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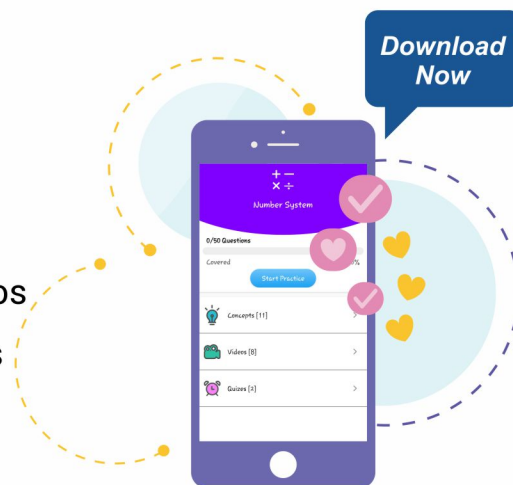
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## IMPORTANT RATES (04-06-2022)

Repo Rate	4.40%
Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	4.65%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio	18.00%
Cash Reserve Ratio	4.50%
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<b>June 08</b>	World Ocean Day
<b>June 12</b>	Anti-Child Labour Day
<b>June 20</b>	World Refugee Day
<b>June 21</b>	International Yoga Day

## IMPORTANT DAYS IN JULY

<b>July 01</b>	Doctor's Day
<b>July 06</b>	World Zoonoses Day
<b>July 11</b>	World Population Day
<b>July 15</b>	World Youth Skill Day
<b>July 17</b>	International Justice Day
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<b>July 26</b>	Kargil Vijay Diwas
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# Success Story

**Name:** Sunita

**Father's Name :** Shonki Lal

**Education:** Graduation

**Final Selection :** IBPS Clerk (Indian Bank)



**IBT:** I wish you many congratulations for you proved that you have the caliber to achieve your goal. You must be feeling proud of yourself.

**Sunita:** Thank you, sir.

**IBT:** How did you feel when you got to know that you have qualified the exam?

**Sunita:** The moment I checked the result, I could not believe that I qualified the exam. I checked it 3-4 times, then only I could believe that I really nailed the exam. I am very glad. Initially, I was little scared like other students if I would be able to qualify any exam, but finally my efforts and hard work proved to be fruitful and I experienced that being underconfident is fruitless. I succeeded in overcoming my fear and got selection. My dedication and sincerity helped me to crack the exam. I am really feeling overwhelmed.

**IBT:** What was your future plan before joining the Institute?

**Sunita:** I've always aspired to get a govt. job. The same was the dream of my parents. I took a few govt. exams during my graduation. Results of those examinations made me realize that I need coaching. This is the reason I joined IBT Institute which, I think, has been the smart decision of mine as it is the most prestigious institute in India. The reason I am calling IBT a prestigious Institute is that it provides its students everything which is required to qualify the desired exam like Mock Tests, Study Notes,

Books, Magazines, Lifetime Membership Card (LMC), and most importantly experienced and worthy teachers.

**IBT:** What strategy did you follow to achieve your goal?

**Sunita:** I consider that to qualify any exam one should have understanding of every concept of each subject. That's why I was determined to attend all the classes regularly. I focused not only on my favorite subjects but also on the subjects which were not dear to me. In beginning, I used to have many doubts which I would clear in the separate doubt sessions provided by the Institute. After practicing all the topics, I majorly focused on my weak areas and revised the strong chapters.

**IBT:** What you think is the best strategy while taking any competitive exam?

**Sunita:** Sir, I think, time management is crucial while taking any competitive exam. One ought to allocate appropriate time to each question. One must pay attention not only on speed but also on accuracy. Students must make their own strategy as per their own strengths and weaknesses. This would only be possible if they are taking mock tests on the regular basis along with the time bound practice of the questions.

**IBT:** How much time did you use to devote for the preparation of the exam?

**Sunita:** Sir, I never made a hard and fast rule for myself to study for a fixed no. of hours, but I used to study for 4-6 hours a day. I always used to decide the number of topics that I was going to practice in a day. For me, achieving that target was much important rather than fixing study hours.

**IBT:** What contribution did IBT Institute make to your success?

**Sunita:** Faculty of IBT Institute helped me a lot to clear all my doubts regarding the subjects. It is only due to the flexible batch timings, regular guidance, doubt sessions and weekly mock tests because of which I became able to qualify this examination.

**IBT:** Would you like to say something to your parents or teachers?

**Sunita:** I would like to attribute my success to my parents who always supported me, my teachers who were always there to guide me and IBT Institute as a whole which supported me during my journey towards success. The faculty members guided me in the proper direction.

**IBT:** Would you like to suggest something to other aspirants?

**Sunita:** Firstly, they have to be very clear what they want to achieve in their life and if they are really interested in joining the govt. job, they must not leave any room for preparation. Dedication and diligence are the keys to reach the summit of success.

**IBT:** Celebrating your success and wishing that you achieve everything best in your life!

**Sunita:** Thank you very much, sir!

## PRECIOUS WORDS

*"We generate fears while we do nothing. We overcome these fears by taking action."*

## INDIA LAUNCHING PROJECT WARDEC AI-POWERED WARGAME CENTRE

The Army Training Command and Gandhinagar-based Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a Wargame Research and Development Centre in New Delhi. The project, dubbed 'WARDEC' as a prototype, will be India's first simulation-based training centre, which will use artificial intelligence (AI) to create virtual reality wargames.

Soldiers will put their talents to the test in the metaverse, which will combine virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) to imitate their surroundings.

The Army plans to use the gaming centre to teach military strategy to its officers.

The Army will give data to form the backdrop of the game, according to RRU officials, so that participants have a genuine experience.

The BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, and SSB, in addition to the armed forces, might benefit from metaverse-enabled simulation exercises for enhanced training.

AI can deliver a completely immersive training experience by simulating a battlefield as closely as possible and mapping multiple scenarios in the unlikely case of a war.

Since the 9/11 attacks, numerous governments, including the United States, Israel, and the United Kingdom, have preferred to employ information technology-enabled wargaming to prepare for terror attacks or war.

Several international leaders, including former German Chancellor Angela Merkel, former US President Barack Obama, and Chinese President Xi Jinping, played a war simulation game about how to react in the event of a nuclear strike during the Hague Summit in March 2014. The imaginary country of Brinia was the target of the nuclear strike in that instance.

The Army will employ the Wargame Research and Development Centre to train soldiers and test plans using "metaverse-enabled gameplay."

The wargame simulations will be used to train for conflicts, counter-terrorist operations, and counter-insurgency operations.

According to RRU insiders familiar with the situation, the centre will be built in a military zone in New Delhi.

In the next three to four months, the RRU will collaborate with Tech Mahindra to develop the centre.

The RRU is a national security and policing institute under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

It is a "institution of national importance," as defined by an Act of Parliament, and is located in Gandhinagar's Lavad village.

A team from the RRU will shortly travel to Delhi to obtain all of the information needed to begin work from the Army. Faculty members from RRU's School of Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence, and Cyber Security have been assigned the assignment.

## Nepali scales Mount Everest for 26th time, beating his own record



A Nepali sherpa scaled Mount Everest for a record 26th time, beating his own previous record set last year

Kami Rita Sherpa, 52, scaled the 29,000-foot mountain on Saturday along the traditional southeast ridge route, leading 10 other Sherpa climbers.

The climbing route used by Kami Rita was pioneered in 1953 by Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa from Nepal, and remains the most popular.

This year Nepal has issued 316 permits to climb Everest in the peak season, which runs through May, compared with 408 last year, the highest ever.

The Himalayan nation, which is heavily reliant on climbers for foreign exchange, faced criticism for allowing overcrowding and several climber deaths on the mountains in 2019.

Everest has been climbed 10,657 times since it was first scaled in 1953 - many have climbed multiple times, and 311 people have died so far, according to the Himalayan database.

## Gujarat Titans win IPL title in maiden season, beat Rajasthan Royals by seven wickets in final



The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 ended with Gujarat Titans (GT) lifting the trophy by defeating inaugural champions Rajasthan Royals (RR) at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on May 29. The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022, was the 15th edition of the professional Twenty20 cricket league established by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

### Scores of Rajasthan Royals Vs Gujarat Titans Final Match:

**Rajasthan Royals:** 130/9 in 20 overs (Jos Buttler 39; Rashid Khan 1/18, Hardik Pandya 3/17).

**Gujarat Titans:** 133/3 in 18.1 overs (Hardik Pandya 34, Shubman Gill 45 not out).

### Key points

**IPL 2022 Closing Ceremony:** It was a full house at the Narendra Modi Stadium as the attendance marked 1,04,859.

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and General Secretary Jay Shah then receive a certificate as IPL created a Guinness world record for the world's largest cricket jersey.

AR Rahman, the Academy Award winner, was the star of the show at the IPL 2022 Closing Ceremony.

Ranveer Singh's dance performance, which included the 'Vaathi Coming' from Master and 'Naatu Naatu' from RRR, was the perfect start of the electric evening of the IPL 2022 Closing Ceremony.

### List of All Prize Winners :

- **Aramco Purple Cap Winner of The Season:** Yuzvendra Chahal (27 Wickets)
- **Aramco Orange Cap Winner of The Season:** Jos Buttler (863 Runs)
- **Player of The Match (Final):** Hardik Pandya
- **Upstox Most Valuable Player of The Season:** Jos Buttler
- **Punch Super Striker of The Match (Final):** David Miller
- **Dream11 Game Changer of The Match (Final):** Hardik Pandya
- **Unacademy Let's Crack It Sixes Award (Final):** Yashasvi Jaiswal
- **CRED Powerplayer of The Match (Final):** Trent Boult
- **Upstox Most Valuable Asset of The Match (Final):** Hardik Pandya
- **SwiggyInstamart Fastest Delivery of The Match (Final):** Lockie Ferguson
- **Rupay On The Go 4s of The Match (Final):** Jos Buttler
- **IPL 2022 Emerging Player of The Season:** Umran Malik
- **Unacademy Let's Crack It Sixes Award of The Season:** Jos Buttler
- **Punch Super Striker of The Season:** Dinesh Karthik (SR - 183.33)
- **Dream 11 Game Changer of The Season:** Jos Buttler
- **PayTM Fairplay Award:** Gujarat Titans & Rajasthan Royals
- **CRED Powerplayer of The Season:** Jos Buttler
- **SwiggyInstamart Fastest Delivery of The Season:** Lockie Ferguson (157.3 KMPH)
- **Rupay On The Go 4s of The Season:** Jos Buttler
- **Tata IPL Catch of The Season:** Evin Lewis



## US surpasses China as India's biggest trading partner in FY22 at \$119.42 bn



The US surpassed China to become India's top trading partner in 2021-22, reflecting strengthening economic ties between the two countries. According to the data of 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.

Exports to the US increased to \$76.11 billion in 2021-22 from \$51.62 billion in previous fiscal year, while imports rose to \$43.31 billion as compared to about \$29 billion in 2020-21.

During 2021-22, India's two-way commerce with China aggregated at \$115.42 billion as compared to \$86.4 billion in 2020-21, the data showed.

Exports to China marginally increased to \$21.25 billion last fiscal year from \$21.18 billion in 2020-21, while imports jumped to \$94.16 billion from about \$65.21 billion in 2020-21. Trade gap rose to \$72.91 billion in 2021-22 from \$44 billion in previous fiscal year.

Trade experts believe that the trend of increasing bilateral trade with the US will continue in the coming years also as New Delhi and Washington are engaged in further strengthening the economic ties.

Federation of Indian Export Organisations Vice President Khalid Khan said India is emerging as a trusted trading partner and global firms are reducing their dependence only on China for their supplies and are diversifying business into other countries like India.

America is one of the few countries with which India has a trade surplus. In 2021-22, India had a trade surplus of \$32.8 billion with the US.

The data showed that China was India's top trading partner from 2013-14 till 2017-18 and also in 2020-21. Before China, the UAE was the country's largest trading partner.

In 2021-22, the UAE with \$72.9 billion, was the third largest trading partner of India. It was followed by Saudi Arabia (\$42.85 billion), Iraq (\$34.33 billion) and Singapore (\$30 billion).

## India wins maiden Thomas Cup Title



India's men's badminton team wins the Thomas Cup title for the first time ever with a stunning 3-0 win over

powerhouse Indonesia in the final. India took on 14-time winners Indonesia in the final of the Thomas Cup in Bangkok, Thailand and lifted the title defeating the defending champions by 3-0. India dished out a performance for the ages with World Championships medallist Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth and the world number 8 doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy producing memorable performances.

### Important Points:

- India was off to a perfect start as Lakshya Sen defeated Anthony Ginting by 8-21, 21-17, 21-16 in a thrilling tie.
- India's doubles pair Satwik and Chirag defeated Ahsan-Sukamuljo 18-21, 23-21, 21-19, the most sensational victory of their career, to give India a 2-0 lead.
- In the third game, Kidambi Srikanth defeated Jonatan Christie 21-15, 23-21 to make it 3-0. They have done it without losing a match in the final.

# Modi proposes 'Japan Week' to celebrate Japanese contribution to India's development journey

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently proposed 'Japan Week' to celebrate Japan's contribution to India's development journey.

## What are the highlights of PM Modi's meeting with the business community?

On the sidelines of Quad Summit, PM met top executives and CEOs of 34 Japanese companies including Honda Motor Co, Toyota Motor Corporation, Suzuki Motor Corporation, etc. The majority of these Japanese companies made investments in India. Organizations such as Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), and Invest India also participated in the meeting.

PM said that the businessmen are brand ambassadors of the immense potential of India-Japan relations. He highlighted partnerships between both countries such as India-Japan Industrial Competitiveness Partnership (IJICP) and Clean Energy Partnership, etc. He also talked about the reforms taken by India and initiatives such as National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, etc. which make India an attractive destination for investments.

During 2000-2019, Japan remained the third-largest investor in India with cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows of USD 30.27 billion. Japan contributed 7.2% to India's total FDI inflows during 2009-19.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is involved in various projects in India across various sectors such as health care, transportation, urban environment management, energy, etc. Prominent transportation projects include Phase 2 of the Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project, Hyderabad Outer Ring Road (ORR) Project, Visakhapatnam Port Expansion Project, and Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Project.

The investment target of 3.5 trillion Japanese yen announced in 2014 has been already achieved. During Japanese PM Fumio Kishida's visit to India in March 2022, India and Japan set a target of investment of Japanese Yen 5 trillion (42 billion dollars) over the next five years.

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## Nikhat Zareen wins gold at Women's World Boxing Championships

India's Women Boxing fraternity added another feather to its cap with Nikhat Zareen winning the Gold Medal at the Women's World Boxing Championship. Nikhat who hails from Telangana, put on a stunning performance to beat Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas in the final match held at Istanbul. With this achievement, Nikhat Zareen joined the league of 5 iconic Women Boxers, Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL and Lekha KC, who have won Gold at the World Championship so far. Apart from Zareen, two other Indian Boxers Manisha (57kg) and Parveen (63kg) secured 3rd place winning Bronze medal in the championship this year. The 25-year-old Zareen is a well-known face in the women's boxing fraternity. Earlier, she had won the junior youth world

champion proving her mettle to compete against the best of the best in the world. Today again, she exhibited excellence in the ring outsmarting Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas in the fly-weight final.

In the final match, Zareen dominated her opponent in the first round by using technical acumen and landing more punches than the Thai Boxer. Thai Boxer Jitpong came back strongly to clinch the second round with 3-2 score. But in the final round, Zareen managed to take the fight to her opponent winning 5-0 unanimous decision in her favour. Prior to the final, Zareen also won a 5-0 match against Brazil's Caroline De Almeida.

### Her Earlier Achievements :

In 2010, just in 6 months since starting her training, Zareen won the Gold Medal in the Telangana State Championship. This was followed by a Gold Medal at the Rural Nationals Championship held in Punjab. Her big break came in 2011, when she won the World Junior and Youth Championship for girls in Antalya.



# NATIONAL NEWS

**MAY 2022**

## PM MODI PARTICIPATED IN QUAD SUMMIT IN TOKYO

- PM Narendra Modi will participate in the Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo held on the 24th of May at the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.
- The summit will be attended by US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.
- During this meet, PM Modi will also review the India- Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Mr Morrison and exchange views on global and regional developments.

## NATIONAL SEMINAR ON INDIAN CINEMA AND SOFT POWER INAUGURATED IN MUMBAI

- Renowned Film Director Shekhar Kapoor has inaugurated National Seminar titled 'Indian Cinema and Soft Power' in Mumbai
- Organized by: Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- Key topics: Cinematic colonialism, Indian Cinema as a Vehicle of spreading awareness about idea of India abroad, regional cinema and its global influence, Indian cinema's engagement with foreign audience, global influence of Indian cinematic music.

## INDIA'S 'FIRST' TRIBAL HEALTH OBSERVATORY SET UP IN ODISHA

- Odisha is ready to come up with an observatory that will establish a repository on the health of the tribal population in the state.
- This will be India's only tribal health observatory.
- An MoU was signed between the ST and SC Development Department and the RMRC (Regional centre of ICMR).
- It will perform systematic and ongoing observation on disease burden, health-seeking behaviour and healthcare delivery system pertaining to tribal health in the state.

## BIHAR CM INAUGURATES INDIA'S FIRST ETHANOL PLANT IN PURNIA

- CM Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in Purnia district, Bihar .
- The plant has been set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of 105 crores.
- Bihar came up with an ethanol production promotion policy in the first half of 2021.
- It is the country's first grain-based ethanol plant.
- Ethanol production will help to reduce the cost of petrol and generate fresh employment opportunities in the state.

## HOME MINISTER INAUGURATES NATGRID BENGALURU CAMPUS



- Union Minister for Home and Cooperation, Amit Shah has inaugurated National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) Bengaluru campus.
- NATGRID is conceptualised as a seamless and secure database for information on terrorists, economic crimes and similar incidents. It will be available to 11 central agencies and police of all States and Union Territories.
- **Technology partner:** C-DAC, Pune.
- **Plan Management Consultant:** IIT, Bhilai.

## CHHATTISGARH LAUNCHES DOORSTEP DELIVERY MUKHYAMANTRI MITAN YOJANA

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has launched a doorstep delivery scheme named Mukhyamantri Mitani Yojana (Mitan stands for a friend).
- The scheme will be implemented as a pilot project in 14 civic bodies.
- Citizens of Chhattisgarh can avail around 100 public services, including delivery of birth, caste, income and marriage certificates, at their doorstep under a new scheme launched by the state government.

## DELHI CABINET APPROVES STARTUP POLICY TO AID THE ENTREPRENEUR

- The Delhi cabinet has approved the "Delhi Startup Policy" with an aim to create an ecosystem for people to launch startups and provide them with fiscal and non-fiscal incentives, collateral-free loans, and free consultancy from experts, lawyers, and CA.
- Aim: To encourage, facilitate, and support 15,000 startups by 2030
- The 20 members task force will be set up including government officials and experts from business and trade.

## HEALTH MINISTER INAUGURATES 3-DAY SWASTHYA CHINTAN SHIVIR- HEALTH SUMMIT



- Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated a three-day Swasthya Chintan Shivir (Health Summit) at Kevadiya in Gujarat.
- Aim: Detailed discussion on various topics and policies related to the health sector and recommend ways and means for better implementation of these policies/programmes.
- This summit is being organized as a part of the 14th Convention of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare (CCHFW).

## UNION MINISTER NARAYAN RANE INAUGURATES MAHARASHTRA MSME EXPO 2022 IN MUMBAI

- Narayan Rane (Union Minister for MSME) has inaugurated the Maharashtra MSME Expo 2022 in Mumbai.
- The MSME sector contributes 50% of the country's total exports and 30% to economic growth.
- MSME will set up 37 clusters in Maharashtra in the next two years.
- During an event, he also launched the magazine 'Maharashtra MSME Achievers'.
- The event was organized in collaboration with the MSME ministry and MSME Development Organization named "Zhep, Udyoginichi" and "We MSME".

## TELANGANA GOVT EXTENDS INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER 'NETHANNA BIMA' SCHEME

- Telangana Government has announced the extension of insurance coverage to handloom and power loom weavers under 'Nethanna Bima' (Weaver's Insurance) Scheme.
- The State Government has extended the insurance coverage of 5 lakh rupees for weavers under the Insurance Scheme on par with Rythu Bima insurance scheme.
- The insurance coverage would be extended to weavers in the age group of 18 to 59 years.

## MANIPUR CM BIREN SINGH LAUNCHES DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER FOR ORGANIC FARMERS

- Manipur CM N. Biren Singh has launched the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for 18,000 registered farmers under Horticulture Department for Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), Phase- III (2020-23).
- DBT of Rs. 11,250 per farmer, for the components of assistance for on-farm input for both 1st year and 2nd year and for off-farm inputs production for 1st was transferred to the individual registered farmer's account.

## IN 2020, LADAKH RECORDED HIGHEST SEX RATIO IN THE COUNTRY, MANIPUR LOWEST



- According to the annual report on Vital Statistics based on the Civil Registration System report 2020, Ladakh (1104) has recorded the highest sex ratio at birth in the country in 2020 followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Tripura and Kerala.
- Lowest sex ratio at birth: Manipur (880) followed by D& N Haveli & Daman & Diu (898) and Gujarat (909).
- Published by: The Registrar General of India (Ministry of Home Affairs)

**APRIL 2022****MEGHALAYA'S ROOT BRIDGES ON TENTATIVE LIST OF WORLD'S HERITAGE SITES**

- Meghalaya's living root bridges get listed on the tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites.
- Living root bridges are the type of simple suspension bridge formed by the method of tree shaping from living plant roots across a stream or river.
- These bridges are locally known as Jingkieng Jri.
- 'Ficus Elastica' tree is used to make living bridges in Cherrapunji, India.
- The roots form the bridge in a span of 10-15 years.

**UP BECOME INDIA'S TOP VEGETABLE PRODUCER**

- Uttar Pradesh has become the top producer of vegetables, getting back its first position by demoting West Bengal to the second position, with a difference of a million tonnes in production in 2021-22 Crop Year (CY) (July-June), after two years since 2020.
- Vegetable production in Uttar Pradesh is expected to be 29.58 million tonnes (mt) in the 2021-22 crop year (July-June), down from 29.16 mt in 2020-21, while West Bengal output is expected to dip to 28.23 mt in 2021-22 from 30.33 mt in 2020-21.
- Other top producers of vegetables as per the data in the current year 2021-22 include Madhya Pradesh at 20.59 mt, Bihar at 17.77 mt and Maharashtra at 16.78 mt.

**ANDHRA PRADESH CM INAUGURATED 13 NEW DISTRICTS**

- Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched 13 new districts in the state, and now the total number of districts is 26.
- Aim: better administration and transparency, create a smooth and effective delivery mechanism for welfare schemes
- New Districts: Parvathipuram Manyam, Alluri Seetharamaraju, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Konaseema, Eluru, NTR, Palanadu, Bapatla, Nandyala, Sri Satya Sai, Annamayya and Tirupati

**RASHTRIYA SANSKRITI MAHOTSAV 2022 INAUGURATED IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

- 11th edition of Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2022 started at Arts College Ground Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh.
- The second leg of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2022 event was held in Warangal, was inaugurated by the Telangana governor, Tamilisai Soundararajan.
- The third leg of this Mahotsav will be held in Hyderabad from 1st to 3rd April.
- The inaugural event of Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav was held in 2015.

**LOK SABHA PASSES 'THE FINANCE BILL, 2022', COMPLETES BUDGETARY EXERCISE FOR FY23**

- The Lok Sabha approved the Finance Bill, which gives effect to new taxation, thus completing the Budgetary exercise for 2022-23 fiscal. The Finance Bill was approved by the Lower House after accepting 39 official amendments moved by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and rejecting the amendments proposed by the opposition by voice vote.
- The Budget 2022-23 raised Capex by 35.4 per cent to Rs 7.5 lakh crore to continue the public investment-led recovery of the pandemic battered economy.
- The number of taxpayers has increased to 9.1 crore from 5 crore a few years back.

**EAM JAISHANKAR ON 4-DAY VISIT TO MALDIVES AND SRI LANKA STARTING FROM MARCH 26TH**

- External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar will be on a four-day official visit to the Maldives and Sri Lanka from March 26-30 following the invitations of his counterparts from the two island countries.
- The EAM's will arrive in the Maldives for a two-day visit from March 26-27, which will be followed by a three-day visit to Sri Lanka from March 28 that will include his participation in the BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on 29 March 2022 in Colombo.



## CABINET APPROVES EXTENSION OF PM GARIB KALYAN ANNA YOJANA

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) scheme for another six months, till September 2022, in order to show care and compassion towards the underprivileged and vulnerable parts of society (Phase VI).
- The PM-GKAY scheme's Phase-V was set to finish in March 2022. It should be noted that the PM-GKAY has been in effect since April 2020, making it the world's largest food security programme.
- So far, the government has spent over Rs. 2.60 lakh crore, with another Rs. 80,000 crore set to be invested over the next six months through September 2022, bringing the total expenditure under PM-GKAY to roughly Rs. 3.40 lakh crore.
- This will benefit over 80 million people across India and, like before, will be totally sponsored by the Indian government.

## PIYUSH GOYAL INAUGURATED INDIAN JEWELLERY EXPOSITION CENTRE

- During his visit to Dubai, the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal has, inaugurated the Indian Jewellery Exposition Centre (IJEX) building at Dubai Expo 2020.
- The minister also urged the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) to set a target Jewellery Export of USD 100 billion from the current USD 35 billion.

## LEPAKSHI NANDI, VEERABHADRA TEMPLE ON WORLD HERITAGE TENTATIVE LIST



- The Sri Veerabhadra Swamy temple was placed on the UNESCO World Heritage tentative list with the Monolithic Bull (Nandi) at Lepakshi, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Sri Veerabhadra Swamy temple is also known as the Lepakshi temple is dedicated to Veerabhadra (Shiva)
- The temple is known for the Vijayanagara sculpture and mural painting on the ceiling as traditional art.
- India World Heritage sites: 40

## KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT WILL LAUNCH VINAYA SAMARASYA SCHEME ON APRIL 14

- The Karnataka government will launch Vinaya Samarasya Yojana on April 14.
- This drive aims to eradicate untouchability in Gram Panchayats across the state.
- This scheme was also added in the recently announced Karnataka Budget for 2022-23.
- April 14 celebrates the birth anniversary of the father of the Indian Constitution, B R Ambedkar.
- B R Ambedkar received Bharat Ratna in 1990.

## MODI-DEUBA INAUGURATE INDIA-NEPAL PASSENGER RAIL LINK, LAUNCH RUPAY

- PM Narendra Modi and visiting Nepalese PM Sher Bahadur Deuba jointly flagged off the 1st India-Nepal passenger rail link.
- They also launched the RuPay payment card in Nepal and inaugurated the Solu Corridor 132 KV Power transmission line and substation in Nepal.
- It is built under the Indian govt's Line of Credit.
- This is Deuba's 1st bilateral visit abroad after becoming PM in July 2021.
- He visited India in each of his 4 earlier stints as PM, the last one being in 2017

## CHANDRAPUR DISTRICT OF MAHARASHTRA RECORDS THIRD HOTTEST PLACE IN THE WORLD

- According to the El Dorado weather website, Chandrapur was the third hottest city in the world, with a maximum temperature of 43.2 degrees Celsius. According to the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Nagpur was also the hottest city in Vidarbha, with a maximum temperature of 41.6 degrees Celsius, followed by Akola.
- As per the El Dorado Weather, Kayes city of Mali is the hottest place on earth with 44.4 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, Segou of Mali is second in the list with 43.8 degrees Celsius whereas Chandrapur is third in the list.
- The highest temperature in Nagpur has also surpassed 40 degrees. On Wednesday, the city's maximum temperature was 41.1 degrees Celsius, about three degrees above usual.

**MARCH 2022****GOI LAUNCHES MISSION NAMED OPERATION GANGA**

- The government of India has launched an evacuation mission named Operation Ganga to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine due to the Russia-Ukraine tension. Due to the ongoing tension between Ukraine and Russia, Ukraine has been declared as a no-fly zone by the authorities for the safety and security of the nations. Due to this many Indian nationals were left stranded in Ukraine.
- To help the Indian citizens come back to the country, the government of India decided to conduct a special evacuation mission named Operation Ganga. The government will bring back Indian nationals via flight.

**MEGHALAYA LAUNCHES ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM**

- Meghalaya Chief Secretary, R.V. Suchiang has commissioned online reporting system of the Meghalaya State Food Commission.
- It will facilitate quick submission of reports by District Grievance Redressal Officers in issues relating to effective redressal of grievances in matters relating to distribution of entitled food grains or meals and to enforce the entitlements under National Security Act 2013.

