Puraskar |
| 287. | Who can nominate individuals/organisations for award of Padma awards? Any Indian citizen |
| 288. | _____ 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 |
| 289. | For the first time in the world, _____ passed the law for digital electronics, the "Right to repair" bill: New York state, USA |

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| 290. | Which India Grand Master won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event with 7.5 points from nine rounds? R. Praggnanandha |
| 291. | 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 |
| 292. | 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 |
| 293. | 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 |
| 294. | Among Indian private universities, which university was ranked at the top by the QS World University Rankings, 2023? OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana |
| 295. | What is the theme of this year's World Brain Tumour Day observed on June 8? Together We Are Stronger |
| 296. | The 4th State Food Safety Index prepared by the FSSAI, placed which state at number one among large states? Tamil Nadu |
| 297. | 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 |
| 298. | Which among Urad, Groundnut, Mustard and Sunflower is NOT a Kharif crop? Mustard |
| 299. | The Reserve Bank allowed on June 8 credit cards to be linked with which popular digital payment platform? UPI |
| 300. | What is the full form of UPI? Unified Payments Interface |
| 301. | Name the Indian icon of women's cricket who announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket: Mithali Raj |
| 302. | 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 |
| 303. | The RBI did not change which key rate among the changes announced on June 8? Fixed Reverse Repo |
| 304. | The recent hike in Repo rate will lead to a _____ in amount of EMI for various personal loans: Rise |
| 305. | June 8 is observed as World _____ Day: Oceans |
| 306. | Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a three-nation tour to Gabon, _____ and Qatar on May 30: Senegal |
| 307. | What is the location of Senegal on the world map? West coast of Western Africa |
| 308. | 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 |
| 309. | Which international day is observed on June 6 to spread awareness about pest management and its |

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| | benefits for plants and people around us? World Pest Day |
| 310. | Major General Bajram Begaj has been elected as the President of Albania. It is located in which part of the world? Southeastern Europe |
| 311. | The 22nd edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards was held in _____ on 4th June: Abu Dhabi |
| 312. | For which film Vicky Kaushal won the IIFA Best Actor Award? Sardar Udham |
| 313. | Who won the IIFA Award for Best Director for the film Shershaah? Vishnuvardhan |
| 314. | India was placed at which rank in the 2022 edition of the Environmental Performance Index prepared for 180 countries? 180th |
| 315. | Which country displayed the best performance in the Environmental Performance Index-2022? Denmark |
| 316. | Ex Khaan Quest 2022, a multinational peacekeeping military exercise, was hosted by which country? Mongolia |
| 317. | 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 |
| 318. | Out of Aerobatics, Ballooning, Rafting and Gliding, which one is NOT a air sport? Rafting |
| 319. | At which place the Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute on June 7? New Delhi |
| 320. | Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Food Safety Day on June 7? WHO – World Health Organisation |
| 321. | For what purpose government launched Jan Samarth Portal on June 6? To bring all credit-linked government schemes on a single platform |
| 322. | What was the name of the joint military training exercise held between India and Bangladesh from June 5 to 16? Ex Sampriti-X |
| 323. | Ex Sampriti-X was held at which place? Jessore military station in Bangladesh |
| 324. | 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 |
| 325. | Famous Tennis Grand Slam, French Open was held at which place? Roland Garros, Paris |
| 326. | Who holds the record to win 14 singles titles of French Open, including this year's title? Rafael Nadal |
| 327. | Who holds the record to win 22 men's singles titles in Grand Slams? Rafael Nadal |
| 328. | Name the World number one women's tennis player who also won this year's Women's Singles Title in French Open: Iga Swiatek |
| 329. | Iga Swiatek hails from which country? Poland |

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| 330. | Which country won the inaugural edition of FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne, Switzerland? India |
| 331. | 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 |
| 332. | Which last village of the remote Miyar Valley in Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, was connected with a road on June 3? Khanjar |
| 333. | Which Covid vaccine has become India's first vaccine to get DCGI approval as a heterogeneous COVID-19 booster dose? Corbevax |
| 334. | Corbevax is manufactured by which vaccine making company? Biological E', Hyderabad |
| 335. | Which is the host country for this year's celebrations for the World Environment Day? Sweden |
| 336. | What is the theme selected for this year's World Environment Day observed on June 5? Only One Earth |
| 337. | Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of the Punjab & Sind Bank? Swarup Kumar Saha |
| 338. | Ajay Kumar Srivastava has recently been appointed MD & CEO of which public sector bank? Indian Overseas Bank |
| 339. | A unique Liquid-Mirror Telescope has been commissioned in India at Devasthal Observatory Campus. It is situated at which place? Nainital, Uttarakhand |
| 340. | Which company has been selected to carry out the construction of the Noida International Airport at Jewar, in Uttar Pradesh? Tata Projects |
| 341. | Government launched which scheme to provide free education to the meritorious SC boys and girls in the best private residential schools? SRESHTA |
| 342. | What is the expansion of the acronym SRESHTA? Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Area |
| 343. | Sakshi Malik, Mansi Ahlawat, Divya Kakran, Sarita Mor and Manisha, all five won individual gold medals in an international event in which sport? Wrestling |
| 344. | 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 |
| 345. | HM Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's Queen became the first royal in Britain to celebrate ____ years of her reign on June 2: 70 |
| 346. | 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 |
| 347. | Turkey has announced that his country's name has been changed to _____ as it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish: Türkiye (tur-key-YAY) |
| 348. | United Nations approved which day of June in 2018 as World Bicycle Day to encourage the use of the |

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| bicycle as a means of fostering sustainable development? 3rd |
| 349. 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 |
| 350. What is the effective strike range of Astra Mk-I missile? 75 km |
| 351. 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 |
| 352. The Frontier supercomputer has been installed at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory at Oak Ridge in which country? USA |
| 353. An Exaflops represents capacity to process how many transactions per second? A quintillion (10¹⁸ i.e. 1 followed by 18 zeros) |
| 354. Indian Hockey team won which medal at the Hero Asia Cup-2022 in Jakarta? Bronze |
| 355. Jakarta is the capital of which country? Indonesia |
| 356. The world-famous Valley of Flowers, located in _____, Uttarakhand was opened for tourists from 1st of June: Chamoli |
| 357. For the first time in the country, Indian Posts delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in which state? Gujarat |
| 358. 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 |
| 359. The Global Day of Parents is observed on which date? June 01 |
| 360. Which UN Agency supports the celebration of World Milk Day on June 01? FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation |
| 361. Which Indian state has been selected for World No Tobacco Day Award-2022 by WHO? Jharkhand |
| 362. Which corporate house commissioned a first of its kind, 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan? Adani group |
| 363. 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 |
| 364. Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita, all three are part of which Indian team that won gold at an international event? Shooting |
| 365. The government has revised the premium for the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY to what amount? Rs. 436 |
| 366. The enhanced premium for the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana is ____: Rs. 20 |
| 367. What is the amount of insurance cover available under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana? Rs. 2 lakh |
| 368. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana provides a cover of Rs. ____ lakh, in case of death due to any reason: Two |

