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NOTE: This file contains most important 'Question-Answer' points pertaining to the current affairs news from 1st September 2021 to 21st December 2021.

1. _____ has launched the **Digital Payments Utsav** for 500 villages in India.

Answer: WhatsApp

2. India's first International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) has been set up at which place?

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

3. Which insurer has introduced a new plan named '**Dhan Rekha**'?

Answer: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

- RBI has recently approved LIC to increase its stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank to up to 9.99%.
- Aviva Life Insurance, a private insurance company, has launched 'Aviva Nivesh Bima'.

4. Which institute has been recognized as the top innovative research institution by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?

Answer: IIT Roorkee

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5. Which Small Finance Bank has partnered with Cholamandalam MS General Insurance to launch a women-specific health insurance policy called 'Chola Sarva Shakti Policy'?

Answer: Equitas Small Finance Bank

- Equitas Small Finance Bank has recently partnered with HDFC Bank to launch its new co-branded credit cards.
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has recently appointed **Ittira Davis** as its MD and CEO.
- ESAF Small Finance Bank has recently launched an electric vehicle loan scheme 'ESAF Go Green'.

6. _____ has authored a new book titled 'Pride, Prejudice and Punditry'.

Answer: Shashi Tharoor

- **Mridula Ramesh** has recently authored a new book titled "'Watershed: How We Destroyed India's Water and How We Can Save It'".

7. Which state has recently partnered with the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) to launch '**Mission Shakti Living Lab**'?

Answer: Odisha

- The Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated the longest bridge in the state named '**T-Setu**'. It is built on the Mahanadi River in the Cuttack district.
- Odisha has recently launched a road safety initiative "**Rakshak**".
- Tamil Nadu has collaborated with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to strengthen the health sector.

8. The first "Drone Mela" has been held in which place?

Answer: Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

9. _____ Artistic gymnast **Simone Biles** has been named Time's 2021 Athlete of the Year.

Answer: USA

- The first 'Summit For Democracy' has recently been hosted by the United States of America (USA) "to renew democracy at home and confront autocracies abroad".
- United States of America (USA) has recently become the 101st country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

10. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently approved a \$ _____ loan to strengthen skills education and training through the establishment of the Assam Skill University.

Answer: 112 million

- The Government of India and ADB have recently signed a **\$150 million** loan agreement to provide affordable housing for the urban poor in Tamil Nadu.
- ADB has also signed a **\$125 million** loan to improve access to safe and affordable drinking water supply and citywide inclusive sanitation services in Dehradun and Nainital cities in Uttarakhand.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently approved **Rs 2,644.85 crore** (USD 350 million) loan for India to help improve its urban services.
- ADB has sanctioned a **USD 500 million** loan to improve the quality of school education in India.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently approved a **USD 250 million** loan to support the National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP) of India.

11. Name the company that has recently launched the Artificial Intelligence-powered educational technology platform for traders and investors.

Answer: Paytm

12. Who has been appointed to head a 7-member committee constituted by SEBI to detect early market anomalies?

Answer: Madhabi Puri Buch

13. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently introduced a **Prompt Corrective Action** (PCA) framework for large non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to strengthen the supervisory tools applicable to NBFCs. The PCA framework for NBFCs will be effective from _____.

Answer: 1st October 2022

14. _____ has authored a new book titled 'Raj Kapoor: The Master at Work'.

Answer: Rahul Rawail

15. India's first Green Hydrogen Microgrid Project will be set up in which state?

Answer: Simhadri in Andhra Pradesh

- India has set a target to become carbon neutral by 2070.

16. Who is the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

Answer: JB Mohapatra

- CBDT has issued new rules named 'e-Verification Scheme, 2021' for faceless collection of information from taxpayers, where mismatches are detected.

17. _____ has recently acquired StudyIQ Education for \$ 20 million in a cash and stock deal.

Answer: Adda247 acquired StudyIQ Education for **150 crores**

- BYJU's has recently announced a 2-year partnership with Olympic medallists (Javelin Thrower) **Neeraj Chopra** and Shuttler **PV Sindhu** as the brand ambassador for Disney BYJU's Early Learn App.

18. The Government of _____ has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi.

Answer: Andhra Pradesh

19. Who has been appointed as the new head of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)?

Answer: Ravinder Bhakar appointed as the new head of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Films Division, and Children Films Society of India (CFSI).

20. Vijay Diwas is observed annually across India on 16th December. The year 2021 is observing the _____ Vijay Diwas.

Answer: 50th

21. _____ has been included in UNESCO's 2021 list of 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity'.

Answer: Kolkata's Durga Puja

22. _____, former Chief Human Resources Officer of Unilever, has recently been appointed as the new global CEO of French fashion house Chanel.

Answer: Leena Nair

23. Pine Labs has recently collaborated with _____ to enable the bank's credit cardholders to avail of **equated monthly installments** (EMI) offers at the point of sale and convert their regular purchase into interest-free EMIs.

Answer: AU Small Finance Bank

- Equitas Small Finance Bank has become the banking partner of the Government of Maharashtra with an aim to offer its services to the state government employees.
- Shivalik Small Finance Bank has recently partnered with fintech firm Indiagold to launch India's first loan against '**Digital Gold**'.

24. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has announced that the Global debt has increased to \$ _____ in 2020.

Answer: 226 trillion

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25. Which state has launched a **SAHAY scheme** aimed at nurturing young sporting talents in Naxal affected districts of the state?

Answer: Jharkhand

- SAHAY: *Sports Action toward Harnessing Aspiration of Youth*

26. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has recently inked an agreement with GreenCell Mobility to lend Rs 275 crore for deployment of *350 electric buses* across nine cities of _____.

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

27. Which country has recently signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with India in the field of digital media?

Answer: Vietnam

28. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has recently signed **Rs 2,400 crore** contract with _____ for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1A fighter aircraft programme.

Answer: Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

29. Which state has topped the Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy in the large state category?

Answer: West Bengal has topped the ranking in the large state category followed by Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra.

30. The Union Cabinet has approved an incentive scheme to promote the use of RuPay Debit cards and low-value (up to Rs 2000) BHIM-UPI digital transactions (person to merchants P2M) in the country. The total financial outlay of the scheme is Rs _____ for FY22.

Answer: 1,300 crore

31. The Government of _____ has recently honoured Prime Minister Narendra Modi with its highest civilian award, *Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo* for India's friendly approach to _____ under PM Modi's governance.

Answer: Bhutan

32. Which insurer has recently become the first Indian insurance company to sign the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI)?

Answer: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

- Home First Finance Company India Ltd (HomeFirst) has recently entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with Union Bank of India (UBI) to offer home loans to customers.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has recently launched a 'Health Prime' wellness rider.
- Edelweiss General Insurance has recently partnered with PhonePe for digital motor insurance products.
- Liberty General Insurance has recently partnered with CSC e-Governance Services India to strengthen insurance penetration in rural areas across India.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance has recently partnered with Clove Dental, India's largest network of oral clinics to offer dental insurance.

33. Indian shooter _____ has recently won the 'Best Female Debut' honour at 2021 Paralympic Sport Awards.

Answer: Avani Lekhara

34. Silicon Valley-based The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) has conferred the Global Entrepreneur of the Year Award- Business Transformation on _____, Chairman Aditya Birla Group.

Answer: Kumar Mangalam Birla

35. _____ has recently launched a 'Khel Nursery Scheme 2022-23' to promote sports in the state.

Answer: Haryana

- Maharashtra has recently signed an MoU with Tata Motors Limited to support the establishment of a Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF) in the state.

36. Narendra Modi has recently ranked _____ on the list of the world's top 20 most admired men, in a survey carried out by data analytics company YouGov.

Answer: 8th

World's most admired Personality		
Rank	Men	Women
1	Barack Obama	Michelle Obama
2	Bill Gates	Angelina Jolie

3	Xi Jinping	Queen Elizabeth II
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37. Who among the following has been appointed to head a committee constituted by IFSCA to formulate a framework for the transfer of stressed loans?

Answer: G Padmanabhan (Former executive director of RBI)

38. The Government of India and Germany Development Bank – KFW have signed a loan agreement of 442.26 million Euro for the development of the _____ in Gujarat.

Answer: Surat Metro Rail Project

39. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently laid the foundation stone of the Ganga Expressway, the longest highway in India, in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh. The 594-kilometre long expressway will be built at a cost of around Rs. _____.

Answer: 36, 200 crore

40. The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Generation India Foundation (GIF) have launched Project **AMBER** i.e. '_____' at Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi to empower youth with industry-relevant skills.

Answer: Accelerated Mission for Better Employment and Retention

41. _____ has been awarded the prestigious Golden Peacock Environment Management Award for the year 2021 in the steel sector.

Answer: Steel Authority of India (SAIL)

42. Uttarakhand government has recently appointed Indian cricketer _____ as the 'State Brand Ambassador' with the aim of encouraging the youth of the state towards sports and public health.

Answer: Rishabh Pant

- Bollywood actor **Sanjay Dutt** has recently been roped in as the brand ambassador for the month-long celebrations of the **50th** year of Arunachal Pradesh.

43. Which state has recently declared '*Krishna Balram Rath Yatra*' as a state festival?

Answer: Punjab

- Punjab has recently launched the 'Mera Ghar Mere Naam' Scheme.
- Odisha has recently launched the 'Mukhyamantri Vayu Swasthya Seva' scheme.

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44. Which of the following has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to reuse plastic waste?

Answer: National Cadet Corps (NCC)

45. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has recently partnered with _____ to encourage innovative learning and skill development for employees of NPCI.

Answer: Udemmy Business

46. As per the latest report titled '2021 Global Scam & Scam Report' published by Truecaller, which country has been most affected by spam calls in 2021?

Answer: Brazil has been the most affected country by spam calls in 2021. It has been followed by Peru and Ukraine.

- India has moved up in rankings from 9th in 2020 to **4th** in 2021

47. Who among the following has won the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year award for 2021?

Answer: Emma Raducanu

48. _____ has recently become the first certified tokenization service for NPCI Tokenization System (NTS) to support the tokenization of RuPay cards. NPCI's NTS platform will enable PayPhi Tokenization service to provide partner merchants and aggregators with Token Reference On File (TROF).

Answer: PayPhi (a digital payment platform)

49. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently imposed several restrictions on Nagar Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, including a cap of _____ on withdrawals for customers.

Answer: Rs 10,000

50. As per the Finance Ministry, the number of ATMs in India has increased to around _____ by the end of September 2021.

Answer: 2.13 lakh

- Also, according to the RBI data, scheduled commercial banks have installed **2, 13,145 ATMs** (*automated teller machines*) up to September 2021.

51. ICICI Bank has recently partnered with _____ to offer a digital overdraft facility of up to **Rs. 25 lakh** to individual sellers and businesses registered on Flipkart.

Answer: Flipkart

- Federal Bank has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Star Health Insurance.

52. Which of the following bank has recently chosen Intellect Design for its digital wealth management transformation agenda?

Answer: State Bank of India

- SBI signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Kendriya Sainik Board** to support and educate the children of war veterans, ex-servicemen, and war widows.
- SBI has acquired a minority stake in JSW Cement Limited for an investment of **Rs 100 crore** through *compulsorily convertible preference shares* (CCPS).

53. As per the report titled 'Top 100 arms-producing and military services companies 2020', which country has the largest share in total arms sales of companies?

Answer: USA

- The 3 Indian defence manufactures companies such as Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (42nd), Indian Ordnance Factories (60th) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) (66th)

have been ranked among the top 100 manufactures globally. **Lockheed Martin** (USA) has topped the list.

54. _____ has recently launched the '**Swachh Technology Challenge**' under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0).

Answer: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has recently hosted a unique event 'Digital Payment Utsav' at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi as a part of the week-long 'Azadi Ka Digital Mahotsav'.