**ASSAM GOVT DECLARES ENTIRE STATE AS "DISTURBED AREA"**

- Assam govt has declared entire state as 'Disturbed Area' for up to 6 months.
- This declaration has been made as per powers conferred under Section 3 of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958.
- Initially, it was Assam Disturbed Area Act of 1955 during agitation by Nagas in undivided Assam.
- This Act gave freehand to some extent to the Army that was repealed with the incorporation of the Armed Forces (Special Power) Act, 1958.

**GOOGLE AND MEITY TO TRAIN 100 INDIAN STARTUPS UNDER APPSCALE ACADEMY**

- MeitY Startup Hub, an initiative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and Google have announced a cohort of 100 early to mid-stage Indian startups under Appscale Academy programme.
- They were chosen from over 400 applications following an in-depth selection process
- Under this 6-month programme, 100 startups will be trained through a customized curriculum that includes virtual instructor-led webinars, self-learning material, mentorship sessions.

**UNION MINISTER LAUNCHES "STREE MANORAKSHA PROJECT"**

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani has launched 'Stree Manoraksha project' as a part of a week-long International Women's Day week (1st to 8th March, 2022)
- Aim: to extend mental health training to 6000 One Stop Centre (OSC) functionaries across India.
- Organized: Ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with NIMHANS.
- It emphasizes on psychosocial well-being and will improve mental health of women in India.

**ACCORDING TO KNIGHT FRANK INDIA RANKS 3RD IN BILLIONAIRE POPULATION GLOBALLY**

- India has been ranked 3rd in terms of most billionaires' population globally in 2021, as per Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022
- Top Performers: United States and China
- Number of ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWIs) in India increased by 11% in 2021 to 145 billionaires, highest percentage growth in Asia Pacific region
- UHNWIs: Individuals with net assets of US\$ 30m (Rs 226 crore) or more

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**MAY 2022**

## BRAZIL LANDSCAPE GARDEN EARNS UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE STATUS

- The Sitio Burle Marx site, a landscape garden in Brazilian city Rio de Janeiro has been added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites. The garden features more than 3,500 species of plants native to Rio and is considered a laboratory for botanical and landscape experimentation.
- The site has been named after Burle Marx, a Brazilian landscape architect whose designs of parks and gardens made him world-famous. The Sitio Burle Marx site was his home until 1985.

## INDIAN, FRENCH ARMIES HOLD STAFF TALKS TO BOOST COOPERATION

- Staff talks between the armies of India and France were held to enhance cooperation with the two entities.
- The talks were focused on issues related to military training, military education, joint exercises and defence cooperation between the two armies.
- This was the 18th round of staff talks between the two armies.
- India and France have close defence ties.

## WTO'S 12TH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 12-15 IN GENEVA

- The World Trade Organization will hold a ministerial meeting in Geneva on 12-15th June.
- The World Trade Organization succeeded the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) and came into being on 1 January 2005. It supervises the parameters of global trade and aims to maintain a healthy world trade.
- Its highest decision-making body would meet in the name of a ministerial conference in Geneva. The role of WTO gathered more prominence particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic as it negotiated for the availability of food materials across the globe.
- The Indian government had recently asked for exporting her grain stocks to the deficient countries by providing concessions under Amber Box.

## BANGLADESH UNCOVER A NEW GAS FIELD OF 20 MMCFD CAPACITY

- Bangladesh has uncovered a new gas field with the capacity to produce 20 million cubic feet of gas per day (MMCFD) at the Koilastila Gas field.
- Koilastila Gas Field is one of the five gas fields which was purchased from the Shell Oil company by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975.

- Now, it is possible to supply 17-19 million cubic feet of gas daily to the national grid from the newly discovered well number 6 by May 10.

## UN-ENERGY PLAN OF ACTION TOWARDS 2025 LAUNCHED

- United Nations has launched UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025 to catalyze large-scale action and support needed for transition to clean, affordable energy for all and net-zero emissions.
- Energy Compact Action Network was also launched to match those govt seeking support for their clean energy goals with those govt and businesses that have pledged over \$600 billion
- It sets out a framework for collective action by nearly 30 UN and international organizations

## SOUTH KOREA JOINS NATO CYBER DEFENCE UNIT

- National Intelligence Service South Korea (spy agency) has become the first in Asia to join NATO's Cyber Defense Group (CDG).
- The cyber defense group was founded in Tallinn in 2008 in response to a cyberattack that disrupted Estonia's state networks.
- It focuses on cyber security research, training, and exercises.
- NATO's Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence (CCDCOE) now includes 27 NATO member countries and five non-NATO partners.



## CHINA TO HOST BRICS FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE

- China's State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi has hosted the meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs on May 19 through video conference.
- **The meeting was attended by:** S. Jaishankar (India), Naledi Pandor (South Africa), Carlos Alberto Franco França (Brazil) and Sergey Lavrov (Russia).
- India has handed over the BRICS Chairmanship to China from January 2022.
- **Theme 2022:** Foster High-Quality BRICS Partnership Usher in a New Era for Global Development.

## BIDEN SIGNS ORDER TO IMPROVE POLICING ON GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY

- US President Joe Biden recently signed an executive order to improve accountability in policing.
- The order was signed on the second anniversary of George Floyd's death. Since the George Floyd incident, many started demanding police reforms. But, the delay in reforms reflects the challenges in addressing racism, excessive use of force, and public safety. US lawmakers were unable to reach an agreement on how to reform the police policies and in this regard, the US president has limited options.
- The order involves provisions regarding policies on the use of force

and misconduct of officers. It also analyzes the impact of facial recognition software on civil liberties, and ways to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in federal prisons and suggests improving data collection regarding police practices.

- While meeting the demands of reforms, the US President is also attempting to strike a balance between police and civil rights groups. The International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police coordinated with the US President regarding the order. The order was a crucial but incomplete step.

## INDIA JOINS WEF'S RESKILLING REVOLUTION INITIATIVE AS FOUNDING MEMBER

- The Reskilling Revolution initiative marked two years of progress at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2022 in Davos, Switzerland.
- Reskilling Revolution initiative is a global coalition of 50 CEOs, 25 ministers, and 350 organizations committed to realizing the gains of skilling. It was launched in 2020 at the World Economic Forum's (WEFs) 50th Annual Meeting. It aims to provide 1 billion people with better education, skills, and economic opportunity by 2030.
- The coalition works with national-level country accelerators launched in 12 countries including India, Pakistan, South Africa, UAE, and

others, with knowledge support from countries like Denmark, Finland, Singapore, and Switzerland. The coalition aims to expand beyond adult reskilling and upskilling and focus on education for children and youth. The efforts of the coalition will be carried forward by a new Education 4.0 Alliance, which brings together 20 leading education organizations.

## NOVELIS JOINS FIRST MOVERS COALITION TO ACCELERATE DECARBONIZATION OF ALUMINUM INDUSTRY

- India recently joined a global public-private partnership initiative called the First Movers Coalition.
- The initiative was launched by President of the USA Joe Biden and the World Economic Forum (WEF) at COP26. It was joined by 50 new corporate members with a collective market capitalization of USD 8.5 trillion
- The First Movers Coalition aims to decarbonize the most carbon-intensive sectors such as the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors, which are responsible for 30% of global emissions. It is expected that emissions from these sectors will increase to around 50% by mid-century unless urgent actions are taken on clean technology innovation. The targeted sectors of the First Movers Coalition include aluminum, aviation, chemicals, concrete, shipping, steel, and trucking.

**APRIL 2022****MAURITIUS PM PRAVIND JUGNAUTH ARRIVED IN INDIA**

- Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth has arrived in Mumbai on an eight-day visit to India.
- Mauritius PM will participate in the Ceremony of the WHO-Global Centre for Traditional Medicine at Jamnagar on 19th April and the Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit at Gandhinagar in Gujarat on 20th April.
- Pravind Kumar Jugnauth will also visit Varanasi. The visit will also improve the bilateral relations between the two nations.

**PRESIDENT RAM NATH KOVIND EMBARKS ON TWO NATION TOUR TO TURKMENISTAN, NETHERLANDS**

- President Ram Nath Kovind embarked on a two-nation tour to Turkmenistan and the Netherlands.
- During the first leg of the tour, the President is visiting Turkmenistan.
- This will be the first-ever visit of an Indian President to Turkmenistan.
- This visit is significant as it is taking place as India marks 30 years of

diplomatic relations with Turkmenistan.

- On the second leg, President Kovind will be on a four-day visit to the Netherlands.

**HURUN RICHEST SELF-MADE WOMEN IN THE WORLD 2022 ANNOUNCED**

- The Hurun Research Institute has released the 12th year of the Hurun Richest Self-Made Women in the World 2022.
- With US\$7.6bn, Mumbai-based Falguni Nayar, Nykaa marks her presence in the Top 10.
- With US\$3.9bn, Radha Vembu, Zoho is the third richest self-made woman billionaire in India.
- According to the report, Japan, Germany, France, Canada and S. Korea are the world's largest economies without a single self-made woman billionaire.

**MADAGASCAR JOINS COALITION FOR DISASTER RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Madagascar has become the 30th country to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) was launched by PM Modi in September 2019.
- **CDRI partner:** National governments, UN agencies and programmes, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, and knowledge institutions
- **Aim:** Promote infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks in support of sustainable development.

**U.S. SENATE CONFIRMS KETANJI BROWN JACKSON AS FIRST BLACK WOMAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE**

- The United States of America (USA) Senate has confirmed Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first black woman in US Supreme Court.
- The US Senate has voted 53 to 47 to confirm her appointment.
- Jackson is the third black judge after Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas, and the sixth woman.
- She is the second-youngest member of the court after Judge Barrett, 50.
- Kamala Harris is also the first Black woman Vice-President in the USA.

**FOURTH INDIA-US 2+2 MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE HELD IN WASHINGTON**

- The fourth edition of the '2+2' Ministerial dialogue between India and the United States was held on April 11, 2022 in Washington DC.
- The dialogue provides a platform for covering all bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.
- The Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar lead the Indian delegation.
- The United States Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin lead the US delegation.
- The First two plus two dialogue was held in New Delhi in September 2018, followed by the Second in Washington DC in 2019, while the third one again in New Delhi in October 2020.

## BRITISH PM BORIS JOHNSON ARRIVES IN INDIA ON A TWO-DAY VISIT



- United Kingdom PM Boris Johnson has arrived in India for a two-day visit. He will visit the Gandhi Ashram, Gujarat Biotechnology University, the plant of JCB Company, and the Akshardham temple in Gandhinagar.
- Johnson will also hold bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The two Prime Ministers will also review the implementation of the 2030 Roadmap and set their vision for further intensifying cooperation across the full spectrum of bilateral ties.

## INDIA, FINLAND ANNOUNCE DECISION TO ESTABLISH INDO-FINNISH VIRTUAL NETWORK CENTRE ON QUANTUM COMPUTING

- India has signed an MoU with Finland to establish an Indo-Finnish Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing.
- Aim: To stimulate innovative research and development projects, demonstrate high industrial relevance, and commercial potential
- India has identified three premier institutes IIT Madras, IISER Pune, and C-DAC Pune for Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing.

## ECUADOR BECOMES WORLD'S FIRST COUNTRY TO GIVE LEGAL RIGHTS TO WILD ANIMALS

- The South American country, Ecuador has become the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals.
- The ruling comes soon after the Ecuador recently also became the first country in the world to recognise nature as a legal entity.
- The apex court of Ecuador has stated that wild animals have the right "not to be hunted, fished, captured, collected, extracted, kept, retained, trafficked, marketed or exchanged" and the right to the "free development of their animal behaviour, which includes the guarantee of not being domesticated and not forced to assimilate human characteristics or appearances."
- It is worth noting that owning wild animals in Ecuador is illegal.

## RUSSIA QUILTS UN TOURISM BODY AHEAD OF VOTE ON ITS SUSPENSION

- The UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has announced that Russia has decided to withdraw from the UNWTO. The announcement was made by UN World Tourism Organization Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili.
- According to the UNWTO, Russia decided to withdraw from this organization ahead of a vote by the body to suspend Russia for its war against Ukraine.
- This development comes amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.
- The UNWTO had earlier called the Russian aggression against Ukraine as being inconsistent with the United

Nations Charter and being against the UNWTO's fundamental aim.

- The UNWTO had earlier announced in the month of March that it wants to suspend Russia due to the conflict.
- This decision must be approved by 2/3rd of its members (159 members) at the convention that began on 27th April 2022 in Madrid.
- Even after Russia's decision to withdraw, the UNWTO will go ahead with the vote.
- This is the first time the UNWTO has met to discuss the suspension of one of its member nations.

## THE QUARREL OVER KURIL ISLANDS

- Japan has said that four islands near the Kamchatka Peninsula have been illegally occupied by Russia. The Japanese call these islands 'the Northern Territories' while Russia calls them 'Kurils.'
- The islands stretch north across the Pacific Ocean from Japan's Hokkaido to Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula's southern most tip.
- These islands have been in the midst of a longstanding issue between Japan and Russia.
- The Japanese government led by Fumio Kishida has upped its ante over these islands' ownership.
- For the first time in around 20 years Japan has called the islands to have been illegally occupied.
- This term was last used in 2003 by the foreign ministry of Japan.
- This dispute dates back to the end of the Second World War when the Soviet Union, a part of the allied forces, won the war against the Axis powers of Japan, Italy, and Germany.



**MARCH 2022****BANGLADESH-INDIA CULTURAL MEET KICKS OFF IN RAJSHAHI**

- The fifth Bangladesh - India Cultural meet kicked off with a colourful civic reception being given to the visiting guests from India and dignitaries in Rajshahi.
- The function was presided over by the Mayor of Rajshahi city AHM Khairuzzaman Liton.
- Friends of Bangladesh and Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) are jointly hosting the four-day event between Feb 25-28 to celebrate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

**BANGLADESH TOPS THE LIST IN TERMS OF WOMEN ON BOARD OF LISTED COMPANIES**

- Bangladesh tops the list in terms of women on board of listed companies in South Asia, as per the study conducted by International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- According to data, there was an increase in the percentage of women who are independent directors on listed companies from 5% in 2020 to 6%, despite COVID-19
- 2020 IFC-DSE study showed at the time around 18% of listed company board directors were women, which has remained the same.

**JAPAN AND INDIA RENEWS BILATERAL SWAP ARRANGEMENT OF UP TO \$75 BILLION**

- Japan and India have renewed the Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) of up to \$75 billion with effect from February 28, 2022.
- The Bank of Japan, acting as agent for the Minister of Finance of Japan, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) signed the Amendment and Restatement Agreement of the BSA.
- BSA is a two-way arrangement where both authorities can swap their local currencies in exchange for the US Dollar.

**UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT SIGNS FORMAL REQUEST TO JOIN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has signed an official request for Ukraine to join European Union.
- Volodymyr Zelenskiy has asked European Union to allow Ukraine to gain membership immediately under special procedure as it defends itself from invasion by Russian forces.
- Political and economic union of 27 member states, located primarily in Europe.

**ISRAEL-BASED CORALOGIX FORMS SNOWBIT, A CYBER SECURITY VENTURE IN INDIA**

- Israel-based Coralogix has launched cyber security venture in India titled as 'Snowbit'.
- Coralogix will initially focus on the Indian and Israeli markets and is a full-service cybersecurity venture focused on empowering cloud-native companies to secure themselves against growing cyber risks in a quick, efficient, and cost-effective manner.
- Snowbit's Managed Extended Detection and Response (MxDR) also incorporate SaaS platform and expert services.

**COUNCIL OF EUROPE EXPELS RUSSIA FROM HUMAN RIGHTS BODY**

- Council of Europe has removed Russia from the continent's foremost human rights body in an unprecedented move due to its military operation in Ukraine
- Russia has been expelled from the Council of Europe after 26 years of membership
- Ukraine is also a member of the Council of Europe
- Council of Europe: International organization was founded in the wake of World War II in 1949 to uphold human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Europe

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## NATIONAL

- The Government of India has established The Cotton Council of India. It is headed by whom  
**Suresh Bhair Kotak**
- In which state Kanjirankulam Birds Sanctuary is located? **Tamilnadu**
- To mark the diplomatic ties of 30 years, which of the following countries has adopted the "vision statement" to strengthen the defence cooperation in future with India?  
**Israel**
- Which State or Union Territory has recently Inducted 2 Robots in Its Firefighting Fleet? **Delhi**
- The State of Inequality in India Report has released recently. This report is released by whom?  
**Dr Bibek Debroy**
- Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the 'Padhe Bharat' reading campaign. This campaign is \_\_\_\_\_ days of reading. **100 days**
- The Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has unveiled which project during the Plumbex India Exhibition? **BHARAT TAP**
- As per the report, The Madame Tussauds Wax Museum would be open in which place of India?  
**Noida, Uttar Pradesh**
- The \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the National Startup Advisory Council has presided over by Piyush Goyal  
**Fourth Meeting**
- As per the report released by the Government of Punjab, it has approved Rs \_\_\_\_\_ per acre incentive for farmers to produce rice through direct seeding of rice (DSR) technique.  
**Rs 1,500 per acre**
- Which state or Union Territory has Organized First ever Bird Festival to promote sustainable ecotourism?  
**Jammu & Kashmir**
- As per the report by the Union Government, the Wholesale inflation in India has reached a new high of \_\_\_\_\_ percent in April 2022. **15.08 percent**
- What is the limit of Ways and Means Advances (WMA) fixed by RBI for States Governments and Union Territories (UTs) with effect from April 2022? **Rs 47,010 crore**
- Ministry of Environment has released a mascot and various initiatives for Plastic Waste Management (PWM). What is the name of the mascot? **Prakriti**
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister recently inaugurated 13 new districts of the state, taking the overall districts in the state to \_\_\_\_\_  
**26**
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- Sarhul is a tribal festival, observed by which state? **Jharkhand**
- Government has constituted an advisory committee of experts for Semicon India programme. Who is the head of this committee?  
**Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology**
- The 20th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held at Pakke Tiger Reserve. In which state is the reserve located? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- Union Minister of AYUSH inaugurated scientific convention 'Homoeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness' in New Delhi to mark the occasion of World Homoeopathy Day. Who is the Union Minister of AYUSH? **Sarbananda Sonowal**
- The Government of India has announced to set up how many Digital Banking Units (DBUs) in the country as per Union Budget 2022-23? **75**
- The IFSCA has signed an MoU with Venture Capital pioneer GVFL Limited to support and facilitate FinTech ecosystem in GIFT IFSC. The Ahmedabad-based GVFL Limited is promoted by which body? **World Bank**

- Which state has topped the NITI Aayog's State Energy & Climate Index (SECI) Round I, among larger states category? **Gujarat**
- The Madhavpur Ghed Fair has been organised in which state of the country? **Gujarat**
- As per the data of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, what was the number of patents filed in 2021-22? **66,440**
- The Conference Amrit Samagam was organised by which ministry as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations? **Ministry of Culture**
- The Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya has been inaugurated at which of the site is in New Delhi? **Teen Murti Complex**
- Which state has launched a scheme named 'Him Prahari' to stop the migration of ex-servicemen and youngsters of the state? **Uttarakhand**
- Which country will host the Street Child Cricket World Cup 2023 (SCCWC 2023)? **India**
- Under the 'Hanumanji Char Dham' project, PM Modi has unveiled the 108ft tall statue of Lord Hanuman Ji in West Direction of the country, in which city? **Morbi**
- The Phase II of the 'SVANidhi se Samriddhi' has been launched in how many cities? **126**
- The UDAN scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation has won the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020 under which category? **Innovation**
- India's first portable solar rooftop system has been inaugurated in which city? **Gandhinagar**
- The Insurance Scheme for Health Care Workers Fighting COVID-19 has been extended for 180 days from April 19, 2022. The scheme was launched under which central sector scheme? **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package**
- PM Narendra Modi recently dedicated to the nation a new dairy complex and potato processing plant at Diyodar, Banaskantha district. In which state is it located? **Gujarat**
- As part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, NITI Aayog has set to organize a day-long national workshop on to pick on April 25? **Innovative Agriculture**
- The Government of India has set target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras to \_\_\_\_\_ by March 2024 **10,000**
- PM Modi has recently inaugurated the development projects worth Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ crore in Gujarat **Rs 22,000 crore**
- Which ministry has recently launched the 'Kisan Bhagidari, Prathamika Hamari campaign? **Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare**
- Which state government has become the first state in the country to install L-Route server for uninterrupted internet services? **Rajasthan**
- Where does Indian statistical institute located? **Kolkata**
- Which organisation has released a draft battery swapping policy for 2022? **NITI Aayog**
- Which state government has partnered with the Netherlands for the Cosmos Malabaricus project? **Maharashtra**
- Where does Ranjit Sagar dam located? **Punjab**
- National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) \_\_\_\_\_ campus inaugurated by Amit Shah. **Bengaluru**
- Which state has launched 'Mukhyamantri Mitaaan Yojana' for doorstep delivery of 100 public services? **Chhattisgarh**
- PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated Semicon India Conference 2022 at \_\_\_\_\_. **Bengaluru**
- Which state has become the first state in India to develop a website-based Migration Tracking System (MTS) application? **Maharashtra**
- Which state's 'Miyan Ka Bada' railway station has been renamed as "Mahesh Nagar Halt"? **Rajasthan**
- "Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022" has been inaugurated by MSME Minister Narayan Rane in which place? **Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu**
- Where does Rihand Dam Located? **Uttar Pradesh**
- As per the 2020 Civil Registration System report which state or Union territory has recorded highest sex ratio in the country? **Ladakh**
- Three-day Utkarsh Mahotsav has organized by Central Sanskrit University in which state or Union Territory? **New Delhi, Delhi**
- India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) train has set to be handed over to NCRTC at which place of Gujarat? **Savli**
- Which state government or Union Territory has recently launched Jivhala Scheme for Prisoners? **Maharashtra**



- Which state has launched 'Adhigam' Scheme to government school students? **Haryana**
- Which state's Chief Minister has recently launched Direct Benefit Transfer for organic farmers? **Manipur**
- The Minister of Information & Broadcasting Anurag Thakur has announced, India embarks on the World's Largest Film Restoration Project with a budget of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ crores **Rs. 363 crores**
- The Prime Minister Modi would address the inaugural session of Jain International Trade Organization's program named \_\_\_\_\_ **JITO Connect 2022**
- In which city DY Patil Stadium is located? **Navi Mumbai**
- Which state government has announced nutritious breakfast scheme for primary school students from 1st to 5th standards? **Tamil Nadu**
- Which ministry has launched employment portal for retired Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) & Assam Rifle personnel? **Ministry of Home Affairs**
- According to the survey released by National Statistical Office (NSO), Unemployment rate has marked to \_\_\_\_\_% in October-December 2021 **8.7**
- Which state government has launched the 2nd phase of Ladli Laxmi scheme? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Which area in the state of Manipur has been recently declared as the 'Drug-Free Zone'? **Poumai**
- Which state has become the 1st state in India to restore old pension scheme? **Chhattisgarh**
- Which ministry & Amazon has signed a MoU for online marketing of Self Help Group (SHG) products? **Ministry of Rural Development**
- What is the India's Rank in Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022? **4th**
- Where does Barh super Thermal power station Located? **Bihar**
- Chit Fund Act was passed in \_\_\_\_\_ **1982**
- As per the report released by Government of India and FICCI at Incredible India International Cruise Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) have signed. **8**
- As per the report which organisation has launched a National Data and Analytics Platform? **NITI Aayog**
- Where is the Dibru - Saikhowa National Park located? **Assam**
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi had participated in \_\_\_\_\_ edition of Global COVID Virtual Summit with President of the USA. **2nd Edition**
- Which scheme's portal has been launched by Department of Telecommunication (DoT) for Centralised Right of Way? **Gati Shakti Sanchar portal**
- Bhupender Yadav has led the Indian delegation in COP15 Session on combating desertification. It is held in which country? **Cote D'Ivoire**
- What is the total outlay for the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) over five years for pan-India implementation? **Rs. 1,600 crore**
- The Dredging Museum named Nikarshan Sadan has recently been inaugurated in which city of India? **Vishakhapatnam**
- In which year was the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) launched? **2008**
- The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) is setting up MSME-Technology Centre in Sindhudurg, to make it hub of industrial sector in the region. In which state is Sindhudurg located? **Maharashtra**
- Which airport in India is set to get the status of power positive airport of India in March 2022? **Cochin International Airport**
- Bank of Maharashtra has partnered with Mahagrame to roll out 'Bank Sakhi' project in which state of India? **Odisha**
- Where will India's first e-waste eco-park come up? **Delhi**
- India's first ambulance for street animals has been launched in which city? **Chennai**
- Recently, Dr Jitendra Singh launched the International Monsoons Project Office (IMPO) at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM). Where is this IMPO/IITM located? **Pune**
- Which estate was launched by President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan to promote the importance of Ayurvedic plants and their effects on human body? **Arogya Vanam**
- Ministry of Women and Child Development will launch the 'Back to School' Campaign in partnership with which organization? **UNICEF**

## INTERNATIONAL

- In which country the Headquarters of World Economic Forum is there?

*Switzerland*

- NASDAQ stock exchange headquarters is located in \_\_\_\_\_

*New York*

- According to the United Nations Global Land Outlook report, which country is among 23 drought-hit countries?

*Pakistan*

- Which country has successfully tested a hypersonic weapon, flew at five times the speed of sound?

*United States of America*

- Deutsche Borse stock exchange is located in \_\_\_\_\_

*Frankfurt*

- Australian security exchange headquarters is located in \_\_\_\_\_

*Sydney*

- Taiwan stock exchange headquarters is located in \_\_\_\_\_

*Taipei*

- China's Wa Yajun has topped the Hurun Richest Self-Made Women in the World in 2022. Name the Indian entrepreneur who has topped the list?

*Falguni Nayyar*

- What is the rank of Mukesh Ambani in the Forbes Billionaires List 2022?

*10th*

- The Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) has signed an agreement with which country to convert civil passenger aircraft to "Multi Mission Tanker Transport" (MMTT) aircraft in India?

*Israel*

- Who has topped the Forbes Billionaires List 2022?

*Elon Musk*

- How much amount has been contributed by India towards UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping in Sport in 2022?

*USD 72,124*

- Name the Indian cities which have been recognised as the '2021 Tree City of the World' by FAO?

*Mumbai and Hyderabad*

- The '2+2' Ministerial dialogue between India and the United States in 2022, was which edition of the bilateral Dialogue?

*4th*

- Which airport has emerged as the world's busiest airport for 2021 as per the survey of Airports Council International (ACI) World?

*Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)*

- Who has been appointed as the Chief G20 Coordinator of India for the upcoming 2023 G20 Summit?

*Harsh V Shringla*

- India recently held which edition of the Joint Staff Talks with France?

*20th*

- Hamish Bennett has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket for which country?

*New Zealand*

- As per the recent Forbes real time Billionaires, India's Gautam Adani has become the World's 5th Richest Person. What is the net worth of Gautam Adani?

*\$123.7 billion*

- What is the Capital of Croatia?

*Zagreb*

- What is the rank of India in Reporters Without Borders' World Press Freedom Index 2022?

*150*

- Which country has topped in the World Press Freedom Index 2022, published by Reporters Without Borders?

*Norway*

- Which university has topped in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022?

*Western Sydney University*

- The World's Longest Glass Bridge of 632 metres length has been opened in country?

*Vietnam*

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has signed MoU with which International Organization for strategic partnership on Agriculture, Crop Insurance and Credit?

*United Nations Development Programme*

- What is the Currency of Myanmar?

*Kyat*

- Which is the 1st country to launch own Cryptocurrency as legal tender?

*Marshall Islands*

- Which country has replaced Russia in United Nations Human Rights Council?

*Czech Republic*

- Which country will host the 31st Southeast Asian Games?

*Vietnam*

- What is the rank of India in the 'Wealth Report 2022' by Knight Frank, which ranks countries in terms of most number of billionaires' population?

*third*

- Which country has topped the Knight Frank's The Wealth Report 2022 list for most number of billionaires' population globally?

*United States*

- What is the rank of India in the Sustainable Development Report 2021 list?

*120*

- Finland has topped the Sustainable Development Index 2021. Which of these countries is not among the top 5 nations in the list?

*Norway*

- Russia has overtaken which country to become the most sanctioned country in the world?

*Iran*

- India has scored 66 out of 100 in the Freedom in the World 2022 report released by Freedom House to assess the political rights and civil liberties of a country. India has been placed under which category of freedom?