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| 369. Which film won the Palme d'Or- Golden Ball Award for the 'Best Film' at the Cannes Film Festival? Triangle of Sadness |
| 370. India's first Lavender Festival was held in Bhaderwah in which place? J&K |
| 371. Which franchisee team won the 15 th season of IPL? Gujarat Titans |
| 372. According to the data released by the commerce ministry, in 2021-22, which country had the highest amount of bilateral trade with India? USA |
| 373. Which FC won the Champions League, biggest Football League of Europe, for a record-extending 14th time? Real Madrid |
| 374. Which was the "Country of focus" in this year's Mumbai International Film Festival? Bangladesh |
| 375. Name the Godavari class guided-missile frigate, one of the oldest warriors of the Western Fleet, which was decommissioned on May 28: INS Gomati |
| 376. L'OEil d'Or is the name of the award for the 'Best _____' at the Cannes Film Festival: Documentary |
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| 377. Which global body supports the celebration of No Tobacco Day on May 31? World Health Organisation |
| 378. International Everest Day is observed on which date? May 29 |
| 379. Why May 29 has been selected as the International Everest Day? It marks the first conquering of Everest in 1953 |
| 380. What is the theme for this year's World Menstrual Hygiene Day observed on May 28? We are committed |
| 381. Headquarters of the global NGO Amnesty International are located in which city? London |
| 382. India's biggest Drone Festival- "Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022" was held in which city on May 27-28? New Delhi |
| 383. Name the 64 year old Delhi based Hindi author who won the International Booker Prize: Geetanjali Shree |
| 384. Geetanjali Shree won the Booker Prize for which of her novel? "Ret Samadhi" (Tomb of Sand) |
| 385. Who translated the Hindi novel "Ret Samadhi" into English? Ms. Daisy Rockwell |
| 386. What is the amount of cash award in the International Booker Prize? British Pound 50,000/- |
| 387. What is the name of the second survey ship inducted in Indian Navy on May 26? Nirdeshak |
| 388. Which city became the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity? Kolkata |
| 389. Supercomputer 'PARAM PORUL' has been established in which educational institution? NIT Tiruchirappalli |

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| 390. | Murali Sreeshankar, from Kerala won the gold medal on May 26 at the 12th International _____ Meeting in Kallithea, Greece: Jumping |
| 391. | _____ became the first state in India to launch a pilot project on Olympic Values Education Programme: Odisha |
| 392. | 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 |
| 393. | The 4th edition of state-level popular Shirui Lily Festival 2022 was hosted by the _____ government from May 25 to 29: Manipur |
| 394. | Name the Army lady officer who became the first combat aviator in the Army Aviation Corps: Captain Abhilasha Barak |
| 395. | 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 |
| 396. | India recently joined which international forum that aims at decarbonising the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors? First Movers Coalition |
| 397. | The First Movers Coalition is an initiative launched by the _____ government and WEF: United States |
| 398. | The Travel and Tourism Development Index released on May 24, ranked India at which place? 54th |
| 399. | Which country topped the Travel and Tourism Development Index? Japan |
| 400. | India and the USA signed an Investment Incentive Agreement on May 23 in which city? Tokyo, Japan |
| 401. | National Health Authority has launched revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account mobile application. What is its name? ABHA |
| 402. | Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by a Presidential notification? Vinai Kumar Saxena |
| 403. | Jose Ramos-Horta was sworn in as president of East Timor. It is in which part of the world? Southeast Asia |
| 404. | Which company has overtaken Apple as the world's most valuable company in terms of its market capitalisation? Saudi Aramco |
| 405. | Saudi Aramco is associated with which field? Petroleum refining |
| 406. | Dr Tedros has been elected to serve a second _____ year term as Director-General of the WHO: Five |
| 407. | Dr Tedros hails from which country? Ethiopia |
| 408. | The first commercial drone flight in the country's healthcare sector was undertaken recently in which state? Uttarakhand |
| 409. | Vivek Kumar, 2004 batch IFS officer was appointed as the _____ to Prime Minister: Personal Secretary (PS) |
| 410. | Salil S. Parekh has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Indian IT company? Infosys |

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| 411. | Vijay Shekhar Sharma was re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Fintech Company of India? Paytm |
| 412. | US President Joe Biden launched the IPEF for prosperity with a dozen initial partners. Expand IPEF: Indo-Pacific Economic Framework |
| 413. | Prime Minister Modi visited Japan for two days, 23 and 24 May, to attend which global summit? QUAD Leaders' Summit |
| 414. | What is the full form of QUAD? Quadrilateral Security Dialogue |
| 415. | What is the theme of this year's World Turtle Day held on May 23? Shellebrate |
| 416. | 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 |
| 417. | 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 |
| 418. | Which team won the Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 on May 22? Haryana |
| 419. | The Indian men's compound team won the gold medal on May 21 in the Hyundai _____ World Cup 2022: Archery |
| 420. | Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Australia? Anthony Albanese |
| 421. | Which UN agency recently honoured India's one million all-women ASHA workers for their 'outstanding' contribution to health sector? WHO - World Health Organisation |
| 422. | India's first simulation-based war training centre, named Wargame Research and Development Centre, is being set up at which place? New Delhi |
| 423. | 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 |
| 424. | Who will be the head of this committee? B P Kanungo |
| 425. | Order of the British Empire has recently been conferred upon Kishore Jayaraman. He is President, India and South Asia for which company? Rolls-Royce |
| 426. | The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at which rank in the World Air Power Index? Third |
| 427. | Who is the author of the book "A Place Called Home"? Preeti Shenoy |
| 428. | Rasheed Kidwai, noted journalist, has authored which book recently? Leaders, Politicians, Citizens |
| 429. | Which UN Report slashed India's growth rate for 2022 to 6.4 %? World Economic Situation and Prospects" (WESP) report. |
| 430. | 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 |

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| 431. | Who has been appointed as the next Chief Executive of Hong Kong by the China's State Council? John Lee |
| 432. | 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 |
| 433. | The UNO has designated which day of May to be observed as International Day for Biodiversity? 22nd |
| 434. | Martyrdom day of which Indian statesman is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day on May 21? Rajiv Gandhi |
| 435. | What is the name of the Rajiv Gandhi's shrine located in New Delhi? Veer Bhumi |
| 436. | 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 |
| 437. | Which state received the highest amount of FDI in 2021-22, accounting for 38% share? Karnataka |
| 438. | World's first airport for electric flying cars and large drones has been built in Coventry, in which country? England |
| 439. | Which country topped the medal tally at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany? India |
| 440. | Which woman boxer from Telangana became the world champion in 52 kg category? Nikhat Zareen |
| 441. | 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 |
| 442. | The ICCW facility will be provided by using which digital payment platform? UPI - Unified Payments Interface |
| 443. | At the global level, which organisation maintains the most comprehensive "Red List of Threatened Species"? International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland |
| 444. | World Bee Day is observed on which date? May 20 |
| 445. | What was the theme for this year's World Metrology Day? Metrology in the Digital Era |
| 446. | Which Indian corporate clinched the deal to acquire Swiss cement major Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC? Adani group |
| 447. | 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 |
| 448. | What was the theme for this year's International Museum Day observed on May 18? The Power of Museums |
| 449. | The 24th Summer Deaflympics were held in Caxias Du Sul from 1st to 15th of May. It is in which country? Brazil |
| 450. | Which team won the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship? Odisha |
| 451. | The Union Government announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned 'Cotton Man', _____ Kotak: Suresh Bhai |