55. NASA has recently launched the *Laser Communications Relay Demonstration* (LCRD) from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in _____.

Answer: Florida

- **NASA:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration

56. Who has won the 57th Jnanpith Award?

Answer: Damodar Mauzo

- *Assamese poet **Nilmani Phookan Jr** has won the 56th Jnanpith Award 2020.*

57. Finance Minister of India, Nirmala Sitharaman has been ranked _____ in Forbes' list of the 100 Most Powerful Women in the world.

Answer: 37th

- Falguni Nayar, founder and CEO of Nykaa, has been ranked **88th** on the list.
- Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of HCL Technology, has been ranked **52nd** on the list.
- Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, executive chairperson and founder of Biocon, has been ranked **72nd** on the list.
- The list has been topped by **MacKenzie Scott**, philanthropist, of USA.

58. India has been ranked 4th in the Asia Power Index 2021. The Index ranks _____ countries and territories in terms of their capacity to shape their external environment.

Answer: 26

- India has been ranked **4th** most powerful country in Asia. **USA** topped the list.

59. General Bipin Laxman Singh Rawat, the first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of the Indian Armed Forces, has passed away recently in a helicopter crash near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu. He was born on 16th March 1958 in _____.

Answer: Pauri, Uttarakhand

60. Who has been sworn in as the new German Chancellor?

Answer: Olaf Scholz

61. Which of the following state has recently launched a '**Milk Price Incentive Scheme**'?

Answer: Uttarakhand

62. Iran has topped the medal tally with _____ medals in the recently concluded Asian Youth Para Games 2021.

Answer: 122 (44 gold, 53 silver and 25 bronze)

- India is placed at **5th position** with 41 medals (12 gold, 15 silver and 14 bronze).

63. The Union Cabinet has recently approved the funding and implementation of Ken-Betwa River interlinking project with an outlay of _____ at 2020-21 price levels.

Answer: Rs 44, 605 crores

- This will cover the states of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- Both Ken and Betwa River originate from Madhya Pradesh and are tributaries of **Yamuna**.

64. Indian weightlifter Sanket Mahadev Sargar has recently won the gold medal in Men's _____ snatch category at the ongoing Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021.

Answer: 55 kg

65. As per the India Skills Report (ISR) 2022, which state has the highest employable talent?

Answer: Maharashtra

66. Which team has recently won the Senior Women's National Football Championship?

Answer: Manipur

67. The Haiderpur Wetland, abutting the Madhya Ganga barrage, about 10 km from Bijnor in western Uttar Pradesh, has been recognised under the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in India has gone up to _____.

Answer: 47

- *Uttar Pradesh is now home to 9 Ramsar wetlands.*

68. Which of the following payments bank has recently partnered with NPCI Bharat BillPay for doorstep bill payments service?

Answer: India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)

- Dairy-tech start-up, Stellapps has recently collaborated with **Airtel Payments Bank** to enable cashless payment transfer to small dairy farmers.
- Paytm Payments Bank has recently collaborated with **Ria Money Transfer** to help its 333 million customers receive money from their relatives abroad.

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69. Name the insurance company that has recently partnered with Vasai Vikas Sahakari Bank to offer insurance solutions.

Answer: Kotak Mahindra General Insurance

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has recently launched '#Care4Hockey' campaign to support the development of Hockey in India from the grass-roots level.
- DBS Bank has been awarded at the ET BFSI Excellence Awards 2021.
- Karnataka Gramin Bank (KGB), sponsored by Canara Bank, has recently signed an MoU with Care Health Insurance to market health insurance products for customers of the bank.

70. Who has won the 2021 DST-ICTP-IMU Ramanujan Prize for “Young Mathematicians from developing countries”?

Answer: Professor **Neena Gupta**, a mathematician at the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata

71. Who has been appointed as the new Head of UNICEF?

Answer: **Catherine Russell**

72. The Indian Space Research Organisation has recently signed a pact with _____ to strengthen the Research and Development (R&D) of NavIC or the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) messaging service.

Answer: **Oppo India**

73. Union Road, Transport and Highways minister Nitin Gadkari has recently released the list of top Indian states in EV (electric vehicle) sales. As per the data, _____ has the highest number of EV registrations at 255,700 units, followed by Delhi at 125,347 units and Karnataka at 72,544 EVs.

Answer: **Uttar Pradesh**

74. Who has won the title of Miss Universe 2021?

Answer: Indian model **Harnaaz Sandhu**

75. As per the “World Talent Ranking Report” 2021, India has been ranked at _____ while _____ has topped the list.

Answer: **56th; Switzerland**

76. Who has won the Abu Dhabi **Grand Prix 2021**?

Answer: Red Bull's Max Verstappen

- Lewis Hamilton has won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix (GP).
- Lewis Hamilton has recently won the 2021 F1 Qatar Grand Prix
- Lewis Hamilton has recently won the Brazilian Grand Prix 2021
- Max Verstappen won the 2021 Mexican Grand Prix
- Max Verstappen has recently won the Formula 1 Aramco United States Grand Prix 2021
- Valtteri Bottas has recently won the F1 Turkish Grand Prix 2021
- Lewis Hamilton (Great Britain) has recently won the F1 Russian Grand Prix 2021
- Daniel Ricciardo of Australia has recently won the Italian Grand Prix 2021.
- Max Verstappen from the Netherlands has recently won the Formula 1 Dutch Grand Prix 2021.

77. _____ has recently received the 10th annual Dr. Ida S. Scudder Humanitarian Oration for his contributions to society.

Answer: Azim Premji

- Azim Premji has recently topped the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2021.

78. _____ has recently released a report titled '**State Focus Paper for 2022-23**'. The report focuses on the priority sectors to ensure integrated and sustainable rural prosperity.

Answer: NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development)

79. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated the first phase of the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor project that connects the temple town's two iconic landmarks – Kashi Vishwanath temple and Ganga ghats. It has been built at the cost of Rs _____.

Answer: 339 crore

80. National Energy Conservation Day is observed annually across India on which date?

Answer: 14th December (The day was first observed in 2001)

81. Who has been named Time's 2021 'Person of the Year'?

Answer: Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla and founder of SpaceX

82. According to the latest survey released by the Indian Institute of Human Brands (IIHB), Chairman of Reliance Industries, _____ have topped the list of power couples with a 94% score.

Answer: Mukesh Ambani and Nita Ambani

- Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone have been ranked at Number 2 with a 86% score.
- Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma have been ranked at Number 3 with a 79% score.

83. A book titled 'The Ambuja Story: How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company' is the autobiography of _____.

Answer: Narotam Sekhsaria

84. State Bank of India (SBI) has signed an agreement with Usha International Limited (UIL) to empower women entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance named "_____".

Answer: NAVCHETNA

- SBI has recently partnered with Adani Capital for co-lending to farmers for purchase of tractor and farm implements.

85. Who has been appointed to head a three-member committee constituted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to review the criteria for reservation for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category?

Answer: Ajay Bhushan Pandey

86. Nagaland Police has recently launched the 'Call your Cop' mobile App. Nagaland has recently observed its _____ Statehood Day on 1 December 2021.

Answer: 59th

87. As per the latest National Statistical Office (NSO) data, India's GDP has grown by 8.4% in the second quarter of FY 2022 as compared to _____ in FY 2021.

Answer: 7.4%

88. Who among the following has been conferred with the Dr M S Swaminathan Award for the period 2017-19?

Answer: V Praveen Rao, Vice-Chancellor of Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU)

- Dinyar Patel has won the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2021 for a biography titled 'Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism'.

89. Who among the following has recently been appointed as the brand ambassador of GUVI?

Answer: Smriti Mandhana

- Ravindra Jadeja has recently been appointed as the brand ambassador of Kinara Capital.
- Jasprit Bumrah has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Unix
- Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Century LED
- Rahul Dravid named as the brand ambassador of children's footwear brand 'Plaeto'

90. According to the latest Global Trade Report, global trade is expected to grow by 23% to \$28 trillion in 2021. The report is published by which of the following organization?

Answer: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

91. Which city has recently been listed as the most expensive city in the world in the Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021?

Answer: Tel Aviv (Israel)

Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021			
Rank	Expensive City	Rank	Cheapest City
1	Tel Aviv (Israel)	1	Damascus (Syria)
2	Paris (France) , and Singapore	2	Tripoli (Libya)
4	Zurich (Switzerland)	3	Tashkent (Uzbekistan)

92. National Pollution Control Day is observed annually on 2nd December to commemorate the lives of the people who died in the Bhopal gas tragedy. Which gas was responsible for the Bhopal gas tragedy?

Answer: Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) gas

93. A report titled "State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2021-22" states that the combined debt to GDP ratio of states is expected to remain at 31% by the end of March 2022. The report is published by which of the following organization?

Answer: Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

94. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has recently approved a USD 135 million loan to _____ to improve the operational efficiency and reliability of electricity supply in select pockets in the state.

Answer: West Bengal

95. Which of the following company has recently signed an MoU with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to train youth in the Fintech industry?

Answer: Paytm

- Paytm has recently collaborated with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to offer Paytm Startup Toolkit with exclusive payment services to early-stage Indian startups.
- Paytm Money has recently launched Portfolio Management Services (PMS) Marketplace for HNI (High Networth Individuals) investors in association with PMS Bazaar.
- Mastercard has recently collaborated with Google Pay on tokenization for card-based payments.
- Paytm Money has recently launched AI (Artificial Intelligence) powered 'Voice Trading'.

96. Who has been appointed as the chairman of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet?

Answer: Sambit Patra (BJP spokesperson)

- Alka Upadhyaya has been appointed as the chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- Sanjiv Mehta has been appointed as the new President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

97. Which of the following entity has been ranked 'number one cooperative' in the world in the 2021 edition of the World Cooperative Monitor (WCM) report?

Answer: Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO)

98. As per the 10th Quarterly Bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force Survey, India's urban unemployment rate has increased to _____ in January-March 2021.

Answer: 9.3%

99. Which state has recently observed the Hornbill Festival?

Answer: Nagaland

- Tripura has become the first state in the country to introduce Banadhikar App.

100. India and _____ have decided to celebrate 6th December as "**Maitri Diwas**" (Friendship Day).

Answer: Bangladesh

- On this day in 1971, India had formally recognised Bangladesh.

101. Name the organization that has recently signed an agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to scale up its clean energy projects.

Answer: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

102. The UNESCO has recently presented UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation to the _____.

Answer: Nizamuddin Basti Project

103. Who has been appointed as the First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

Answer: Gita Gopinath (the first woman to serve as the IMF's chief economist)

- Pradip Shah, founder of IndAsia Fund Advisors, has recently been appointed as the chairman of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL).

104. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has recently extended the timeline for the implementation of Smart Cities Mission to _____ due to the Covid-19 pandemic and other factors.

Answer: June 2023

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs had launched the Smart Cities Mission on 25th June 2015.

105. Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan has recently released a commemorative postage stamp to mark _____ anniversary of the Mahindra group.

Answer: 75th

106. National Navy Day is observed annually on 4th December. What is the theme of National Navy Day 2021?

Answer: Swarnim Vijay Varsh

107. Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar has recently launched the first indigenous server named ' _____ '.

Answer: RUDRA

- It has been developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).

108. In December 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor. What is the total outlay of the corridor?

Answer: Rs 8,300 crore

109. As per the RBI data, which state has become the largest manufacturing hub of the country?

Answer: Gujarat

110. The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has recently named Viktor Axelsen of _____ as the Male Player of the Year 2021.

Answer: Denmark

- China's **Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying** has been named the Female Player of the Year 2021.

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111. World Soil Day is observed annually on _____ to spread awareness of the importance of soil quality for human well-being, food security and ecosystems.