*Partly free*

- How many airports have been awarded as among the 'Best Airport by Size and Region', by the Airports Council International (ACI), in its Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey for the year 2021? **6**
- The first consignment of QR code based GI tagged hand-knitted Kashmiri Carpet has been exported to which country recently? **Germany**
- What was the rank of India in terms of largest importer of arms during 2017-21, as per the new report of SIPRI? **First**
- How much amount has been approved by India for Sri Lanka as Line of Credit to help the island country in importing food, essential items and medicine? **USD 1 billion**
- The latest data on maternal mortality ratio (MMR) by the Registrar General of India shows that during the period between 2017-2019, the MMR in India stood at **103**
- Which country is hosting the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC)? **India**
- Which city has been adjudged as the world's most polluted capital city in IQAir's 2021 World Air Quality Report? **New Delhi**
- What is the rank of India in Global House Price Index Q4 2021 as per Knight Frank? **51**
- The International Olympic Committee session will be held at which place in 2023? **Mumbai**
- India has inked Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with UAE. The agreement aims to increase the bilateral trade between the two countries from the current USD 60 billion to **USD 100 billion** in the next 5 years
- Which country hosted the One Ocean Summit, organised in February 2022 in collaboration with World Bank and UN? **France**
- Which country has topped the EIU's 2021 Democracy Index? **Norway**
- Which country has become the first in the world to allow Drones to operate in civilian airspace? **Israel**
- As per NSO's first advance estimate, what is the estimated GDP growth rate of India in the fiscal 2021-22 (FY22)? **9.2%**
- Which insurance company has launched the awareness campaign #Bahane Chhodo Tax Bachao? **SBI General Insurance**
- In the latest SBI Ecowrap report, what is the projected GDP growth rate of India in FY22? **9.5%**
- What is the latest value of foreign currency reserves of India as per the data by RBI? **\$633.614 billion**
- As per World Bank, what is the projected growth rate of Indian economy in current fiscal, FY22? **8.3%**
- What is the estimated GDP growth rate of India in FY22, as per the latest projection of UBS Securities? **9.1%**
- As per the latest data by Finance Ministry, what is the approx amount deposited in bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) scheme as on December-end 2021? **Rs 1.5 lakh crore**
- Indonesia has decided to change its capital from Jakarta to a new capital city. What is the name of the new capital city? **Nusantara**
- Which inter-governmental alliance is holding a maritime exercise named "Neptune Strike-22" in the Mediterranean Sea? **NATO**
- Which of these leaders has been conferred with the Netaji Award 2022 by the Netaji Research Bureau? **Shinzo Abe**
- Which brand has emerged as the world's most valuable brand in 2022 according to the Brand Finance 2022 Global 500 report? **Apple**
- What is the rank of India in Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021? **85**
- PM Modi hosted the first India-Central Asia Summit virtually. How many countries are officially recognized as Central Asian region countries? **5**
- The India-Central Asia Summit 2022 coincided with which anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Central Asian countries? **30th**
- The 'Infinity Bridge', which was recently opened for public traffic, is built in which of these place? **Dubai**
- The 'Inequality Kills' report states that Wealth of the world's 10 richest men doubled since the pandemic began. The report is published by which organisation? **Oxfam India**

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## BANKING & FINANCE

- After the merger of HDFC Ltd with HDFC Bank, what will be the share of public shareholders in the merged entity? **100%**
- EFTPOS stands for \_\_\_\_\_  
**Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale**
- Which bank has planned to sell 25% stake in Ageas Federal Life Insurance? **IDBI Bank**
- According to a Department of Post circular, RTGS facility to be available for post office savings account holders from which date?  
**31st May 2022**
- Which India's Private sector Bank would have new vertical for rural banking? **HDFC BANK**
- Which bank has won 6 National Awards from Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)?  
**Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank**
- The Reserve Bank of India has directed all banks and ATM networks to provide the option of ICCW. Which is the correct full form of ICCW? **Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal**
- The Reserve Bank of India has recently allowed trade transactions with which country? **Sri Lanka**
- India's private sector bank HDFC has rolled out Instant Home Loans offer on which social media?  
**WhatsApp**
- Which payment management company has tied with Visa to issue their own cards in Asia-Pacific (APAC) region? **Volopay**

- Which bank has recently issued CNY 7 billion bond in China's interbank bond market?  
**New Development Bank (NDB)**
- As per the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, India's GDP growth has estimated to \_\_\_\_\_% in 2022. **6.4%**
- Which Bank has Partnered with Amazon Pay to offer Universal Payments Interface (UPI) payments service? **RBL Bank**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed penalty of Rs: \_\_\_\_\_ on Daimler Financial Services India, KKR India Financial Services **Rs 5 lakh**
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed Rs 2.97 Million Monetary Penalty on Unimoni Financial Services Limited under which Act?  
**Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**
- As per the report released by the Central Government India has received the highest-ever Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ billion in FY22.  
**\$83.57 billion**
- The S&P Global Ratings Financial services company has slashed India's Economic Growth Forecast to \_\_\_\_\_% from 7.8% for the Financial Year FY23. **7.3%**
- What is the name of the Ideathon launched by SEBI to promote innovations in securities market?  
**Manthan**
- After the merger of HDFC Ltd with HDFC Bank, what will be the share of public shareholders in the merged entity? **100%**

- Which bank has signed MoU with the Border Security Force (BSF) under the Central Armed Police Salary Package (CAPSP) Scheme to offer financial security to the serving and retired personnel?  
**State Bank of India**
- According to ADB, what is the estimated GDP growth rate of India in FY23? **7.5%**
- The trade deficit faced by the Government of India in the financial year 2021-22 was recorded at  
**USD 192.41 billion**
- The World Bank and AIIB have approved a loan of Rs 7,500 crore for the ambitious 'Mission School of Excellence' project. Which state has launched this project, which aims to improve the quality of education in all the government and grant-in-aid schools in the state?  
**Gujarat**
- Which financial lender has approved loan worth US\$ 2 million to support designing climate resilient urban infrastructure, strengthening institutional capacity and improving municipal resource mobilisation in Nagaland?  
**Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
- What amount has been announced by UNDP and the partners of the Adaptation Innovation Marketplace (AIM) as climate action grants for 22 local innovators across 19 countries, including India?  
**\$2 million**
- Centre has exceeded the asset monetization target set for FY22, after it realised Rs 96,000 crore during FY22. What was the target set for the FY22? **Rs 88,000 crore**



- What is the estimated global trade growth (in volume) projection made by World Trade Organisation (WTO) for 2022? **3%**
- What is the total asset monetization target set by Government for the financial year 2022-23 (FY23)? **Rs 1.62 trillion**
- What is the projected GDP growth rate of India in FY23 as per the World Bank? **8%**
- PM Modi has recently inaugurated K K Patel Super Speciality Hospital in which of these place? **Bhuj**
- Which bank has launched the FYN portal exclusively for business banking and corporate clients? **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
- How much amount of capital infusion has been done by the government in NICL, UICL and OICL insurance companies in April 2022? **Rs 5000 crore**
- As per the World Bank report on the extreme poverty in India, the extreme poverty count in the country declined by what percentage between 2011 and 2019? **12.3%**
- AS per IMF, what is the projected GDP Growth rate of India in FY23? **8.2%**
- IMF has estimated the global growth forecast for calendar year 2022 at what percent in its latest outlook report in April 2022? **3.6%**
- The GDP growth rate projection of the world economy as per World Bank for 2022 is estimated at \_\_\_\_\_ percent **3.2%**
- What is O in NFO in Banking? **Offer**
- Which crypto lending company has partnered with Mastercard to launch the world's first "crypto-backed" payment card? **Nexo**
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has issued Rs \_\_\_\_\_ Crore Recovery Notice to Former National Stock Exchange chief Ravi Narain. **Rs 2.06 Crore**
- Which is the Central Bank of Czech Republic? **Czech National Bank**
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has imposed a fine of Rs \_\_\_\_\_ lakh on 4 entities over violation of market norms. **Rs 40 lakh**
- Which bank has provided the 1st approval of Rs 600 core for industrial cluster development in Maharashtra? **Small Industries Development Bank of India**
- Who is not placed in the 2022 list of Young Global Leaders listreleased by the World Economic Forum? **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**
- What is C in CMIS in Banking? **Currency**
- Which bank has signed an MoU with CBDT and CBIC for the collection of Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes? **Dhanlaxmi Bank**
- According to the data released by crypto analytics firm Chainalysis "2021 Cryptocurrency Gains by Country", what is the rank of India in estimated Crypto Gains in 2021? **21**
- Reserve Bank of India increase the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 40 basis points (bps) to \_\_\_\_\_ percent with immediate effect. **4.40%**
- The gross revenue collection of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the month of April 2022 was \_\_\_\_\_. **Rs 1.68 lakh crore**
- The Reserve Bank of India's central board has approved the nomination of Rajiv Ranjan as a member of the monetary policy committee. How many members are in the monetary policy committee? **6**
- Bharti Airtel has acquired a \_\_\_\_\_% stake in Navi Mumbai based Cnergee Technologies, under the Airtel Startup Accelerator Program. **7%**
- Which organization has approved a USD 47 million financial support to the Government of India for the Mission Karmayogi, a national program to build civil service capacity? **World bank**
- Who has been recently appointed as the ex-officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) by Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? **Rajiv Ranjan**
- Which bank has launched "World Gold", a new feature on its mobile banking platform for seniors and the elderly? **Bank of Baroda**
- According to, \_\_\_\_\_ India among worst-hit in pandemic, economy will recover in 13 years. **RBI**
- Anshul Swami has been appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which small finance bank? **Shivalik Small Finance Bank**
- Which of the following has become first public sector bank to go live on Account Aggregator framework? **Union Bank of India**

## NEW APPOINTMENT

- Who has been named as the new Foreign Secretary of India to succeed incumbent Harsh Vardhan Shringla? **Vinay Mohan Kwatra**
- Anil Baijal has resigned from his position. He was a Lieutenant Governor of which Union Territory? **Delhi**
- Which Air Lines has appointed Mr Pieter Elbers as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO)? **Indigo**
- Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officer, Mr Vivek Kumar has been appointed as the Private Secretary to whom? **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- Ms. Aruna Singh has taken an additional charge as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of which organization? **RailTel Corporation**
- Mr Salil Parekh has been reappointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) & managing director (MD) of which IT Giant? **Infosys**
- Mr Vijay Shekhar Sharma has been reappointed as the MD & CEO of Paytm. Which is the Parent Organization of Paytm? **One 97 Communications**
- Recently Mr Anthony Albanese has been sworn in as the New Prime Minister of which country? **Australia**
- Mr P N Vasudevan has resigned recently. He was the MD & CEO of which Small Finance Bank? **Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**
- Who has been appointed as the inaugural Special Rapporteur for human rights and climate change by UNHRC? **Dr Ian Fry**
- Viktor Orban has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which country in 2022 General Elections for the 4th straight year? **Hungary**
- RBI has approved the re-appointment of Murli M Natarajan as the MD & CEO of which bank? **DCB Bank**
- Aleksandar Vucic has been re-appointed as the President of which country for second term? **Serbia**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of UPSC? **Manoj Soni**
- Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Pakistan, following the removal of Imran Khan by no-trust vote? **Shehbaz Sharif**
- Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi has resigned as the President of which country? **Yemen**
- Who has been named as the next Chief of Army Staff to replace General MM Naravane? **Lt. General Manoj Pande**
- Centre has reconstituted the expert committee to monitor the compensatory afforestation for the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor Expressway project. Who is the head of the renewed committee? **Director-General of Forests, MoEFCC**
- The Government of India has recently appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as the member of Haj Committee of India **C Muhammed Faizi**
- Shivamogga Airport in Karnataka would be named after which political person? **BS Yediyurappa**
- Ashwin Yardi has joined as the Co-Chair of UNICEF's YuWaah Board. He is the CEO of which company? **Capgemini India**
- Elon Musk has set o acquire social media platform Twitter for \_\_\_\_\_ in 2022. **\$44 Billion**
- Emmanuel Macron has been elected as the President of which country for the second term? **France**
- Who Economist has been recently appointed as the vice chairman of NITI Aayog? **Suman K Bery**
- Who has been appointed as the first-ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)? **Nand Mulchandani**
- Who has been appointed as Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)? **Sangeeta Singh**
- Who has been appointed as an advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi? **Tarun Kapoor**
- Senior IFS officer \_\_\_\_\_ recently assumed charge as India's new Foreign Secretary. **Vinay Mohan Kwatra**
- Who has been appointed as the advisor of the Online lending platform, Indifi Technologies? **Rajnish Kumar**
- Who among the following has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff? **BS Raju**
- Nepal's Kami Rita Sherpa has created history by climbing Mount Everest for the \_\_\_\_\_ time. **26th**
- Priyanka Mohite has become the first Indian woman to climb five peaks above \_\_\_\_\_ metres. **8000 Metres**
- Rodrigo Chaves has been appointed as the New President of which country? **Costa Rica**
- The Supreme Court has got two new judges from Guwahati and Gujarat. What is the full strength of Supreme Court? **34**

- Who has been appointed as new president of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2022-23?  
*Sanjiv Bajaj*
- Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as President of which country? *UAE*
- The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services has signed a MoU with \_\_\_\_\_ to provide training services and support to the School of Naval Oceanology and Meteorology (SNOM).  
*Indian Navy*
- Who has taken charge as India's new Foreign Secretary?  
*Vinay Mohan Kwatra*
- Sahas Malhotra has been appointed as the CEO of which company?  
*JioSaavn*
- Lt. Gen. B.S. Raju has been appointed as the Vice Chief of Army Staff. He replaced whom?  
*Lt. Gen Manoj Pande*
- Which Indian Airlines and Axis Bank has launched co-branded credit card?  
*SpiceJet*
- Vivek Kumar Dewangen has been appointed as the New chairman and managing director (CMD) Of REC Limited. What is the full form of REC?  
*Rural Electrification Corporation*
- Manik Saha has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of which state in India?  
*Tripura*
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)?  
*Nidhi Chibber*
- Tata Group has been appointed Campbell Wilson as CEO & MD of which Subsidiaries of TATA?  
*Air India*
- As per the report, Ranil Wickremesinghe has been sworn in as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. He is \_\_\_\_\_ PM of Sri Lanka. *26th*
- Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) replacing Ajay Tyagi?  
*Madhabi Puri Buch*
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yash Raj Films? *Akshaye Widhani*
- Who has been roped in as the chief financial officer (CFO) of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)?  
*Sunil Agrawal*
- TS Ramakrishnan has been appointed as the MD & CEO of which mutual fund company?  
*LIC Mutual Fund*
- Vidya Balan has been appointed as the brand ambassador of which insurance company?  
*Bharti AXA Life Insurance*
- Who has been appointed as the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) of State Bank of India? *Nitin Chugh*
- Who has been elected as the new President of South Korea to replace incumbent President Moon Jae-in?  
*Yoon Suk-yeol*
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the High Powered Committee (HPC) on the Chardham project by the Supreme Court?  
*Justice AK Sikri*
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IRDAI in 2022?  
*Debasish Panda*
- Name the IAS officer who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)?  
*Ajay Bhushan Pandey*
- Gabriel Boric Font has been appointed as the youngest President of which country recently? *Chile*
- Ranjit Rath has been named as the Chairman and Managing Director of which PSU? *Oil India Limited*
- Tapan Singhel has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which company recently  
*Bajaj Allianz General Insurance*
- Katalin Novak has been elected as the first ever female President of which country? *Hungary*
- Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Punjab?  
*Bhagwant Mann*
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of Manipur following the state Assembly elections 2022?  
*N Biren Singh*
- Name the Indian economist who has been roped in by the United Nations as a member of its newly established Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism?  
*Jayati Ghosh*
- Serdar Berdimuhamedow has been appointed as the President of which country? *Turkmenistan*
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand ?  
*Pushkar Singh Dhami*
- Pralay Mondal has been appointed as the interim MD & CEO of which bank?  
*CSB Bank*
- Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Maruti Suzuki?  
*HISASHI TAKEUCHI*
- Who has been appointed as the new full-time Director of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in 2022?  
*Dinesh Prasad Saklani*

- For the first time, a female Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has been appointed by the Government of India. Name the new VC of JNU.  
**Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit**
- Who has been appointed as the new director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)?  
**Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair**
- Who has been appointed as the Secretary in the Department of Financial Services in the Ministry of Finance?  
**Sanjay Malhotra**
- Which Bollywood actor has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand?  
**Akshay Kumar**
- Who is the new Chairman of Pfizer India?  
**Pradip Shah**
- Suranga Lakmal has announced his retirement from international cricket from March 2022. He plays international matches for which country?  
**Sri Lanka**
- Recently, Jens Stoltenberg has been named as the Governor of Central Bank of which country?  
**Norway**
- Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of MediBuddy?  
**Amitabh Bachchan**
- SEBI has reconstituted its alternative investment policy advisory committee, to oversee the development of the AIF (Alternative Investment Fund) industry. Who is the chair of this renewed committee?  
**N R Narayana Murthy**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director of The Institute of Economic Growth?  
**Chetan Ghate**
- The former Sri Lankan Airlines CEO, Vipula Gunatilleka, has been roped in as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of which airline company in India?  
**Jet Airways**
- Who has been appointed as the Chair of International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes' Commission (AC)?  
**Emma Terho**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Air India?  
**N Chandrasekaran**
- Automaker Honda has appointed whom as the President and CEO of Honda Cars India Ltd in 2022?  
**Takuya Tsumura**
- N Chandrasekaran has recently been re-elected as the Executive Chairman of which company?  
**Tata Sons**
- Who has been roped in as the new chairperson of the SEBI's advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF)?  
**G Mahalingam**
- Military officer Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba has taken over as the interim President of which country following military coup?  
**Burkina Faso**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Air India?  
**Ilker Ayci**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC)?  
**S Kishore**
- The Chairman of the High Powered Committee (HPC) formed by the Supreme Court for the Char Dham road widening project, has announced his resignation. Name the Chairperson?  
**Ravi Chopra**
- Who has been appointed as the President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the year 2022-23?  
**Debashis Mitra**
- Name the President of Germany, who has been re-elected to the post in 2022 election?  
**Frank-Walter Steinmeier**
- Sainya Ranakshetram was a first ever Hackathon organised by which organisation recently?  
**Indian Army**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)?  
**Vineet Joshi**
- Who will be the head of the Apex Committee on G20 Secretariat, formed to oversee the preparations for G20 India Summit 2023?  
**Prime Minister Modi**
- Who has been elected as the new Secretary General of OPEC, to replace incumbent head Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo in August 2022?  
**Haitham Al-Ghais**
- Name the incumbent MD & CEO of CSB Bank who has announced to take early retirement on health grounds  
**C V R Rajendran**
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has appointed which company as the service provider for the second phase of the Passport Seva Programme (PSP-V2.0)?  
**Tata Consultancy Services**
- Centre has recently extended the tenure of whom as the interim Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) till March 05, 2022?  
**Navrang Saini**
- Who has been named as the new chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to replace Gita Gopinath?  
**Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas**
- The Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change recently chaired the 19th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). Name the minister.  
**Bhupender Yadav**



## OBITUARIES

- Prafulla Kar who has passed away recently was a noted singer and music director specialised in which language? **Odia**
- John Paul passed away recently. He was a famous Screenwriter and producer in which language? **Malayalam**
- Recently, Mwai Kibaki passed away at the age of 90. He was the former President of which country? **Kenya**
- Legendary writer Binapani Mohanty passed away recently. Which language writer was she? **Odia**
- Salim Ghouse passed away recently. He was a/an \_\_\_\_\_. **Actor**
- Padma Shri Rajat Kumar Kar passed away. He was an eminent writer in which language? **Odia**
- Dr Rama Kant Shukla Passed Away. He was an eminent scholar in which language? **Sanskrit**
- Andrew Symonds passed away. He belong to which? **Cricket**
- Abu Dhabi Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan passed away. He was the president of which country? **UAE**
- Hemananda Biswal, who has passed away recently, was the former Chief Minister of which state? **Odisha**
- Cricketer Sonny Ramadhin who passed away recently represented which cricket playing nation? **West Indies**
- What was the profession of Jaiprakash Chouksey, who has passed away recently? **Film critic**
- Rafiq Tarar who has passed away, was the former President of which country? **Pakistan**
- Rupiah Banda, who has passed away recently, was the former President of which country? **Zambia**
- Scott Hall, who has passed away, was a legendary \_\_\_\_\_. **Wrestler**
- Late Soumeylou Boubèye Maïga was the former Prime Minister of which country? **Mali**
- Shahabuddin Ahmed who passed away recently was former president of which country? **Bangladesh**
- Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, who has passed away recently, was the former \_\_\_\_\_ of India? **Chief Justice of India**
- Name the computer scientist, and the creator of GIF, who has passed away recently? **Stephen Wilhite**
- The legendary Nightingale of India, Lata Mangeshkar passed away at the age of 92 recently. In which year was the singer honored with the prestigious Bharat Ratna award? **2001**
- What was the profession of Ramesh Deo, who has passed away recently? **Actor**
- Veteran politician Chandupatla Janga Reddy who has passed away was from which political party? **BJP**
- Christos Sartzetakis, who passed away recently was the former President of which country? **Greece**
- What was the profession of Praveen Kumar Sobti, who has passed away recently? **Actor**
- Noted freedom fighter and Gandhian social worker, Shakuntala Choudhary has passed away. She hailed from which state? **Assam**
- What was the profession of Rahul Bajaj who has passed away recently? **Industrialist**
- Veteran Indian singer and composer, Bappi Lahiri has passed away. On the political end, he was associated with which party? **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**
- What was the profession of Sandhya Mukherjee, who has passed away recently aged 90 years? **Singer**
- Name the first Black actor to win the best actor Oscars award, who has passed away recently? **Sidney Poitier**
- What was the profession of Marilyn Bergman who has passed away recently? **Lyricist**
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- Ramachandran Nagaswamy, who has passed away recently was one of the renowned of Tamil Nadu **Archaeologist**
- Former Indian player Charanjit Singh who has passed away won an Olympic gold in which game in 1964? **Hockey**
- The doyen of Indian classical dance form Kathakali, Milena Salvini, who has passed away recently, was from which country? **France**
- The well-known author and social activist Anil Awachat who has passed away recently was an internationally acclaimed writer in which language? **Marathi**

## AWARDS

- Pandit Birju Maharaj who has passed away was a maestro of **Kathak**
- Padma Shri awardee Shanti Devi who has passed away at the age of 88 was a social activist from which state? **Odisha**
- Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, who died recently, was the former President of which country? **Mali**
- What was the profession of Narayan Debnath who has passed away recently? **Comic artist**
- Toshiki Kaifu who has passed away recently was a ? **Political leader**
- Professor MK Prasad who has passed away recently was one of the well known in India? **Ecologist**
- The AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022 football tournament will be held in which country? **India**
- Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia, who has passed away was a professional? **Mountaineer**
- Saturnino de la Fuente García, the world's oldest person has died recently at the age of 112 years and 341 days. He was from which country? **Spain**
- Renowned lyricist Stephen Sondheim who has passed away recently was from which country? **United States**
- What was the profession of Sirivennela Seetharama Sastry who has passed away recently? **Lyricist**
- Renowned personality Vinod Dua passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_. **journalist**
- Renowned personality Sarada Menon passes away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_. **Psychiatrist**
- Renowned personality R.L. Jalappa passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_. **Politician**

- The award for the Best Record of the Year in 2022 Grammy has been bestowed on **Leave The Door Open**
- Preeti Shenoy's new novel, 'A Place Called Home,' would be published by which publication? **Harper Collins Publishers**
- Ms Anjali Pandey has bagged the CII EXCON Committed Leader Award 2022. She is the Vice President of which company? **Cummins India Ltd**
- Name the Indian musician who took home the 2022 Grammy Award for Best New Age Album? **Ricky Kej**
- Who is the winner of Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Mediaperson 2021? **Aarefa Johari**
- Name the recipient of the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2021? **Prof Ramdarash Mishra**
- How many artists have been conferred with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Sangeet Natak Awards for the year 2018? **43**
- Name the Indian writer who has been conferred with the prestigious 2022 O. Henry Prize for short stories? **Amar Mitra**
- Name the winner of 57th Jnanpith Award 2022? **Damodar Mauzo**
- Which Indian PSU has won the Gold medal at 80th SKOCH Award in Development Social Responsibility category? **National Mineral Corporation (NMDC)**

- Who is the winner of the 56th Jnanpith award for 2021? **Nilmani Phookan**
- Who has been chosen for the inaugural Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award? **Narendra Modi**
- Who has been conferred with the International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy, 2021 in individual category? **Bhushan Kumar**
- Tim Southee has been awarded the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal, which if the highest cricketing honour by which country? **New Zealand**
- Who has been awarded with the 2022 Malcom Adiseshiah Award? **Prabhat Patnaik**
- Sir David Attenborough has been bestowed as the champions of the Lifetime Achievement award 2021 by which International Organization? **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**
- Which organisation has Conferred with the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) Award 2022? **National Mineral Development Corporation Limited**
- Which TV channel has won Exchange4media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA) Award 2021 for the best in-depth Hindi series for its TV series based on pet care 'Best Friend Forever'? **DD National**
- Which edition of La Liga title has recently won by Real Madrid? **35th**
- Ardeshir B K Dubash has been conferred highest diplomatic award by which of the following country's governments? **Peru**

- The Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration, 2020 has awarded to which scheme?  
**One Nation One Ration Card**
- Who person has recently received 2022 World Food Prize?  
**Cynthia Rosenzweig**
- Who has received the Woman Transforming India Award - IACCs 6th Entrepreneur & Leadership Awards 2022? **Ms. Bina Modi**
- Who has been honoured with British honour for his service during pandemic?  
**Gurusamy Krishnamoorthy**
- Bengali translation of French novel 'Meursault, contre - enquête' has won \_\_\_\_\_ Romain Rolland Book Prize 2022. **5th**
- Special Awards & Citations award in Pulitzer Prize 2022 has been awarded to \_\_\_\_\_  
**The Journalists of Ukraine**
- World Games Athlete of the Year award for 2021  
**PR Sreejesh (India's Hockey Player)**
- International Cricket Council (ICC) Spirit of Cricket Award 2021  
**Daryl Mitchell (Cricketer of New Zealand)**
- 2022 Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year Award **Neeraj Chopra**
- 18th Late Madhavrao Limaye Award under the category of Karyakram Khaasdar (Efficient Parliament Member) for 2020-21:  
**Nitin Gadkari**
- ICAI Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year 2020-21 in Public Sector Entities Category  
**RailTel Corporation of India**
- 'India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company' award at the 'Energy Meet and Excellence Award' :  
**Coal India Limited**
- World CEO Winner of the Year 2021 award **Kishore Kumar Yedam**
- Bihar Vibhuti Samman at the Bihar Entrepreneurship Conclave  
**Rohit Kumar (Founder of Media Trendz)**
- Ramnath Goenka Award in the Photo Journalism category for his photo essay work **Zishaan A Latif**
- UiPath Automation Excellence Awards 2021 for Best Automation under 'Crisis for business continuity' **South Indian Bank**
- First-ever Guinness World Record in Numerology and the first world record of 2022 **JC Chaudhry**
- KOCH Award in the Silver category for its contributinal work to combat Crime and Violence against Children  
**Forensic Science Laboratory**
- International Craft Award 2021 by World Crafts Council International as the best craft village in the entire world (KAVC)  
**Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organisation**
- ICMR's National Award  
**Dr. Satish Adiga**
- Knighthood by Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge at Windsor Castle **Clive Lloyd**
- World Bank Group and Consumer Technology Association's Global Women's Health Tech Awards  
**NIRAMAI Health Analytix Pvt Ltd, and InnAccel Technologies Pvt Ltd**
- IBS Intelligence Global FinTech Innovation Award for 2021 under the category of 'Best CRM System Implementation'  
**Axis Bank & CRMNEXT Solution**
- Gold medal at the International Folk Art Festival in Dubai **Sumit Bhale**
- Prestigious Genesis Prize 2022  
**Albert Bourla**
- International Association of Working Women Award at the Washington DC South Asian Film Festival (DCSAFF) 2021 **Sushmita Sen**
- India's First-ever 'Youth Climate Champion' by UNDP  
**Prajakta Koli**
- Netaji Award 2022 by Netaji Research Bureau **Shinzo Abe**
- Women's singles title at the Syed Modi International Tournament in Lucknow  
**PV Sindhu**
- Param Vishisht Seva Medal  
**Neeraj Chopra**
- TX2 award for doubling the population of wild tigers  
**Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve**
- Assam government's highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav'  
**Ratan Tata**
- French Nobel laureate Luc Montagnier, who has passed away recently, was conferred the Nobel Prize in which field? **Medicine**
- Who has been named as Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21? **Sandeep Bakhshi**
- Who is the author of the book 'Mamata Beyond 2021'?  
**Jayanta Ghosal**
- Which film has won the Golden Globe 2022 Best film in the Motion pictures (drama) category?  
**The Power of the Dog**
- Who among these has been awarded with the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022?  
**Harshaali Malhotra**
- In Chess, who has achieved the feat of becoming the 73rd Grandmaster of India recently?  
**Bharath Subramaniam**