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| 452. | Vesak Day is observed every year in May on the first Full Moon Day. It is associated with which religion? Buddhism |
| 453. | The Forbes' list of World's highest paid athletes released on May 11, placed which player at the top? Lionel Messi |
| 454. | Lionel Messi plays for which Football Club? FC Paris Saint-Germain |
| 455. | Nidhi Chibber, senior IAS officer has been appointed as the chairperson of which apex national body? Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi. |
| 456. | Ms. Elisabeth Borne has been named as the Prime Minister of _____ by its President: France |
| 457. | Two frontline warships of the Indian Navy were launched at Mazgaon Docks Limited in _____ on May 17: Mumbai |
| 458. | What are the names of these two warships launched recently? Surat and Udaigiri |
| 459. | Surat and Udaigiri are which category of ships? Destroyer and Frigate, respectively |
| 460. | Between Destroyer and Frigate, usually _____ is larger and more powerful: Destroyer |
| 461. | Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary in _____ has been upgraded to a Tiger Reserve: Rajasthan |
| 462. | World Telecommunication and _____ Society Day is observed annually on May 17: Information |
| 463. | World Hypertension Day is observed on which day of May? 17th |
| 464. | Blood pressure is measured by two numbers to convey upper and lower blood pressure levels. Name these two indicators: Systolic and Diastolic |
| 465. | World's longest suspension footbridge, named 'Sky Bridge', was thrown open to the public on May 13 in which country? Czech Republic |
| 466. | Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been elected as the new President of which East African country? Somalia |
| 467. | Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Tripura? Manik Saha |
| 468. | Which city is the capital of Tripura? Agartala |
| 469. | Thomas Cup is associated with which sports? Men's Badminton |
| 470. | Indian team defeated which country to win its first ever Thomas Cup in its 73 year history? Indonesia |
| 471. | Uber Cup is associated with which sports? Women's Badminton |
| 472. | Team of which country won the Uber Cup 2022? South Korea |
| 473. | Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as the President of which West Asian country? UAE-United Arab Emirates |
| 474. | Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to which place in Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima? Lumbini |
| 475. | How Lumbini is associated with Lord Buddha? It is his birth place |

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| 476. | Which place in Bihar is associated with attainment of enlightenment by Lord Buddha? Bodhgaya |
| 477. | In which way Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh is associated with Lord Buddha? He attained Nirvana at this place |
| 478. | May 16 is observed as National Dengue Day with support from which ministry? Ministry of Health and Family Welfare |
| 479. | Who is the current Health and Family Welfare Minister of India? Dr Mansukh Mandaviya |
| 480. | What is the theme of this year's International Family Day that was observed on May 15? Families and Urbanisation |
| 481. | The country's first "Amrit Sarovar" was inaugurated on May 13 at village Patwai in district Rampur in which state? Uttar Pradesh |
| 482. | Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to develop ____ Amrit Sarovars in every district, during the 75 th anniversary of India's independence: 75 |
| 483. | 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 |
| 484. | From which country India received highest amount of inward remittances in 2021? USA |
| 485. | Which apex national authority launched the National Data and Analytics Platform - NDAP on May 13? NITI Aayog |
| 486. | What is the objective of launching NDAP? To improve access and use of published Indian government data |
| 487. | 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 |
| 488. | 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 |
| 489. | What is the approximate Extended Range of BrahMos missile? 350 km |
| 490. | Which fighter jet was employed to conduct test launch of ER version of BrahMos air launched supersonic cruise missile? Sukhoi Su-30 MKI |
| 491. | ____ became first country in the world to suspend vaccination against COVID-19: Denmark |
| 492. | Jamtara district in ____ has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries: Jharkhand |
| 493. | Jamtara has been the work place of which great social reformer: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar |
| 494. | Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the national level IT industry body NASSCOM for 2022-23? Krishnan Ramanujam |
| 495. | ____ has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewers: Agra |
| 496. | The World Bank has approved a \$ 47 million financial support for India's national program to |

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| | build civil service capacity. What is its name? Mission Karmyogi |
| 497. | Which state approved the country's first-of-its-kind gene bank programme aimed at conserving native biodiversity? Maharashtra |
| 498. | Who is the current Governor of Maharashtra? H'ble Bhagat Singh Koshiyari |
| 499. | What is another popular name for the International Workers' Day or Labour Day? May Day |
| 500. | The May Day commemorates the tragic incident of May 4, 1886, the Haymarket massacre that took place in ____ : Chicago, USA |
| 501. | World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first ____ of May every year: Sunday |
| 502. | May 2 is observed worldwide as World ____ Day to raise awareness about more sustainable fishing practices to conserve this species: Tuna |
| 503. | Whitley Gold Award is presented for outstanding contribution in which field? Nature's conservation |
| 504. | Who is the winner of this year's Whitley Gold Award? Charudutt Mishra |
| 505. | What is the amount of cash reward in the Whitley Gold Award? One lakh British Pounds |
| 506. | 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 |
| 507. | What is the full form of KVIC? Khadi and Village Industries Commission |
| 508. | The abbreviation FMCG stands for what? Fast Moving Consumer Goods |
| 509. | Tarun Kapoor, retd IAS officer, former petroleum secretary, has been appointed Advisor to which apex authority? Prime Minister |
| 510. | 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 |
| 511. | Which government department is associated with promotion of ONDC? Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade |
| 512. | What is special about a company incorporated under section 8 of Companies Act, 2013? It's a 'not for profit' company |
| 513. | 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 |
| 514. | Freedom of the press is implicit under which Article of the Indian Constitution? 19(1)(a) |
| 515. | World Asthma Day is observed on ____ Tuesday of May: First |
| 516. | Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the world level in which field? Weightlifting |
| 517. | Santosh Trophy is associated with which sports? Football |