Answer: 5th December

- Theme 2021: "**Halt soil salinization, enhance soil production**"

112. Cambridge Dictionary has recently chosen ' _____ ' as the Word of the Year 2021.

Answer: Perseverance

- Dictionary.com has named '**Allyship**' as the Word of the Year for 2021.
- Oxford English Dictionary (OED) has announced the word "**vax**" as the word of the year for 2021.
- The Collins dictionary has recently chosen '**NFT**', an abbreviation that stands for "non-fungible token", as the Word of the Year for 2021

113. Exercise Ekuverin has been conducted between India and which country?

Answer: Maldives

114. Davis Cup is related to which sports?

Answer: Tennis

- Russian Tennis Federation (RTF) has recently won the Davis Cup 2021 by defeating Croatia.

115. New Zealand's _____ has recently become the third bowler to take 10 wickets in an Innings during the second day of the second Test against India.

Answer: Ajaz Patel

116. The Central Government has recently expanded the SCALE Committee (Steering Committee for Advancing Local Value-Add and Exports) by adding three new members. Who is the chairman of the committee?

Answer: Pawan Goenka

117. Which country's hockey team has recently won the FIH Junior Men's Hockey World Cup 2021?

Answer: Argentina

118. _____, India's first woman psychiatrist, has passed away recently in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Answer: Sarada Menon

119. In December 2021, Russian President Vladimir Putin has visited India. During his visit, how many agreements have India and Russia signed?

Answer: 28 agreements

120. Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Virendra Kumar has recently launched the '_____' scheme for the upliftment and development of scheduled castes (SC) students by providing quality residential education in reputed private schools.

Answer: SRESHTA

- SRESHTA stands for '**Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas**'.

121. Which company has recently topped the 2021 Wizikey News Score ranking as India's most-visible corporate in media?

Answer: Reliance Industries

- It is followed by State Bank of India (SBI), Bharti Airtel, Infosys and Tata Motors.

122. Which of the following country has committed \$100 Billion for investment and infrastructure creation in India?

Answer: UAE

123. _____ has recently won the 'Best Governed Company Listed Segment: Large Category' at the 21st edition of the ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance.

Answer: HDFC Life Insurance

124. Which institute has won the "Digital Innovation of the Year" award at the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Awards 2021?

Answer: O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU)

- Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology has bagged the award for Asia's 'Leadership and Management Team of the Year' category at THE Asia Awards 2021.

125. Which state government has recently launched '**Chalo Mobile App**' and '**Chalo Smart Cards**' for convenient bus travel?

Answer: Maharashtra

126. Recently, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has launched the first Vernacular Innovation Programme (VIP) for entrepreneurs in how many languages?

Answer: 22

127. Who has been appointed as the Chef de Mission of India for the Beijing Olympics 2022?

Answer: Harjinder Singh (Ice Hockey Association of India's general secretary)

128. Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh has recently launched the world's most sophisticated MRI facility in which state?

Answer: Manesar in Haryana

129. As per the latest Annual Status of Education Report (ASER 2021) survey, enrolment in government schools has increased from 65.8% in 2020 to _____ in 2021.

Answer: 70.3%

130. Union Minister of State for Railways Raosaheb Danve has recently inaugurated India's first pod hotel named ' _____ ' at Mumbai Central Railway Station.

Answer: Urban Pod

131. IDFC First Bank has recently partnered with _____ to facilitate fuel payments of passenger vehicles at HPCL retail outlets using the bank's FASTags via HP PAY App.

Answer: Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)

132. Nobel Laureate and Indian-born American Economist, Abhijit Banerjee, has recently authored a book titled " _____ ".

Answer: Cooking To Save Your Life

- Abhijit Banerjee won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2019

133. Which city will host the 2025 Asian Youth Para Games?

Answer: Tashkent (capital of Uzbekistan)

134. Ministry of Tribal Affairs has recently launched an online certificate course on Experiential Learning in collaboration with the _____.

Answer: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)

135. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC)?

Answer: Geoff Allardice (former Australian first-class cricketer)

136. In November 2021, the State Bank of India (SBI) in its research report "Ecowrap" has projected India's GDP growth at _____ in Q2 this year.

Answer: 8.1%

137. _____ has recently signed an agreement with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to manufacture and supply Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) and Missile Approach Warning System (MAWS) under the C295 aircraft program

Answer: Airbus

138. Which country has recently become a part of a nuclear-powered submarine defence alliance with the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US)?

Answer: Australia

- AUKUS is a trilateral security pact signed between Australia, the USA, and the UK in September 2021.

139. Indian author _____ has been conferred with the Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award 2021 to recognise her long literary career which spans over 50 years.

Answer: Anita Desai

140. Which Doordarshan program has recently won the ABU-UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021 under the 'Living Well with Super Diversity' category?

Answer: DEAFinitely Leading the Way

141. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has recently laid the foundation stone of 'Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum' in Luangkao Village in _____ District of Manipur.

Answer: Tamenglong

- The museum will be constructed with an estimated cost of Rs 15 crores.

142. _____ has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2021 for its work on expanding the scope for education in India.

Answer: Pratham NGO

143. In November 2021, Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, has launched India's first virtual science lab for children. Under which program of CSIR the lab has been started?

Answer: Jigyasa

144. Madhya Pradesh's Patalpani Railway Station in _____ has been named after Tantya Bhil, also known as the "Indian Robin Hood".

Answer: Indore

145. Which lender has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Puducherry Cooperative Milk Producers Union (PONLAIT) to provide loans to individual dairy farmers?

Answer: State Bank of India (SBI)

- SBI has recently collaborated with Jamshedpur Football Club (JFC) to support and promote football in the country.
- Union Bank of India has recently entered into a co-lending partnership with Capri Global Capital Ltd (CGCL) to finance MSMEs.
- State Bank of India has recently launched a 'Video life certificate' facility for pensioners.

146. Name the lender that has recently launched an online platform 'Trade Emerge'.

Answer: ICICI Bank

- Yes Bank has recently collaborated with Amazon Pay and Amazon Web Services (AWS) to offer customers an instant payment system via Unified Payment Interface (UPI).
- Yes Bank, in association with BankBazaar.com, has recently launched a credit card named 'FinBooster'.

147. Which of the following drama series has won the Best Drama Series award at the 2021 International Emmy Awards?

Answer: Tehran

2021 International Emmy Awards	
Category	Winners
Best Actor	David Tennant for Des (UK)
Best Actress	Hayley Squires for Adult Material (UK)

Best Drama Series	Tehran (Israel)
Best Comedy Series	Call My Agent Season 4 (France)
Best Documentary	Hope Frozen: A Quest To Live Twice (Thailand)

148. _____ Cricket team has recently won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2021-22 by defeating Karnataka in the finals.

Answer: Tamil Nadu

149. Which of the following Institution has recently signed a USD **250 million** loan for a school education project in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer: World Bank

150. NPCI Bharat Billpay has recently collaborated with _____ to enable customers to pay their electricity bills in a hassle-free and seamless manner.

Answer: Tata Power

151. Which bank has recently topped the 2021 List of Globally systemically important banks (G-SIBs)?

Answer: JP Morgan Chase

152. Angela Molina, who recently won the Best Actor award at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2021, belongs to which country?

Answer: Spain

153. Which insurance company has recently partnered with TropoGo for drone Insurance products?

Answer: Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

154. Which country has recently re-appointed Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid as Prime Minister?

Answer: Kuwait

155. As per the latest news, the Ministry of Labour has released a new series of Wage Rate Index (WRI) with which year as the base year?

Answer: 2016

156. Constitution Day is observed annually across India on _____ to mark the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the country.

Answer: 26th November

157. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Noida International Airport. After completion, this airport will become the _____ largest international airport in the world.

Answer: Fourth

158. Name the lender that has recently launched India's first credit card made from recycled PVC plastic.

Answer: HSBC India

159. Which state/UT has recently organized the first-ever '**Aharbal Festival**'?

Answer: Jammu and Kashmir

160. According to the recent Kantar's Brandz India report, which has emerged as the 'Most Purposeful FMCG Brand' in India?

Answer: Tata Tea

Rank	Most Purposeful Technology Brands	Most Purposeful FMCG Brands	Most Purposeful Non-FMCG Brands
1	Amazon	Tata Tea	Asian Paints
2	Zomato	Surf Excel	Samsung and Jio
3	YouTube	Taj Mahal	MRF

161. Who is the CEO of Twitter?

Answer: Parag Agrawal

- Yahoo has recently appointed Jim Lanzzone as the new CEO of Yahoo.

162. Who headed the 5-member Internal Working Group (IWG) constituted by RBI on ownership and corporate structure of private sector banks?

Answer: PK Mohanty

163. _____ has released the first National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2021.

Answer: NITI Aayog

- As per the index, 51.91% of the population in Bihar is poor, followed by Jharkhand (42.16%), Uttar Pradesh (37.79%), Madhya Pradesh (36.65%), and Meghalaya (32.67%).
- On the other hand, Kerala has registered the lowest population poverty levels (0.71%), followed by Pondicherry (1.72%), Lakshadweep (1.82%), Goa (3.76%), and Sikkim (3.82%).

164. The Central Government has recently constituted a five-member Central Vista Oversight Committee to monitor and ensure the timely completion of the Central Vista Redevelopment Project. Who among the following will chair the committee?

Answer: Ratan P Watal

165. A new book titled 'Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947' has been authored by _____.

Answer: Ayaz Memon

166. _____ has recently integrated with the government's National Agriculture Market (eNAM) to enable digital collections and settlement of funds to various e-NAM beneficiaries.

Answer: HDFC Bank

167. Who has won the men's single title at the Vienna Open 2021?

Answer: Alexander Zverev

168. The Government of Gujarat has launched the 'Niramay Gujarat Yojana' for screening and protection of people above _____ years from Non-Communicable diseases.

Answer: 30 years

169. The sixth edition of the biennial training exercise 'Indo-French Shakti 2021' has been conducted in _____ from 15th November to 26th November 2021.

Answer: Frejus, France

170. Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati has recently collaborated with _____ to develop new technologies for Energy and Allied Sectors.

Answer: Oil India Limited (OIL)

171. National Press Day is observed annually across India on _____ to recognize the importance of the free and responsible press in a democratic society.

Answer: 16th November

172. Which Indian state has recently developed the country's first grass conservatory?

Answer: Uttarakhand

173. _____ and the Asian Development Bank in association with the India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF) have launched the 'WePower India Partnership Forum' to boost the South Asia Women in Power Sector Professional Network (WePOWER) in India.

Answer: World Bank

- The Assam's Inland Water Transport (IWT) department has recently signed an MoU with the World Bank for a Rs 770 crore loan to promote river transportation.

174. Malayalam writer _____ has recently won the 2021 JCB Prize for Literature for his book 'Delhi: A Soliloquy'

Answer: M. Mukundan

175. A new book titled 'The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India' has been authored by _____.

Answer: Debashish Mukerji

- Navdeep Singh Gill has recently authored a new book titled 'Uddna Baaz'.

176. The state government of _____ has recently declared '**Kaiser-i-Hind**' as the state butterfly.

Answer: Arunachal Pradesh

177. _____ has recently received the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) Award for Best Digital Financial Services under the 'Regional Rural Banks' category.

Answer: Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank

- Kerala Grameen Bank has recently introduced a vaccine-linked deposit scheme for customers named 'KGB Kavacham'.

178. A book titled 'Shuttlers' Flick: Making Every Match Count' has been authored by Pullela Gopichand. The book has been co-authored by _____.

Answer: Priya Kumar

- The book features the autobiography of the former badminton player Pullela Gopichand.

179. The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has recently selected _____ village as one of the Best Tourism Villages.

Answer: Pochampally village (Telangana)

180. Who among the following has been named as the brand ambassador of TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav?

Answer: MC Mary Kom

181. As per the latest WHO global tobacco trends report, the number of tobacco users has decreased globally from 1.32 billion in 2015 to _____ in 2020.

