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**NOTE:** This file contains the most important 'Question-Answer' points pertaining to the current affairs news from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first woman to appear in six ICC Women's Cricket World Cups.

**Answer: Mithali Raj**

2. Goldi Solar has partnered with Shree Ramkrishna Knowledge Foundation (SRKKF) to lay the foundation stone for the solarization of the village of **Dudhala** in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Gujarat**

3. What are the GST collections for February 2022?

**Answer: Rs 1,33,026 crore** (CGST is Rs 24,435 crore, SGST is Rs 30,779 crore, IGST is Rs 67,471 crore and cess is Rs 10,340 crore)

4. The Indian Navy has successfully test-fired a long-range version of the **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** from stealth destroyer \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: INS Chennai**

5. According to norms, investments in non-SLR (statutory liquidity ratio) securities by primary (urban) cooperative banks is to be limited to \_\_\_\_\_ of a bank's total deposits as on March 31 of the previous year.

**Answer: 10%**

6. As per the Union Budget 2022-23, PM GatiShakti Master Plan for Expressways will be formulated in 2022-23 to facilitate faster movement of people and goods. The National Highways network will be expanded by \_\_\_\_\_ km in 2022-23.

**Answer: 25,000**

7. Renowned \_\_\_\_\_ leg spinner **Shane Warne** has passed away recently in Koh Samui, Thailand.

**Answer: Australian**

8. As per the Union Budget 2022-23, *Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance* (RAMP) programme with outlay of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ over 5 years will be rolled out.

**Answer: 6,000 Crore**

9. \_\_\_\_\_ has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IPE Global for the **SAMRIDH** Healthcare Blended Finance Facility with finance of up to **USD 150 million** (about Rs 1,140 crore) to support health enterprises and innovators.

**Answer: Axis Bank**

- **Axis Bank**, and CRMNEXT, the leading CRM for banks, have won the IBS Intelligence Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2021 for the "Best CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System Implementation".

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10. The 19th edition of the **India-US Military Cooperation Group (MCG)** meeting has been held in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Agra, Uttar Pradesh**

11. The Economic Survey 2021-22 was presented in the Parliament recently. What is the central theme of this year's Economic Survey?

**Answer: Agile approach**

12. \_\_\_\_\_ has launched a showroom on wheels (mobile showroom) named '**Anubhav**'.

**Answer: Tata Motors**

13. \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Bharti AXA Life Insurance, recently.

**Answer: Vidya Balan**

- Games24x7 has appointed Bollywood actor **Hrithik Roshan** as brand ambassador for its online skill gaming platform, RummyCircle.
- Footwear major Bata India Limited has roped in Bollywood actor **Disha Patani** as the new face of the brand.
- Bollywood star **Akshay Kumar** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the state of Uttarakhand ahead of the 2022 Assembly Elections.
- Leading digital healthcare platform MediBuddy has recently appointed legendary Bollywood actor **Amitabh Bachchan** as its brand ambassador.
- The Krishi Network, an agritech startup company, has appointed Bollywood actor **Pankaj Tripathi** as its Brand Ambassador and investor.
- Footwear major Bata India Limited has roped in Bollywood actor **Disha Patani** as the new face of the brand. With this association, the actor will be seen promoting various popular labels under the Bata umbrella.
- A23, an app owned by online skill gaming company Head Digital Works, has recently roped in Bollywood actor **Shahrukh Khan** as its brand ambassador. He will feature in its 'Chalo Saath Khele' campaign along with a first-of-its-kind responsible gaming campaign, which showcases skill games such as rummy, fantasy sports, carom and pool.
- Indian table tennis player **Manika Batra** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Sportswear brand Adidas. The partnership focuses on empowering women to realise their dreams, cheering for women to break barriers and create a reverberating impact in the world of sports.
- GoodDot, the leading plant-based meat company in India, has recently appointed **Neeraj Chopra** as its brand ambassador.

14. As per the State of India's Environment Report 2022. The overall Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) score of India is \_\_\_\_\_ out of 100.