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| 518. | Which state lifted the Santosh Trophy to become the National Football Champion? Kerala |
| 519. | Which global organisation releases the World Press Freedom Index? Reporters Without Borders, Paris |
| 520. | India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index slipped to ____ spot, from 142 nd last year: 150th |
| 521. | Which country topped the World Press Freedom Index in 2022? Norway |
| 522. | Which international day you will select to show your support and appreciation for the fire-fighters? International Fire fighters' Day, May 4 |
| 523. | People show gratitude to the firefighters by proudly wearing and displaying ____ and ____ ribbons pinned together: Blue and Red |
| 524. | Which apex government body released India's Civil Registration System (CRS) Report 2020? Registrar General of India |
| 525. | Who is the current Registrar General of India? Dr. Vivek Joshi |
| 526. | Registration of births and deaths in India is done under which law? Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969 |
| 527. | What is the name of the national competitive event organised annually to promote sports talent in India? Khelo India University Games |
| 528. | Which university hosted the Khelo India University Games 2021? Jain University (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru |
| 529. | Which university won the overall champion title in the Khelo India University Games 2021? Jain University, Bengaluru |
| 530. | The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" was released by which global organisation? FAO - Food and Agricultural Organisation |
| 531. | As per the State of the World's Forests report, forests cover ____ percent of the Earth's land surface: 31 |
| 532. | 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 |
| 533. | What type of vessel is ICGS Kamla Devi, recently inducted in the Indian Coast Guard? Fat Patrol Vessel |
| 534. | Name the ace cueist who won his seventh World Snooker Championship title on May 02 in England: Ronnie O'Sullivan |
| 535. | Snooker Champion Ronnie O'Sullivan hails from which country? England |
| 536. | Which UN agency supports the celebration of the Hand Hygiene Day on May 5? WHO - World Health Organisation |
| 537. | Who is the Director General of WHO? Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus |
| 538. | Which global sports body celebrates the World Athletics Day on May 7? World Athletics |
| 539. | Headquarters of World Athletics are in which city? Port Hercules, Monaco |

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| 540. | 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 |
| 541. | What was the main factor for prompting recent hike in the Repo Rate? Continuing of high consumer inflation |
| 542. | To ease the inflationary tendencies, the RBI hiked the CRR by 50 basis points to ____ percent: 4.50 |
| 543. | 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 |
| 544. | The Federal Reserve System of USA is world's most powerful central bank. Who is its current chairman? Jerome Powell |
| 545. | The Indian Coast Guard commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron on May 04 at which place? Kochi, Kerala. |
| 546. | The 845 Squadron of the Indian Coast Guard is equipped with which aircraft? ALH Mark III helicopters |
| 547. | What is the full form of ALH? Advanced Light Helicopter |
| 548. | Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a three-nation Europe trip from May 2 to 4. He visited which three countries? Germany, Denmark and France |
| 549. | 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 |
| 550. | Copenhagen is the capital of which country? Denmark |
| 551. | Which country among Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and Norway, is NOT a Nordic Country? Netherlands |
| 552. | The Elysee Palace is the official residence of the President of which country? France |
| 553. | Why Kerala fintech company "Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd" was in news recently? It has become India's 100th unicorn company |
| 554. | What is a unicorn company? A startup having valuation of \$1 billion and above |
| 555. | What do we call a bank that operates exclusively online without traditional physical branch networks? Neobank |
| 556. | India has been selected to be the 'Country of Honour' at the Marché Du Film, the business section of the ____ Film Festival: Cannes |
| 557. | 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 |
| 558. | The FCT Hub will promote transition to more modern approaches to manufacturing APIs. What is API? Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients |
| 559. | 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 |

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| 560. | 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 |
| 561. | In India, the coal mining began in 1774 when the East India Company exploited the Raniganj coalfield. It is in which state? West Bengal |
| 562. | World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice in a year, on second Saturday of _____ and _____ : May and October |
| 563. | What is the theme for this year's World Migratory Bird Day? Light Pollution |
| 564. | World Red Cross Day on May 8 marks the birth anniversary of _____, founder of the Red Cross Movement: Henri Dunant |
| 565. | The International Committee of the Red Cross is based in which city? Geneva, Switzerland |
| 566. | World Thalassemia Day is observed on which day of May? 8th |
| 567. | Thalassemia is associated with which type of disorder in human body? Decay of red blood cells |
| 568. | In many a countries, including India, Mothers' Day is celebrated on the second _____ of May: Sunday |
| 569. | Latest excavations by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Rakhigarhi, revealed vital remains of which civilisation? Harappa |
| 570. | Rakhigarhi, a world famous site for vast remains of Harappa civilisation is located at which place? District Hissar, Haryana |
| 571. | 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 |
| 572. | Which state is hosting the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? Haryana |
| 573. | If you plan to participate in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games, your age should be below _____ years: 18 |
| 574. | How Jay, Vijay and Dhakad are associated with the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? They are the game mascots |
| 575. | Which Indian corporate became the first one to cross annual revenue of \$ 100 billion? Reliance Industries Ltd. |
| 576. | World Food Prize is conferred by which global NGO? World Food Prize Foundation, USA |
| 577. | Who is the winner of this year's World Food Prize? Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig |
| 578. | Dr. Cynthia is a prominent climate research scientist in which organisation? NASA, USA |
| 579. | What is the amount of cash reward given with the World Food Prize? \$ 2,50,000/- |
| 580. | RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, launched on May 9 "PM-WANI" scheme. Expand PM-WANI: Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface |
| 581. | Name the legendary Santoor player who died of a heart attack on May 10 in Mumbai: Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma |
| 582. | Santoor is a popular local musical instrument of which area? Jammu & Kashmir |

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| 583. | Yoon Suk-Yeol was sworn in as the new President of South Korea on May 10. Which is the capital of S Korea? Seoul |
| 584. | India's first semi-high speed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) is to be made operational on which route? New Delhi-Meerut Corridor |
| 585. | Which company has built in India, the special coaches for RRTS, capable of running at speeds of 180 kmph? Alstom of France |
| 586. | 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 |
| 587. | Rodrigo Chaves was sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica. It is in which area? Central America, south of Mexico |
| 588. | 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 |
| 589. | What is the full form of UNCCD? United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification |
| 590. | Who represented India at the recent Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD? Bhupender Yadav, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister |
| 591. | Red Bull's reigning champion Max Verstappen won the first-ever Miami Grand Prix on May 8 in which country? USA |
| 592. | 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 |
| 593. | Avinash Sable from Beed, Maharashtra broke the 30 year old national record on May 6 in which athletic event? 5,000 metre race |
| 594. | 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 |
| 595. | Bach Long- world's longest glass pedestrian bridge, spanning 632 mts, has been opened in which country? Vietnam |
| 596. | International Nurses Day on May 12 marks the birthday of which great legendary nursing icon? Florence Nightingale |
| 597. | Florence Nightingale hailed from which country? England |
| 598. | The Supreme Court ordered on May 11 that Section _____ of the Indian Penal Code should be put on hold till further orders: 124A |
| 599. | Name the 1984 batch retired IAS officer who has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India: Rajiv Kumar |
| 600. | The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing or withdrawing over Rs _____ lakh in a financial year: 20 |
| 601. | 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 |