Answer: 1.30 billion

182. As per the recently released 2021 TRACE Global Bribery Risk Ranking, India's rank has decreased to _____ in 2021 as compared to 77th in 2020.

Answer: 82nd

- **Denmark** has topped the ranking with a risk score of 2, followed by Norway and Sweden.

183. India's first Fisheries Business Incubator has been set up in which state?

Answer: Gurugram, Haryana

184. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee?

Answer: Sourav Ganguly

185. Which Institution has recently entered into a partnership with Google India Pvt Ltd (GIPL) to support MSMEs?

Answer: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

186. _____ has recently launched a micro-credit facility for street vendors under PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), with common service centres (CSC).

Answer: HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank has recently launched the 2nd edition of the "Mooh Band Rakho" campaign to spread awareness on fraud prevention.
- Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has recently signed an MoU with HDFC Bank to encourage and promote listing of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and small companies across India.

187. Who is the author of the book titled 'Lal Salaam'?

Answer: Smriti Zubin Irani

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188. Union Minister of Heavy Industries Mahendra Nath Pandey has recently inaugurated Uttar Pradesh's first air pollution control tower in which city?

Answer: Noida

189. _____ has successfully test-fired 'Zircon' Hypersonic Cruise Missile, recently.

Answer: Russia

190. Which financial institution has recently approved a USD 150 million loan for implementation of the Sustainable Urban Services Program (SUSP) for the Chennai Metropolitan Region?

Answer: Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

191. Ministry of Defence has recently signed a contract with the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the procurement of two simulators for Jaguar aircraft at a cost of Rs _____.

Answer: 357 crore

192. Name the country that has recently become the first country to establish a digital embassy on the metaverse.

Answer: Barbados

193. Who is the author of the book titled "Finding a Straight Line between Twists and Turns"?

Answer: Aseem Chawla

194. The European Union (EU) and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have recently partnered to work together on which project?

Answer: Solid Waste Management

195. Zubeen Garg has been appointed as the brand ambassador of which lender?

Answer: Bandhan Bank

196. As per the latest Global Drug Policy Index 2021, India has been ranked at _____ position while _____ has topped the index.

Answer: 18th, Norway

197. National Legal Services Day is observed annually on _____.

Answer: 9th November

- The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) was constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 on 5 December 1995.

198. 'Bhadrachalam' has been added as a destination in IRCTC's Ramayana circuit train. It is situated on the banks of River _____.

Answer: Godavari

199. Which organization has recently published its report titled "Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net-Zero India" to provide a roadmap for India's energy transition?

Answer: World Economic Forum (WEF)

200. Who has recently been appointed as the brand ambassador of Amway India?

Answer: Amitabh Bachchan

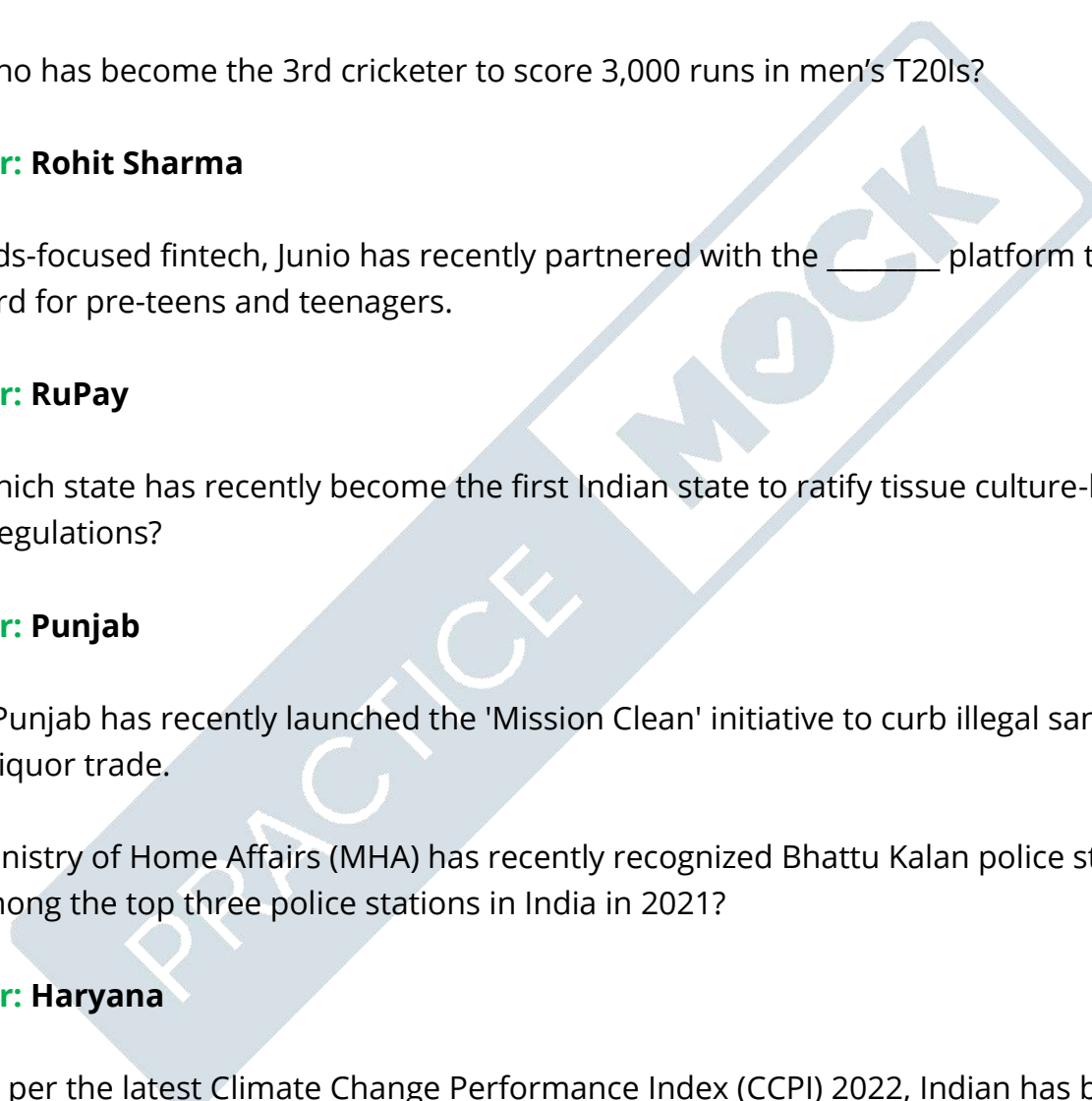
- Rishabh Pant has been selected as the brand ambassador for Hercules Bicycle
- Mohammed Siraj has recently been appointed as the new brand ambassador of Games24x7's fantasy cricket platform My11Circle.
- Kapil Dev has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Novo Nordisk India

201. Which country has recently launched an Epsilon-5 rocket carrying nine satellites?

Answer: Japan

202. In November 2021, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology has launched the first-ever mentorship program for young innovators named _____.

Answer: DBT-Star College Mentorship Programme

203. RBI has launched its first global hackathon named "HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation". The theme of HARBINGER 2021 is '_____'.


Answer: Smarter Digital Payments

204. Who has become the 3rd cricketer to score 3,000 runs in men's T20Is?

Answer: Rohit Sharma

205. Kids-focused fintech, Junio has recently partnered with the _____ platform to launch a debit card for pre-teens and teenagers.

Answer: RuPay

206. Which state has recently become the first Indian state to ratify tissue culture-based seed potato regulations?

Answer: Punjab

- Punjab has recently launched the 'Mission Clean' initiative to curb illegal sand mining and liquor trade.

207. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has recently recognized Bhattu Kalan police station of which state among the top three police stations in India in 2021?

Answer: Haryana

208. As per the latest Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2022, Indian has been ranked at which place?

Answer: 10th

209. _____ Cabinet has recently approved the proposal of the creation of a new district called 'Eastern West Khasi Hills' district.

Answer: Meghalaya

210. Who is the author of the book titled "Sunrise over Ayodhya – Nationhood in our Times"?

Answer: Salman Khurshid

211. Which lender has recently signed an MoU with Army Insurance Group (AGI) to provide retail mortgage loans to the Indian Army?

Answer: Axis Bank

- MobiKwik, in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Axis Bank, has recently launched 'MobiKwik RuPay Card'.

212. _____ has recently launched India's first Global Real Estate Securities Fund.

Answer: PGIM India Mutual Fund

213. Which organization has recently launched 'Digital Payment Gateway' in partnership with NSDL and PayU?

Answer: National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)

214. Who has been appointed as the new Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)?

Answer: Satya Narayan Pradhan

215. Who has been named as the Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations-World Food Programme (WFP)?

Answer: Daniel Bruhl

216. Falguni Nair has become the richest self-made woman in India. She is the founder and CEO of which company?

Answer: Nykaa

217. India's first Physical National Yogasana Sports Championship has been held in which city of India?

Answer: Bhubaneswar, Odisha

218. Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed annually on 12th November. This day is observed to commemorate the first visit of which of the following Indian personality to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi?

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

219. Which fintech company has recently launched the world's first Merchant Shareholding Program (MSP) for its merchant partners?

Answer: BharatPe

- BharatPe has partnered with LendenClub to launch the Peer to Peer (P2P) lending app named "12% Club" app that will allow consumers to invest and earn 12% annual interest or borrow at the same rate.

220. _____ has recently collaborated with the All India MSME Association (AIMA MSME) to encourage and promote the listing of MSMEs and start-ups.

Answer: Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)

221. _____ has recently joined the United Nations Global Compact, the world's largest sustainability initiative.

Answer: TVS Motor Company

222. India's _____ have recently won the 2021 Kids Rights International Children's Peace Prize for tackling pollution from household waste.

Answer: Vihaan and Nav Agarwal

223. The state government of _____ has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) to support the adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs).

Answer: Maharashtra

224. _____ has recently launched the 'Uttam Beej portal' to benefit the farmers of Haryana by providing quality seeds with transparency.

Answer: Haryana

225. Who has been conferred with the Basavashree Award 2021?

Answer: Kannada actor **Puneeth Rajkumar**

226. Indian boxer Akash Kumar has won the bronze medal at the AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships 2021 held at Belgrade in Serbia. He has lost in the _____ category.

Answer: 54 kg

227. Which financial service company, in association with Lawrencedale Agro Processing India (LEAF), has launched a digital platform 'LEAF Farmer Network (LFN)'?

Answer: Mastercard

228. Who is the author of the book titled "John Lang: Wanderer of Hindoostan, Slanderer in Hindoostanee, Lawyer for the Ranee"?

Answer: Amit Ranjan

229. The Ministry of Rural Development has recently launched an initiative for SHG women to become 'lakhpati'. This will enable rural SHG women to earn at least Rs _____ per annum.

Answer: 1 lakh

230. Who has been appointed as chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)?

Answer: Ashok Bhushan

231. Alan Keith Davidson, an _____ cricketer, has passed away recently

Answer: Australian

232. Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has launched the "Dairy Sahakar" scheme to strengthen the dairy sector in India. What is the total budget outlay of the scheme?

Answer: Rs 5000 crore

233. World Vegan Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 1st November

234. The US state of Georgia has announced to celebrate which Indian language as 'Rajyotsava Day'?

Answer: Kannada

235. Name the lender that has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Navy for salary accounts.

Answer: Axis Bank

236. Who has been appointed to head the '7-member IT Project Advisory Committee' constituted by SEBI to provide guidance for upgrading existing IT systems of SEBI?

Answer: Abhay Karandikar

237. The COP26 United Nations Climate Summit has been held in_____.

Answer: Glasgow, Scotland

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the summit and stressed on a five-point plan or 'Panchamrit', which means 'five ambrosia', to fight the devastating effects of global warming and climate change.