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Who is the author of the book 'NOT JUST A NIGHTWATCHMAN: My Innings in the BCCI'? **Vinod Rai**
- Journalist Wesley Morgan has won Colby award for his \_\_\_\_\_ book. **The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley**
- The 2022 Billboard Music Awards Winners have announced recently. Who won the Top Artist award? **Drake**
- Who is the author of the book "Birsa Munda - Janjatiya Nayak"? **Prof. Alok Chakrawal**
- A book on Rani Lakshmi Bai titled "Queen of Fire" has been written by which author? **Devika Rangachari**
- Who is the author of the book "Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises"? **Sreeram Chaulia**
- Who is the author of the book Decoding Indian Babudom? **Ashwini Shrivastava**
- Who is the author of the book "The Maverick Effect"? **Harish S. Mehta**
- Who is the author of the book "The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution"? **Rajesh Talwar**
- Which country has participated as the Guest of honour at the Paris Book Festival 2022? **India**
- Who is the author of the new book titled "Sikh History of Eastern India"? **Abinash Mohapatra**
- Who is the author of the new book titled "Leaders, Politicians, Citizens"? **Rasheed Kidwai**
- A New book Titled "INDO-PAK WAR 1971- Reminiscences of Air Warriors" has been released by \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajnath Singh**

- A Website to encourage vernacular literature has been launched by whom? **Om Birla**
- "One Among You" is an autobiography of which politician? **MK Stalin**
- Who is the author of the biography 'The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup'? **Srishti Jha**
- 'The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal' is written by which author? **Amitava Kumar**
- Who is the author of the biography "Soli Sorabjee: Life and Times"? **Abhinav Chandrachud**
- The book titled 'Role of Labour in India's Development' comprise 12 articles on the contribution of labour in India's development journey. The book has been compiled by \_\_\_\_\_ **VV Giri National Labour Institute**
- Sahitya Akademi published a book-length poem titled 'Monsoon', to mark its 68th anniversary. Who is the author of this poem? **Abhay Kumar**
- Wrist Assured is the autobiography of which former cricket player? **G.R. Viswanath**
- Who is the author of the book "Unfilled Barrels: India's oil story"? **Richa Mishra**
- Who is the author of the book "Atal Bihari Vajpayee"? **Sagarika Ghose**
- The book titled 'A Nation To Protect' has been authored by \_\_\_\_\_: **Priyam Gandhi Mody**
- Who is the author of the book titled 'Dignity in a Digital Age: Making Tech Work for All of Us'? **Ro Khanna**
- Who is the author of the book 'A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore's Pioneering Work in Rural Construction'? **Uma Das Gupta**

- Who is the author of the book titled "The Founders: The Story of PayPal and the Entrepreneurs Who Shaped Silicon Valley"? **Jimmy Soni**
- Who is the author of the book titled "India-Africa Relations: Changing Horizons"? **Rajiv Bhatia**
- Who is the author of the book "How to Prevent the Next Pandemic"? **Bill Gates**
- Who is the author of the book Gandhi's Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse and His Idea of India? **Dhirendra K. Jha**
- Who is the author of Ratan Tata's authorized biography titled 'Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography'? **Thomas Matthew**
- Which player has been named as the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for December 2021? **Ajaz Patel**
- Who is the author of the book "Atal Bihari Vajpayee"? **Sagarika Ghose**
- Who is the author of the book "Legend of Birsa Munda"? **Tuhin A. Sinha**
- Who is the author of the biography 'Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist'? **Chandrachur Ghose**
- 2024 Who is the author of the book titled "India-Africa Relations: \_\_\_\_\_"? **"Changing Horizons"**
- Which film has won the Best Film award (Golden Peacock) at the 52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI)? **Ring Wandering**
- Who is the author of the book "Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947"? **Ayaz Memon**
- Who has authored the book titled 'Public Service Ethics - A Quest for Naitik Bharat'? **Prabhat Kumar**



## SPORTS

- Which player has won the men's singles title at the 2022 Miami Open Tennis Tournament?  
*Carlos Alcaraz*
- Which city is hosting the 12th edition of the Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2022?  
*Bhopal*
- Who has made a record by winning gold at the Women's World Boxing Championships?  
*Nikhat Zareen*
- Who has won the Spanish Grand Prix?  
*Max Verstappen*
- GM Rameshbabu Praggnanandha has won the 36th Reykjavik Open 2022. It held in which country?  
*Iceland*
- Which state has won the 12th Senior Women's National Championship in Hockey India?  
*Odisha*
- Rhythm Mamania aged \_\_\_\_\_ has become one of the youngest Indian mountaineers to reach the Everest Base Camp (EBC).  
*10 Years Old*
- How many medals have been won by India at the 2022 Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament?  
*10*
- Name the Indian duo who paired to win the gold medal in mixed double event of the 2022 WSF World Doubles Squash championship at Glasgow?  
*Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal*
- Which player has won the Formula One (F1) 2022 Australian Grand Prix?  
*Charles Leclerc*
- Which team has won the 71st Men's Senior National Basketball Championship?  
*Tamil Nadu*
- Name the winning team of the 71st Women Senior National Basketball Championship?  
*Indian Railways*
- Which team has won the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship?  
*Haryana*
- Which chess player has won the 48th La Roda International Open chess tournament in Spain?  
*D. Gukesh*
- Who has won the men's singles title in the Serbia Open tennis tournament 2022?  
*Andrey Rublev*
- Who has won the 2022 World Snooker Championship held at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England?  
*Ronnie O'Sullivan*
- Which university with 20 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals has won the 2nd edition of the Khelo India University Games 2021?  
*JAIN University*
- Which state's Chief Minister has announced to building a stadium in Olympic gold-medallist Neeraj Chopra's native village?  
*Haryana*
- Who among the following has won bronze at Asian Badminton Championships in Manila?  
*PV Sindhu*
- As per the report released by Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), the Asian Games 2022 has postponed to 2023 in which country?  
*China*
- Nehru trophy was related to which of the following sports?  
*Foot ball*
- Who among the following shooter has won men's 10m air pistol gold at Deaflympics?  
*Abhinav Deshwal*
- Who has won his first-ever Miami Grand Prix?  
*Max Verstappen*
- Who has won the men's singles title at the Madrid Open title 2022?  
*Carlos Alcaraz*
- Which Indian Grand Master has won Sunway Formentera Open chess tournament?  
*D Gukesh*
- As per the Forbes highest-paid athletes list for 2022, which player has topped the list?  
*Lionel Messi*
- Which country has won Thomas Cup title in Bangkok?  
*India*
- Esha Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary has won gold in Mixed Team Pistol event at ISSF Junior World Cup. It held in which country?  
*Germany*
- Which team has won Italian Cup 2022?  
*Inter Milan*
- Name the winner of the 2022 Mexican Open tennis tournament?  
*Rafael Nadal*
- How many gold medals have been won by India at the Singapore Weightlifting International 2022?  
*6*
- Sadia Tariq was in news recently for winning a gold medal for India in which event?  
*Wushu*
- Pooja Jatyan, Shyam Sundar and Jyoti Balyan are related to which sports?  
*Archery*
- Name the Indian shooter who recently won gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol event at 2022 ISSF World Cup in Cairo?  
*Saurabh Chaudhary*
- Nikhat Zareen and Nitu were in news for winning gold medal for India in which event?  
*Boxing*
- Shri Nivetha, Esha Singh and Ruchita Vinerkar recently represented India in which sports to win gold medal?  
*Shooting*
- Cricket player Mithali Raj has recently achieved the feat of becoming the first women to appear in \_\_\_\_\_ World Cups  
*6*
- India won seven medals at the 2022 ISSF World Cup 2022 in Cairo, Egypt. These included how many gold medals?  
*4*
- Rahi Sarnobat, Esha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan recently won gold medal for India in which sports event?  
*Shooting*

- Rod Marsh who died recently at the age of 74 was the former cricket player of which country?  
*Australia*
- On Board: My Years in BCCI is an autobiography of which person?  
*Ratnakar Shetty*
- Lakshya Sen lost to which player to settle for silver at the men's singles badminton final of German Open 2022? *Kunlavut Vitidsarn*
- Which player has been awarded the ICC 'Men's Player of the Month' February 2022? *Shreyas Iyer*
- Indian player Sandeep Nangal, who has passed away was associated with which sports? *Kabaddi*
- Amelia Kerr has won the ICC 'Women's Player of the Month' award for February 2022. She plays for which country? *New Zealand*
- India is the host country for the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022. The tournament will be held in which city of the country? *Chennai*
- Which player has won the 19th Asian 100 UP Billiards Championship 2022? *Pankaj Advani*
- Name the Indian cricket player who has been felicitated with the 'Sports Icon' award at the Maldives Sports Awards 2022? *Suresh Raina*
- Which player has been felicitated with the Sportstar of the Year (Male) award at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards? *Neeraj Chopra*
- Lakshya Sen lost to which player to settle for silver in men's singles final of the 2022 Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships? *Viktor Axelsen*
- Taylor Fritz beat which player to win the men's singles title at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, (also known as the 2022 Indian Wells Masters)? *Rafael Nadal*
- Which player has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2022?  
*Charles Leclerc*
- Which player has won the Sportstar of the Year (Female) award at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards?  
*Mirabai Chanu*
- Wrist Assured is the autobiography of which former cricket player?  
*G.R. Viswanath*
- Recently tennis player Ashleigh Barty was in news for announcing her retirement from tennis at the age of 25 years. She played tennis for which country? *Australia*
- The foundation stone for International Cricket Stadium in Jaipur was laid recently. It is said to be the third largest stadium in the world. What is the proposed seating capacity of the stadium? *75,000*
- India defeated which team to win the 2022 ICC Under-19 World Cup Championship? *England*
- The final match of 2022 ICC Under-19 World Cup Championship was held at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium. In which country is this stadium based? *Antigua and Barbuda*
- What shall be the official team name of the newly launched Ahmedabad IPL franchise? *Gujarat Titans*
- Dewald Brevis has clinched the Player of the tournament award at the 2022 ICC Under-19 World Cup Championship. He plays for which country? *South Africa*
- Indian tennis star Manika Batra has been roped in as the brand ambassador of which sportswear brand recently? *Adidas*
- Which country bagged the maximum number of medals at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games?  
*Norway*
- With the conclusion of the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, which country has been handed over the Presidency to host the 2026 Winter Olympics? *Italy*
- Which team has won the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022?  
*China*
- Which Indian grandmaster recently achieved the feat of becoming the youngest player to beat Magnus Carlsen, of Norway in chess tournament? *R. Praggnanandhaa*
- Which player has been named as the ICC Men's Players of the Month for January 2022? *Keegan Petersen*
- Heather Knight has won the ICC Women's Players of the Month Award for January 2022. She plays for which country? *England*
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- The 2022 Women's Hockey Asia Cup will be held in which country?  
*Oman*
- Indian player Tasnim Mir was in news recently for becoming first Indian world number one in which sports? *Badminton*
- Which player has won the India Open (Badminton) 2022?  
*Lakshya Sen*
- Which player has been named as the captain of the Indian women's team participating in the 2022 Women's Hockey Asia Cup?  
*Savita Punia*
- Name the player who beat Andy Murray to lift men's single title at Sydney Tennis Classic 2022 final  
*Aslan Karatsev*

## SCIENCE & TECH

- Which Indian Space-tech startup has launched its first commercial satellite 'Shakuntala' from SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket? **Pixxel**
- The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisitions by Sanoti Properties LLP of shareholding in Magma HDI & by Serum Institute Life Sciences-Biocon Biologics deal under which ACT? **Competition Act, 2002**
- The World's highest weather station has been installed on Mt. Everest by the National Geographic society at an altitude of \_\_\_\_\_ meters. **8,830 meters**
- Which country has planned to set world's 1st nearby habitable planet search with space telescope? **China**
- The Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the North East Research Conclave 2022 at which IIT? **IIT Guwahati**
- What is the name of the super app mobile application that will be launched by Tata Group in close competition with Whatsapp, Google Pay, AmazonPay? **Tata Neu**
- Flipkart has launched a new organisation with special focus on development in rural areas and equitable access to growth opportunities for women communities. What is the name of this platform? **Flipkart Foundation**
- Name the super app launched by Union Bank of India, similar to SBI's Yono or HDFC Bank's PayZapp? **UnionNXT**
- Which bank has launched a digital transformation project called "SMBHAV"? **Union Bank of India**
- Which Aerospace start up has successfully test fired engine of Vikram-1 rocket? **Skyroot Aerospace**
- Gaofen-3 03 is an Earth Observation satellite, launched by which country recently? **China**
- Which state has launched the 1064 Anti-Corruption Mobile App? **Uttarakhand**
- BRO is constructing the world's highest tunnel at Shinku La Pass at 16,580 feet. This tunnel will connect Ladakh with which state of the country? **Himachal Pradesh**
- The Global AYUSH Investment & Innovation Summit has been inaugurated by PM Modi in which city? **Gandhinagar**
- India's first-ever internet radio channel for the visually impaired people has been launched in which city? **Nagpur**
- The first-ever pure Green Hydrogen plant in India has been unveiled in which state? **Assam**
- Which Tech Giant has recently announced the partnership for protection, conservation of mangroves in Maharashtra? **Apple**
- As per the recent report by NPCI International Payments Ltd, BHIM UPI has goes live at NeoPay terminals in country? **United Arab Emirates**
- Which Indian Institute of Technology in India has inked a MoU with Power System Operation Corporation Limited for Research on India's Power Sector? **IIT Delhi**
- Which Indian Organization has recently signed a pact with United Nations Children's Fund on SDGs focusing on children? **NITI Aayog**
- Which space start-up has inked a pact with ISRO for satellite launches? **One Web**
- Indian Railways has augmented transportation of Coal through Railways by a record of \_\_\_\_\_ million tonnes during the year 2021-22 **111 million tonnes**
- Which state has become the first state in India to get 100% digital buses with the 'Tap In, Tap Out' facility? **Maharashtra**
- Which organisation has partnered with the Public Broadcaster of Argentina for collaboration in the field of broadcasting? **Prasar Bharati**
- Which IIT has signed an agreement with the Indian Meteorological Department of the Ministry of Earth Sciences Government of India, to develop user-friendly weather forecasting app? **IIT Bombay**
- Which state's Chief Minister has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant, set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of Rs 105 crores? **Bihar**
- Which of the following has recently announced a collaboration with the C-DAC, an autonomous scientific society of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY), Government of India? **Qualcomm**
- The Kerala Government has set to Launch App for Diagnosing, Controlling Lifestyle Diseases. It is named as \_\_\_\_\_. **Shaili App**
- As per the recent report released by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN), it has ordered 1 GW project worth Rs 5,500 crore from which power company? **Tata Power Solar Systems**

## DEFENCE

- The 9th India - Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise was held in which state? **Himachal Pradesh**
- Which aircraft developed by National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) has successfully completed engine relight? **Hansa-NG**
- As per the report released by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) a giant \_\_\_\_\_-feet asteroid is heading towards earth. **1,600-feet**
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- DRDO recently flight tested Pinaka Mk-I (Enhanced) Rocket System successfully, which has been developed by DRDO lab Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE). Where is the lab based? **Pune**
- Name the indigenously developed helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile, which was flight tested by DRDO recently? **HELINA**
- 'Iron Beam' laser missile-defence system is world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser beam to destroy any airborne object. Which country has developed this system? **Israel**
- The Indian Air Force has inked an MoU with which institution to develop solutions for maintaining weapon systems? **IIT Madras**
- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) had organised the 8th National Level Pollution Response Exercise, 'NATPOLREX-VIII', in which place? **Goa**
- In April 2022, the Indian Air Force used which of its aircraft to successfully undertake live test-firing of a BrahMos supersonic cruise missile? **Su30 MkI**
- What is the name of the sixth and final submarine in the Scorpene-class under Project 75, which has been launched by Indian Navy recently? **Vagsheer**
- The Indian Navy's Naval Institute of Educational and Training Technology has signed MoU with which IIM in India to exchange best practices? **IIM Kozhikode**
- Which Indian Coast Guard Ship (Auxiliary Barge) has been recently inducted into the Indian Coast Guard? **URJA PRAVAHA**
- Which organization's exercises Defender Europe 2022 & Swift Response 2022 recently held in Poland and 8 other countries? **North Atlantic Treaty Organization**
- Which state has launched Secret Military Spacecraft into orbit by using Angara-1.2 light launch vehicle? **Russia**
- Boeing and Air Works have collaborated for the heavy maintenance checks on which Indian Navy long-range maritime patrol aircraft? **P-8I**
- Indian Navy has set to Acquire Spy Satellite named \_\_\_\_\_ to Boost Capability in Indian Ocean Region. **GISAT-2**
- The Indian Air Force has successfully test - fired an extended-range version of which missile from Sukhoi fighter jet? **Brah Mos**
- Indian Space Research Organisation has successfully tested \_\_\_\_\_ Rocket Booster For 2023 Gaganyaan Mission. **HS200**
- India has pulled out from which of these multilateral exercise in 2022, amid growing crises in Ukraine? **Cobra Warrior**
- Operation Ganga is a special evacuation mission launched by the Government of India to bring back Indian nationals from which country? **Ukraine**
- Exercise Vayu Shakti 2022 will be organised in which place by the Indian Air Force (IAF)? **Jaisalmer**
- Exercise Vayu Shakti is organised by Indian Air Force at an interval of \_\_\_\_\_. **three years**



- The Indian Navy successfully test-fired the extended-range land attack Brahmos supersonic cruise missile from which stealth destroyer?

*INS Chennai*

- The sea-level trials of India's first indigenously developed Flying Trainer was successfully completed recently at Puducherry. What is the name of this trainer aircraft?

*HANSA-NG*

- The India-Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX 2022 will be held in which place?

*Visakhapatnam*

- Which Indian Navy ship is representing the country in the SLINEX 2022?

*INS Kirch*

- Noor-2 is a military satellite launched by which country recently?

*Iran*

- The Indian Army has announced the establishment of General Bipin Rawat Memorial Chair of Excellence at which of its institutions?

*United Service Institution of India (USI)*

- Indian Army is participating in the Joint Military Exercise 'LAMITIYE-2022' with which country?

*Seychelles*

- The Joint Military Exercise 'LAMITIYE-2022' is which edition of the biennial training event?

*9th*

- What is the name of the joint military training exercise between the Indian army and Uzbekistan which kicked off in March 2022 at Yangiariq?

*Ex-Dustlik*

- Which country will host the Bersama Shield 2022 training exercise?

*Malaysia*

- Which of these countries is not among those participating in the Bersama Shield 2022 training exercise?

*South Korea*

- France government has decided to withdraw its military from Mali after nine years, and shift its military base to which country?

*Niger*

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in exercise Eastern Bridge-VI in 2022 with which country at Air Force Station Jodhpur?

*Oman*

- The Indian Air Force will be participating with which of its aircraft to showcase in the "Singapore Air Show-2022"?

*Tejas*

- ICGS "Saksham", the final ship of the 5 Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vehicle (CGOPV) Project was recently delivered to the Indian Coast Guard ahead of the schedule. Which company was given the contract to develop the vessels under the project?

*Goa Shipyard Limited*

- ISRO successfully launched which earth observation satellite, in its first launch of the year 2022?

*EOS-04*

- The multinational exercise Sea Dragon 22, comprising six Indo-Pacific nations including India, has been held at which place?

*Guam*

- James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has been recently successfully deployed by which space agency into the space?

*NASA*

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently inaugurated the Kalpana Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science & Technology at which place?

*Chandigarh*

- DRDO recently test fired naval variant of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile. Which destroyer ship was used for testing the missile?

*INS Visakhapatnam*

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- On which date International Firefighters' Day is observed every year?

*4 May*

- On which date World Portuguese language Day is observed every year?

*5 May*

- World Asthma Day is observed every year on the \_\_\_\_\_.

*First Tuesday of May*

- What is the theme of World Press Freedom Day 2022?

*Journalism under digital siege*

- World Laughter Day was first celebrated in \_\_\_\_\_ in Mumbai and was initiated by the founder of the Laughter Yoga Movement Dr Madan Kataria.

*1998*

- International Jazz Day is celebrated every year around the world on \_\_\_\_\_.

*30 April*

- Coal Miners Day is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ every year.

*4 May*

- What is the theme for World Veterinary Day 2022?

*Strengthening Veterinary Resilience*

- International Labour Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 May*

- Which of the following state observed its statehood day on 1st May?

*Maharashtra*

- World Tuna Day is observed globally on \_\_\_\_\_ every year.

*2nd May*

- What was the theme of World Asthma Day 2022?

*Closing Gaps in Asthma Care*

- World Press Freedom Day is observed globally on \_\_\_\_\_ every year.

*3rd May*

- The World Red Cross Red Crescent Day has been annually observed on which date in May?

*May 8*

- On 7th May 2022 Border Roads Organisation has celebrated its \_\_\_\_\_ edition of Rising day. **62nd Edition**
- The World Athletics Day has been observed on May 7th to encourage sports activities. This day was 1st introduced in which year? **1996**
- On which date the World Thalassaemia Day has been observed globally? **May 08**
- When did the National Science Day observed? **February 28**
- Every Year Russia Victory Day has been observed on 9th May. It was first observed on which year? **1945**
- As per United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) International Day of Arania has been observed on which date? **May 10**
- The International Nowruz Day has been observed on 21 March. It was proclaimed by which International Organization? **United Nations General Assembly**
- The National Technology Day has been observed on 11th May. It was first observed on which year? **1999**
- The International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia has been observed on which among the following date? **May 17**
- The Anti-Terrorism Day has been globally observed on which among the following date? **May 21**
- The International Day to End Obstetric Fistula has been observed on which among the following day in the month of May? **May 23**
- The World Bee Day has been observed on 20th of May. It is observed by which among the following international organization? **Food and Agriculture Organization**
- The National Endangered Species Day has been observed on 20th May. What is the theme of this year National Endangered Species Day 2022? **Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration**
- The International Day for Biological Diversity has been observed on 22nd May every year. What is the theme of Biological Diversity day 2022? **Building a shared future for all life**
- On May 22, 2022 Indian Government and Ministry of Culture has celebrated \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy **250th**
- The World Metrology Day has been observed on 20th May. What is the theme of the World Metrology Day 2022? **Metrology in the Digital Era**
- The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development has been observed on May 21. It was recognised by which among the following organization? **United Nations General Assembly**
- The International Tea Day has been observed on 21st of May. It was first observed by India in which among the following year? **2005**
- Which day is marked as the United Nations? International Day of Conscience? **April 05**
- United Nations has declared which day to be observed as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)? **April 06**
- India observes National Maritime Day on which day of the year? **05 April**
- World Health Day is observed annually on which day? **April 07**
- United Nations has designated which day to be observed as the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda? April 07 **April 07**
- What is the theme of 2022 World Health Day? Our Planet, Our Health
- Which day is marked as the World Homeopathy Day? **April 10**
- What is the theme of the 2022 World Homoeopathy Day? **People's Choice for Wellness**
- The International Day of Human Space Flight is celebrated on which day of the year? **April 12**
- The National Safe Motherhood Day is observed in India, on the birth anniversary of which leader? **Kasturba Gandhi**
- Which day is marked as the World Parkinson's Day annually? **April 11**
- Siachen Day is marked every year on 13 April in India. In 2022, which anniversary of the day is being celebrated? **38th**
- Which day is marked as the International Turban Day annually? **13 April**
- In India April 14 is officially declared as public holiday to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader? **Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar**
- Who has been awarded with the EY India Entrepreneur of the Year 2021? **Falguni Nayar**
- Which day of the year is marked as the World Chagas Disease Day? **April 14**
- Which country will host the G20 Summit in 2022? **Indonesia**
- Which day is commemorated as the Save the Elephant Day? **April 16**
- The World Voice Day is observed annually on **April 16**



# GS SPECIAL



## INDIAN POLITY

- By which Act, the provinces in India were granted autonomy - Government of India *Act, 1935*
- The advantages of a unitary system of governance are *steadfast state*
- The members of the Constituent Assembly by which the Constitution of India was enacted were - *elected by the Legislative Assemblies of various provinces.*
- Where are the emergency provisions in the Indian Constitution - Government of India *Act, 1935*
- The Constituent Assembly of India was formed at the behest of whom *the Cabinet Mission*
- Who was the President of the Constituent Assembly of India *Dr. Rajendra Prasad*

## ECONOMICS

- 'Nav-Malthusian theory related to *lack of resources*
- The expenditure incurred by an entrepreneur on advertising and public relations is part of its expenditure *Intermediate consumption*
- On what methodology is the planned economy in India *socialist system*
- What do we know when considering Giffen and substandard goods *Giffen goods must also be cheap*
- Demand for substandard goods falls when income *increases*
- Average variable cost curve ..... are shaped by *U*

## HISTORY & CULTURE OF INDIA

- Where does the early period of history go *Palaeolithic period*
- In which period stone tools were first found *Palaeolithic period*
- Which civilization is famous for its city planning *Indus Valley Civilization*
- The mouth of the Indus Valley Civilization was located on the banks of the Indus River-Mohenjodaro 5. What was the local name of Mohenjodaro *mound of the dead*
- Where was the huge bath found *Mohenjodaro*
- Worship of Mother was related to *Indus Valley Civilization*
- Which civilization had the ship Malghat at the place called Lothal *Indus Valley*

## GEOGRAPHY

- The latitude of India's mainland is spread between *804' North and 3706' North*
- Which organization makes the topographic map of India *Survey of India*
- Standard time of India is 5 1/2 hours ahead of *Greenwich mean time*
- Who will never find the vertical rays of the Sun *Srinagar*
- What is the name of the south end of India *Indier point located in the island of Nicobar*
- Which are the most remote places in the south of India *Indira Point*
- The area of India is approximately how much bigger than Paixitan *4*

## ENVIRONMENT

- The National Environmental Engineering Research Institute is located at *Nagpur*
- Where did the Chipko movement began? *Uttarakhand*
- Bharat Stage Emission standards refers to *Vehicular pollution*
- Which ecosystem is known as the 'Land of Big Games' *Savannah*
- Mangrove forests in Asia are largely concentrated in *Indonesia*
- The book which keeps a record of all the endangered animals and plants is *Red Data Book*
- How many schedules are there in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 of India? *VI*

## AGRICULTURE

- Are a class of plant hormones that promote cell division in plant roots and shoots *Cytokinin*
- A hardening structure where in plants root after taken out from the in vitro media *Mist chamber*
- A plant hormone used to promote stem elongation& seed germination *Gibberellin*
- A popular garden fruit tree *Rambuttan*
- A specialized garden for the cultivation and display of fern *Fernery*
- An eg. for facultative apomicts *Mango, Orange*
- An agricultural practice of breeding and raising domestic rabbits *Cuniculture*

# AWARDS

**MAY 2022**

## "UDAN" SCHEME SELECTED FOR PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD



- The Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik), the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has been selected for Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020 under the category "Innovation (General) - Central".
- The scheme lay emphasis on Good Governance, Qualitative achievements, and last mile connectivity rather than only on achievement of quantitative targets.
- The award was launched by the Government of India in 2006 to acknowledge, recognize and reward the extraordinary and innovative work done by Districts/ Organizations of the Central and State Governments.
- The award comes with a trophy, scroll and an incentive of Rs 10 lakhs.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation will receive the award on April 21, 2022, on the occasion of Civil Service Day.

## PRABHAT PATNAIK WINS 2022 MALCOLM ADISESHIAH AWARD

- Renowned Indian Marxist economist and political commentator Prabhat Patnaik has been selected for the 2022 Malcom Adiseshiah Award.
- The Malcolm Adiseshiah Award is given annually by the Chennai-based Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust since 2000 for Distinguished Contributions to Development Studies.
- The award is given to an outstanding social scientist selected by a specially constituted national jury.
- The award comprises a citation and prize money of Rs. 2 lakh.

## CHURU & BISHNUPUR DISTRICTS HONoured WITH PM PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AWARDS

- PM Modi has conferred the prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2021 to the Churu (Rajasthan), and Bishnupur (Manipur) for Best Performance in the implementation of Promoting excellence in sports and wellness through the Khelo India Scheme.
- The award ceremony was held on the occasion of the 15th Civil Services Day (April 21, 2022) function in New Delhi.
- Khelo India University Games 2022: Bengaluru; Mascot: Veera

## UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY GETS JOHN F. KENNEDY AWARD

- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has selected the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for acting to protect democracy.
- Zelensky was selected because he marshaled the spirit, patriotism and untiring sacrifice of the Ukrainian people in a life-or-death fight for their country.
- Caroline Kennedy and Jack Schlossberg will present the awards on May 22 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston.