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| 602. | Name the veteran Indian architect who has been honoured with the Royal Gold Medal 2022: Balkrishna Doshi |
| 603. | World renowned architect, Balkrishna Doshi is based in which city? Ahmedabad |
| 604. | 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 |
| 605. | 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 |
| 606. | The 2022 Templeton Prize has been won by Dr. Frank Wilczek. He is a renowned professor of which subject? Physics |
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| 607. | World Veterinary Day is observed on the last ____ of April: Saturday |
| 608. | April 30 is observed all over India as the Ayushman ____ Diwas: Bharat |
| 609. | Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana provides a health insurance cover of ____ lakh rupees per family per year: Five |
| 610. | Which day of April is celebrated as the International Dance Day? 29th |
| 611. | Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 28? ILO-International Labour Organisation |
| 612. | Headquarters of ILO are located in which city? Geneva |
| 613. | World Intellectual Property Day celebrations are supported by which special UN agency? World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) |
| 614. | Headquarters of WIPO are in which place? Geneva, Switzerland |
| 615. | The 7 th Raisina Dialogue was inaugurated in which city on 25 th of April? New Delhi |
| 616. | Who was the Chief Guest at the 7 th Raisina Dialogue? Ms. Ursula Von Der Leyen |
| 617. | Ms. Leyen holds which important apex office? Presidency of European Union |
| 618. | Headquarters of European Union are located in which city? Brussels, capital of Belgium |
| 619. | 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 |
| 620. | Malaria is a life-threatening disease which is caused by ____ Parasites: Plasmodium |
| 621. | Malaria spreads to humans through the bites of infected female ____ mosquitoes: Anopheles |
| 622. | Max Verstappen led the team Red Bull to victory in the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix on April 24 in which country? Italy |
| 623. | Who was the first recipient of the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award in Mumbai on April 24? Prime Minister Narendra Modi |

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| 624. | Who has been named Laureus World Sportsman of the Year? Max Verstappen |
| 625. | Elaine Thompson-Herah has been named Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year. She hails from which country? Jamaica |
| 626. | The Khelo India University Games were declared open in ____ on April 24: Bengaluru |
| 627. | The Panchayati Raj Act came into existence in which year? 1993 |
| 628. | The Panchayati Raj Act was enacted by which amendment of the Indian Constitution? 73rd |
| 629. | 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 |
| 630. | Which popular Bollywood actress has been named as one of the judges on the world famous prestigious Cannes Film Festival? Deepika Padukone |
| 631. | Which Indian billionaire industrialist has become the world's fifth-richest person according to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List? Gautam Adani |
| 632. | Emmanuel Macron won a second term in presidential election of ____ with 58.2 % of the vote: France |
| 633. | Indian Coast Guard inducted an Auxiliary Barge, named ____, at Bharuch in Gujarat on April 23: Urja Pravaha |
| 634. | Indian compound men's team won the gold medal on April 23 in the ____ World Cup Stage-1 at Antalya, Turkey: Archery |
| 635. | The Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award is conferred by which UN Agency? The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) |
| 636. | Who is the winner of this year's Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award? Sir David Attenborough |
| 637. | 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 |
| 638. | The RBI has decided to extend the guidelines on LEI to Primary UCBs and NBFCs also. What is LEI? Legal Entity Identifier |
| 639. | As per a latest report by SIPRI, ____ topped in the military expenditure in 2021: USA |
| 640. | India was placed at ____ spot in the world, in terms of its military expenditure in 2021: Third |
| 641. | SIPRI is noted think tank in military domain, based at ____ in Sweden: Stockholm |
| 642. | Ravi Dahiya, Bajrang Punia and Gourav Baliyan, all three are top ____ of India: Wrestlers |
| 643. | Appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog? Dr. Suman K Bery |
| 644. | British Prime Minister Boris Johnson landed in ____, Gujarat on April 21 on his two day visit to India: Gandhinagar |

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| 645. | Britain and India agreed to conclude the negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement by _____ this year: Diwali |
| 646. | Who are the two cricketers included in this year's top 5 Wisden Cricketers of the Year list? Jasprit Bumrah and Rohit Sharma |
| 647. | Who has been named as the "Leading Man Cricketer in the World" by the Wisden? Joe Root |
| 648. | Name the Mauritius Prime Minister who arrived in Mumbai on April 17 on an eight-day official visit to India? Pravind Kumar Jugnauth |
| 649. | Which international Day is observed globally every year to mark the birthday and date of death of legendary writer William Shakespeare? English Language Day |
| 650. | This year, the city of Guadalajara in _____ has been selected as the World Book Capital for 2022: Mexico |
| 651. | Which UN agency promotes the celebration of World Book and Copyright Day on April 23? UNESCO |
| 652. | The Earth day observed on April 22, was renamed officially by the UN in 2009 as International _____ Earth Day: Mother |
| 653. | What is the theme of this year's International Mother Earth Day? Invest in our Planet |
| 654. | India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned by which public sector oil company? Oil India Limited |
| 655. | India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned at which place? Jorhat, Assam |
| 656. | Dr. Ajay Sood has been appointed as the new Principal _____ Adviser to the Prime Minister: Scientific |
| 657. | 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 |
| 658. | The Vagsheer has been named after which deadly deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean? Sand Fish |
| 659. | What is the theme of this year's World Creativity and Innovation Day observed on April 21? Collaboration |
| 660. | April 21 is observed as Civil Services Day in India. Who referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'? Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel |
| 661. | The World Bank and the IMF held their summer meetings April 18-19 in which city? Washington DC, USA. |
| 662. | The World Bank slashed its forecast for global economic growth to _____ % for this year: 3.2%. |
| 663. | What is the full form of KVIC? Khadi and Village Industries Commission |
| 664. | 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 |
| 665. | Which global organisation brings out the World Economic Outlook Report? International Monetary Fund (IMF) |

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| 666. | The foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) was laid on April 19 in which city? Jamnagar, Gujarat |
| 667. | Which Indian GM became the first Indian player to win the La Roda International Open in Spain in 48 years? D Gukesh |
| 668. | Export of which food item witnessed an astounding growth of 291 percent in 2021-22, from 2013-14, reaching \$4,600 million? Sugar |
| 669. | World Liver Day is observed on April 19. Which is the most common infection of liver? Hepatitis A, B, C |
| 670. | Who has been appointed as the new Chief of the Indian Army? Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande |
| 671. | National Fire Service Day is observed on which day of April? 14th |
| 672. | The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways has developed a portal named 'e-DAR' for what purpose? To accelerate settlement of accident claims |
| 673. | What is the full form of e-DAR? electronic-Detailed Accident Report |
| 674. | Which team won the men's title in 71st Senior National Basketball Championship? Tamil Nadu |
| 675. | _____ was crowned as the National Champion in the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship: Haryana |
| 676. | Who won the gold in the Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark? Sajan Prakash |
| 677. | In which country gushing floods caused by heavy rains killed more than 400 people in its KwaZulu-Natal province? South Africa |
| 678. | International Day for Monuments and Sites on April 18 is also known by which popular name? World Heritage Day |
| 679. | World Haemophilia Day is observed globally on April 17. It is associated with which disorder? Bleeding |
| 680. | Which international day is observed on April 16 to raise awareness about the threats faced by elephants? Save the Elephant Day |
| 681. | 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 |
| 682. | Tropical storm Megi brought torrential downpours to the central regions of _____ in April's second week: Philippines |
| 683. | Dr Manoj Soni has been appointed as the chairman of the Union _____ Commission: Public Service |
| 684. | The Australian state of _____ has been officially announced as the host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games: Victoria |
| 685. | The 2022 Commonwealth Games are being hosted by _____, UK from July 28 to August 8, 2022: Birmingham |
| 686. | World Art Day is celebrated globally every year on _____ April to promote the development and enjoyment of art: 15th |