238. Which state government has recently launched the 'e-Sarkar' app on a pilot-basis for paperless administration?

Answer: Gujarat

239. The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has recently released the list of 18 Cricketers who have been selected for the MCC awards Honorary Life Membership of the Club. The list witnessed the names of 2 former Indian cricketers: _____.

Answer: Harbhajan Singh and Javagal Srinath

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240. The State Bank of India (SBI) has recently launched a pre-approved 2-wheeler loan scheme 'SBI Easy Ride' through the _____.

Answer: YONO platform

241. Which insurer has collaborated with Vega Helmets to promote road safety awareness?

Answer: ICICI Lombard General Insurance

- ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has recently got approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to acquire Bharti AXA General Insurance. IRDAI has also granted approval to ICICI Bank for bringing down its stake in ICICI Lombard to 30%.

242. Who is the author of the book titled 'The Story of the First Civilizations: From Mesopotamia to the Aztecs'?

Answer: Subhadra Sen Gupta

243. Ministry of Education has recently launched the 'Bhasha Sangam' initiative for schools. It has been developed by which organization?

Answer: National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

- It is an initiative of the Ministry of Education under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, to teach basic sentences of everyday usage in 22 Indian languages (Eighth Schedule languages).

244. National Tribal Dance Festival 2021 has been held in which city?

Answer: Raipur, Chhattisgarh

245. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) has recently appointed _____ as its new Director-General.

Answer: Arun Chawla

246. A book titled "Not Just Cricket: A Reporter's Journey through Modern India" has been authored by _____.

Answer: Pradeep Magazine

247. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently approved a \$61 million loan for urban development in which Indian city?

Answer: Agartala, Tripura.

248. Indian cricketer _____ has become the first Indian male cricketer to play in Australia's Big Bash League (BBL) as he is set to feature in the Melbourne Renegades side in the upcoming edition.

Answer: Unmukt Chand

249. _____ has recently won the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction 2021 for "The Promise," a novel about one white family's reckoning with South Africa's racist history.

Answer: Damon Galgut (South African writer)

250. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Barclays?

Answer: C.S. Venkatakrisnan

- He is the first person of colour to head the bank.

251. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has recently constituted a technology innovation group for 6G technology. Who among the following will lead the group?

Answer: K Rajaraman

252. The report, titled "The Adaptation Gap Report 2021: The Gathering Storm", says that if the world limits warming to 1.5 °C, many climate risks will remain and will be irreversible. Which organization has released the report?

Answer: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

253. Name the country that has recently unveiled a new coin to commemorate the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi.

Answer: United Kingdom (UK)

254. Anita Anand has recently been appointed as the Defence Minister of which country?

Answer: Canada

255. Which country has recently launched an earth science satellite named 'Guangmu' into space?

Answer: China

256. Who is the author of the book titled "An Economist At Home And Abroad"?

Answer: Shankar Acharya

- A book titled "The Cinema of Satyajit Ray" has been authored by Bhaskar Chattopadhyay.

257. _____ has recently launched the 'Janasevaka' scheme offering 58 government services at the doorstep of citizens.

Answer: Karnataka

258. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently unveiled Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi in which of the following temple complex?

Answer: Kedarnath Temple

259. _____ has recently launched a tokenization solution named 'SafeCard' for online debit and credit card transactions.

Answer: PhonePe

- PhonePe has recently received in-principle approval from the RBI to operate as an Account Aggregator (AA).

260. Former Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan has declared 7th November as the National Cancer Awareness Day in _____.

Answer: 2014

- National Cancer Awareness Day is observed annually on **7th November** in India to spread awareness on cancer, its symptoms, and treatment.

261. Which state has recently announced a scheme to provide free residential plots to families under the **Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-adhikar Yojna**.

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

- The construction of houses will come under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna.

262. Which country's former Prime Minister Ahmad Shah Ahmadzai has passed away recently?

Answer: Afghanistan

263. At which place the '**Sardar Patel Leadership Centre**' has been established?

Answer: Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie.

264. Indian Grandmaster _____ has recently won the 5th Rujna Zora chess tournament held in Serbia.

Answer: P Iniyar (His current FIDE rating is 2556)

265. Nelson Mandela Nobel Peace Award 2021 has been awarded to _____.

Answer: Ajay Sharma

266. Tarak Sinha has passed away recently. He was a renowned _____.

Answer: Cricket Coach

267. International Seed Conference has been held in _____.

Answer: Rome, Italy

- It is a two-day conference organized virtually by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

268. 'Gorehabba Festival' has been organized in which state?

Answer: Karnataka.

- This festival is celebrated a day after Diwali's Balipadyami in Gummatapura village of Karnataka.

269. _____ has been conferred with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020 for her outstanding contribution in the field of land adventure.

Answer: Priyanka Mohite (from Satara, Maharashtra)

- She is the first Indian woman to climb **Mount Annapurna**, the 10th highest mountain peak in the world.

270. Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah has recently launched the Mukhyamantri Ghasiyari Kalyan Yojana, and computerization of cooperative societies in _____.

Answer: Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

271. _____ and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have recently developed an integrated 'single-window filming mechanism'.

Answer: Ministry of Railways

272. Who has recently become the youngest bowler to take 400 T20 wickets?

Answer: Rashid Khan

273. Union Power Minister RK Singh has recently inaugurated the "Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project" in Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir. It has been built on the _____.

Answer: Marusudar River

274. Which of the following lender, in association with IndiGo, has recently launched a co-branded credit card named "Ka-Ching"?

Answer: Kotak Mahindra Bank

275. _____ has recently surpassed the market capitalization of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) to become the fifth-largest company by market value in India.

Answer: ICICI Bank

276. Competition Commission of India (CCI) has recently approved the acquisition of 4.99% of the outstanding equity share capital of HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company by _____.

Answer: HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank has recently become the first lender in India to exclusively list its \$1 billion foreign currency Additional Tier-I (AT1) bonds, priced at 3.7%, on the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) of the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT).
- HDFC Life Insurance Company has recently announced to acquire 100% stake in **Exide Industries-promoted Exide Life Insurance** for a total cash consideration of Rs 6,687 crore. It is the biggest insurance deal in India.

277. FloBiz has recently roped Manoj Bajpayee as the brand ambassador for its flagship product 'myBillBook'.

Answer: Manoj Bajpayee

278. Viktor Axelsen, the winner of the men's singles title at Denmark Open Badminton 2021, belongs to which of the following country?

Answer: Denmark

279. SBI General Insurance has recently partnered with _____ to enable users to buy SBI General's health insurance on the Google Pay app in a quick and hassle-free way.

Answer: Google Pay

280. _____ has recently partnered with the Ministry of Electronics and IT's Startup Hub to launch 'Appscale Academy'

Answer: Google

281. International Animation Day is observed annually on _____ to celebrate the art of animation and also recognize the artists, scientists, and technicians behind animation.

Answer: 28th October

- The year 2021 marks the 20th International Animation Day.

282. Which ministry has launched an e-National Level Awareness Program 'SAMBHAV', to promote engagement of the youth in promoting entrepreneurship?

Answer: Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

283. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)?

Answer: K.V. Kamath

284. Which lender has recently signed a \$100 million loan to promote an agribusiness network to boost farm income and reduce food losses in Maharashtra?

Answer: Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently sanctioned a \$ 112 million loan to improve water supply infrastructure and strengthen capacities of urban local bodies (ULBs) for improved service delivery in four towns in the state of Jharkhand.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently approved a \$ 150 million loan to provide access to inclusive, resilient, and sustainable housing for the urban poor in Tamil Nadu.

285. The report titled "The Changing Wealth of Nations 2021" states that South Asia suffers the most in terms of human capital loss due to air pollution. The report has been published by which of the following organization?

Answer: World Bank

286. Sunfresh Agro Industries (SAIPL) in Maharashtra operating under Global dairy major Lactalis has recently partnered with the _____ to extend financial support to the dairy farmers in the state.

Answer: State Bank of India (SBI)

287. Which of the following bank has been conferred with the 'Top Organization with Innovative HR Practice' award?

Answer: Karnataka Bank

288. Who has been appointed as the head of the '7-member Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)' that has been reconstituted by the Union Government?

Answer: Bibek Debroy

289. A three-member committee has been appointed by the Supreme Court to investigate the issue of the use of Pegasus spyware on Indian citizens. Who among the following will oversee the functioning of the committee?

Answer: R V Raveendran

290. Which lender has recently launched a RuPay credit card named 'Veer' for the Indian Armed Forces in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

Answer: Kotak Mahindra Bank

291. National Unity Day is observed annually on _____ to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Answer: 31st October

292. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has recently sanctioned _____ to the Government of India for various infrastructure projects in rural areas in Assam.

Answer: Rs. 608 crore

293. The digital marketplace of which e-commerce firm has recently partnered with Rupifi to offer Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) to MSMEs?

Answer: Flipkart Wholesale

294. Name the country that has recently launched its first homegrown space rocket named 'Nuri'.

Answer: South Korea

295. _____ has recently entered into a partnership with Pine Labs to expand its merchant acquiring and Point-of-Sale (PoS) services to more merchants, especially retailers.

Answer: Kotak Mahindra Bank

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296. In October 2021, DRDO has successfully test-fired a High-Speed Expendable Air Target (HEAT) named _____ to be used for evaluation of various missile systems.

Answer: ABHYAS

297. _____ has recently announced to build India's largest green hydrogen plant of 10 MW capacity in 12-14 months.

Answer: Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)

298. Which small finance bank has recently launched QR Code Sound Box to boost digital payments?

Answer: AU Small Finance Bank

299. RBI has recently (Oct 2021) introduced 'Scale Based Regulation' (SBR) a Revised Regulatory Framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). This framework will come into effect from which date?

Answer: 1st October 2022

300. India's first state-owned wildlife DNA testing analysis laboratory has been set up in which city of Maharashtra?

Answer: Nagpur

301. World Polio Day is observed annually on 24th October. The theme for 2021 is "_____".

Answer: One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio - delivering on our promise of a polio-free world

302. Who has been honoured with the 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award?

Answer: Rajinikanth

- Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted in 1969.

303. Who is the author of the anthology titled "Writing for My Life"?

Answer: Ruskin Bond

304. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has recently launched an app named '_____' for digital mapping of all polling stations.

Answer: Garuda

- It will ensure faster, smarter, transparent, and timely completion of election work.

305. The Central Government has recently constituted a National Steering Committee (NSC) for the implementation of the NIPUN Bharat Mission. Who among the following will chair the committee?

Answer: Dharmendra Pradhan

306. _____ has won the 2021 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade.

Answer: Tsitsi Dangarembga

307. Who is the author of the book titled 'Kamala Harris: Phenomenal Woman'?

Answer: Chidanand Rajghatta

- Shafey Kidwai has authored a book titled "Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Reason, Religion and Nation"

308. _____ has recently launched a Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) for drone owners and operators.

Answer: Tata AIG General Insurance Company

- It is a comprehensive product covering both Hull and Third-Party Liability risks faced by them.

309. _____ has recently released its report called "2021 Production Gap Report".

Answer: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

310. Which country has recently sought a USD 500 million line of credit from India to pay for the purchase of crude oil?

Answer: Sri Lanka

311. The Union Government has recently constituted a working group to launch an overhauled Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) from Kharif season 2022. Who among the following will lead the working group?

Answer: Ritesh Chauhan

312. Which country has recently hosted the LMDC ministerial meeting titled 'Preparation for COP 26 on Climate Change - Expectations and Challenges'?

Answer: Bolivia

313. According to the latest released Mercer CFA Global Pension Index Survey (MCGPI) 2021, the Indian pension system has been ranked _____ among 43 systems, while _____ has topped the index.

Answer: 40th; Iceland

314. Agri-fintech firm Dvara E-Dairy has recently entered into a partnership with _____ to assist small and medium dairy farmers with financial and livestock management solutions.