## KISHORE DAS SELECTED FOR COMMONWEALTH POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD



- Kishore Kumar Das (Bangladesh) has been chosen for the Commonwealth Points of Light Award for his exceptional work in improving access to education for children from marginalised backgrounds.
- He started an educational charity named Bidyanando in 2013 with just 22 students.
- He also started a meal programme named Ek takay aahar (Meal for one Taka) which has provided more than 10,000 nutritious meals for vulnerable people (particularly children, homeless).



## MEGHALAYA E-PROPOSAL SYSTEM WINS PRESTIGIOUS UN AWARD



- The Meghalaya planning department's key initiative of an e-proposal system has won a coveted UN Award - World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) Prizes, 2022 in the category of the role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of Information and Communication Technologies for development.
- The e-proposal system is a part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA) which helped to eliminate 75% physical work of files.

## A BOOK TITLED 'CHINESE SPIES: FROM CHAIRMAN MAO TO XI JINPING' AUTHORED BY ROGER FALIGOT

- HarperCollins India has published a new book titled "Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping" authored by French journalist Roger Faligot and translated by writer, editor and translator, Natasha Lehrer.
- The foreword of the book is written by Vikram Sood, the former head of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), India's foreign intelligence agency. The book 'Chinese Spies' was originally published in French in 2008 and later translated into English from the updated 4th edition by Natasha Lehrer.

## ARDESHIR B K DUBASH RECEIVES HIGHEST DIPLOMATIC AWARD BY PERU

- The former Honorary Consul of Peru in Mumbai, Ardesir B.K. Dubash has received the Order of "Merit in the Diplomatic Service of Peru Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan" by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru.
- Ambassador of Peru in India, H.E. Carlos R. Polo has conferred the award to him.
- Dubash was designated as Honorary Consul of Peru in 1973.
- The Order of Merit was instituted in 2004, named after José Gregorio Paz Soldán.

## GLENMARK RECEIVES THE 'INDIA PHARMA INNOVATION OF THE YEAR' AWARD FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

- Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Glenmark), an innovation-driven, global pharmaceutical company, today received the 'India Pharma Innovation of the Year' Award and was adjudged runners-up in the 'India Pharma CSR of the Year' category, as part of the India Pharma & India Medical Device Awards 2022.
- Indian Pharma Leader of the Year: Cipla Ltd.
- Indian Pharma (Formulation): Micro Labs Ltd.
- Indian Pharma CSR of the year: Zydus Lifesciences Ltd
- India Medical Device Leader of the Year: Poly Medicure Ltd.
- India Medical Device Company of the Year: Trivitron Healthcare Pvt Ltd

## DD NATIONAL PET SHOW WON ENBA AWARD 2021

- Doordarshan has won ENBA Award 2021 for the best in-depth Hindi series for its TV series based on pet care 'Best Friend Forever' at 14th edition of the Exchange4media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA).

### Best Friend Forever:

- Half-an-hour weekly live phone-in show on DD National
- Here, two pet experts guide people on how to take care of their pets, about their food, nutrition, routine health check-ups, vaccination and other pet related issues.

## A BOOK 'INDO-PAK WAR 1971- REMINISCENCES OF AIR WARRIORS' RELEASED BY RAJNATH SINGH

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has released a book titled 'INDO-PAK WAR 1971- Reminiscences of Air Warriors' at the 37th Air Chief Marshal PC Lal Memorial Lecture organised by the Air Force Association in New Delhi, Delhi. The book was edited by Air Marshal Jagjeet Singh and Group Captain Shailendra Mohan. The book features 50 Swarnim articles written by veterans narrating their experiences in detail.
- Defence Minister also paid tribute to Air Chief Marshal Pratap Chandra Lal (PC Lal). Air Chief Marshal Pratap Chandra Lal (PC Lal), served as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff during the 1965 war and had served as the 7th Chief of the Air Staff during the 1971 war.

**APRIL 2022**

## MAHATMA GANDHI'S GRAND DAUGHTER LAUNCHED A WEBSITE 'MODI STORY'



- The granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi 'Sumitra Gandhi Kulkarni' has inaugurated the web portal 'Modi Story'. The Modi story website is a volunteer-driven initiative which aims to bring together "inspiring" stories related to Prime Minister Narendra Modi from those who have interacted with him during his life journey over the decades. The portal can be accessed at modistory.in
- Any person who has closely witnessed the Prime Minister's life can submit write-ups, audio or visual stories of any such experience or anecdote along with photos with PM Modi, letters or personal memorabilia associated with him. The website has several stories shared by the people who crossed paths with the Prime Minister at some point in his life.

## COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BAGS 'COVID CHAMPION' AWARD AT WINGS INDIA 2022

- The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has won the 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022.

- Wings India is Asia's largest event on civil aviation, including Commercial, General and Business Aviation.
- The programme has been organised jointly by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and FICCI in collaboration with Airports Authority of India (AAI) at the Begumpet airport in Hyderabad from March 24 to 27, 2022.
- CIAL has been awarded for successful implementation of a meticulous project named 'Mission Safeguarding' during the pandemic time to ensure safe travel at Kochi Airport.
- Meanwhile, the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru won two the 'Best Airport' under the General Category, and the 'Aviation Innovation' Award at the event.

## UP CONFERRED WITH THE 'BEST STATE' AWARD AT THE 3RD NATIONAL WATER AWARDS

- President Ram Nath Kovind presented the 3rd National Water Awards for Best State to Uttar Pradesh for exemplary work in water management, followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.
- The National Water Awards are given by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- First launch - 2018
- Best School category - Amity International School, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Best Urban Local Body - Vapi Urban Local Body (Gujarat), Dapoli Nagar Panchayat (Maharashtra)
- Best NGO - Gramvikas Sanstha (Aurangabad)

## MEGHALAYA'S LIVING ROOT BRIDGES INCLUDED ON TENTATIVE LIST OF UNESCO'S WORLD'S HERITAGE SITES

- The famous living root bridges found in the northeastern state of Meghalaya, have been included on the tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites.
- The site has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site tentative list as 'Jingkieng Jri: Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscapes of Meghalaya'
- The UNESCO recognition of the bridges was submitted by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on January 21, 2022, on the occasion of 50th year of creation of the hill state.

## IAF CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE BY CHETAK HELICOPTER

- Indian Air Force has commemorated 60 Glorious years of service by Chetak Helicopter at Indian Air Force at Air Force Station, Hakimpet.
- The event was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The Chetak helicopter is the oldest machine, made by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) under the licence agreement.
- Chetak Helicopter inducted: 1962
- IAF Day: 8 October
- Chief of the Air Staff: Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- Defence budget: INR 5.25 lakh crores (USD 70.6 billion)

## VICE PRESIDENT VENKAIAH NAIDU RELEASES BOOK ON NOTED ANDHRA PRADESH SOCIAL WORKER LATE SHRI SOMEPALLI SOMAIAH



- The Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled 'Spoothi Pradatha Sri Somayya'.
- The book narrates life story of noted social worker from Andhra Pradesh, late Shri Somepalli Somaiah.
- K Syam Prasad is the author of the book.
- VC Shri Naidu considers Shri Somayya as one of his foremost 'gurus' and credits him for shaping his personality at a young age.

## 'WE ARE' RECEIVED 64TH GRAMMY ALBUM OF THE YEAR

- The ceremony of the 64th Grammy Awards 2022 was held in Las Vegas; this prestigious award was announced by the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences.
- Album of the Year: 'We Are' by Jon Batiste
- Record of the Year: 'Leave the Door Open' by Silk Sonic
- Song of the Year: Leave the Door Open
- New Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- Best Global Music Performance: Mohabbat by Arooj Aftab (First Pakistani)
- Best Global Music Album: Mother Nature by Angelique Kidjo

## SARASWATI SAMMAN 2021 WILL BE AWARDED TO RAMDARASH MISHRA

- Prof Ramdarash Mishra has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman 2021, for his collection of poems 'Mein to Yahan Hun'.
- The prestigious literary award Saraswati Samman was instituted in 1991.
- Awarded to: Literary work written in any Indian language by an Indian citizen and published within the last 10 years
- Prize: Citation, a plaque, and a cash prize of ₹15 lakhs
- The current head of the committee: Dr Subhash C Kashyap

## BOOK ON BIRSA MUNDA RELEASED BY DHARMENDRA PRADHAN

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has released a book on tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda.
- The 'Birsa Munda - Janjatiya Nayak' is a book written by Prof Alok Chakrawal, Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya Bilaspur.
- Birsa Munda was born on November 15, 1875, in Ulihatu village (now in Jharkhand). He belongs to the Munda tribe
- Janjatiya Divas - 15 November

## RENOWNED ASSAMESE POET NILAMANI PHOOKAN TO BE CONFERRED JNANPITH AWARD

- Eminent Assamese poet Nilamani Phookan will be Conferred with the

country's highest literary award, 56th Jnanpith at Guwahati.

- Nilmani Phookan is the third person to win the Jnanpith Award from Assam after Mamoni Roisom Goswami and Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya.
- Notable works of Phookan: 'Xurjya Henu Naami Aahe Ei Nodiyedi', 'Kabita', and 'Gulapi Jamur Lagna'
- 57th Jnanpith Award 2022: Novelist Damodar Mauzo was chosen for his contribution to Indian literature.

## BOOK TITLED 'NOT JUST A NIGHTWATCHMAN' AUTHORED BY FORMER CAG VINOD RAI

- Former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), Vinod Rai has authored a book "Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI".
- He was a chairman of the Committee of Administrators (CoA) formed by the Supreme Court for BCCI in 2017 for 33 months.
- Other books are written by Vinod Rai: Rethinking Good Governance, Not Just an Accountant
- Recently, Rai has been appointed as chairman and independent non-executive director of Kalyan Jewellers.

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**MARCH 2022****POOJA JATYAN WINS SILVER AT PARA ARCHERY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- Para-archer Pooja Jatyan became the first Indian to win silver medal in an individual section of Para Archery World Championships 2022 in Dubai.
- Pooja Jatyan was defeated by Italian Petrilli Vincenza in the summit clash with a silver medal by 3-7 (24-24, 23-21, 26-28, 24-26, 25-27) in the finals.
- Earlier, mixed pair of Shyam Sundar Swami and Jyoti Baliyan had opened India's account with a silver medal in the World Archery Para Championships.

**TAMIL NADU CM MK STALIN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY 'UNGALIL ORUVAN' LAUNCHED**

- Rahul Gandhi has launched the autobiography of MK Stalin, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- The book is titled as 'Ungalil Oruvan' which literally means 'One Among You'.
- This is the first part of the autobiography that contains early life experiences of MK Stalin, who is the president of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) party.
- It is the first of a reported three-volume autobiography, capturing the first 23 years of his life, including his early days in politics.

**NMCG RECEIVES 'SPECIAL JURY AWARD' FOR GANGA REJUVENATION**

- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has been awarded 'Special Jury Award' at the 7th India Industry Water Conclave and 9th edition of FICCI Water Awards
- Distinguished Jury of FICCI Water Awards consists of eminent people such as Dr. Mihir Shah, A.K. Gosain, Himanshu Kulkarni, and VK Madhavan
- The Citation underlines complexity of the task of rejuvenation of the entire Ganga basin and the importance of engaging with diverse stakeholders.

**ABHINAV CHANDRACHUD PENS BIOGRAPHY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OF INDIA 'SOLI SORABJEE'**

- The biography of the former Attorney General of India, Soli Sorabjee, titled "Soli Sorabjee: Life and Times", is all set to hit stands in April 2022.
- The book has been written by advocate and legal scholar Abhinav Chandrachud. It will be published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).
- Sorabjee's biography reveals his personal details of life, his family background, his journey in becoming a practitioner of law among other things.

**BANGLADESH TO CONFER ITS HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD ON 10 INDIVIDUALS**

- Govt of Bangladesh has announced the nomination for its highest civilian award-Independence Award for 2022.

**Winners:**

- Freedom Fighter Ilias Ahmed Chowdhury
- Martyr Colonel Khandaker Nazmul Huda (Bir Bikram)
- Abdul Jalil, Siraj Uddin Ahmed
- Late Mohammad Sahiuddin Bishwas
- Late Sirajul Haque
- Kanak Kanti Barua
- Md Kamrul Islam
- Kamrul Islam
- Amir Hamza
- Syed Moinul Islam
- Bangladesh Wheat and Maize Research Institute has been nominated for Research and Training category

**AMERICAN MATHEMATICIAN DENNIS PARNELL SULLIVAN AWARDED WITH ABEL PRIZE 2022**

- American Mathematician Dennis Parnell Sullivan was awarded Abel Prize 2022
- The award has been given for his groundbreaking contributions to topology in its broadest sense and in particular its algebraic, geometric and dynamical aspects.
- Declared by: Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters committee.
- The first prize was given in 2003 to French mathematician Jean-Pierre Serre.
- R. Srinivasa Varadhan, an Indian American citizen won the Abel Prize in the year 2007



# NEW APPOINTMENTS

**MAY 2022**

## LT GEN BS RAJU APPOINTED AS VICE CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

- The Indian Army's Director General of Military Operations, Lieutenant General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff from May 1.
- He was an alumnus of Sainik School Bijapur and National Defence Academy and commissioned in the Jat Regiment on December 15, 1984.
- He had commanded a battalion during Operation Parakram in the Western Theatre and J&K.
- Awards: Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, and Yudh Seva Medal.

## TARUN KAPOOR, FORMER PETROLEUM SECRETARY, APPOINTED ADVISOR TO PM MODI

- The government on Monday appointed former petroleum secretary Tarun Kapoor as adviser to the PMO, just about three months after he was selected as the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) chairman. Kapoor, a Himachal Pradesh cadre IAS, also headed the Energy Transition Advisory Committee, which focuses on increasing the share of clean energy sources such as hydrogen, biofuel, nuclear, geothermal and tidal in the energy mix of the country.

- Kapoor's appointment will be initially for a period of two years from the date of joining.
- These included appointment of UP cadre IAS Radha Chauhan as the new secretary of department of personnel and training (DoPT), Kerala cadre IAS Gyanesh Kumar as new secretary of the cooperation ministry and another Kerala cadre IAS, Alkesh Kumar Sharma as the new electronics and information technology secretary.

## VINAY MOHAN KWATRA TAKES CHARGE AS NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY

- Vinay Mohan Kwatra is an Indian diplomat and currently 34th Foreign Secretary of India from May 2022, succeeding Harsh Vardhan Shringla. He is a 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer. Mr Kwatra was serving as India's envoy to Nepal before assuming the charge of the Foreign Secretary.
- A career diplomat with over 32 years of experience, Mr. Kwatra has also held the position of a Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for two years between October 2015 and August 2017.
- Mr Kwatra is known to have extensive expertise in dealing with India's neighbourhood as well as the U.S., China and Europe. He has taken charge as the Foreign Secretary at a time when India is dealing with various geopolitical developments including the Ukraine conflict, the severe economic crisis in Sri Lanka and situation in Afghanistan and developments in the Indo-Pacific.

## INDIAN-ORIGIN NAND MULCHANDANI APPOINTED 1ST-EVER CHIEF TECH OFFICER OF CIA

- Indian-Origin Nand Mulchandani has been appointed as the first-ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), first line of defense for the United States
- Prior to this, he served as the CTO and acting director of the Joint Artificial Intelligence Centre under US Department of Defence.
- He served as the CEO of multiple successful startups like Oblix (acquired by Oracle), Determina, OpenDNS and ScaleXtreme .

## RAJIV RANJAN APPOINTED AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE



- Rajiv Ranjan has been appointed as the ex-officio member of the monetary policy committee by RBI's central board.
- He replaced Mridul Saggarr, who retired last month.
- Prior to this, he was an advisor in-charge in the monetary policy department, before he was elevated as an executive director.
- MPC is a 6-member body and is headed by RBI governor. There are 3 members from RBI and 3 members nominated by Govt.

## JIOSAAVN APPOINTS FORMER AMAZON MUSIC DIRECTOR SAHAS MALHOTRA AS CEO

- JioSaavn has named Sahas Malhotra, a former Amazon Music director and entertainment industry expert, as its new CEO. Previously, Sahas Malhotra worked for Sony Music India and Tips Industries. Sahas Malhotra was the business leader at Tips Music and the marketing director for Tips Film Production at Tips Industries.
- From the JioSaavn company's Mumbai headquarters, Sahas Malhotra will manage the company's efforts in the rapidly changing and fascinating Indian market. Sahas Malhotra has more than 24 years of experience in the entertainment sector, including team development, film marketing, music P&L management, licensing, media planning, music publishing, and product management, according to JioSaavn.

## JOYDEEP KARMAKAR APPOINTED AS NATIONAL CHIEF RIFLE COACH BY NRAI

- Joydeep Karmakar (42 years) has been appointed as the chief national rifle coach by National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).
- He will oversee Indian continent till 2025, including the Paris Olympics 2024.
- He had missed a bronze medal by a whisker in men's 50-metre rifle prone event at 2012 London Olympics.
- He has been running his own shooting academy in Kolkata since 2015

## ARVIND KRISHNA ELECTED TO BOARD OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

- Arvind Krishna (IBM Chairman and CEO) has been elected to the Board of Directors as a Class B director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- He will remain in the office for the remaining portion of a three-year term ending December 31, 2023.
- He has been an undergraduate from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and a PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- He was senior VP of Cloud and Cognitive Software and also headed IBM Research.

## SUDARSHAN VENU APPOINTED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TVS MOTOR

- Sudarshan Venu has taken over as the Managing Director of TVS Motor Company.
- Prior to this, he was the Joint Managing Director of the company.
- His elevation coincides with the appointment of Prof Sir Ralf Dieter Speth as the Chairman of the company.
- He succeeded Venu Srinivasan, who has become the Chairman Emeritus of the company.
- TVS Motor Company: Indian motorcycle manufacturer headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It is the 3rd largest motorcycle company in India

## KAILASH CHOUDHARY INAUGURATES REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF CLUSTER BASED BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS IN JAIPUR

- Union Minister, Kailash Choudhary has inaugurated Conference of Cluster-Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) under Scheme of Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur.
- Focus areas: expectations from CBBOs, Knowledge sharing by CBBOs on best practices, discussion on Training and Capacity Building of Stakeholders, and Open discussion on various issues/suggestions.

## ALKESH KUMAR SHARMA ASSUMES CHARGE AS NEW SECRETARY



- Alkesh Kumar Sharma (1990 batch IAS of Kerala cadre) has assumed charge as Secretary of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY).
- Prior to this, he served as the Additional Secretary and Secretary in Cabinet Secretariat.
- He was also chairman of Indian Highways Management Company and implemented FASTAG system of toll collection.

**APRIL 2022****ANIL AMBANI STEPS DOWN AS DIRECTOR FROM R-INFRA, RELIANCE POWER**

- Anil Ambani stepped down from the board of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd and Reliance Power Ltd, a month after a Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) order asked him and other directors of Reliance Home Finance Ltd to quit as directors in any listed company with immediate effect.
- The board noted that during the past year, the company has created immense value for its around 800,000 shareholders with the stock price increasing from a low of ₹32 to a high of ₹150
- In an 11 February interim order passed in the case of Reliance Home Finance Ltd, the regulator barred Ambani, Amit Bapna, Ravindra Sudhalkar and Pinkesh R. Shah from associating with any listed entity, acting as their directors and from associating with any market intermediary.

**HOUNGBO ELECTED AS NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION**

- The Governing Body of International Labour Organisation (ILO) has elected Gilbert F. Hougbo as the Organization's 11th Director-General and the first African; he will take office in October 2022 for five years.
- He is a former Prime Minister of Togo.

- Presently, he is President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).
- The current Director-General of ILO, Guy Ryder, from the United Kingdom, has held office since 2012.

**PRIME MINISTER ROBERT ABELA WON THE MALTA PM ELECTION**

- Malta PM Robert Abela won the general election; he took Malta's helm in January 2020.
- Member of the Labour party PM Robert Abela will take oath for the second time.
- Labour Party has won 55.11% of the total vote against the Nationalist Party's 41.7%.
- This is the Labour Party's third consecutive general election win since 2013.
- President George Vella will be administered the oath to Robert Abela.

**SHASHI SINHA HAS APPOINTED AS THE NEW BARC INDIA CHAIRMAN**

- Chief Executive Officer of IPG Mediabrands India, Shashi Sinha, has been appointed as the new chairman of the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India.
- Sinha also worked with the Advertising Agencies Association of India.
- He succeeds MD & CEO of Zee Entertainment Enterprises, Punit Goenka, who successfully served as the Chairman for the last three years.
- Mumbai based company Broadcast Audience Research Council was incorporated in 2010.

**KERALA-BORN RAJ SUBRAMANIAM NAMED NEW CEO OF FEDEX**

- Indian-American Raj Subramaniam has been named the new CEO of FedEx, the world's largest courier service corporation.
- He is set to replace the founder of FedEx, Frederick W Smith.
- Currently, Subramaniam is serving as President and Chief Operating Officer of FedEx.
- Subramaniam joined FedEx in 1991 and was elevated to the Board of Directors in 2020.
- Originally, he is from Trivandrum, Kerala and studied chemical engineering at IIT Bombay.

**IPU VICE-CHANCELLOR MAHESH VERMA IS NOW NABH CHAIRPERSON**

- Vice-Chancellor of Indraprastha University Mahesh Verma has been appointed as a new chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH).
- NABH is a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI)
- This is responsible for setting benchmarks for quality and certifying hospitals and other health facilities.
- NABH is also a member of the board of the Asian Society for Quality in Healthcare.

## IFS OFFICER RENU SINGH APPOINTED FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE (FRI) DIRECTOR

- Dr Renu Singh has been appointed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) as the next director of the Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Dehradun. She will be the institute's second woman director. Singh joined as FRI director after AS Rawat, director-general, ICFRE, handed over his additional charge of director FRI to her.
- About Dr Renu Singh: Dr Renu Singh has an extensive experience in Forest Policy, Forest Management and Research Issues. She has a special interest in gender and development, climate change adaptation and mitigation issues in the forestry sector.
- She has participated in and represented various biodiversity, forest and climate change-related issues in international conventions like United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

## CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA N V RAMANA LAUNCHES SOFTWARE TO TRANSMIT COURT ORDERS SWIFTLY

- Chief Justice of India, N V Ramana has launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records), to communicate interim orders, stay orders, bail orders, etc., of the Supreme Court to concerned authorities through a secured electronic communication channel.

- The aim: Eliminate the delay in to release of inmates even after the Supreme Court grants them bail.
- A digital platform FASTER was initiated led by CJI Ramana bench.

## VISHWAS PATEL RE-ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF PAYMENTS COUNCIL OF INDIA

- Executive director of Infibeam Avenues Vishwas Patel has been re-elected as chairman of the Payments Council of India (PCI).
- Payment Council of India is the apex industry for digital operators in India's payments and settlement system that operates under the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).
- The PCI was set in 2013 with the aim to promote digital India.
- Payment Council of India is located in Mumbai.

## DR. S RAJU TAKES CHARGE AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

- Dr S Raju has taken over as the Director-General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) with effect from April 01, 2022. He succeeds R. S. Garkhal who superannuated on March 31, 2022. Prior to this, Dr Raju was holding the post of Additional Director General and National Head, Mission-III & IV at GSI HQ.
- Dr.S. Raju joined the Geological Survey of India in 1988. During the initial period of his career, he was instrumental in geological mapping of Bundelkhand Granitic Complex in Uttar Pradesh and also executed an investigation on gold mineralization and carried out a geo-environmental

appraisal of Jhansi district of Bundelkhand Region, Uttar Pradesh. With his expertise, he has also supplemented in the geology of Tamil Nadu especially, establishing the metamorphic and techtono-magmatic history of the Satyamangalam Group of rocks.

## ITU'S STANDING COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTS INDIA'S APRAJITA SHARRMA AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON

- An Indian official has been selected as vice-chairperson of the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management, giving India a leadership position. Ms Aprajita Sharma, an IP&TAF Service officer, has been appointed vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Administration and Management at the International Telecommunication Union's Council sessions in Geneva from March 21 to March 31, 2022.
- Aprajita will continue to serve as vice-chairperson of the Council Standing Committee in 2023 and 2024, and as chairman in 2025 and 2026.
- The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations' information and communication specialised organisation. The Plenipotentiary Conference and the Administrative Council manage the ITU.
- The Union's top organ is the Plenipotentiary Conference. It is the decision-making body that determines the Union's and its operations' direction.



**MARCH 2022****DIGITAL INDIA CEO  
ABHISHEK SINGH NAMED  
NATIONAL E-GOVERNANCE  
DIVISION CHIEF**

- 1995-batch IAS officers and Digital India Corporation CEO, Abhishek Singh as new National e-Governance Division chief. The 1995-batch IAS officer from Nagaland cadre will hold the position in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary.
- The officer will proceed to carry the extra cost of the put up of Managing Director & Chief Government Officer, Digital India Company. The 1995-batch IAS officer from Nagaland cadre will maintain the place within the rank and pay of Extra Secretary.

**TAN KIM HER APPOINTED AS  
INDIA'S BADMINTON  
DOUBLES COACH**

- Malaysian Tan Kim Her (50-year) has been appointed as India's doubles coach in badminton till the Asian Games in 2026
- He has been credited with shaping the careers of doubles specialists Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
- In his first stint (2015-2019) as doubles coach in India
- Among other things, he will identify Indian coaches with potential and assist in their skill development by holding four workshops each year.

**MADHABI PURI BUCH  
APPOINTED FIRST WOMAN  
CHAIRPERSON OF SEBI**

- The union government has appointed Madhabi Puri Buch as the new chairperson of market regulator SEBI.
- She is the first woman chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- Ms Buch, the former head of ICICI Securities, also served in SEBI between 2017 and 2021 as a Whole Time Member.
- She will replace Ajay Tyagi as his term ends on February 28.
- Mr Tyagi was appointed as SEBI Chairperson on March 1, 2017, for three years.

**UNION JAL SHAKTI  
MINISTER GAJENDRA SINGH  
SHEKHAWAT CHAIRS  
REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF  
MINISTERS OF NE STATES IN  
GUWAHATI**

- Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has chaired a Regional Conference of Ministers of the Public Health Engineering Department, rural water Supply and sanitation department of the NE States in Guwahati.
- The conference has focused on important issues pertaining to implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).
- The event has set up the roadmap for the NE States, keeping in line with the guidance received from the PM Modi.

**SANJAY PANDEY  
APPOINTED AS THE NEW  
POLICE COMMISSIONER OF  
MUMBAI**

- IPS officer Sanjay Pandey (1986 batch IPS officer) has been appointed as the new Police Commissioner of Mumbai by Maharashtra government.
- He was the former acting Director General of Police (DGP) of Maharashtra.
- He was removed from the post of acting DGP on February 18 after Bombay High Court pulled up the state government for his appointment in April last year.
- He succeeded Hemant Nagrale, who has been appointed as the MD of Maharashtra State Security Corporation.

**YASH RAJ FILMS NAMES  
AKSHAYE WIDHANI AS CEO**

- Akshaye Widhani has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yash Raj Films, which is a film production and distribution company.
- Prior to this, he was serving as senior vice-president, finance and business Affairs and head of operations at YRF Studios.
- He joined Yash Raj Films as a studio manager in 2005.
- Yash Raj Films's is India's biggest film production house



# SPORTS

## HARSHADA SHARAD GARUD FIRST INDIAN TO WIN GOLD MEDAL AT IWF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN GREECE

- Harshada Sharad Garud wins gold at Junior World Weightlifting Championship
- Harshada Sharad Garud became the first Indian to win a gold medal at IWF Junior World Championships 2022 in Heraklion, Greece.
- She lifted 153-kilogram in the 45-kg weight category, that included 70 kg in Snatch and 83 kg in Clean and Jerk to finish on top of the podium.
- Turkey's Bektas Cansu bagged silver medal and Moldova's Teodora-Luminita Hincu won the bronze medal.

## HARYANA GOVERNMENT TO BUILD STADIUM IN NEERAJ CHOPRA'S HOMETOWN

- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to build a stadium in Olympic gold-medallist Neeraj Chopra's native village Khandra, Panipat.
- A stadium would cost ₹10 crores to the government.
- In 2021, Chopra (Javelin thrower) became the first Indian to win a gold medal in the Olympic track and field.
- Khelo India Youth Games-2021 will be organised by the Haryana Government from June 4 to June 13.