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| 687. | Iqbal Singh _____ has been re-appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities: Lalpura |
| 688. | Which global organisation brings out the bi-annual report "South Asia Economic Focus"? World Bank |
| 689. | What is another popular name for the Ambedkar Jayanti observed on April 14? Bhim Jayanti |
| 690. | Who has been selected as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year - 2021: Ms. Falguni Nayar |
| 691. | Ms. Falguni Nayar is the founder and CEO of which company? Nykaa |
| 692. | The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the first advanced light helicopter (ALH) MK III Squadron on April 10 in which place? Bhubaneswar |
| 693. | Which city has been recognised as a 'Tree City of the World' by the Arbor Day Foundation, USA, for a second consecutive year? Hyderabad |
| 694. | Which is the second city from India to be recognised as a 'Tree City of the World'? Mumbai |
| 695. | Indian Grandmaster, _____ won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament on April 12: R Praggnanandhaa |
| 696. | 4th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup was won by which team? The Netherlands |
| 697. | Finals of 4 th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup were played in which city of South Africa? Potchefstroom |
| 698. | 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 |
| 699. | The Asian Development Bank granted a two million dollar Project Readiness Financing Loan for which state? Nagaland |
| 700. | Whom is the current chairman of the University Grant Commission (UGC)? Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar |
| 701. | International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021 has been awarded to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of _____ and to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat: Chandigarh |
| 702. | April 13 is celebrated as the Siachen Day. What type of geographical entity is Siachen? Glacier |
| 703. | People of Assam celebrate Baisakhi as _____ Bihu: Rongali |
| 704. | In which state festival of Baisakhi is observed as Vishu? Kerala |
| 705. | Tamil Nadu celebrates festival of Baisakhi by the name of ____? Puthandu |
| 706. | Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya on April 14 in which city? New Delhi |
| 707. | Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya has been developed on which erstwhile monument? Teen Murti Estate |
| 708. | Who has been appointed as coordinator for the G20 summit, to be hosted by India in 2023? Harsh Vardhan Shringla |

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| 709. | Who is the India's 'Sherpa' for the forthcoming G20 summit in 2023? Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal |
| 710. | Which country in South America, has made history by becoming the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals? Ecuador |
| 711. | Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister in Pakistan? Shehbaz Sharif |
| 712. | Shehbaz Sharif is the country chief of which political party? Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) |
| 713. | 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 |
| 714. | The first human space flight was carried out by _____, a Russian astronaut: Yuri Gagarin |
| 715. | India successfully flight-tested ATGM Helina on April 11. What is expansion of ATGM? Anti-Tank Guided Missile |
| 716. | What is the effective strike range of Helina? 7-8 km |
| 717. | Which apex organisation released its State Energy and Climate Index, SECI on April 11? NITI Aayog |
| 718. | Which state secured first position in the SECI? Gujarat |
| 719. | Among smaller states, _____ topped the SECI: Goa |
| 720. | Which 'Made in India' aircraft made its first commercial flight on April 12? Dornier Do-228 |
| 721. | Which Indian company manufactured the Dornier Do-228 aircraft? HAL - Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bengaluru |
| 722. | Researchers at IIT _____ have launched the country's first polycentric prosthetic knee, named Kadam: Madras |
| 723. | What was the theme of this year's World Parkinson's Day celebrated on April 11? Integrated Health Care |
| 724. | National _____ Motherhood Day is observed on April 11: Safe |
| 725. | World Homoeopathy Day on April 10 marks the birth anniversary of which great Homoeopath? Dr. Samuel Hahnemann. |
| 726. | Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal created history by winning India's first ever gold medal at WSF World Doubles _____ championship at Glasgow, England: Squash |
| 727. | 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 |
| 728. | Targeted candidates in the age group 18 to _____ years can apply for the training programme under PM-DAKSH: 45 |
| 729. | Which paramilitary force observes April 09 as its "Shaurya Diwas"? CRPF |
| 730. | The Airport Authority of India has launched an initiative "AVSAR" to encourage and support the talent of _____: Local artisans & craftsmen |
| 731. | What is the full form of AVSAR? Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region |

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| 732. | DRDO successfully flight tested the Solid _____ Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster on April 8 at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur: Fuel |
| 733. | The SFDR is associated with which weapon system? Missiles |
| 734. | 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 |
| 735. | What was the name of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise held from 25 March to 6 April? Khanjar 2022 |
| 736. | Khanjar 2022 was held at which place? Bakloh, HP |
| 737. | Saraswati Samman, a prestigious national level award, is given for outstanding achievement in which field? Literature |
| 738. | Who is the winner of the 2021 Saraswati Samman? Ramdarash Mishra |
| 739. | 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) |
| 740. | What is the amount of cash award given with the Saraswati Samman? Rs.15 lakh |
| 741. | The RBI released the guidelines on establishment of DBUs on April 7. What is a DBU? Digital Banking Units |
| 742. | In its first Monetary Policy Committee meeting on April 8, the RBI kept the benchmark interest Repo rate unchanged at _____ percent: 4 |
| 743. | RBI introduced SDF in its April monetary policy meet. What is the full form of SDF: Standing Deposit Facility |
| 744. | President of India Ram Nath Kovind embarked on a 7-day tour on April 1 to which two nations? Turkmenistan and the Netherlands |
| 745. | Which is the capital of Turkmenistan and The Netherlands? Ashgabat and Amsterdam |
| 746. | India achieved its highest ever merchandise exports of \$417.8 billion in 2021-22. Which month's contribution was highest? March |
| 747. | What is the name of the official mascot for this year's FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? La'eeb |
| 748. | The La'eeb has been designed after what? A free flowing Keffiyeh |
| 749. | What is a Keffiyeh? A traditional Arabian headdress |
| 750. | The Yangtze River Three Gorges 1, world's largest electricity-run cruise ship, made its maiden voyage on April 5 in which country? China |
| 751. | 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 |
| 752. | 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 |