Answer: Jana Small Finance Bank

315. Who is the author of the book titled "The Stars in My Sky"?

Answer: Divya Dutta

316. Which country has recently declared a state of emergency over drug violence?

Answer: Ecuador

317. Which state government has recently launched a mega campaign named 'Prashasan Gaon Ke Sang'?

Answer: Rajasthan

318. Who has been appointed as the head the '9-member expert group' constituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to prepare a comprehensive tax policy proposal for all tobacco products?

Answer: Vikas Sheel

319. As per the latest Rule of Law Index 2021, India has been ranked at what position?

Answer: 79th

320. Which of the following Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) has won the Gold Award in the Environmental Sustainability category?

Answer: National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC)

321. National Police Commemoration Day is observed annually on _____ to remember and honour the brave policemen who have laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Answer: 21st October

322. Who has been roped by CoinDCX for its 'Future Yahi Hai' campaign?

Answer: Ayushmann Khurrana

323. Who has been appointed as the ambassador of the Russian Film Festival in India?

Answer: Imtiaz Ali

324. Which digital payments company has recently launched the India Digital Trade Facilitation Forum (IDTFF) in association with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)?

Answer: PayPal

325. Who has won the 2021 People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) Award?

Answer: James Sangma

326. WHO has launched the first-ever global strategy to defeat which disease by 2030?

Answer: Meningitis

- It is an inflammatory disease that affects the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord.

327. _____ has launched the "Climate Resilience Information System and Planning (CRISP-M)" tool to integrate the climate information in the "Geographic Information System (GIS) based watershed planning under the MGNREGA.

Answer: Ministry of Rural Development

- **MGNREGA** was launched on 25th August 2005.

328. Which state has topped in India by funding the maximum number of units under the **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP)**?

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

329. World Student's Day is observed annually on **15th October**. This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of who among the following Indian personality?

Answer: Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

- The theme for 2021 is "Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace".
- The day was first observed in 2010.

330. In October 2021, India has signed an MoU with which country for Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertilizer supply?

Answer: Russia

331. As per the 'Global Hunger Index 2021' prepared by Concern Worldwide' and 'Welt Hunger Hilfe, India has been ranked _____ among 116 countries, while _____ has been ranked at the bottom.

Answer: 101st; Somalia

332. Who is the author of the book titled "Actually...I Met Them: A Memoir"?

Answer: Gulzar (Legendary Indian poet-lyricist-director)

333. Who has been honored with the "WHO Director-General's" Award 2021?

Answer: Henrietta Lacks

334. Who has been appointed as Team India's head coach?

Answer: Rahul Dravid

- **Lt. Paras Mhambrey** has been appointed as bowling coach of Team India

335. World Food Day is observed annually on _____ to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945.

Answer: 16th October

- The theme for World Food Day 2021 is **“Our actions are our future. Better production, better nutrition, better environment and a better life”**.

336. Reliance Industries has recently topped the Indian Corporates in the World's Best Employers 2021 ranking published by Forbes. Which of the following company has topped globally?

Answer: Samsung Electronics

337. Who has been appointed to head the '4-member advisory group' constituted by SEBI for settlement orders and compounding of offenses?

Answer: Vijay C Daga

338. As per the study released by the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW), India should increase its solar power capacity to 5630 GW by which year?

Answer: 2070

- India has set an ambitious target to scale up its total renewable energy capacity to 450 GW by 2030.

339. _____ has recently released the Global TB (Tuberculosis) Report 2021.

Answer: World Health Organization (WHO)

- India has accounted for **41%** of the total global drop in reporting TB between 2019 & 2020, followed by Indonesia (14%), the Philippines (12%), and China (8%).
- Globally the goal is to end TB by **2030**. However, India has set a target to end TB by **2025**.

340. _____ has recently collaborated with the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) to work together in diverse areas of telecom with a key focus on boosting modernization and expansion of communication networks in the country.

Answer: RailTel Corporation of India Ltd (RailTel)

341. Chennai Super Kings (CSK) has recently won their fourth IPL title in the 14th edition of IPL 2021. The final match of IPL has been held in which stadium?

Answer: Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai

- Orange Cap (Highest Run Scorer) – Ruturaj Gaikwad (CSK)
- Purple Cap (Highest Wicket Scorer) – Harshal Patel (RCB)

342. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed annually on _____ to spread awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution around the world, particularly in developing countries.

Answer: 17th October

- The theme for 2021 is “Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet”.

343. Who has become the new CMD of the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC)?

Answer: Amit Rastogi

344. As per the latest news, India has signed two agreements with which country to promote cross-border train services?

Answer: Nepal

345. Which country has recently topped the medal tally with 43 medals at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2021?

Answer: India

346. Indian Railways has recently started two long-haul freight trains for South Central Railway (SCR) named _____ and _____.

Answer: Trishul; Garuda

347. Who has been honored with the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence 2021?

Answer: Dr. **Randeep Guleria** (Director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences)

348. The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has recently unveiled the official mascot of the U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 i.e. " _____ " an Asiatic lioness representing 'women power'.

Answer: **Ibha**

349. Name the state/UT that has recently launched the 'Desh ke mentor' programme.

Answer: **Delhi**

- **Bollywood Actor Sonu Sood** is the brand ambassador of this programme

350. _____ has recently taken over the responsibility of the Jaipur International Airport from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for a period of 50 years.

Answer: **Adani Group**

351. Who has recently been appointed as the Chairman of "Bharatpe"?

Answer: **Rajnish Kumar**

352. Which of the following has become the first Indian non-banking financial company (NBFC) to launch instant business loans on WhatsApp?

Answer: **India Infoline Limited (IIFL) Finance**

353. Ezetap, a digital payments leader, has recently collaborated with which lender to introduce 'My Vyappar', the latest offering for retail businesses in India?

Answer: **Axis Bank**

354. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently (13th October 2021) launched Rs _____ PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan to provide multi-modal connectivity to economic zones in the country.

Answer: **100 lakh crore**

- The PM GatiShakti digital platform is based on six pillars:
 - 1) Comprehensiveness
 - 2) Prioritization
 - 3) Optimization
 - 4) Synchronization
 - 5) Analytical
 - 6) Dynamic

355. _____ has recently released the International **Debt Statistics Report 2022**. The report states that low-income countries' debt has increased by 12% i.e. \$ 860 billion in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Answer: World Bank

- World Bank has recently approved a \$150 million program to support Chennai's sustainable urban services and transform it into a “world-class city”.

356. Name the country that has recently unveiled the world's first automated driverless train.

Answer: Germany

357. According to the recently released Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI), India has been ranked at which position?

Answer: 3rd

358. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently issued a Small Finance Bank (SFB) license to the consortium of Centrum Financial Services Limited (Centrum) and Resilient Innovations Private Limited (BharatPe). The new SFB has been incorporated as _____.

Answer: Unity Small Finance Bank

- With this, the total strength of SFB in India is **12**.

359. Which lender has recently partnered with Axis Securities to integrate banking with investment?

Answer: Saraswat Cooperative Bank

360. Who has been conferred with the 2021 CK Prahlad Award for Global Business Sustainability Leadership?

Answer: Satya Nadella

361. Who has been appointed as the CEO of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY)?

Answer: Ritesh Chauhan

362. _____ has recently announced the launch of Micro ATMs across the country.

Answer: Kotak Mahindra Bank

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has recently decided to sell its **20 Crore** (8.6%) equity shares of Airtel Payments Bank (APBL) to Bharti Enterprises Limited for a cash consideration of Rs 294 Crore.

363. Which lender has recently collaborated with CredAvenue for the portfolio management of its securitization book?

Answer: Federal Bank

364. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has recently sanctioned an assistance of **Rs 303 crore** to the _____ government for the construction of 24 bridges in the state

Answer: Odisha

365. RBI has recently given in-principle approval to _____ for setting up and operating trade receivables discounting system (TReDS) under the Payments and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

Answer: BSE Technologies Limited

366. Who among the following has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Fire-Boltt?

Answer: Virat Kohli

367. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)?

Answer: Ashok Kumar Gupta

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368. Indian Air Force (IAF) Day is observed annually on 8th October to spread awareness around the world about IAF as an organization that works towards strengthening national security. The day also marks the establishment of the Indian Air Force on 8th October _____.

Answer: 1932

- IAF is celebrating its 89th anniversary this year.

369. Who has won the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize?

Answer: Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov

The Nobel Prizes 2021:

Field	Recipient	Contribution
Physics	Syukuro Manabe and Klaus Hasselmann	for the physical modelling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability and reliably predicting global warming
	Giorgio Parisi	for the discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales
Chemistry	Benjamin List and David MacMillan	"for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis"
Physiology/Medicine	David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian	for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch
Literature	Abdulrazak Gurnah	"for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate

		of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents”
Peace	Maria Ressa and Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov	“for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace”
Economics	David Card	“for his empirical contributions to labour economics”
	Joshua D. Angrist and Guido W. Imbens	“for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships”

370. Anshu Malik has been in the news recently. She is associated with which sport?

Answer: Wrestling

371. Bathukamma, the flower, and cultural festival, is celebrated in which state?

Answer: Telangana

372. A report titled “State of the Education Report (SOER)-2021 for India: No Teachers, No Class” states that there are around 1.2 lakh single-teacher schools in India. The report is published by which of the following organization?

Answer: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

373. The State Bank of India has recently extended its partnership with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to drive innovation and technology solutions for _____.

Answer: 5 years

- TCS is also helping SBI to build Bharat Craft – an omnichannel, online B2B e-commerce platform that would serve as a marketplace for MSMEs.

374. _____ has recently launched the “6S Campaign” under the customer outreach program to accelerate credit growth, improve penetration of social security schemes and drive digital banking push.

Answer: Punjab National Bank

- The '6S' denotes different schemes such as – *Swabhiman, Samruddhi, Sampark and Shikhar, Sankalp, and Swagat.*

375. Which state has recently developed the country's first smartphone-based eVoting solution?

Answer: Telangana

376. The Central Government has recently launched the 'River Ranching Programme' in Uttar Pradesh under the Namami Gange Programme. The program is related to which of the following?

Answer: Fish Production

377. Which state's 'Karuppur kalamkari' painting has recently got a GI Tag?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

- Three products from Tamil Nadu have recently (Oct 2021) received a GI Tag. These are: Karuppur Kalamkari Paintings, Kanyakumari Cloves, and Kallakurichi Wood Craving.

378. Which celebrity has been recently appointed by crypto platform CoinSwitch Kuber as its brand ambassador?

Answer: Ranveer Singh

379. Asian Table Tennis Championships 2021 has recently been held in Doha, Qatar. For the first time, India has won _____ medals in the championship.

Answer: 3 bronze

380. Who is the author of the book titled "The Custodian of Trust"?

Answer: Rajnish Kumar

381. Who has been honoured with the prestigious Aryabhata Award?

Answer: Dr. G Satheesh Reddy (the Chairman of DRDO)

382. Which ministry has recently launched a web portal named 'Wetlands of India Portal'?

Answer: Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change

383. World Animal Day is observed annually on _____.

Answer: 4th October

- World Animal Day was observed for the first time in **1925**.

384. Who has recently become the first Indian woman to score a Test century in Australia?

Answer: Smriti Mandhana

385. _____ has recently acquired a 100% stake in Mumbai-based digital lending start-up CreditMate.

Answer: Paytm

386. National Ganga River Dolphin Day is observed annually on _____ to spread awareness and encourage the conservation of Ganga River Dolphins.

Answer: 5th October

- On 5th October 2010, the dolphins were declared the National Aquatic Animal.

387. The Prime Minister of Ethiopia, _____ has recently taken oath for a second five-year term. He is serving as prime minister of Ethiopia since 2018.