## DREAM SPORTS FOUNDATION PARTNERS MARY KOM TO LAUNCH 'DREAMJAB' PROGRAMME

- Dream Sports Foundation (DSF), the philanthropic arm of Dream Sports, a sports technology company, has announced the launch of the "DreamJab" programme in collaboration with the Mary Kom Regional Boxing Foundation (MKRBF).
- The programme will look at training 30 young athletes, and they will be provided with extensive training in the sport of boxing. With the vision to create special opportunities for the country's growing number of sportswomen, 20 out of the 30 selected athletes under the programme will be female.
- The aim and objective of the programme is to develop, nurture and mentor boxers from grassroots to elite levels, and to enable their participation at national/international competitions.

## KERALA BEAT WEST BENGAL IN PENALTY SHOOTOUT TO LIFT TITLE FOR SEVENTH TIME

- In Football, Hosts Kerala beat West Bengal 5-4 in a penalty shootout at the Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram to win the Santosh Trophy National Tournament for the seventh time. In a thrilling final, last evening, that kept the 35,000 odd spectators on tenterhooks, both teams ended the 90 minutes of action

into a goalless draw, following which, the match headed into the extra time.

- The teams were level 1-1 after extra time in a pulsating encounter. Two terrific headers from Dilip Orwan of West Bengal and Kerala's Muhammed Safnad in extra-time took the game to penalties. In the tie-breaker, Kerala converted all their shots while Bengal's Sajal Bag missed his, resulting in the hosts lifting the title. This is the first win for Kerala on home soil since 1993. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan congratulated the Kerala football team for winning the Santosh Trophy.

## RONNIE O'SULLIVAN WINS SEVENTH WORLD SNOOKER TITLE AND BECOMES OLDEST CHAMPION IN HISTORY



- Ronnie O'Sullivan (English snooker player) has won his seventh World Snooker Championship crown after beating Judd Trump (English snooker player) by 18-13.
- With this win, he has been equalled Stephen Hendry's modern-day record of seven world titles.
- O'Sullivan has won his first world title in 2001.
- He has also claimed snooker's biggest prize in 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013 and 2020 before his triumph over the Bristolian.

## KHELO INDIA MASCOT AND LOGO LAUNCHED AT PANCHKULA IN HARYANA



- Mascot, Logo and Jersey and theme song of Khelo India Youth Games were launched in a special ceremony held at Indra Dhanush Stadium in Panchkula, Haryana
- The Mascot and theme was launched by Haryana's Chief Minister Manohar Lal along with Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur.
- More than 8,000 athletes will be participating in the Khelo India Youth Games scheduled to take place from 4th to 13th of June at Panchkula, Ambala, Shahbad, Chandigarh and Delhi.

## ABHINAV DESHWAL WINS GOLD IN MEN'S 10M AIR PISTOL AT 24TH DEAFLYMPICS

- Abhinav Deshwal has won the second gold medal for India in shooting at the ongoing 24th Deaflympics in Caxias do Sul, Brazil.
- He was tied with silver winning Ukrainian Oleksii Lazebnyk before winning gold in a shoot-off.
- India has four medals in the shooting competition at the 24th Deaflympics.
- Men's 10m air rifle: Dhanush Srikanth (Gold); Shourya Saini (Bronze)
- Women's 10m air pistol: Vedika Sharma (Bronze)

## INDIA'S JYOTHI YARRAJI SMASHES NATIONAL RECORD TO CLINCH GOLD MEDAL IN 100M HURDLES IN CYPRUS MEET

- India's Jyothi Yarraji (Andhra Pradesh) has smashed the national record to clinch a gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles at Limassol in Cyprus International Athletics Meeting 2022 with a timing of 13.23 seconds.
- She break the 20-year-old national record (13.38 seconds) in the name of Anuradha Biswal in 2002.
- Another Indian athlete Lili Das has also won gold in the women's 1500 meter race and Amlan Borgohain won the bronze medal in the men's 200m.

## INDIAN FOOTBALL TEAM CLINCHES 2022 SAFF U-18 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

- Despite losing 0-1 to Bangladesh, India emerged champions of the 2022 SAFF U-18 Women's Championships because of a better goal difference. India enjoyed a better goal difference of +11 in comparison to +3 of Bangladesh.
- The valuable player of the tournament and the highest goal scorer was Lynda Kom who scored five goals in total.
- In the last match of the championship, Bangladesh scraped past India by a solitary goal. India, however, had seized the initiative early as in the 5th minute when Shubhangi managed to find some space in the opposition box and went for a shot which went directly to Bangladesh custodian Rupna.

## SIFT KAUR SAMRA CLINCHED GOLD AT ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP IN GERMANY

- India's Sift Kaur Samra won the individual women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) like Prone, the Standing and the Kneeling positions, event to take India's gold medal tally to 10 at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022 in Suhl, Germany.
- She beat Julie Johannessen (Norway) by 17-9 in the final.
- India's Ashi Chouksey has also won bronze in the same event.
- Presently, India leads the tally with 25 medals which include 10 gold, 12 silver and 3 bronze.

## INDIA WON EIGHT GOLD IN THE 2021 DEAFLYMPICS



- India has won 16 medals (including eight golds, one silver and seven bronze) at the Deaflympics 2021 in Caxias do Sul, Brazil.
- India has finished in the ninth position in the medal tally.
- India won three gold in shooting, three in Badminton, and each in Golf and Tennis.
- Shooting: Dhanush Srikanth, Abhinav Deshwal, Dhanush Srikanth/Priyasha Deshmukh, Shourya Saini, Vedika Sharma
- Badminton: Jerlin Jayaratchagan, Abhinav Sharma
- Tennis: Prithvi Sekhar/Dhananjay Dubey

## EINTRACHT FRANKFURT BEAT RANGERS TO WIN UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE



- Eintracht Frankfurt (German club) has won their first European trophy in 42 years after defeating the Rangers by 5-4 on penalties in Seville, Spain.
- Goalkeeper, Kevin Trapp has saved at the end of extra time and another in the shootout to help give Frankfurt the 5-4 win on penalties.
- Rangers (Scottish club) was also trying to win its first European title since the Cup Winners' Cup in 1972.
- Man of the Match: Kevin Trapp (Eintracht Frankfurt)

## 15TH EDITION OF INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE (IPL) BEGINS ON 26TH MARCH

- The 15th edition of Indian Premier League (IPL), begins in Mumbai with opening match of Chennai Super Kings and Kolkata Knight Riders.
- IPL 2022 is being held in India with at least 25% capacity of crowd allowed in stadiums this season.
- This year IPL has 10 teams with addition of Lucknow Super Giants and Gujarat
- Number of games has been increased to 74 from 60 with the addition of new teams, extending the IPL window to over two months.

## PV SINDHU WINS SWISS OPEN WOMEN'S SINGLES TITLE

- PV Sindhu defeated Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungpha to win the Swiss Women's Singles title.
- This is her second women's singles title of the season. She had won her first title of 2022 in the Syed Modi International Super 300 in Lucknow.
- This is Sindhu's 16th win over Busanan in 17 events.
- She is the first and only Indian to win the Badminton World Champion
- Olympics winner - 2016, 2020
- Arjun Awards- 2013
- Padma Shri - 2015
- Padma Bhushan - 2020

## ADIDAS UNVEILS OFFICIAL AL RIHLA FIFA WORLD CUP BALL FOR QATAR 2022

- Al Rihla - the Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 has been revealed by Adidas. It is Adidas' 14th World Cup ball, and it is designed to accommodate the fastest game speeds possible, since it flies quicker in flight than any other World Cup ball.
- " Al Rihla provides the highest level of precision and reliability on the field of play, having been designed from the inside out utilising data from extensive testing in Adidas labs, wind tunnels, and on-pitch.
- " The ball was also created with the environment in mind, with all components carefully considered, and Al Rihla being the first World Cup ball to be constructed entirely of water-based inks and glues.

## MAX VERSTAPPEN CLINCHED THE SAUDI ARABIAN GRAND PRIX 2022

- Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the title of F1 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2022 at Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Saudi Arabia.
- This is the 21st title of his career.
- He defeated Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, who placed in the second position.
- Lewis Hamilton managed to finish at 10th position in Saudi Arabia GP 2022.
- Third place - Carlos Sainz Jr. (Ferrari - Spain)
- F1 Bahrain Grand Prix 2022 - Charles Leclerc (Ferrari, Monaco)

## VIRAT KOHLI TOPS THE DUFF & PHELPS CELEBRITY BRAND VALUATION REPORT 2021



- Virat Kohli has come up as the most valued celebrity in India for the fifth time in the Duff & Phelps Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021.
- Virat Kohli's brand valuation dipped to \$185.7 million last year from a high of \$237.7 million in 2020.
- His fellow cricketers - MS Dhoni (5th), Rohit Sharma (13th).
- Followed by Ranvir Singh (\$158.3 million), Akshay Kumar came down to the third position (\$139.6 million)
- Alia Bhatt ranked four (68.1 million dollars).



# BANKING & FINANCIAL AWARENESS

## CABINET APPROVES ADDITIONAL FUNDING OF RS 820 CRORE FOR IPPB

- The Union Cabinet has approved additional funding of Rs. 820 crores for India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).
- with this grant, the project outlay for setting up of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has been revised from Rs.1435 crore to Rs.2255 crore.
- The Cabinet has also granted in-principle approval for a future fund of Rs.500 crore for meeting regulatory requirements and technological upgradation.
- India Post Payments Bank was launched on September 1, 2018.

## RBI MODIFIES NORMS ON SHORT-TERM CROP LOAN SCHEME VIA KISAN CREDIT CARD

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has amended norms for banks to claim the amount of interest subvention which is provided to farmers under the short-term crop loan scheme through Kisan Credit Card (KCC).
- Pending claims for the 2021-22 FY can be submitted by June 30, 2023, by the statutory auditor's certification.
- The government offers interest subvention of 2% annually to banks on short-term crop loans up to Rs 3 lakh to farmers at an interest rate of 7%p.a.

## RSF 2022 WORLD PRESS FREEDOM INDEX RELEASED

- Reporters Without Borders (RSF) has released the 20th World Press Freedom Index 2022, which assesses the state of journalism in 180 countries and territories.
- Index topped by: Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Estonia, and Finland
- India's neighbouring countries: India (150th, falls 8 positions), Pakistan (157th), Sri Lanka (146th), Bangladesh (162nd), and Myanmar(176th)
- North Korea is placed at the bottom of the list of the 180 countries.

## UNION MINISTER NARAYAN RANE INAUGURATES MAHARASHTRA MSME EXPO 2022 IN MUMBAI

- Narayan Rane (Union Minister for MSME) has inaugurated the Maharashtra MSME Expo 2022 in Mumbai.
- The MSME sector contributes 50% of the country's total exports and 30% to economic growth.
- MSME will set up 37 clusters in Maharashtra in the next two years.
- During an event, he also launched the magazine 'Maharashtra MSME Achievers'.
- The event was organized in collaboration with the MSME ministry and MSME Development Organization named "Zhep, Udyoginichi" and "We MSME".

## INDIA'S PHARMA EXPORTS GROW BY 103% SINCE 2013-14



- Pharma exports of India have witnessed an incredible growth of 103% since 2013-14 from 90, 415 crores rupees in 2013-14 to 1,83,422 crores rupees in 2021-22.
- The export of Pharma Sector has performed best export performance in 2021-22.
- The exports grew by almost 10 billion US dollars in 8 years.
- The pharma exports in 2021-22 have shown positive growth despite the drop in demand for COVID-related medicines and global trade disruptions.

## FIRST INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY

- The first International Research Conference on Insolvency and Bankruptcy was organised by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) in association with the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA).
- Rao Inderjit Singh (Minister of State for Statistics and Programme Implementation) has highlighted the journey of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016.

## FISME TO LAUNCH DIGITAL LENDING PLATFORM FOR MSMEs

- The Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME) has signed an MoU with Eqaro Surety (financial guarantee provider) to set up a digital lending platform for MSMEs in the country.
- The platform will provide collateral-free capital up to Rs 25 lakh to fulfil MSMEs need for urgent funds post due diligence of their businesses.
- The credit for MSMEs would be backed by guarantees from Eqaro.

## SEBI CONSTITUTE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ESG-RELATED MATTERS

- SEBI has constituted a committee for advising on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) related matters in the securities market.
- Headed by: Navneet Munot, CEO, HDFC Mutual Fund.
- The terms of reference of the committee include Enhancements in business responsibility and sustainability report, ESG ratings, and ESG investing.
- It will examine evolving disclosures/metrics relevant to the Indian context and suggest areas for assurance and a plan for implementation.

## RBI RAISES REPO RATE BY 40 BASIS POINTS TO 4.40%

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the Repo rate by 40 basis points to 4.40% and the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 50 basis points to 4.50%.

- Aim: To bring down the raised inflation to the desired level and tackle the impact of geopolitical tensions.
- Deposit rates and EMI on loans are likely to increase.
- The hike in CRR by 50 bps will suck out Rs 87,000 crore from the banking system.
- Consumer Price Index inflation stood at 6.95% in March 2022.

## GST REVENUE COLLECTION FOR APRIL 2022 HIGHEST EVER AT RS 1.68 LAKH CRORE

- The gross revenue collection of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the month of April 2022 is Rs 1,67,540 crore out of which CGST is Rs 33,159 crores, SGST is Rs 41,793 crores, IGST is Rs 81,939 crores.
- The gross GST collection in April 2022 is Rs 25,000 crores more than the collection in March 2022 (Rs. 1,42,095 crores).
- This is the tenth month in a row that the GST revenues have crossed Rs 1 lakh crore mark.

## INDIAN BANK LAUNCHED A PRE-APPROVED PERSONAL LOAN UNDER PROJECT WAVE

- Indian Bank has unveiled a pre-approved personal loan (PAPL) product under Project World of Advance Virtual Experience (WAVE).
- Aims: To provide customers with instant loan disbursements.
- The loan would carry an interest rate of 10% p.a. with no foreclosure charges.

- The service is available for existing customers (regular income and pension accounts) and can be availed of through a mobile application, website, and internet banking facility.

## ICICI BANK LAUNCHES INDIA'S 'OPEN-FOR-ALL' DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM FOR MSMEs

- ICICI Bank has launched India's first comprehensive digital ecosystem for all Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, which can also be used by the customers of other banks.
- Anyone can use the benefits of digital solutions on the InstaBIZ app.
- MSMEs customers of other banks can avail of a host of services by logging in as a 'Guest' in the app.
- It provides sanctions of instant and paperless overdraft facility up to Rs 25 lakh through 'InstaOD Plus'.

## CITY UNION BANK APPOINTS M NARAYANAN AS PART-TIME CHAIRMAN



- M. Narayanan has assumed charge as a part-time chairman of City Union Bank Ltd. for a period of two years w.e.f. May 4.
- Narayanan replaced R. Mohan, who laid down the office after completing a three-year term.
- Narayanan is a graduate of Mathematics from Loyola College. He is a qualified chartered accountant, cost accountant and system auditor.



## EXIM BANK PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LOC OF USD 190 MILLION TO THE SBM (MAURITIUS)

- Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) will extend its financial support of USD 190 million to the SBM (Mauritius) Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (SBMIDCL).
- Projects: Metro Express Project and other infrastructure projects in Mauritius
- The credit facility is an additional tranche to the existing Credit of USD 500 million which has been extended to SBMIDCL on the terms and conditions contained in the Dollar Credit Line Agreement dated May 27, 2017.

## RBI GIVES NO-OBJECTION FOR MERGER OF EQUITAS SFB, EQUITAS HOLDINGS



- Equitas Small Finance Bank and the parent Equitas Holdings Ltd announced that the Reserve Bank of India has given its no-objection to their proposal of amalgamation, subject to conditions.
- The merger will comply with the RBI norms on small finance banks which mandate the promoter to reduce the stake in the subsidiary to 40% within five years of commencement of operations by the SFB (Small Finance Bank).

## HDFC BANK LAUNCHES DIGITAL 30-MINUTE 'XPRESS CAR LOANS'

- HDFC Bank has launched an end-to-end digital car loan scheme named 'Xpress Car Loans' for its existing customers as well as new customers.
- Buyers can apply for a maximum of Rs 20 lakh and the loan amount will be credited to the dealers' accounts within 30 minutes.
- The facility is currently available for four-wheelers and will be soon rolled out to two-wheelers as well.
- Aim: To simplify the car purchase process and increase car sales.

## INDIA TOPS THE WORLD BANK FOREIGN REMITTANCE RECIPIENT

- India has topped the foreign remittance list by receiving USD 89 billion followed by Mexico at USD 54 billion, and China at USD 53 billion in 2021.
- The officially recorded remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are expected to increase by 4.2% in 2022 to reach USD 630 billion.
- Bangladesh was the 7th highest recipient of remittance from abroad in 2021.
- Report: Migration and development brief

## UNION BANK LAUNCHES 'TRADE NXT' FOR EXPORT-IMPORT TRANSACTIONS

- Union Bank of India (UBI) has launched a digital solution named 'Trade nxt' to enable corporates as well as MSMEs to transact all cross-border export-import transactions.

- This online platform offers absolute entry and processing of letters of credit (LoC), bank guarantees, export and import bills, disbursement of export credit, outward & inward remittances, dealer financing, and much more.

## RELIANCE TOP-RANKED INDIAN FIRM ON FORBES GLOBAL 2000 LIST

- Reliance Industries has climbed two spots to No. 53 on Forbes' latest Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide, followed by State Bank of India (105), HDFC Bank (153) and ICICI Bank (204).
- Other Indian Firms: ONGC at 228 ranks, HDFC at 268, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) at 357, TCS at 384, Tata Steel at 407 and Axis Bank at 431.
- The Forbes Global 2000 ranks the largest companies in the world on the basis of four metrics: sales, profits, assets and market value.

## ADANI BECOME INDIA'S SECOND-BIGGEST CEMENT MAKER COMPANY

- Adani Group has acquired a controlling stake in Swiss-based Holcim AG's cement businesses in India in a \$10.5 billion deal.
- The Group has acquired 63.19% of Ambuja Cements Ltd and its subsidiary ACC in the bidding with companies.
- With this deal, Adani becomes the second biggest cement producer in the country after the Aditya Birla Group-owned UltraTech Cement.
- The divestment of India businesses by Holcim is to reduce its reliance on carbon-intensive cement production.

# DEFENCE & TECH.

## IAF CHIEF INAUGURATES LOGISTICS SEMINAR LOGISEM VAYU-2022



- Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal, Vivek Chaudhary has inaugurated the logistics seminar LOGISEM VAYU-2022 in New Delhi.
- He emphasized that the present supply chain management should look forward with an aim to improve the logistics capabilities.
- Logistics philosophy document of IAF titled 'Tenets of Logistics' and a book on the history of Logistics in IAF titled 'Footprints in Sands of Time' were released.

## TATA POWER & NAREDCO SIGN MOU TO SET UP 5000 EV CHARGING POINTS IN MUMBAI

- Tata Power Limited has signed a pact with the National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), Maharashtra to install up to 5,000 EV charging points across the properties of NAREDCO's members.
- The MoU was signed in the presence of Aaditya Thackeray (Minister of Tourism & Environment, Government of Maharashtra).
- This move will give a boost to EV adoption in the State.

## INDIGO BECOMES FIRST AIRLINE TO USE INDIGENOUS NAVIGATION SYSTEM GAGAN

- IndiGo has become the first airline in Asia to use the indigenous navigation system GPS-aided geo-augmented navigation (GAGAN) to land its aircraft.
- The flight was conducted using an ATR-72 aircraft and landed at the Kishangarh airport, Rajasthan.
- The system has been developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- India becomes the third country in the world to have its own SBAS system after the USA and Japan.

## HARYANA LAUNCHES APP TO TRACK MOVEMENT OF SAND, MINING VEHICLES

- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar launched a Vehicle Movement Tracking System (VMTS) mobile app to track the vehicles carrying sand and other mining material.
- The app will be used at different checkpoints in all the districts of Haryana.
- All vehicle details including vehicle type, vehicle number, moving from, moving to, and driver details will be stored in it.
- The non-registered individual will not be permitted to enter the zone of sand mining.

## INDIAN ARMY RED SHIELD DIVISION SIGNS MOU FOR 'MANIPUR SUPER 50'

- Red Shield Division of the Indian Army under the aegis of Spear Corps entered into a tripartite agreement with the State Bank of India Foundation (SBIF) and the National Integrity and Educational Development Organization (NIEDO) to establish 'Red Shield Centre for Excellence and Wellness' in Manipur's Bishnupur district. The project 'Manipur Super 50' is expected to be fully functional for the first batch of 50 students by the first week of July 2022.
- This initiative will be able to create a feeling of mental and social well-being amongst parents and their children by providing quality education thus catering for a better life and evolving responsible citizens for our country.
- The centre which will be opened in Bishnupur Battalion will remain as instrumental in bringing a progressive and inclusive society.

## KARNATAKA GOVT, ISMC ANALOG SIGN PACT TO SET UP SEMICONDUCTOR FAB PLANT

- Karnataka government has signed an MoU with ISMC Analog Fab Private Limited (Israel-based) for setting up a semiconductor fab plant in the state at a cost of Rs 22,900 crore (USD 3 billion).
- The project will be implemented over a period of seven years and generate 1,500 jobs.
- The ISMC has also requested 150 acres of land in Mysuru's Kochanahalli Industrial area.

## QUALCOMM INDIA PARTNERS WITH MEITY'S C-DAC TO HELP INDIAN CHIPSET STARTUPS

- Qualcomm India Private Limited, a subsidiary of Qualcomm Inc., proposes to launch and run the Qualcomm Semiconductor Mentorship Program 2022 for selected semiconductor startups in India, with the goal of providing mentorship, technical training, and industry outreach. Qualcomm India has established a partnership with the C-DAC, an autonomous scientific society within the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of the Government of India, which will serve as an outreach partner for the programme and help participating entrepreneurs gain exposure.
- Qualcomm India would support technological breakthroughs as well as intellectual-property-driven innovation and product development in the Indian ecosystem.
- It will aid in the reduction of innovation risks, the acceleration of company development, and the development of soft skills and knowledge bases among Indian semiconductor design companies.

## TO UPGRADE RAILWAY TELECOMMUNICATIONS, RAILWAY MINISTRY SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE C-DOT

- The Ministry of Railways and the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to form a strong collaborative working partnership for

coordination and resource sharing in the provision of telecommunication facilities in the delivery and implementation of C-Telecom DOT's Solutions and services in railways.

- During the MoU signing ceremony, Rajkumar Upadhyay, Executive Director and Chairman of the C-DOT Board, Aruna Singh, Additional Member, Telecom and Railway Board, and other top Railways and C-DOT personnel were present.
- This MoU will allow C-DOT and the Ministry of Railways to collaborate on telecommunications modernization in Indian Railways for Public Safety and Security Services using Long Term Evolution (LTE-R) for Railways in accordance with world standards, 5G Use Cases in Indian Railways in accordance with Make in India policy, Internet of Things, Unified Network Management System, Network Management System, Video Conference software, Chatting application, Routers and Switches.

## A FIFTH OF WORLD'S REPTILE SPECIES THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION

- About a fifth of reptile species are threatened with extinction, as informed by researchers in the first comprehensive global status assessment for reptiles.
- The study examined 10,196 reptile species including turtles, crocodilians, lizards, snakes, and the tuatara.
- They found that 21% of species are critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable to extinction.

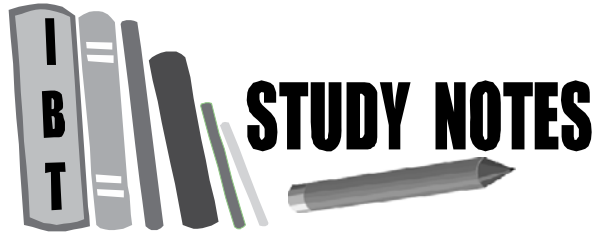
## INDIAN COAST GUARD COMMISSIONS ITS SECOND ALH MK III SQUADRON IN KOCHI



- Indian Coast Guard has commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron (CG) at the Coast Guard Air Enclave at Nedumbassery in Kochi.
- The new Air Squadron was commissioned by Coast Guard Director General V S Pathania.
- It is equipped with indigenously developed Advanced Mark III (ALH Mark III) helicopters.
- This second squadron of these choppers will boost the security of the western seaboard and enhance India's search and rescue capability.

## RAILTEL, WHO JOINTLY INAUGURATE MOBILE CONTAINER HOSPITAL IN ANDHRA PRADESH

- The RailTel Corporation of India Ltd had designed and established a "Health Cloud" at Visakhapatnam premises of Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone (AMTZ).
- AMTZ is the world's first integrated medical device manufacturing hub.
- The "Health Cloud" has been inaugurated by Louise Agersnap (Head of WHO Innovation Hub).
- Health Cloud can also be operational on wheels and can dispense the medicines by Health ATM through Mobile App having a digital payment interface.



## Quantitative Aptitude

### TIME AND DISTANCE

Speed is a very basic concept in motion which is all about how fast or slow any object moves. We define speed as distance divided by time.

Distance is directly proportional to Velocity when time is constant.

- (i) Speed Distance Time formula is mathematically written as:- Speed = distance/time

Formula of Time :- time = distance/ Speed

So Formula of time is, time is equal to distance upon speed.

- (ii) Formula of Distance:-Distance = (Speed \* Time)

Distance = Rate x Time

- (iii) To find rate, divide through on both sides by time:

Rate = Distance/Time

Rate is distance (given in units such as miles, feet, kilometers, meters, etc.) divided by time (hours, minutes, seconds, etc.). Rate can always be written as a fraction that has distance units in the numerator and time units in the denominator, e.g., 25 miles/1 hour.

So distance is simply speed into time.

**Note:** All three formulae that formula of speed, formula of time and formula of distance are interrelated.

Convert from kph (km/h) to mps(m/sec)

For converting kph(kilometre per hour) to mps(meter per second) we use following formula

$$x \text{ km/hr} = (x \times 5/18) \text{ m/sec}$$

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$$x \text{ m/sec} = X \times (18/5) \text{ km/h}$$

### Relative Speed

- If two objects are moving in same direction with speeds a and b then their relative speed is (a-b)

- If two objects are moving in opposite direction with speeds a and b then their relative speed is (a+b)

### EXAMPLE

1. A man covers a distance of 600m in 2min 30sec. What will be the speed in km/hr?

**Sol:** Speed = Distance / Time

$$= \text{Distance covered} = 600\text{m, Time taken} = 2\text{min } 30\text{sec} = 150\text{sec}$$

$$\text{Therefore, Speed} = 600 / 150 = 4 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$= 4\text{m/sec} = (4 \times 18/5) \text{ km/hr} = 14.4 \text{ km/hr.}$$

2. A car travels along four sides of a square at speeds of 200, 400, 600 and 800 km/hr. Find average speed.?

**Sol:** Let x km be the side of square and y km/hr be average speed

Using basic formula, Time = Total Distance / Average Speed

$$x/200 + x/400 + x/600 + x/800 = 4x/y$$

$$= 25x/2400 = 4x/y$$

$$= y = 384$$

$$\text{Average speed} = 384 \text{ km/hr}$$

3. A motor car does a journey in 10 hrs, the first half at 21 kmph and the second half at 24kmph. Find the distance?

**Sol:** Distance = (2 x 10 x 21 x 24) / (21+24)

$$= 10080 / 45$$

$$= 224 \text{ km.}$$

4. A boy goes to school at a speed of 3 kmph and returns to the village at a speed of 2 kmph. If he takes 5 hrs in all, what is the distance between the village and the school?

**Sol:** Let the required distance be x km.

Then time taken during the first journey =  $x/3$  hr.

and time taken during the second journey =  $x/2$  hr.

$$x/3 + x/2 = 5 \Rightarrow (2x + 3x) / 6 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x = 30.$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 6$$

$$\text{Required distance} = 6 \text{ km.}$$

5. Walking  $\frac{3}{4}$  of his speed, a person is 10 min late to his office. Find his usual time to cover the distance?