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| 753. | What is the name of the Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? Al Rihla |
| 754. | Which sports goods company has produced the football Al Rihla? Adidas |
| 755. | 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 |
| 756. | What is the name of the India's first private commercial satellite launched by Bengaluru based spacetechn startup, Pixxel? Shakuntala |
| 757. | Which big housing finance company announced its merger with the HDFC Bank? HDFC Ltd |
| 758. | Who is the MD & CEO of HDFC Bank? Sashidhar Jagadishan |
| 759. | Name the senior IFS officer of 1988 batch who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary: Vinay Mohan Kwatra |
| 760. | Which national day associated with the shipping industry is observed on April 5? National Maritime Day |
| 761. | Founder and CEO of the Nykaa has been ranked as the richest Indian self-made woman in the World. Who is she? Falguni Nayar |
| 762. | 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 |
| 763. | Which musical album won the Grammy for the "Album of the Year" for 2022? 'We Are' by Jon Batiste |
| 764. | Who won the Grammy for the "Best New Artist"? Olivia Rodrigo |
| 765. | Viktor Orban has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of _____ for a fourth term: Hungary |
| 766. | Which team won the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022? Australia |
| 767. | Finals of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 were played at which place? Christchurch, New Zealand |
| 768. | Which apex national institution launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system on March 31? Supreme Court |
| 769. | The famous living root bridges, Jingkieng Jri, found in _____, have been included on the tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites: Meghalaya |
| 770. | Nepalese Prime Minister who arrived in New Delhi on April 01 for a three day official visit: Sher Bahadur Deuba |
| 771. | The first day of the first month of the Hindu calendar, marks the beginning of which Hindu calendar? Vikram Samvat, 2079 this year |
| 772. | Vikram Samvat starts on the first day of which month of Hindu calendar? Chaitra |
| 773. | World Autism Awareness Day is observed on which day of April? 2nd |

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| 774. | The recent data released by the Ministry of Agriculture shows that _____ is the top producer of vegetables: Uttar Pradesh |
| 775. | Which state is the largest producer of fruits in India? Andhra Pradesh |
| 776. | Indian and French navies conducted exercise 'Varuna-2022' in the _____ from March 30 to April 3: Arabian Sea |
| 777. | NASA and the European Space Agency's Hubble Space Telescope discovered the farthest individual star ever seen to date. What is its name? Earendel |
| 778. | 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 |
| 779. | 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 |
| 780. | Who has been named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021? S. Mirabai Chanu |
| 781. | S. Mirabai Chanu is the outstanding sportsperson from which sports? Weightlifting |
| 782. | Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 released by Duff & Phelps, placed which Indian celebrity at top? Virat Kohli |
| 783. | Raj Subramaniam, Indo-American technocrat has been appointed as the new CEO of which US multinational courier delivery giant? FedEx |
| 784. | Which country hosted virtually the 5th BIMSTEC Summit on March 30? Sri Lanka |
| 785. | What is the full form of BIMSTEC? Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation |
| 786. | How many countries are member of BIMSTEC? Seven |
| 787. | Which two north-eastern states signed an agreement on March 29 in New Delhi to resolve their interstate boundary disputes? Assam and Meghalaya |
| 788. | Who is the Chief Minister of Meghalaya? Conrad Sangma |
| 789. | The Indian Navy commissioned the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316 into service at INS Hansa at which place? Dabolim, Goa |
| 790. | What is name of the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316? The Condors' |
| 791. | 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 |
| 792. | 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) |
| 793. | Where are the headquarters of ILO? Geneva, Switzerland |

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| 794. | 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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| 795. | 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 |
| 796. | World Theatre Day is celebrated on which day of March month? 27th |
| 797. | The 94th Academy Awards (Oscars) were held on March 27 in which city? Hollywood, Los Angeles, California |
| 798. | Which film won the Oscar for the best film? CODA |
| 799. | The Oscar for the Best Director was lifted by _____ : Ms. Jane Campion for The Power of the Dog. |
| 800. | Actor Will Smith won the Oscar for the Best Actor for which film? King Richards |
| 801. | Name the heroine who won the Oscar for the Best Actress? Jessica Chastain |
| 802. | Every year, the Earth Hour is celebrated worldwide on the last _____ of March: Saturday |
| 803. | Who won the Women's Singles title on March 27 at the Swiss Open Badminton Championships at Basel, Switzerland? P V Sindhu |
| 804. | 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 |
| 805. | Which state topped the number of ODF Plus villages at 13,960 under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase-II? Telangana |
| 806. | What is the full form of ODF? Open Defecation Free |
| 807. | Who is the winner of this year's Stockholm Water Prize 2022? Prof. Wilfried Brutsaert, USA |
| 808. | What is the name of the 19-seater aircraft developed recently by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru? Hindustan 228 |
| 809. | Which state topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021 released by the NITI Aayog on March 25? Gujarat |
| 810. | Which team won the SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship on March 25? India |
| 811. | President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the prestigious 'President's Colour' to INS _____ in Jamnagar- Gujarat on March 25: Valsura |
| 812. | The Reserve Bank inaugurated its national level innovation hub on March 24 in _____ to promote advanced technology in banking: Bengaluru |
| 813. | 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 |
| 814. | Asia's largest civil aviation event, 'Wings India 2022' started on March 24 in which city? Hyderabad |
| 815. | 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% |

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| 816. | What is the theme of this year's World Tuberculosis Day observed on March 24? Invest to End TB; Save Lives |
| 817. | Shaheed Diwas or Martyr's Day is observed on March 23. The National Martyrs Memorial is located at which place? Hussainiwala, in district Ferozepur. |
| 818. | Shaheede Aazam Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were awarded death sentence for which offence? For fatally shooting Assistant Police Superintendent John P. Saunders |
| 819. | 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 |
| 820. | March 23 is observed as World Meteorological Day. World Meteorological Organisation is based in which city? Geneva |
| 821. | 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 |
| 822. | Military exercise Ex-Dustlik was held in which place? Yangiariq, Uzbekistan |
| 823. | What is the name of the fourth Covid vaccine approved by the DCGI for children in 12 to 18 age group? Covovax |
| 824. | India scripted history by achieving an ambitious target of export of goods worth \$ ____ billion within a single year (2021-22): 400 |
| 825. | The World Bank issued the Wildlife Conservation Bonds to support South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species of which animal? Black Rhino |
| 826. | The IFFCO Paradeep Plant achieved a rare feat of highest ever annual production of Phosphates in the world. It is in which state? Odisha |
| 827. | 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 |
| 828. | 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 |
| 829. | Which global award is known as "Nobel of Mathematics"? Abel Prize |
| 830. | Abel Prize is awarded in which country? Norway |
| 831. | Dennis Parnell Sullivan, winner of this year's Abel Prize, hails from which country? USA |
| 832. | What is the amount of cash given with the Abel Prize? 7.5 million Norwegian Kroners |
| 833. | _____ has become the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme to become completely paperless. Nagaland |
| 834. | Which union ministry launched the Sujalam 2.0 campaign on March 22 for greywater management? Jal Shakti |