Answer: Abiy Ahmed

- Abiy Ahmed has won the **2019 Nobel Peace Prize** for restoring ties with neighboring Eritrea and for pursuing sweeping political reforms.

388. Which country has recently successfully test-fired a hypersonic missile named 'Zircon'?

Answer: Russia

389. Veteran _____ Ghanashyam Nayak has recently passed away due to cancer in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Answer: Actor

- He was known for his role as Nattu Kaka in the TV series Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah.

390. The 40th edition of the India International Trade Fair 2021 will be held in New Delhi. The theme of the 2021 fair is _____.

Answer: Atmanirbhar Bharat

391. The CSIR's Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT) has recently introduced cinnamon cultivation in _____ on a pilot basis.

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

- With this, Himachal Pradesh has become the first state to start organized cultivation of cinnamon.

392. The first consignment of GI tagged sweet dish 'Mihidana' sourced from _____ has recently been exported to the Kingdom of Bahrain by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).

Answer: Bardhaman, West Bengal

393. _____ has recently launched 'Mukhyamantri Paryatan Udyog Sambal Yojana-2021' to provide relief to the entrepreneurs of the tourism and hospitality sector affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Answer: Rajasthan government

394. Indian _____ Arvind Trivedi has passed away recently in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Answer: Actor

- He was best known for his iconic role of demon-king 'Raavan' in Ramanand Sagar's TV serial Ramayan.

395. The city of _____ in Uttar Pradesh will become the first Indian city to use ropeway services in public transportation. With this, India will be the third country in the world after Bolivia and Mexico City, to have a ropeway for public transport.

Answer: Varanasi

396. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently superseded the boards of Srei Infrastructure Finance (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance (SEFL) due to governance issues. Who has been appointed by RBI as the administrator for these two companies?

Answer: Rajneesh Sharma

397. Which lender has recently launched a current account product 'Supreme' for NRIs?

Answer: ESAF Small Finance Bank

398. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently granted a license to the _____ **National Asset Reconstruction Company** (NARCL) under **Section 3** of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002.

Answer: Rs 6000 crore

399. Who is the author of the book titled "Economist Gandhi: The Roots and the Relevance of the Political Economy of the Mahatma"?

Answer: Jaithirth Rao

400. Union Health Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya has released a report titled "The State of the World's Children 2021". The report is published by which of the following organization?

Answer: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

401. The Defence Accounts Department (DAD) under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence has recently developed an IT-enabled payment and accounting system called _____ to ensure that the domestic defence suppliers get payments without any delay.

Answer: PRABAL

402. Who among the following has recently become the brand ambassador of the Uttar Pradesh government's 'One District, One Product (ODOP) scheme?

Answer: Kangana Ranaut

403. Amrutanjan Healthcare Limited has recently appointed Tokyo Olympic weightlifting Silver medallist Mirabai Chanu and wrestling Bronze medallist _____ as its brand ambassador.

Answer: Bajrang Punia

404. Union Cabinet has recently approved capital infusion of Rs _____ to ECGC Ltd. over five years, i.e. from FY 2021-2022 to FY 2025- 2026. The aim is to provide support to exporters as well as banks.

Answer: 4,400 crore

- Cabinet has approved the contribution of Grant-in-aid (Corpus) of **Rs 1,650 Crore** to the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) for 5 years.

405. The Right Livelihood Award, also known as "Sweden's Alternative Nobel Prize", has been presented to which organization in 2021?

Answer: Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE)

406. Who has been named as the brand ambassador for the National Basketball Association (NBA) in India?

Answer: Ranveer Singh

407. The Ministry of Labour and Employment has recently reconstituted the expert group responsible for determining the national floor-level minimum wages under the Code on Wages. Who among the following will head the committee?

Answer: SP Mukherjee

408. According to the latest Digital Quality of Life (DQL) Index 2021, India has been ranked _____, as against 57th in 2020

Answer: 59th

Digital Quality of Life (DQL) Index 2021	
Rank	Country
1	Denmark
2	South Korea
3	Finland
110	Ethiopia

409. Fumio Kishida has recently been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

Answer: Japan

410. Which bank has recently become the official partner bank of the Integrated Financial and Human Resource Management System (IFHRMS) for offline and online collection of Treasuries?

Answer: Indian Bank

411. Which of the following state government has recently launched a mobile application named 'Digital Baramati Umbrella App' to provide all citizen-centric facilities at a single click?

Answer: Maharashtra

412. International Day of Older Persons is observed annually on _____ to spread awareness about the need for health provisions and social care for the elderly.

Answer: 1st October

- The theme for 2021 is “**Digital Equity for All Ages**”.

413. Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav has recently launched a digital skills program to enhance the employability of youth by imparting digital skills named 'DigiSaksham'. It is a joint initiative of _____ and the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Answer: Microsoft India

- **Amazon India** has recently announced the launch of Amazon Future Engineer, its global computer science education programme in India.

414. The Central Government has launched a SACRED portal. Citizens above _____ of age can register on the portal.

Answer: 60 years

- SACRED stands for '**Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity**'.

415. Indel Money has recently tied up with _____ for a gold loan co-lending partnership to offer gold loans at competitive rates.

Answer: IndusInd Bank

- 80% of gold loans will be funded by IndusInd Bank while the remaining 20% will be funded by Indel Money.

416. Which of the following has launched the 'PAY feature' on its mobile app that provides the integrated facility of QR (Quick Response) code-based payment and loyalty points in a single app?

Answer: Payback India

417. Who has been appointed as the first Woman Prime Minister of Tunisia?

Answer: Najla Bouden Romdhane

418. Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated annually on 2nd October to mark the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The year 2021 marks his _____ birth anniversary.

Answer: 152nd

419. Who has been appointed to head the committee constituted by the Ministry of Coal to review the timelines for project execution?

Answer: Nirupama Kotru

420. _____ has recently launched the "People's Plan Campaign 2021 - Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas" and Vibrant Gram Sabha Dashboard.

Answer: Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development

421. Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC) has been established in which state?

Answer: Jaipur in Rajasthan

422. A report titled 'Global Financial Stability Report 2021' states that the increasing use of cryptocurrencies could pose challenges to financial stability. The report has been released by which of the following organization?

Answer: International Monetary Fund (IMF)

423. The US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have jointly announced an 8-year sponsor program with a credit guarantee of _____ million to address the economic impact of COVID-19 in India.

Answer: \$ 55 million

424. India and which country have recently signed an agreement for joint development of small satellites?

Answer: Bhutan

425. _____ has recently collaborated with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to allow customers to use ICICI Bank FASTag to pay for fuel and lubricants at HPCL retail outlets.

Answer: ICICI Bank

- ICICI Bank has recently partnered with Amazon India to offer instant and online overdraft (OD) facility of up to **Rs 25 lakh** to individual sellers and small businesses registered on the e-commerce giant's online marketplace.

426. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently issued a separate master direction on the transfer of loan exposures and securitization of standard assets. As per the new directions, the minimum ticket size for the issuance of securitization notes will be _____.

Answer: 1 Crore

427. Who is the author of the book titled 'Smart Villages: Bridging the Global Urban-Rural Divide'?

Answer: Sridhar Vembu

428. The world's highest electric vehicle charging station has been set up in Kaza village of Lahaul and Spiti district in_____.

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

- It is set up at a height of 500 ft.

429. The Supreme Court of India has recently approved a system called FASTER for electronic transmission of its orders. What is the full form of FASTER?

Answer: Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records

430. United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) celebrated the first World Tourism Day as an international observance on 27th September 1980. UNWTO is headquartered in _____.

Answer: Madrid, Spain

- World Tourism Day is observed annually on 27th September.
- The theme for this year is "Tourism for Inclusive Growth".

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431. Who is the author of the book titled 'My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future'?

Answer: Indra Nooyi

432. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award is given for outstanding contribution in the field of _____.

Answer: Science and Technology

433. On the occasion of World Rabies Day, the Union Government has launched a National Action Plan for Dog-mediated Rabies Elimination (NAPRE) to eradicate rabies from India by which year?

Answer: 2030

- World Rabies Day is observed annually on 28th September.
- The theme for this year is 'Rabies: Facts, not Fear'.

434. Who among the following has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Mastercard?

Answer: Magnus Carlsen

435. Ministry of Finance has recently constituted two Groups of Ministers (GoM) to look into the rate rationalization under the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Who among the following will chair the panel to review IT tools?

Answer: Ajit Pawar

436. RBI has recently decided, in consultation with the Government of India, the limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the second half (H2) of the financial year 2021-22 i.e. October 2021 to March 2022 at Rs _____.

Answer: 50,000 crore

- The government of India, in consultation with RBI, has decided to borrow Rs 5.03 lakh crore for the second half of FY22. In H1 of FY22, the government has borrowed Rs 7.02 lakh crore.

437. In which state the "Nata-Sankirtan" festival is celebrated?

Answer: Manipur

438. Who is the MD & CEO of the National Securities Depositories (NSDL)?

Answer: Padmaja Chundururu

439. PayPoint India, in collaboration with which lender has recently decided to provide banking services across the country through the Business Correspondent (BC) model?

Answer: Bank of Baroda

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has recently launched an international co-branded 'RuPay NCMC (National Common Mobility Card)' platinum contactless debit card in partnership with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).

440. Who has been appointed as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH)?

Answer: Amit Saxena

- The current CEO is **Rajesh Bansal**.

441. What is the official motto of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics?

Answer: Together for a Shared Future

442. The first Himalayan Film Festival has been held in which place?

Answer: Leh, Ladakh

443. World Rose Day is observed annually on 22nd September. The day is observed for the welfare of _____ patients.

Answer: Cancer

- World Rose Day was first observed in the honor of 12-year-old cancer patient **Melinda Rose** from **Canada**, who died in 1996. She was diagnosed with Askin's Tumour in 1994, which is a rare form of blood cancer.

444. Who has become the "fastest Indian" to summit two peaks located in Africa and Russia?

Answer: Geeta Samota

445. Who is the author of the book titled "The Three Khans: And the Emergence of New India"?

Answer: Kaveree Bamzai

446. The Ministry of Education has recently constituted a 12-member National Steering Committee to develop the new National Curriculum Framework (NCF) in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The committee will be chaired by who among the following?

Answer: K Kasturirangan

447. The 33rd session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme of UNESCO has recently been held in a hybrid format in _____.

Answer: Abuja, Nigeria

448. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Howzat Fantasy Sports Platform?

Answer: Suresh Raina

449. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently released the new Global Air Quality Guidelines (AQG). As per the new guidelines, the annual average concentration of PM2.5 should not exceed _____ micrograms per cubic metre.

Answer: 5 µg/m³

450. Which of the following city has been named the UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023?

Answer: Accra, Ghana

451. RBL Bank has recently announced the launch of a new festive campaign #UseBefikar for a seamless payment experience in association with which of the following financial entity?

Answer: Mastercard

452. Antyodaya Diwas is observed annually on 25 September. This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of which of the following Indian personality?

Answer: Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya

453. Who is the author of the book titled '400 days'?

Answer: Chetan Bhagat

- Adityanath Das, an IAS officer of the 1987 batch, has authored a book titled 'Dancing with Dreams'.

454. Rajiv Bansal has been appointed as the secretary of which ministry?

Answer: Ministry of Civil Aviation

455. Tata Capital has recently launched a first of its kind digital banking scheme named 'Loan Against Mutual Funds' (LAMF). The scheme provides loans from Rs _____ to Rs 2 crores to customers on their existing Mutual Funds.

Answer: 5 lakhs

456. Indian _____ player Joshna Chinappa has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Japanese sports company ASICS.

Answer: Squash

457. Fino Payments Bank Limited has recently appointed Indian actor _____ as its first brand ambassador.

Answer: Pankaj Tripathi

458. NITI Aayog has recently collaborated with which of the following Edutech company to provide study material to schools?