**Sol:** Usual time = Late time /  $\{1/(\frac{3}{4}) - 1\}$

$$= 10 / (\frac{4}{3} - 1)$$

$$= 10 / (\frac{1}{3})$$

$$= 30 \text{ minutes.}$$



**QUESTIONS**

- The ratio of the speeds of two trains is 3 : 4. If second train runs 200 km in 2h, then what would be the speed of the first train.  
(A) 20 km/hr (B) 25 km/hr  
(C) 75 km/hr (D) 100 km/hr  
(E) 50 km/hr
- If the relative speed of a car with respect to a man is 50 km/hr, then the car and the man are moving in the:  
(A) Same direction at a speed of 60 km/hr and 10 km/hr respectively  
(B) Same direction at a speed of 45 km/hr and 5 km/hr respectively  
(C) Opposite direction at a speed of 50 km/hr and 5 km/hr respectively  
(D) Opposite direction at a speed of 55 km/hr and 5 km/hr respectively  
(E) Couldn't be determined
- A Car moves at a constant speed of 60 km/h for 10 kilometers and at a speed of 45 km/h for next 9 kilometers. What is the Average Speed of Car?  
(A) 55 Km/h (B) 51.81 Km/h  
(C) 53.66 Km/h (D) 58 Km/h  
(E) 57 Km/h
- A train traveling at 80 km/hr overtakes a motorbike traveling at 60 km/hr in 45 seconds. What is the length of the train in meters?  
(A) 100 m (B) 200 m  
(C) 250 m (D) 500 m  
(E) 1000 m
- A man's speed with the current is 15 km/h and the speed of the current is 2.5 km/h. Find the man's speed against the current.  
(A) 14 km/hr (B) 16 km/hr  
(C) 10 km/hr (D) 12 km/hr  
(E) None of these
- A man can row upstream at 8 km/h and downstream at 20 km/h. Find the man's rate in still water.  
(A) 15 km/hr (B) 16 km/hr  
(C) 10 km/hr (D) 14 km/hr  
(E) None of these
- If a man walks at 10 km/h he reaches his office 5 minutes late. When he increases his speed and walks 15 km/h he reaches 10 minutes earlier. Find the distance between his house and office.  
(A) 7.5 km (B) 8 km  
(C) 7 km (D) 6 km  
(E) None of these
- Two trains of length 122 m and 120 m running in opposite directions with speeds 40 km/h and 32 km/h respectively. What is the time taken by them to cross each other?  
(A) 12 sec (B) 13 sec  
(C) 13.4 sec (D) 12.1 sec  
(E) 15 sec
- If the relative speeds of bike 1 and 2 is 35 km/hr, that of 2 and 3 is 75 km/hr and that of 1 and 3 is 40 km/hr, then which of the following bikes are moving in the same direction?  
(A) 1 and 2 (B) 2 and 3  
(C) 1 and 3 (D) 1, 2 and 3  
(E) Couldn't be determined
- Ram covers 20 kms at 6 kms per hr. and then further 42 kms at 9 kms per hr. Find his average speed for whole journey ?  
(A) 32/6 km per hr. (B) 42/5 km per hr.  
(C) 62/16 km per hr. (D) 31/4 km per hr.  
(E) 8/3 km per hr.
- A car travels a certain distance at 49 km/h and comes back at a speed of 21 km/h. What is the average speed of the the car throughout the journey?  
(A) 27.6 km/h (B) 28.8 km/h  
(C) 29.4 km/h (D) 31.3 km/h  
(E) 28.4 km/hr
- A bus covers a distance of 36 km in 45 minutes. If its speed is increased by 4 km/h, then the time taken by it to cover the distance of 78 km will be?  
(A) 1.5 hrs (B) 1.8hrs  
(C) 1.2 hrs (D) 2 hrs  
(E) 1.7 hrs
- The ratio of the speeds of two trains is 3 : 4. If the second train covers a distance of 900 km in 5 hrs, then what is the speed of the first train?  
(A) 130 km/h (B) 132 km/h  
(C) 135 km/h (D) 138 km/h  
(E) 150 km/hr



**ANSWER**

1. (C) Speed of the second train =  $200/2$   
 $\Rightarrow 100 \text{ km/h}$   
 Speed of 1st train : speed of 2nd train = 3 : 4  
 Speed of 1st train :  $100 = 3 : 4$   
 Speed of 1st train =  $25 \times 3$   
 $\Rightarrow 75 \text{ km/h}$   
 $\therefore$  Speed of 1st train is  $75 \text{ km/h}$ .
2. (A) If they are moving in same direction at a speed of  $60 \text{ km/hr}$  and  $10 \text{ km/hr}$  respectively, their relative speed =  $60 - 10 = 50 \text{ km/hr}$   
 $\therefore$  They are moving in same direction at a speed of  $60 \text{ km/hr}$  and  $10 \text{ km/hr}$  respectively
3. (B) Time taken during first part of journey =  $10/60 = 1/6$  hours  
 Time taken during second part of journey =  $9/45 = 1/5$  hours  
 Total Distance Covered =  $10 + 9 = 19 \text{ kms}$   
 Average Speed =  $19/(1/6 + 1/5) = 51.81$   
 $\therefore$  The Average Speed of Car during the journey is  $51.81 \text{ km/h}$
4. (C) Relative speed =  $(80 - 60) \text{ km/hr} = 20 \text{ km/hr}$   
 Time taken =  $45 \text{ seconds}$   
 Distance = Speed  $\times$  Time  
 Length of train =  $(20 \times 45 \times 1000/3600) \text{ km} = 250 \text{ m}$
5. (C) Man's rate in still water =  $(15 - 2.5) \text{ km/h} = 12.5 \text{ km/h}$   
 Man's rate against the current =  $(12.5 - 2.5) \text{ km/h} = 10 \text{ km/h}$   
 $\therefore$  The speed of man's speed against the current is  $10 \text{ km/hr}$
6. (D) According to the question,  
 $\Rightarrow u + v = 20 \dots\dots\dots(1)$   
 And  $u - v = 8 \dots\dots\dots(2)$   
 Solving both the equations, we get,  
 $\Rightarrow u = 14 \text{ km/h}$   
 $\therefore$  Speed of man in still water is  $14 \text{ km/h}$ .
7. (A) According to the question, we can say that  $\{(D/10) - (D/15)\} = (15/60) \text{ hours}$   
 $\Rightarrow (D/30) = (15/60)$   
 $\Rightarrow D = (15/2)$   
 $\Rightarrow D = 7.5$   
 $\Rightarrow$  The distance between his home and office is  $7.5 \text{ km}$ .

8. (D)  $D = 122 + 120 = 242 \text{ m}$   
 $S = 40 + 32 = 72 \text{ km/h}$   
 $\Rightarrow 72 \times 5/18 = 20 \text{ m/s}$   
 $T = 242/20 = 12.1 \text{ sec}$   
 $\therefore$  Time taken is  $12.1 \text{ sec}$ .
9. (C) Let the individual speeds of bike 1, 2 and 3 be ' $x_1$ ', ' $x_2$ ' and ' $x_3$ ' km/hr respectively  
 Relative speed of bike 1 and 2 =  $\pm x_1 \pm x_2 = 35 \dots(1)$   
 Relative speed of bike 2 and 3 =  $\pm x_2 \pm x_3 = 75 \dots(2)$   
 Subtracting (1) from (2), we get,  
 $\Rightarrow (\pm x_2 \pm x_3) - (\pm x_1 \pm x_2) = 75 - 35$   
 $\Rightarrow \pm x_2 \pm x_3 - \pm x_1 - \pm x_2 = 40$   
 $\Rightarrow \pm x_3 - \pm x_1 = 40$   
 $\Rightarrow \pm (x_3 - x_1) = 40 = \text{Relative speed of bike 1 and 3}$
10. (D) Case I.  
 Distance =  $20 \text{ kms}$   
 Speed =  $6 \text{ Kms per hr.}$   
 $\therefore$  Time taken ( $t_1$ ) =  $20/6 = 10/3 \text{ hrs.}$   
 Case II.  
 Distance =  $42 \text{ kms}$   
 Speed =  $9 \text{ km per hr.}$   
 $\therefore$  Time taken ( $t_2$ ) =  $42/9 \text{ hrs.}$   
 Total time =  $10/3 + 14/3 = 24/3 = 8 \text{ hrs.}$   
 $\therefore$  Average speed = Total Distance/Total time  
 $\Rightarrow 62/8 \text{ km per hr.}$   
 $\Rightarrow 31/4 \text{ km per hr}$
11. (C) Average speed =  $2ab/(a + b)$   
 Calculation:  
 $a = 49 \text{ km/h, } b = 21 \text{ km/h}$   
 $S = 2 \times 49 \times 21/70$   
 $\Rightarrow 294/10 = 29.4 \text{ km/h}$   
 $\therefore$  The average speed is  $29.4 \text{ km/h}$ .
12. (A)  $45 \text{ min} = 3/4 \text{ hrs}$   
 Initial speed =  $36/(3/4) = 48 \text{ km/h}$   
 Speed after increase =  $52 \text{ km/h}$   
 $T = 78/52 = 3/2 = 1.5 \text{ hrs}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  The time taken will be  $1.5 \text{ hrs}$ .
13. (C) Let the speeds be  $3x$  and  $4x$   
 $4x = 900/5$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 900/20 = 45$   
 So,  $3x = 3 \times 45 = 135 \text{ km/h}$   
 $\therefore$  The speed is  $135 \text{ km/h}$

## Reasoning Ability

### SITTING ARRANGEMENT

Candidates can find various tips and tricks from below for solving the questions related to the Puzzle reasoning section.

**Tip # 1:** A triangle has 3 corners and three sides, so three persons can sit at these corners and they are facing either the center or the direction opposite to the center.

**Tip # 2:** If A is three people away from B is given, then  $3 - 1 = 2$  people will sit between them.

**Tip # 3:** Candidates need to keep the following points in mind while solving the puzzle reasoning based questions.

When A is second to the left of B: A - B

When A is second to right of B: B - A

When A is 2 places away from B: A/B - - B/A

When A is two places to the right of B or B is two places to the left of A: B - A

When there are 2 people between A and B: A - - B

**Tip # 4:** The person born in the year 1990 is the order than the person born in the year 1992 or any year after 1990. The person born in January is older than the person born in March and so on.

**Example-** Inventions the college world needs

3#7    10@8    7#8    5%4

**Direction:** Study the following information carefully and answer the given question.

There are eight people A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H sitting around a circular table facing towards the centre (not necessarily in

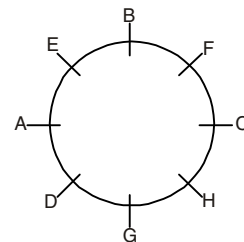
the same order). C is sitting second to the right of G. E is sitting immediately to the left of A who is facing C. D is sitting between A and G, B is sitting fourth to the left of G who is sitting immediately to the left of H.

1. Who is sitting fifth to the right of H?

**Sol.** According to the statement:

1. C is sitting second to the right of G
2. A who is facing C.
3. E is sitting immediate left of A.
4. D is sitting between A and G.
5. G is immediate left of H.
6. B is sitting fourth to the left of G.

So, A is sitting fifth to the right of H.



**Direction:** Study the following information carefully and answer the given question.

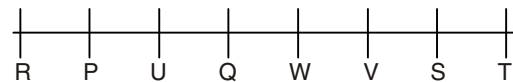
There are eight persons P, Q, R, S, T, U, V and W sitting in a row (not necessarily in the same order) and facing north. T is sitting fourth to the right of Q. V is sitting third from the right end of the row. Q is sitting between U and W who is sitting third to the left of T who is sitting at a corner. P is sitting immediate left of U. R is sitting at the left corner of the row.

2. How many people sit to the right of W?

**Sol.** 1. V is sitting third from the right end of the row.

2. R is sitting at the left corner of the row.
3. T who is sitting at a corner.
4. T is sitting fourth to the right of Q.
5. Q is sitting between U and W.
6. P is sitting immediate left of U.

So, there are three people sitting to the right of W.



### QUESTIONS

**Direction(1-5):** Study the information below and answer the following question.

There are eight person P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, and W working in an organisation at the different designation. Each of them is from different cities viz. Chandigarh, Patna, Guwahati, Bhopal, Ahmedabad, Panaji, Hyderabad and Lucknow. The designation

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of the people are in decreasing order viz. CEO, GM, SM, AM, DM, PO, Clerk and Peon. R is immediate senior to U and immediate junior of P. Both V and Q are senior to the person from Chandigarh. There were two such people who were senior to DM and junior to T. Q was immediate junior to S. The person from Patna is immediate junior to T. The person from Guwahati is junior to the person from Panaji but senior to the person from Chandigarh. There were three such people who were junior to the person from Patna and senior to U. W was from Bhopal and is immediate junior to the person from Ahmedabad. The designation of P is not AM. The person from Lucknow was senior to P but immediate junior to the person from Hyderabad.

- How many people are senior from the person who is from bhopal?  
(A) 7 (B) 3 (C) 2 (D) 5  
(E) 6
- Who among the following is GM?  
(A) P (B) Q (C) R (D) S  
(E) T
- Who is from Panaji?  
(A) DM (B) CM (C) AM (D) PO  
(E) None of these
- How many people are senior to Q?  
(A) 3 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6  
(E) None of these
- Which of the following combination is true?  
(A) SM - P - Chandigarh (B) Clerk - U - Ahmedabad  
(C) GM - S - Patna (D) None of these  
(E) CEO - R - Panaji

**Directions(6-10):** Read the instructions carefully and answer the question below.

Seven friends, Priya, Nikita, Muskan, Anu, Divya, Rekha, and Harsha, works for seven different tech giants viz. Google, Oracle, Facebook, Infosys, Intel, Twitter, and Accenture, but not necessarily in the same order.

Anu and Rekha are the employees of Accenture and Oracle but not necessarily in the same order. Either Harsha or Rekha works for Infosys. Neither Priya nor Nikita works for Google. Divya works for either Twitter or Intel. Priya does not work for Facebook. Anu and Priya work for Intel and Oracle but not necessarily in the same order.

- Who works for Google?  
(A) Rekha (B) Muskan  
(C) Harsha (D) Anu  
(E) Divya
- Harsha works for which company?  
(A) Facebook (B) Intel  
(C) Twitter (D) Infosys  
(E) Oracle

- Nikita works for which company?  
(A) Intel (B) Facebook  
(C) Infosys (D) Accenture  
(E) Twitter
- Who works for Oracle?  
(A) Anu (B) Rekha  
(C) Priya (D) Either Anu or Rekha  
(E) Either Anu or Priya
- Priya works for which company?  
(A) Intel (B) Facebook  
(C) Infosys (D) Accenture  
(E) Twitter

## SOLUTIONS

(1-5)

Positions	Person	City
CEO	V	Hyderabad
GM	T	Lucknow
SM	S	Patna
AM	Q	Panaji
DM	P	Guwahati
PO	R	Chandigarh
Clerk	U	Ahmedabad
Peon	W	Bhopal

- (A) 7 people are senior from the people who is from Bhopal.
- (E) T is GM
- (C) AM is from Panaji.
- (A) 3 people are seniors to Q.
- (B) Hence, the correct combination is Clerk - U - Ahmedabad

(6-10)

Employee	Employer
Priya	Intel
Nikita	Facebook
Muskan	Google
Anu	Oracle
Divya	Twitter
Rekha	Accenture
Harsha	Infosys

- (B) Muskan works for Google.
- (D) Clearly, Harsha works for Infosys.
- (B) Clearly, Nikita works for Facebook
- (A) Clearly, Anu works for Oracle.
- (A) Priya works for Intel.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### IMPORTANT TIPS FOR CLOZE TEST

Tackling a Cloze Test with wits can turn it into a scoring topic for you. The wits required for approaching a Cloze Test have been discussed below.

Content always has a context and a tone in which it is written. It is important to pay attention to these factors to be able to judge the correct option. Let's discuss each of these factors.

**Context :** In the banking examinations, the passage or the paragraph is mostly based on three themes i.e. financial, environmental and technological. Financial paragraphs can be based on contemporary trends in the economy, tax reforms, GST, etc. The environmental paragraphs can be related to global warming, seasonal changes, any recent calamity, etc. The technological paragraphs can be based on new inventions, the importance of technology in daily life, etc. It is important that one has an idea about these themes to be able to judge the kind of words that can fit in these contexts.

**Tones :** The three basic tones observed in the paragraphs chosen for the Cloze Tests are critical, analytical and descriptive. A critical tone is used by the author to express adverse or disapproving comments or judgements. An analytical tone is used by the author to present an analysis of an issue, attempts to discuss the pros and cons or compare two or more things and finally presents expresses which one is better than the other. A descriptive tone is said to be adopted by the author when he/she gives details about a topic and provides informative content on a topic, say pros and cons, statistics etc.

### APPROACH TO SOLVE CLOZE TEST QUESTIONS

You must keep in mind the five key approaches given below while solving any Cloze Test:

1. Read the passage: Go through the passage once and highlight the keywords to get an idea of the topic.
2. Analyse the theme of the passage: Once you highlight the keywords, it becomes easier to understand the theme of the paragraph.
3. Be mindful of the supporting/contradicting connectors: Connectors play a key role in choosing the correct word. Supporting connectors indicate that the context of the two statements or clauses is similar, it helps you to select a word that brings out the desired meaning. Contradicting connectors show that the context of the two statements or clauses is of opposite or contrasting nature and the word chosen as the answer should correspond with the same.

Supporting connectors: and, like, likewise, similarly

Contradicting connectors: but, however, unlike, although, though

4. Eliminate Options: Once you have analysed the context of the entire paragraph and the connectors of the specific question, eliminate the options which do not abide by them.
5. Choose the correct contextual meaning: A word may have multiple meanings; hence it is important to understand the contextual usage of the word.

E.g.: Let's take the word 'cell'. The cell is the basic structural and functional unit of life. The cell is the basic unit of a battery. The cell is used to refer to cell phones. The cell is also used to refer to a prison. A container is also called a cell.

If you go step by step, keeping in mind these five key approaches you will surely be able to solve the Cloze Test quickly and accurately. Try and solve the new pattern Cloze Test using these five approaches. Scroll down for answers and solution.

### QUIZ BASED ON CLOZE TEST

**Direction:** In the following passage there are some blanks, each of which is numbered. Against each blank some alternatives are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the appropriate word is not given; choose option (5) as your answer.

You don't have to \_\_\_1\_\_\_ thousands of miles to gain rewards from riding your bike more and driving your car less. Regardless of whether you're on a fancy new two-wheeler or the \_\_\_2\_\_\_ old reliable you bought years ago, bike riding gives you a terrific workout with lots of interest and fun to keep you \_\_\_3\_\_\_. And with U.S. gasoline prices running higher than \$3 per gallon, using a bicycle for shopping, commuting, visiting friends or just taking a joy ride may help your financial health at the same time it \_\_\_4\_\_\_ your physical condition. Bike riding lets you add a fitness \_\_\_5\_\_\_ into your day even when you think you don't have time for a workout. "You get the same cardiovascular \_\_\_6\_\_\_ from cycling that you get from any other form of aerobic exercise-walking, jogging or dancing," says Lisa Callahan, MD, medical director of the Women's Sports Medical Center. Your muscles get a boost, too. Bike riding \_\_\_7\_\_\_ your thighs, hips and rear end. If your route includes climbing hills, your arms and upper body will be benefitted. What's more, cycling is gentle on your joints and helps \_\_\_8\_\_\_ cartilage. That's especially advantageous for women who suffer from muscle strain, foot



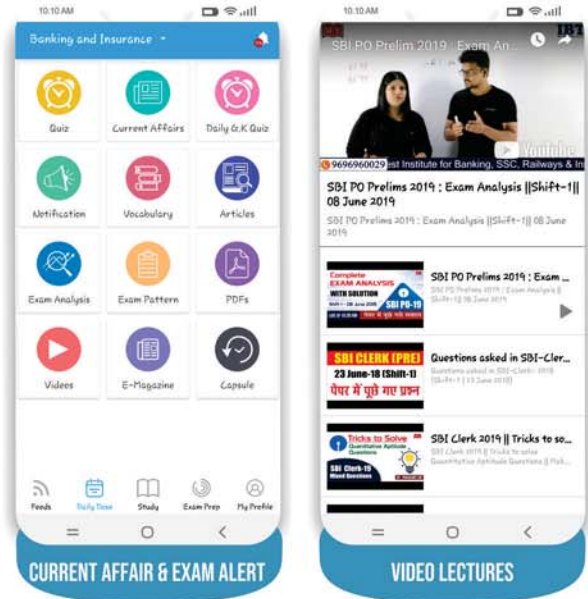
problems, knee troubles, back pain or impact-related injuries caused by running, jogging or walking, Dr. Callahan explains. If you're overweight and start an exercise program, sometimes it's \_\_\_9\_\_\_ on your joints because you are overweight," she adds. "So, something like swimming or biking that's not \_\_\_10\_\_\_ on the joints can be a good thing."

- Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank 1?  
(A) take (B) drive (C) mention (D) log
- Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank 2?  
(A) varied (B) bashful (C) battered (D) timorous
- Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank 3?  
(A) healthiest (B) going (C) forward (D) guided
- Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank 4?  
(A) boosts (B) helps (C) needs (D) lacks
- Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank 5?  
(A) improvement (B) activity  
(C) moment (D) Both (A) and (B)
- Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank 6?  
(A) scandal (B) treat (C) benefits (D) adage
- Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank 7?  
(A) reduce (B) strengthens  
(C) jiggle (D) support
- Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank 8?  
(A) preserve (B) building (C) fill (D) aiding
- Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank 9?  
(A) harder (B) conspicuous  
(C) beneficial (D) Both (A) and (B)
- Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank 10?  
(A) hurting (B) throbbed  
(C) pounding (D) battered

### ANSWER KEY

- |        |        |        |        |         |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. (D) | 2. (C) | 3. (B) | 4. (A) | 5. (B)  |
| 6. (C) | 7. (B) | 8. (A) | 9. (A) | 10. (C) |

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## BANKING AWARENESS

### ALL ABOUT FISCAL DEFICIT

**Definition of 'Fiscal Deficit':** When a government's total expenditures exceed the revenue that it generates (excluding money from borrowings).

**Now let us understand what Revenues and expenditures are :** Every family needs to plan their budget so that they don't go in to the deficit trap. In ideal conditions revenues should always exceed the expenditures.

**How revenues are generated:** Tax Revenues: These are those revenues that are generated through the taxes levied on public such as Income Tax, Corporate Tax, Wealth Tax, Fringe benefit taxes (these all are direct taxes i.e. levied on the individual directly), there are some other taxes which in turn are sources of govt. revenues such as, VAT, custom duty, excise duty, service tax (these are types of indirect taxes).

**Grants and aids:** India enjoys a special love of nature resulting in floods, droughts, lovely Tsunamis (lol), cyclones etc etc So India gets different Grants and Aids from the World banks, ADBs, big boy US, or anybody who wishes to help.

**Fines and Penalties:** Remember that traffic wale bhaiya, sometimes he refuses your chai paani k lie lelo help. All those times the income goes in to govt's pockets.

#### Expenditures:

As India is a developing country here Ameer is more Ameer and Gareeb is more Gareeb concepts follow so Govt. has to spend on the different Rajiv Gandhis, Mahatma Gandhis and Pradhan mantris scheme(MNERGA,JNNURAM,PDS schemes etc..).

India is lucky with some peaceful neighbors in the vicinity so India has to spend a chunk of revenues for Defense (Unplanned expenditure).

**FRBM Act(Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management act) :** As per the target, revenue deficit, which is revenue expenditure minus revenue receipts, have to be reduced to nil in five years beginning 2004-05. Each year, the government is required to reduce the revenue deficit by 0.5% of the GDP.

**How Fiscal Deficit is harmful-** Debt Trap-Fiscal deficit is a type of Debt trap, It creates a deficit which can be filled by extra borrowings or increased taxes creating burden on economy or extra debt

**Inflation-** The money released by the govt. for different schemes never reaches to the needy and is transferred to the pockets of middlemen who can now buy a new merc or chunks of gold which leads to inflation.

**Black money-** Now the money that is with the bribe masters cannot be in India because of Income tax officials' fear so they are transferred to Tax heavens i.e. so called Swiss Banks, this create a shortfall of Taxes in India creating a poor Tax collection.

**How Fiscal Deficit is not harmful-** Fiscal deficit occurs when govt. spends more in the fiscal year as compared to the revenues generated in the period, If all that Yojanas mentioned earlier turnout to be a success will create more employment, better health of the people, better infrastructure and will eventually leads to a prosperous economy, that will help to curb the Financial Deficit in the coming years.

### PRACTICE QUESTIONS

- Fiscal Policy deals with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ decisions of the government:
  - Incomes and Expenditures
  - Taxation and Expenditures
  - Trading and Expenditures
  - None of These
- In most modern economies, the government deals with fiscal policy while the \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for monetary policy:
  - Government
  - SEBI
  - Central Bank
  - None of These
- Fiscal Policy is composed of several parts which includes:
  - Tax Policy and Expenditure Policy
  - Investment or Disinvestment Strategies
  - Debt or Surplus Management
  - All of the Above
- Find out the incorrect among following:
  - When the government receives more than it spends, it has a surplus
  - If the government spends more than it receives it runs a deficit
  - On a broad generalization, excessive printing of money leads to inflation
  - None of These
- If budget constraint stands in present value terms, then fiscal policy may be considered as \_\_\_\_:
  - Stagnant
  - Sustainable
  - Escaped
  - None of These

6. Fiscal Sustainability is essential to:
- Motivate both public and private sector to grow
  - Allows governments to be autonomous to witness excellent economic growth in the long run.
  - Consider both revenue collections and potential variation in expenditure patterns so that demand may be fulfilled in the long run.
  - All of the Above
  - None of These
7. DTC stands for:
- Direct Tax Code
  - Direct Tax Control
  - Direct Tax Centre
  - None of These
8. FRBM stands for:
- Fiscal Revenue Budget Management
  - Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management
  - Fiscal Reforms and Budget Management
  - None of These
9. Fiscal Policy comprises of three positions - Neutral Position, Expansionary Position, Contractionary Position. Find out the wrong definition among the following:
- Neutral Position - It applies when the budget outcome has neutral effect on the level of economic activity where the government spending is fully funded by the revenue collected from the tax.
  - Expansionary Position - It is position when there is a higher budget deficit where the government spending is higher than the revenue collected from the tax.
  - Contractionary Position - It is a position when there is a lower budget deficit where the government spending is lower than the revenue collected from the tax
  - None of These
10. Which of the following definitions are wrong about Revenue Receipts:
- Revenue Receipts consists of revenue from regular sources like Taxation revenues e.g. receipts from corporate tax, income tax, excise tax, excise duty, custom duty, service tax etc.
  - Non tax revenue which include interest on loans, dividends from public sector units, Fees and Stamp Duties
  - Both of Above
  - None of These

11. Which of the following definitions are correct about Capital Receipts:
- Capital receipts refers to those inflows to government that are not in the nature of regular income.
  - Other receipts like Disinvestment (selling some shares of a PSU) comes under capital receipt
  - Both of Above
  - None of These
12. Economic Survey in India is published by the
- Reserve Bank of India
  - NITI Aayog
  - Ministry of Finance, Government of India
  - Ministry of Industries, Government of India
13. Fiscal policy in India is formulated by
- Reserve Bank of India
  - Planning Commission
  - Finance Ministry
  - Securities and Exchange Board of India
14. If we deduct grants to states for the creation of capital assets from revenue deficit, we arrive at
- Primary deficit
  - Net fiscal deficit
  - Budgetary deficit
  - Effective revenue deficit
15. Which one of the following is the largest item of expenditure of the Government of India on revenue account?
- Defence
  - Subsidies
  - Pensions
  - Interest payments
16. Which one of the following is a capital receipt in government budget?
- Interest receipts on loans given by the government to other parties
  - Dividends and profits from public sector undertakings
  - Borrowing of the government from public
  - Income tax receipts
17. Equality in a country can be best brought through
- Progressive expenditure
  - Regressive taxation
  - Regressive expenditure
  - None of the above

### ANSWER KEY

- |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (B)  | 2. (C)  | 3. (D)  | 4. (D)  | 5. (B)  |
| 6. (D)  | 7. (A)  | 8. (B)  | 9. (D)  | 10. (D) |
| 11. (C) | 12. (C) | 13. (C) | 14. (D) | 15. (D) |
| 16. (C) | 17. (C) |         |         |         |