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| 835. | The World Air Quality Report released on March 22 has ranked which country as most polluted? Bangladesh |
| 836. | What was the theme of this year's World Water Day on March 22? Groundwater- Making the Invisible Visible |
| 837. | Yulimar Rojas of _____ improved her own women's triple jump world record with a leap of 15.74 metres: Venezuela |
| 838. | Which Indian company has become the first Indian firm to be an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? Byju's |
| 839. | With which country India hosted the joint military exercise LAMITIYE-2022 from March 22 to 31? Seychelles |
| 840. | Steve Smith of _____ has become the fastest to score 8000 runs in Test cricket: Australia |
| 841. | Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India Ltd? Hisashi Takeuchi |
| 842. | In which country a passenger plane with 132 persons on board crashed in the hills, without any apparent reason? China |
| 843. | In which state a leader who lost recent MLA elections, has been sworn in as the Chief Minister? Uttarakhand |
| 844. | 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 |
| 845. | 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 |
| 846. | The central government has announced the new Vibrant Villages Programme for which type of villages? For villages on the northern border of the country |
| 847. | What is the objective of the Vibrant Villages Programme launched recently? To upgrade and improve the overall infra facilities in the border villages |
| 848. | 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 |
| 849. | RBI approved whose name for re-appointment as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IDBI Bank? Rakesh Sharma |
| 850. | India and Japan conducted the annual joint military exercise named _____ from February 27 to March 10: Dharma Guardian 2022 |
| 851. | Bilateral India - Japan military exercise Dharma Guardian 2022 was conducted at which place? Belgaum, Karnataka |
| 852. | Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Hearing Day on March 03? WHO |

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| 853. | 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 |
| 854. | Which country is going to host the 31st Southeast Asian Games from May 12 to 23? Vietnam |
| 855. | What is the name of the first ever asteroid discovered with three very own satellites? Elektra |
| 856. | The Zero Discrimination Day is observed on which date? March 01 |
| 857. | Which national day on March 01 marks the creation of the Indian Civil Accounts Service on this day in 1976? Civil Accounts Day |
| 858. | 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% |
| 859. | Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of market regulator SEBI? Ms. Madhabi Puri Buch |
| 860. | The Government of India unveiled a special logo on Feb 25 to commemorate 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and ____: Belgium |
| 861. | 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 |
| 862. | 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 |
| 863. | 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 |
| 864. | Sadia Tariq, 15 year old girl from J&K won a gold medal in the Moscow ____ Stars Championship: Wushu |
| 865. | What is the name of the rescue mission launched by the Indian government to evacuate its nationals from Ukraine? Operation Ganga |
| 866. | India's first electronic waste eco-park is expected to come at which place? Narela in North Delhi |
| 867. | 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 |
| 868. | Which country topped the International Intellectual property (IP) Index 2022? USA |
| 869. | What was India's rank in the International IP Index 2022? 43rd |
| 870. | According to Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022, what is India's rank in terms of number of billionaires? Third |
| 871. | National Safety Day on March 4 marks the establishment of which body on this day in 1965? National Safety Council |
| 872. | India celebrates National Security Day on March 4. Who is our National Security Advisor? Ajit Doval |
| 873. | What was India's rank in the 6th Edition of 'Sustainable Development Report 2021 (SDR 2021)' released by Sustainable Development Solutions Network? 120th |

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| 874. | What was this year's theme for the World Obesity Day observed on March 4? Everybody Needs to Act |
| 875. | Shane Warne, Australian cricket legend died at the age of 52 after a suspected heart attack. He was an outstanding ____ bowler: Leg Spinner |
| 876. | What is the name of the country's first indigenous Flying Trainer designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore? Hansa - NG |
| 877. | The ninth edition of Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise SLINEX was held in ____ on March 7 and 8: Visakhapatnam |
| 878. | Who became the third cricketer and the first woman to appear in six World Cups? Mithali Raj |
| 879. | Government launched the 'Sagar Parikrama' mission on 5th March at Mandvi, Gujarat for what purpose? To know the problems of coastal fisher folk |
| 880. | What is the name of the indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, successfully tested on March 4 by Indian Railways? Kavach |
| 881. | Which union ministry supports the celebration of Janaushdhi Diwas on March 7? Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers |
| 882. | The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME Ministry launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named "____" on March 7: SAMARTH |
| 883. | Which country topped the medal tally in the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt? India |
| 884. | Internationally, which day of March is observed as No Smoking Day? 9th |
| 885. | What is the name of the UPI facility for feature phones launched by RBI on March 8? UPI123Pay |
| 886. | What is the full form of UPI? Unified Payments Interface |
| 887. | Which organisation manages operation of UPI? NPCI |
| 888. | 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 |
| 889. | With a view to increase urban educated women's participation in the workforce, which Bank kicked off a new initiative, the 'HouseWorksWork'? Axis bank |
| 890. | Headquarters of Axis Bank are located in which city? Mumbai |
| 891. | World Kidney Day is observed globally on the second ____ of March every year: Thursday |
| 892. | Yoon Suk Yeol has been elected as the new President of which country? South Korea |
| 893. | Government has set up National Land Monetization Corporation under administrative control of which union ministry? Finance Ministry |
| 894. | What is the objective of setting up of the National Land Monetization Corporation? To manage |

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| | monetization of the surplus land of public sector undertakings |
| 895. | Priyanka Nutakki who became India's 23 rd newest Woman Grandmaster, hails from which state? Andhra Pradesh |
| 896. | Who won the National Champion title at MPL's National Women Chess Championship at Bhubaneswar, Odisha? Divya Deshmukh |
| 897. | 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 |
| 898. | 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 |
| 899. | Headquarters of NaBFID are located in which city? Mumbai |
| 900. | What is the authorised capital of NabFID: One Lakh crore |
| 901. | International Day of Women Judges was observed for the first time this year, on which date? March 10 |
| 902. | 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 |
| 903. | Who created a world record as professional football's all-time leading scorer with 807 goals? Cristiano Ronaldo |
| 904. | C. Ronaldo hails from which country? Portugal |
| 905. | C. Ronaldo plays for which popular football club? Manchester United |
| 906. | Who became the all-time highest wicket-taker in the history of the Women's World Cup? Jhulan Goswami |
| 907. | _____ broke the record for most matches captained in the ICC Women's World Cup: Mithali Raj |
| 908. | WHO has approved the setting up of its first Global Centre for Traditional Medicine - GCTM in _____, Gujarat: Jamnagar |
| 909. | In the Acronym AYUSH, what does letter 'U' stand for? Unani |
| 910. | Who is the current union minister for Ayush ministry? Sarbananda Sonowal |
| 911. | Debasish Panda has been appointed as the Chairman of which apex regulatory body in financial sector? Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) |
| 912. | Country's first medical city named as 'Indrayani Medicity' is coming up near _____, Maharashtra: Pune |
| 913. | Country's first Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal of Indian Railways was commissioned on March 10 in which state? Jharkhand |
| 914. | What is the theme for this year's World Consumer Rights Day, celebrated on March 15? Fair Digital Finance |

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