Answer: BYJU's

459. The 15th edition of Joint military exercise between India and _____ called 'SURYA KIRAN' has been conducted at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

Answer: Nepal

460. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has recently chaired the 45th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting in _____.

Answer: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

461. Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has recently launched a new mobile app "PRAGATI" for its Development Officers. What is P in PRAGATI stand for?

Answer: Performance

- PRAGATI stands for **Performance Review Application, Growth And Trend Indicator**.
- IDBI Intech Limited has successfully implemented its iAML (**Anti Money Laundering**) solution at India's insurance giant, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). This will help LIC to upgrade its Anti Money Laundering Reporting System.

462. Who among the following Indian personalities has been appointed as a UN Sustainable Development Goals Advocate for advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Answer: Kailash Satyarthi

463. _____ has been appointed as the Director of Public Policy in India by Facebook.

Answer: Rajiv Aggarwal

464. World Alzheimer's Day is observed annually on 21st September. This day was first observed in which year?

Answer: 1994

- September was declared as World Alzheimer's Month in 2012.

465. The 3rd edition of Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti' has recently been conducted between India and _____.

Answer: Indonesia

466. UN's International Day of Democracy is annually observed on 15th September to provide an opportunity to review the state of democracy across the globe. The day was first observed in_____.

Answer: 2008

467. Former India _____ and Mohun Bagan Captain, Bhabani Roy has recently passed away in Kolkata.

Answer: Footballer

468. _____ has recently launched "Project Udaan", an AI-based software ecosystem that translates scientific and technical content from English to Hindi and several other Indian languages.

Answer: IIT Bombay

469. Union Minister of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development (MoPR) Shri Giriraj Singh has recently launched the 'SVAMITVA Dashboard' to monitor the implementation of the SVAMITVA scheme. On which date the SVAMITVA scheme was launched?

Answer: 24th April 2020

470. The Assam government has recently signed a Rs _____ agreement with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) under the Cluster Development Fund to set up an innovation fund to promote start-ups.

Answer: 350-crore

471. International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, also known as World Ozone Day, is observed annually on _____ to spread awareness among people about the depletion of the Ozone Layer and the measures taken/ to be taken to preserve it.

Answer: 16th September

- The year 2021 marks the 27th World Ozone Day and the theme for this year is 'Montreal Protocol – keeping us, our food, and vaccines cool'.

472. Ministry of Defence has recently constituted a High-Level Expert Committee to suggest measures to empower the National Cadet Corps (NCC). The committee is headed by who among the following?

Answer: Baijayant Panda

473. Who is the author of the book titled 'Translating Myself and Others'?

Answer: Jhumpa Lahiri

474. _____ has recently launched a digital offering named 'Unitransact' to simplify cross-border transactions. It is a one-stop solution and seamless transaction between clients and beneficiaries.

Answer: HSBC Bank India

475. Which lender has been approved recently by the RBI to form a 'Special Committee of Directors' to oversee the operations and administration of the bank in the absence of a regular chief executive?

Answer: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

476. India and which country have recently launched 'Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind' as part of Green Strategic Partnership?

Answer: Denmark

477. The world's largest plant named 'Orca' capturing Carbon Dioxide from Air has started in which of the following country?

Answer: Iceland

478. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has recently handed over the first deliverable Firing Unit (FU) of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) System to Indian Air Force (IAF). The system is jointly developed by DRDO and which of the following?

Answer: Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)

479. Who is the Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities?

Answer: Iqbal Singh Lalpura

480. Tamil Nadu government has recently decided to observe the death anniversary of Subramaniam Bharathi as Mahakavi Day on 11th September. The year 2021 marks the _____ death anniversary of Subramaniam Bharathi.

Answer: 100th

481. Recently, NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in collaboration with ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation), and which of the following has launched 'ATL Space Challenge 2021'?

Answer: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)

482. Which state has recently become the first state in the country to install off-grid solar pumps under the PM-KUSUM scheme?

Answer: Haryana

- The Haryana government has installed 14, 418 pumps against the target of 15000 pumps for the year 2020-21.
- Prime Minister's **Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan** (PM-KUSUM) scheme has been launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) to support the installation of off-grid solar pumps in rural areas and reduce dependence on the grid, in grid-connected areas. It has been launched in 2019 to provide financial and water security.

483. India's first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification-based methanol production plant has been recently inaugurated in BHEL, R&D Centre at _____.

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

- The project is supported by the Department of Science and Technology with a grant of Rs 10 crore.

484. Which of the following investment platform has recently partnered with Amazon Pay India to offer a wealth management service for the first time?

Answer: Kuvera

485. Who is the author of the book titled "Human Rights and Terrorism in India"?

Answer: Subramanian Swamy

486. Which of the following country will become the first country in the world to require all new homes to have Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers?

Answer: England

- The home and office EV charger mandate is expected to launch in 2022.

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487. Union Civil Aviation Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia has recently launched the 'Medicine from the Sky' program to transport vaccines and other essential products to remote areas using drones on a pilot basis in which state?

Answer: Telangana

- It has been started from the Vikarabad district in Telangana.

488. _____ has enabled India's first FASTag-based metro parking facility in partnership with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

Answer: Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL)

489. The largest Open-air Fernery in India has recently been inaugurated at _____ in Uttarakhand. The fernery has the largest collection of fern species (120), second to only Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute (TBGRI), Thiruvananthapuram.

Answer: Ranikhet

490. Veteran journalist _____ has recently authored a new book titled 'A Rude Life: The Memoir'.

Answer: Vir Sanghvi

- The book features his views and experience as an Indian journalist.

491. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and _____ have recently planned to integrate Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow to enable “quick, low-cost fund transfer” for users.

Answer: Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)

- The linked interface is expected to be operationalized by **July 2022**.

492. Hindi Diwas, also known as Hindi Day, is observed annually on _____ to encourage the use of Hindi in daily life and highlight the contribution of writers and poets of this language.

Answer: 14th September

- The Constituent Assembly of India has adopted Hindi, written in Devanagari script, as the official language of India on **14th September 1949**. The first Hindi Day was observed in 1953.

493. _____ has recently collaborated with Fisdom, a financial company that specializes in fund management, to offer wealth management products and services to its customer through its mBanking Plus app.

Answer: UCO Bank

494. _____ has recently become the first country in the world to begin COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 2 years and above. The vaccine is yet to be recognized by the World Health Organization.

Answer: Cuba

495. Union Environment Minister, Bhupendra Yadav has recently launched a portal named 'PRANA' to track the progress of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). What is the full form of 'PRANA'?

Answer: Portal for Regulation of Air Pollution

496. The Central Government has recently approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for textiles for MMF (man-made fibre) apparel, MMF fabrics, and 10 segments/products of technical textiles with a budgetary outlay of Rs _____ that will be provided over 5 years.

Answer: 10,683 crore

497. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has recently decided to allow stock exchanges the option to offer the faster 'Trade-plus-one' (T+1) settlement cycle instead of the existing T+2 cycle from _____. In this, the trades will get settled the day after the transaction.

Answer: 1st January 2022

498. UNESCO's International Literacy Day is observed annually on 8th September to mark the importance of literacy for individuals, communities, and societies. The day was first observed in the year _____.

Answer: 1967

- The theme for 2021 is "Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide".

499. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently directed that no entity or merchant other than the card issuer and the card network should store card details or card-on-file (CoF) with effect from which date?

Answer: 1st January 2022

500. Himalayan Day is observed annually on September 9th in the state of Uttarakhand to conserve Himalayan ecosystem and region. The day was officially declared as Himalaya Day in 2014 by the then Chief Minister _____.

Answer: Harish Rawat

- The first Himalaya Day was observed in 2015.
- The theme for 2021 is '**Contribution of Himalayas and Our Responsibilities**'.

501. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has recently constituted an 8-member committee to frame new laws for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices. The committee is headed by who among the following?

Answer: V G Somani

502. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has recently launched the **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan** (PMGDISHA) drive for 100% Digital Literacy of all digital villages under the PMGDISHA scheme. The PMGDISHA scheme was launched in which year?

Answer: 2017

503. _____ has recently become the first Indian to win International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS). He hails from Odisha.

Answer: Basant Kumar Mishra

504. _____ has recently launched 'Kisan Stores'. It is an online platform that enables farmers of India to get access to more than 8,000 agriculture inputs like farm tools & accessories, seeds, plant protection, nutrition, etc.

Answer: Amazon India

- The store will be available in languages like Hindi, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil, and Malayalam.

505. The World Social Protection Report 2020-22 states that COVID-19 has increased the number of children living in poor-income families by more than 142 million, bringing the total number of children to around 725 million. The report has been published by which of the following organization?

Answer: International Labour Organisation (ILO).

506. _____ has signed an MoU with the ICAR-Indian Institute of Millet Research (ICAR-IIMR) for increasing exports through quality production and processing.

Answer: Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

- Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR), which is a premier agricultural research institute, was established in 1958. It is headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana
- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

507. _____ has recently organized "Mera Watan, Mera Chaman" Mushaira and Kavi Sammelan as part of Amrit Mahotsav of 75th Year of India's Independence. It will be celebrated across the country till 2023.

Answer: Ministry of Minority Affairs

508. _____ has won the prestigious global Association for Talent Development (ATD) 2021 Best Award. It has secured the 8th rank among the 71 organizations from around the world.

Answer: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)

509. International Day of Charity is observed annually on 5th September. This day is celebrated to commemorate the death anniversary of _____, who is known for her dedication towards the downtrodden.

Answer: Mother Teresa

- The year 2021 marks her 24th death anniversary.

510. _____ has recently planned to set up India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in the Palk Bay on the southeast coast. It will be established over an area of 500km in Palk Bay.

Answer: Tamil Nadu

511. Indian biologist _____ has been recently awarded the Behler Turtle Conservation Award 2021 for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction.

Answer: Shailendra Singh

512. Uday Bhatia has recently authored a book titled "Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster". The book depicts a vivid history of the making of _____'s Satya (1998).

Answer: Ram Gopal Varma

513. National Teacher's Day is observed annually on 5th September to mark the birth anniversary of the country's former President, scholar, philosopher, and Bharat Ratna awardee, _____, who was born on this day in 1888.

Answer: Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

- The day was first celebrated in **1962**.

514. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has recently constituted a 10-member committee to develop an 'ecosystem' for Start-ups Accelerators. The committee is headed by who among the following?

Answer: Ajay Prakash Sawhney

515. The government of _____ has recently launched the 'Save Water to Get Free Water' scheme for providing free water up to 16,000 litres per household per month.

Answer: Goa

516. In September 2021, which of the following railway station has been awarded a 5-Star 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI?

Answer: Chandigarh Railway Station

517. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has recently notified income tax rules wherein interest income earned in Provident Fund (PF) over a specified limit will be taxed. The new rules shall come into effect from which date?

Answer: 1st April 2022

518. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently planned to constitute a 5-member committee, headed by RBI Chief General Manager P Vasudevan, to scrutinize the applications and give recommendations on _____.

Answer: New Umbrella Entities (NUEs) licences.

519. World Coconut Day is observed annually on _____ to raise awareness about the various uses of coconut and its health and commercial benefits.

Answer: 2nd September (The day was first observed in 2009.)

520. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has recently constituted a committee to review the existing guidelines of the Journalists Welfare Scheme (JWS). Who is the head of the committee?

Answer: Ashok Kumar Tandon

521. _____ based dairy company Lactalis has recently topped the list of Rabobank's 2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies with a turnover of \$23.0 billion.

Answer: France

- Nestle has been ranked 2nd followed by Dairy Farmers of America.
- Amul, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), has ranked 18th (earlier 16th) in 2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies list with a turnover of \$5.3 billion.

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