## Quantitative Aptitude

- In the examination Raushan got 25% marks and failed by 64 marks. If he had got 40% marks he would have secured 32 marks more than the pass marks. Find the passing marks in the examination.  
(A) 300 (B) 24 (C) 250 (D) 150  
(E) None of these
- Fifteen years ago, Riya's mother was thrice of Riya's age and two years ago Riya's mother was twice of Riya's age. What is the present age of Riya's mother?  
(A) 40 years (B) 35 years  
(C) 45 years (D) 54 years  
(E) None of these
- Find the probability of India winning a 3 match series after losing the first match if a match can have three outcomes viz. India win, India loss and Draw.  
(A)  $\frac{1}{9}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (C)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (D)  $\frac{5}{9}$   
(E) None of these
- A certain sum at 15% p.a gives simple interest is Rs. 2,700 after 3 years. Find the principal amount.  
(A) Rs. 5,500 (B) Rs. 6,500  
(C) Rs. 6,000 (D) Rs. 5,000  
(E) None of these
- Two pipes can fill a tank in 10 and 12 minutes respectively and a waste pipe can empty 2 gallons per minute. All the three pipes working together can fill the tank in 6 minutes. The capacity of the tank is:  
(A) 120 gallons (B) 100 gallons  
(C) 150 gallons (D) 200 gallons  
(E) None of these
- 300 meters long train running at the speed of 150 km/hr crosses other train running in opposite direction at the speed of 100 km/hr in 10 seconds. What is the length of other train?  
(A) 300 (B) 322 (C) 394.44 (D) 325.5  
(E) 314
- The speed of a boat in still water is 6 km/h and the speed of the stream is 1.5 km/h. A man rows to a place at a distance of 22.5 km and comes back to the starting point. Find the total time taken by him  
(A) 5 hrs (B) 4 hrs (C) 7 hrs (D) 8 hrs  
(E) None of these
- To start a business of selling mask Ashok, Kartik and Vikas invested Rs. 5,000, Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 6,000 respectively. Ashok left after three months. If after six months, there was a gain of Rs. 1840, then what will be the share of Kartik?  
(A) Rs 480 (B) Rs 500  
(C) Rs 520 (D) Rs 540  
(E) None of these
- A rhombus has one of its diagonal 65% of the other. A square is drawn using the longer diagonal as side. What will be the ratio of the area of the rhombus to that of the square?  
(A) 15 : 18 (B) 2 : 1  
(C) 40 : 13 (D) 13 : 40  
(E) 1 : 1
- The successive discounts offered on a shirt with a marked price of Rs. 2100 are 20% and D%. Because of these discounts, the Selling Price of the shirt is Rs. 1176. Find the value of D.  
(A) 20 (B) 25 (C) 30 (D) 35  
(E) 40
- A invests Rs.400, B invests Rs.600 into a partnership. After 5 months, B adds Rs.100 and C joined them with Rs.800. After 10 months, A adds Rs.300 to his investment. Their total profit is Rs. 2079. Find the difference between the profit shares of C and A.  
(A) Rs. 30 (B) Rs. 22  
(C) Rs. 18 (D) Rs. 40  
(E) Rs. 36
- A goods train of length 400 m moving at a speed of 90 kmph crosses a platform of a certain length in 22 seconds. Another train of length 350 m crosses the same platform in 25 seconds. Find the relative speed of both trains if they both travel in the same direction.  
(A) 13 kmph (B) 20 kmph  
(C) 22 kmph (D) 15 kmph  
(E) 18 kmph
- Pipe P alone can fill the tank in 18 hours and pipe Q alone can fill the tank in 12 hours. Both pipes opened for 7 hours. The fraction of the tank remained after 7 hours is equal to the fraction of the tank filled by pipe R in one hour. In what time the tank gets filled when all three pipes are opened simultaneously?  
(A) 7 hours (B) 4 hours  
(C) 3 hours (D) 9 hours  
(E) 6 hours

## SOLUTIONS

- 1 (B) Let the total marks = x  
According to question,  

$$X \times 25\% + 64 = X \times 40\% - 32$$

$$\Rightarrow X \times 40\% - X \times 25\% = 64 + 32$$

$$\Rightarrow X \times (15/100) = 96$$

$$\Rightarrow X = 640$$
 So, passing marks =  $X \times 25\% + 64 = 640 \times 25\% + 64$   

$$= 640 \times (25/100) + 64 = 224 \text{ marks}$$
- 2 (D) Let Riya's mother age = x years  
and Riya's age = y years  
Now, According to the question,  

$$\Rightarrow x - 15 = 3(y - 15) \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2 = 2(y - 2) \dots\dots\dots(2)$$
 solving (1) and (2), we get,  
 $\therefore$  The present age of Riya's mother is 54 years.
- 3 (A) In order to win the series, India must win more matches than it loses. This can happen if India wins the remaining 2 matches.  
 Probability of India winning a match =  $1/3$   
 Probability of India winning the series =  $1/3 \times 1/3 = 1/9$
- 4 (C)  $2,700 = (P \times 15 \times 3)/100$   
 $\Rightarrow P = 2,70,000/45$   
 $\Rightarrow P = \text{Rs. } 6,000$   
 $\therefore$  The principal amount is Rs. 6,000
- 5 (A) Let us consider filling pipes as A, B, and waste pipe as C  
 Let the time taken by the waste pipe to empty a full tank alone be x minutes  
 Hence, we get:  

$$(1/10) + (1/12) - (1/x) = 1/6$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/x = 1/60$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 60 \text{ minutes}$$
 Hence, the tank capacity is obtained as:  
 $60 \times 2 = 120 \text{ gallons}$   
 $\therefore$  The capacity of the tank is 120 gallons
- 6 (C) Let the length of another train be x m  
 Relative speed of train =  $(150 + 100) \text{ km/hr} = 250 \times 5/18 \text{ m/sec}$   

$$\Rightarrow 250 \times 5/18 = (300 + x)/10$$

$$\Rightarrow 12500 = 5400 + 18x$$

$$\Rightarrow 7100 = 18x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 394.44 \text{ m}$$
 $\therefore$  length of other train is 394.44 m
- 7 (D) Boat's upstream speed =  $6 - 1.5 = 4.5 \text{ km/h}$   
 Boats downstream speed =  $6 + 1.5 = 7.5 \text{ km/h}$   

$$\Rightarrow \text{Total time} = (22.5/4.5) + (22.5/7.5) = 5 + 3 = 8 \text{ hrs.}$$
 $\therefore$  Total time is 8 hrs.

- 8 (A) Ashok's share =  $5,000 \times 3 = 15,000$   
 Kartik's share =  $3,000 \times 6 = 18,000$   
 Vikas's share =  $6,000 \times 6 = 36,000$   
 Ratio =  $15,000 : 18,000 : 36,000$   
 $\Rightarrow 5 : 6 : 12$   
 Total =  $5 + 6 + 12 = 23$   
 Total profit = 1840  
 Kartik's profit =  $(6/23) \times 1840 = 480$   
 $\therefore$  The share of Kartik is Rs. 480.
- 9 (D) Let diagonal(larger) of rhombus be 100 cm  
 Let the diagonal(smaller) diagonal be 65 cm (65% of larger diagonal)  
 Area of Rhombus =  $\frac{1}{2}(100 \times 65) = 3250$   
 Side of square = 100 cm (equal to larger diagonal)  
 Area of square =  $(100 \times 100) = 10000$   
 Ratio,  
 $\Rightarrow \text{Rhombus} : \text{Square} = 3250 : 10000$   
 $\Rightarrow 13 : 40$   
 $\therefore$  The correct choice is option 4.
- 10 (C)  $1176 = 2100 \times (1 - 20/100) \times (1 - D/100)$   
 $\Rightarrow 1176 = 1680 \times (1 - D/100)$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 - D/100 = 0.7$   
 $\Rightarrow D = 0.3 \times 100 = 30$
11. (B) Total investment of A =  $400 \times 10 + 700 \times 2 = \text{Rs. } 5400$   
 Total investment of B =  $600 \times 5 + 700 \times 7 = \text{Rs. } 7900$   
 Total investment of C =  $800 \times 7 = \text{Rs. } 5600$   
 Ratio between their profit shares =  $5400 : 7900 : 5600$   
 $= 54 : 79 : 56$   
 $\therefore$  Required difference =  $56/189 \times 2079 - 54/189 \times 2079$   
 $= \text{Rs. } 22$
12. (E) Let the length of the train be A m.  
 $\Rightarrow (400 + A)/25 = 22$   
 $\Rightarrow A = 150 \text{ m}$   
 Let the speed of other train be B m/s.  
 $\Rightarrow (350 + 150)/25 = B$   
 $\Rightarrow B = 20 \text{ m/s}$   
 $\therefore$  Relative speed =  $25 - 20 = 5 \text{ m/s} = 5 \times 18/5 = 18 \text{ km/hr}$
13. (E) Pipe (P + Q)'s 1 hour's work =  $1/18 + 1/12 = 5/36$   
 Pipe (P + Q)'s 7 hours work =  $7 \times 5/36 = 35/36$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Remaining work =  $1 - 35/36 = 1/36$   
 Then,  $\Rightarrow 1/36 \times R = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow R = 36$   
 Pipe R's 1 hour's work =  $1/36$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Pipe (P + Q + R)'s 1 hour's work =  $1/18 + 1/12 + 1/36 = 1/6$   
 $\therefore$  It will take 6 hours to fill the tank when all three pipes are opened simultaneously.

## Reasoning Ability

**Directions(1-5):** Study the following information carefully to answer the given questions:

Eight persons P, Q, R, S, T, B, E, and X are sitting around a circular table. Two persons are facing outside the center and others are facing inside the circle. P sits second to the left of B, who sits immediate right of T. There are three persons sitting between X and E, who is not an immediate neighbor of P. Q sits third to the left of the person who sits immediate right of B. E and S are immediate neighbors of R. P and X are facing opposite direction as T is facing.

- What is the position of E with respect to X ?  
(A) Third to the right  
(B) E and X are opposite to each other  
(C) Second to the right  
(D) Second to the left  
(E) Fifth to the right
- Who sits adjacent to both B and P?  
(A) T (B) X (C) Q (D) S  
(E) R
- Which of the following pairs of the persons sits between P and E when counted to the right of E?  
(A) X, Q (B) R, S (C) T, P (D) B, T  
(E) T, X
- Who among the following sits between X and S when counted in anticlockwise direction from X?  
(A) R (B) Q (C) B (D) T  
(E) E
- Who sits immediate right of R?  
(A) Q (B) S (C) E (D) B  
(E) T

**Direction(6-8):** The following questions are based on the sequence of five three letter words.

DOG MAN ARE NOT TOY

- If the first and second letter of each word are interchanged, then how many words will have letters which are in alphabetical orders?  
(A) One (B) Two (C) Three (D) Four  
(E) None
- How many letters are there between the second letter of second word from left and third letter of the second word from right?  
(A) 17 (B) 15 (C) 16 (D) 11  
(E) 18
- If all the consonants are changed to its preceeding alphabet and all the vowels are changed to its succeeding alphabet, then how many words will have one or more than one vowels in it?  
(A) One (B) Two (C) Three (D) None

(E) More than three

**Direction(9-10):** -which of the conclusion among the given conclusions is/are definitely true and then give your answers accordingly.

9. Statement:  $H > K > G \leq J = P \geq U > V > Y$

Conclusions:

I.  $H > V$

II.  $J > Y$

(A) Only conclusion I follows

(B) Only conclusion II follows

(C) Both I and II are follow

(D) Either conclusion I or II follows

(E) Neither conclusion I or II follows

10. Statements:  $D > S > L = P \leq K \leq N < O$ ,  $S < A < Y$

Conclusions:

I.  $K > A$

II.  $Y > P$

(A) Only conclusion I follows

(B) Only conclusion II follows

(C) Both I and II are follow

(D) Either conclusion I or II follows

(E) None of these

11. How many pairs of letters are there in the word "CATASTROPHE" each of which has as many letters between them as in the English alphabetical series in both forward and backward directions?

(A) Three

(B) Four

(C) Five

(D) Two

(E) One

12. How many meaningful English words can be formed with the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and the ninth letters of the word KINGMAKER, using each letter only once in each word? (To be counted from left)

(A) One

(B) Two

(C) Four

(D) Five

(E) Six

13. The position of how many alphabets will remain unchanged if each of the alphabets in the word 'PATRIARCHAL' is arranged in alphabetical order from left to right?

(A) None

(B) One

(C) Two

(D) Three

(E) More than Three

14. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way to form a group which of the following doesn't belong to that group?

(A) SEJ

(B) VUK

(C) PIQ

(D) AGF

(E) XOT

15. Sirish rank is 34th from the top and 7th from the bottom in the row. How many students are there in the row? (E)

(A) 39

(B) 38

(C) 37

(D) 33

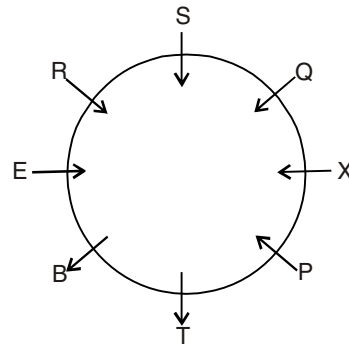
(E) None of these



16. Among Z, Y, X, W and V, Z is heavier than Y but lighter than X. Y is heavier than only V. X is not the heaviest. Who among them will be in the middle if they stand in the order of their weight?  
(A) Z (B) X (C) Y (D) W  
(E) V
17. If 2 is multiply by all the even digits and 1 is subtracted from all the odd digits in the number 9274513 then arrange all digits in descending order, then which of the following is second from the right end?  
(A) 2 (B) 8 (C) 6 (D) 4  
(E) 0
18. How many pairs of letters are there in the word "PATRIARCHAL" each of which have as many letters between them in the word as they have between them in the English alphabetical series?  
(A) Three (B) One  
(C) four (D) More than four  
(E) two
19. If in the number 67851342, 1 is subtracted to each of the even digit and 2 is added to each of the odd digit then how many digits are repeating in the number thus formed?  
(A) two (B) one (C) none (D) three  
(E) four
20. How many pairs of letters are there in the word "CAULIFLOWER" each of which have as many letters between them in the word as they have between them in the English alphabetical series?  
(A) Three (B) One  
(C) four (D) More than four  
(E) two
21. How many meaningful words can be formed using 2nd, 4th, 6th and 10th letter of the word "CAULIFLOWER" only once in the word?  
(A) Three (B) One  
(C) four (D) None  
(E) two
22. What should come in place of ?  
FY3 IV6 LS9 ?  
(A) PO12 (B) OP11  
(C) OP15 (D) OP12  
(E) None of these

## ANSWERS

(1-5)



- 1 (E) E and X are opposite to each other.  
2 (A) T sits adjacent to both B and P  
3 (D) B,T sits between P and E when counted to the right of E  
4 (B) Q Sits between X and S when counted in anticlockwise direction from X  
5 (C) E sits immediate right of R  
6 (B) ODG AMN ARE NOT OTY  
7 (E) There are 18 letters b/w A and T  
8 (D) no one has any vowel after rearrangement  
9 (B)  $H > V = \text{false}$   
 $J > Y = \text{true}$   
Only conclusion II follows  
10 (B)  $K > A = \text{false}$   
 $Y > P = \text{true}$   
Only conclusion II follows  
11 (B) In forward direction: ST, OP.  
In backward direction: OT, PR.  
Hence, there are 4 pairs of letters.  
12 (B) Letters given: I N G M A R  
Possible words are: MARGIN and ARMING  
Hence, only two such words are possible.  
13. (B) PATRIARCHAL  
AAACHILPRRT  
14 (D) Except option D, all other are same.  
15. (E) Sirish's rank from top = 34  
Sirish's rank from bottom = 7  
Total students in the row =  $34 + 7 - 1 = 40$   
16 (A)  $W > X > Z > Y > V$   
17. (E) 9274513  
8864402  
18. (D) PATRIARCHAL = AH,TZ,AC,LT,AC,HP  
19. (D) 67851342  
59773531  
20. (E) CAULIFLOWER = OR, RA  
21. (B) CAULIFLOWER = A,L,F,E = leaf  
22. (D) Option D comes in place of ?.

## IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

### English Language

**Direction (Q. 51 - 58):** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Some words are highlighted for your attention:

For once, the whys are turning out to be more important than the hows. A study shows that consumers who become fixated on how to achieve a goal probably face more difficulty in achieving their aims than people who think abstractly about why they want to do something. The authors of the study conducted four experiments to examine consumer behavior when it came to the goal of saving money. In one such experiment, some people were asked to make a specific plan to save money, whereas others were not asked to plan. Then some people were asked to focus on why they wanted to save money. Later on all participants were given the opportunity to buy candy. Subjects who were thinking concretely and formed a specific plan were less able to avoid the candy purchase than those who had not formed a plan at all.

To **elucidate** the results, the authors cite the instance of a person who wants to save money and hence makes a plan for achieving this goal. This person plans to save money by purchasing fewer clothing items at the mall. On investigating how this plan influences the person's response to other money-saving opportunities, for example, would the person be more likely to order a cheaper meal at a restaurant, avoid making an impulse purchase, or combine errands to save money on gas etc., the authors found that when people focus on concrete aspects of how they want to achieve goals, they become more closed-minded and consequently less likely to take advantage of opportunities that fall outside their plans. In contrast, people who focus on the why aspect are more likely to consider out-of-plan opportunities to achieve their goals. Furthermore, in the same experiment, the group that performed the best was the one that was asked to focus on the "why" and had formed a plan **implicitly**. Accordingly, the authors conclude that planning is more effective when people plan with a complete understanding of "why". They suggest that this strategy is particularly effective when the original plan turns out to be unrealistic in terms of **feasibility** or when other goal-directed activities become available.

- Which of these is opposite in meaning to the word "implicit"?  
 (A) Implied (B) Direct  
 (C) Limited (D) All of the above  
 (E) None of the above

- Which of these is similar in meaning to the word "elucidate"?  
 (A) Vague (B) Conceal  
 (C) Ambiguous (D) Explain  
 (E) None of the above
- Which of these is similar in meaning to the word "feasibility"?  
 (A) Practicability (B) Doubtful  
 (C) Assured (D) Both (A) and (C)  
 (E) None of the above
- What is the best possible conclusion?  
 (A) Planning is effective  
 (B) A complete understanding of "why" is important  
 (C) Consumer need to focus more on "out of plan" opportunities  
 (D) All of the above  
 (E) Both 1 and 2
- Which of the following statements is not true with respect to the passage?  
 (A) When the "how" aspect is focused then people tend to ignore advantages outside the plan  
 (B) People who focus on why are more likely to achieve their goals  
 (C) When the "how" aspect is focused then people face difficulty in achieving goals  
 (D) All of the above  
 (E) None of the above
- What message does author convey in the second paragraph?  
 (A) Giving an explanation of the results of the study  
 (B) Gives his own opinion on the topic  
 (C) Talks about different aspects of the study  
 (D) All of the above  
 (E) None of the above
- Which of the following is true?  
 (A) One can save money by purchasing few clothes  
 (B) Strategies are not important in achieving goals  
 (C) Planning can be effective in many situations.  
 (D) Both 1 and 2  
 (E) None of the above
- What is the main purpose of the passage?  
 (A) Presenting a study and giving conclusions  
 (B) Addressing consumer behavior  
 (C) Giving consumers tips to follow a strategy  
 (D) All of the above  
 (E) None of the above

**Direction (Q. 9 -16):** In the question given below, the sentence is divided into three parts I, II and III. For each part an alternate statement is also given. You have to determine the part(s) that may require correction. Choose the correct option and mark the same as your answer.

9. The dentist advising his patients / to brushing teeth twice a day, once in the morning /and another before go to bed at night.

I. The dentist advised his patients  
II. to brush teeth twice a day, once in the morning  
III. and another before going to bed at night

- (A) Only I (B) Only II  
(C) Both I and II (D) Both I and III  
(E) I, II and III

10. Even after a long tired day at /office, Shashi have to drive his car today while/ coming back home as his driver is absent.

I. Even after a long tiring day at  
II. office, Shashi has to drive his car today while  
III. come back home as his driver is absent

- (A) Only I (B) Only III  
(C) Both I and II (D) Both II and III  
(E) I, II and III

11. Follow the report on environmental issues, / the committee had decided to take serious steps for pollution controlling / and accordingly incorporating environment-friendly packages as an integral part of the upcoming project.

I. Following the report on environmental issues,  
II. the committee had decided to take serious steps for pollution control  
III. and accordingly incorporated environment-friendly packages as an integral part of the upcoming project.

- (A) Only II (B) Only III  
(C) Both I and II (D) Both I and III  
(E) I, II and III

12. Suddenly a fire broke out in the congesting market / resulting in chaos followed by a stampede / killing hundreds of people including women and children.

I. Suddenly a fire broke out in the congested market  
II. resulted in chaos followed by a stampede  
III. killed hundreds of people including women and children.

- (A) Only I (B) Only II  
(C) Only III (D) Both I and III  
(E) I, II and III

13. My hands are ready engaged / and Neelam has go to the market; so / present there is none to help you in the kitchen.

I. My hands are already engaged  
II. and Neelam has gone to the market; so  
III. at present there is none to help you in the kitchen.

- (A) Only I (B) Both I and II  
(C) Both I and III (D) Both II and III  
(E) I, II and III

14. The video shows that a parading of elephants/ are marching across the road and all vehicles /are parked at a safe distance as per the instructions of the guide during a safari in the National Park.

I. The video shows that a parade of elephants  
II. is marching across the road and all vehicles  
III. are parking at a safe distance as per the instructions of the guide during a safari in the National Park.

- (A) Only I (B) Only II  
(C) Only III (D) Both I and II  
(E) I, II and III

15. To score good marks in the examination, / Ram is preparing all the lessons very well / and is also practising the numerical problems given in exercising the textbooks.

I. Scoring good marks in the examination,  
II. Ram is preparing all the lessons very good  
III. and is also practising the numerical problems given in the exercises of the textbook.

- (A) Only I (B) Only III  
(C) Both I and II (D) Both II and III  
(E) I, II and III

16. The college authority issuing a notice asking the students / to submit their semester fees in cheque or demand drafts drawn / favouring the register and payable to any nationalized bank.

I. The college authority issued a notice asking the students  
II. to submit their semester fees in checks or demand drafts drawing  
III. in favour of the register and payable to any nationalized bank.

- (A) Only I (B) Only II  
(C) Only III (D) Both I and III  
(E) I, II and III

### ANSWER KEY

- |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (B)  | 2. (D)  | 3. (A)  | 4. (E)  | 5. (E)  |
| 6. (A)  | 7. (C)  | 8. (A)  | 9. (E)  | 10. (C) |
| 11. (A) | 12. (A) | 13. (E) | 14. (D) | 15. (B) |
| 16. (D) |         |         |         |         |

## BANKING AWARENESS

### ALL ABOUT FISCAL DEFICIT

**Definition of 'Fiscal Deficit':** When a government's total expenditures exceed the revenue that it generates (excluding money from borrowings).

**Now let us understand what Revenues and expenditures are :** Every family needs to plan their budget so that they don't go in to the deficit trap. In ideal conditions revenues should always exceed the expenditures.

**How revenues are generated:** Tax Revenues: These are those revenues that are generated through the taxes levied on public such as Income Tax, Corporate Tax, Wealth Tax, Fringe benefit taxes (these all are direct taxes i.e. levied on the individual directly), there are some other taxes which in turn are sources of govt. revenues such as, VAT, custom duty, excise duty, service tax (these are types of indirect taxes).

**Grants and aids:** India enjoys a special love of nature resulting in floods, droughts, lovely Tsunamis (lol), cyclones etc etc So India gets different Grants and Aids from the World banks, ADBs, big boy US, or anybody who wishes to help.

**Fines and Penalties:** Remember that traffic wale bhaiya, sometimes he refuses your chai paani k lie lelo help, All those times the income goes in to govt's pockets.

#### Expenditures:

As India is a developing country here Ameer is more Ameer and Gareeb is more Gareeb concepts follow so Govt. has to spend on the different Rajiv Gandhis, Mahatma Gandhis and Pradhan mantris scheme(MNERGA,JNNURAM,PDS schemes etc..).

India is lucky with some peaceful neighbors in the vicinity so India has to spend a chunk of revenues for Defense (Unplanned expenditure).

**FRBM Act(Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management act) :** As per the target, revenue deficit, which is revenue expenditure minus revenue receipts, have to be reduced to nil in five years beginning 2004-05. Each year, the government is required to reduce the revenue deficit by 0.5% of the GDP.

**How Fiscal Deficit is harmful-** Debt Trap-Fiscal deficit is a type of Debt trap, It creates a deficit which can be filled by extra borrowings or increased taxes creating burden on economy or extra debt

**Inflation-** The money released by the govt. for different schemes never reaches to the needy and is transferred to the pockets of middlemen who can now buy a new merc or chunks of gold which leads to inflation.

**Black money-** Now the money that is with the bribe masters cannot be in India because of Income tax officials' fear so they are transferred to Tax heavens i.e. so called Swiss Banks, this create a shortfall of Taxes in India creating a poor Tax collection.

**How Fiscal Deficit is not harmful-** Fiscal deficit occurs when govt. spends more in the fiscal year as compared to the revenues generated in the period, If all that Yojanas mentioned earlier turnout to be a success will create more employment, better health of the people, better infrastructure and will eventually leads to a prosperous economy, that will help to curb the Financial Deficit in the coming years.

### PRACTICE QUESTIONS

- Fiscal Policy deals with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ decisions of the government:
  - Incomes and Expenditures
  - Taxation and Expenditures
  - Trading and Expenditures
  - None of These
- In most modern economies, the government deals with fiscal policy while the \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for monetary policy:
  - Government
  - SEBI
  - Central Bank
  - None of These
- Fiscal Policy is composed of several parts which includes:
  - Tax Policy and Expenditure Policy
  - Investment or Disinvestment Strategies
  - Debt or Surplus Management
  - All of the Above
- Find out the incorrect among following:
  - When the government receives more than it spends, it has a surplus
  - If the government spends more than it receives it runs a deficit
  - On a broad generalization, excessive printing of money leads to inflation
  - None of These
- If budget constraint stands in present value terms, then fiscal policy may be considered as \_\_\_\_:
  - Stagnant
  - Sustainable
  - Escaped
  - None of These

6. Fiscal Sustainability is essential to:
- Motivate both public and private sector to grow
  - Allows governments to be autonomous to witness excellent economic growth in the long run.
  - Consider both revenue collections and potential variation in expenditure patterns so that demand may be fulfilled in the long run.
  - All of the Above
  - None of These
7. DTC stands for:
- Direct Tax Code
  - Direct Tax Control
  - Direct Tax Centre
  - None of These
8. FRBM stands for:
- Fiscal Revenue Budget Management
  - Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management
  - Fiscal Reforms and Budget Management
  - None of These
9. Fiscal Policy comprises of three positions - Neutral Position, Expansionary Position, Contractionary Position. Find out the wrong definition among the following:
- Neutral Position - It applies when the budget outcome has neutral effect on the level of economic activity where the government spending is fully funded by the revenue collected from the tax.
  - Expansionary Position - It is position when there is a higher budget deficit where the government spending is higher than the revenue collected from the tax.
  - Contractionary Position - It is a position when there is a lower budget deficit where the government spending is lower than the revenue collected from the tax
  - None of These
10. Which of the following definitions are wrong about Revenue Receipts:
- Revenue Receipts consists of revenue from regular sources like Taxation revenues e.g. receipts from corporate tax, income tax, excise tax, excise duty, custom duty, service tax etc.
  - Non tax revenue which include interest on loans, dividends from public sector units, Fees and Stamp Duties
  - Both of Above
  - None of These

11. Which of the following definitions are correct about Capital Receipts:
- Capital receipts refers to those inflows to government that are not in the nature of regular income.
  - Other receipts like Disinvestment (selling some shares of a PSU) comes under capital receipt
  - Both of Above
  - None of These
12. Economic Survey in India is published by the
- Reserve Bank of India
  - NITI Aayog
  - Ministry of Finance, Government of India
  - Ministry of Industries, Government of India
13. Fiscal policy in India is formulated by
- Reserve Bank of India
  - Planning Commission
  - Finance Ministry
  - Securities and Exchange Board of India
14. If we deduct grants to states for the creation of capital assets from revenue deficit, we arrive at
- Primary deficit
  - Net fiscal deficit
  - Budgetary deficit
  - Effective revenue deficit
15. Which one of the following is the largest item of expenditure of the Government of India on revenue account?
- Defence
  - Subsidies
  - Pensions
  - Interest payments
16. Which one of the following is a capital receipt in government budget?
- Interest receipts on loans given by the government to other parties
  - Dividends and profits from public sector undertakings
  - Borrowing of the government from public
  - Income tax receipts
17. Equality in a country can be best brought through
- Progressive expenditure
  - Regressive taxation
  - Regressive expenditure
  - None of the above

### ANSWER KEY

- |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (B)  | 2. (C)  | 3. (D)  | 4. (D)  | 5. (B)  |
| 6. (D)  | 7. (A)  | 8. (B)  | 9. (D)  | 10. (D) |
| 11. (C) | 12. (C) | 13. (C) | 14. (D) | 15. (D) |
| 16. (C) | 17. (C) |         |         |         |



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