**Answer: 66**

15. '**Herath**', also known as Mahashivratri, is celebrated in the union territory of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Jammu & Kashmir**

16. As per Knight Frank's 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Wealth Report 2022**, the number of ultra-high-net-worth-individuals (UHNWIs) has globally increased by **9.3%** in 2021 to 6,10,569 from 5, 58,828 in 2020. India has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in billionaire population globally.

**Answer: 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- The list has been topped by the **United States (748)**, followed by China (554).

17. The **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** has collaborated with \_\_\_\_\_ to provide digital ticketing services to consumers through Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVM) installed at railway stations across India.

**Answer: Paytm**

- SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd has recently partnered with **Paytm** to enable cardholders to tokenize their cards on devices and make payments through the latter.
- **Paytm** has recently signed an MoU with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to train youth in the Fintech industry.
- **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.
- **Paytm Money** has recently launched AI (Artificial Intelligence) powered 'Voice Trading'.

18. \_\_\_\_\_ has partnered with **Fisdom** to provide fintech services including Demat account, stockbroking services, pension funds and tax filing to its customers.

**Answer: UCO Bank**

- **Standard Chartered Bank** has partnered with **Edelweiss Housing Finance Limited (EHFL)** to provide *loans against property* (LAP) to prospective customers.



19. \_\_\_\_\_ has launched Corporate Liquidity Management Solution (C-LMS) and Government Liquidity Management Solution (G-LMS) to meet the liquidity management needs of institutional customers.

**Answer: IDBI Bank**

20. \_\_\_\_\_, a full-service broking house and securities firm, has launched the 'Pre Apply LIC IPO' app.

**Answer: Religare Broking Limited (RBL)**

21. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the national roll-out of the Central Sector Scheme, **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)** of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with a total outlay of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ for five years.

**Answer: 1,600 crore**

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ has planned to start a 'Health Star Rating System' for packaged foods.

**Answer: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**

23. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first country to approve the world's first plant-based COVID-19 vaccine for adults aged 18 to 64 named 'Covifenz'.

**Answer: Canada**

24. Which entity has tied up with Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) for renewable energy, electric mobility, and alternative fuels?

**Answer: Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)**

25. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)?

**Answer: Bhushan Patwardhan**

26. A new book titled "The Millennial Yogi: A modern-day parable about reclaiming one's life" has been authored by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Deepam Chatterjee**

- A new book titled '**The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal**' has been authored by **Amitava Kumar**.
- "**The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup**" is the English translation of the book "**Ullas Ki Naav**". It is translated by **Srishti Jha**.

27. National Science Day is observed annually on 28th February. What is the theme of National Science Day 2022?

**Answer: Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future**

- **National Protein Day** is observed annually across India on **27<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **Janaushadhi Diwas** is observed annually on **7<sup>th</sup> March**.
- **Zero Discrimination Day** is observed annually on **1<sup>st</sup> March**.
- **World Wildlife Day (WWD)** is observed annually on **3<sup>rd</sup> March**
- **National Safety Day (NSD)** is observed annually on **4<sup>th</sup> March**

28. Which FMCG Company has become a 100% '*Plastic Waste Neutral Company*' in India?

**Answer: Dabur India**

29. Which automobile company has partnered with CSC e-Governance Services to support the **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan (PMGDISHA)**?

**Answer: Renault India**

30. The Ministry of Culture has recently organized the two-day global summit on '**Reimagining Museums in India**' in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana**

31. Recently, RBI has extended the deadline for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to comply with new asset classification norms by \_\_\_\_\_, as against 31st March 2022.

**Answer: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

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32. \_\_\_\_\_ will become the first multilateral agency to open an office in Gujarat International Finance Tech City (GIFT).

**Answer: New Development Bank (NDB)**

33. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has recently approved the development of a **400 MW** solar park by the stat-owned, SJVN Limited at \_\_\_\_\_ district in **Himachal Pradesh**.

**Answer: Kinnaur**

34. Name the first woman chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

**Answer: Madhabi Puri Buch**

35. Which ministry has launched the "National Strategy on Additive Manufacturing" in India?

**Answer: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

36. India has been ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> the International Intellectual Property Index 2022, while \_\_\_\_\_ has topped the index.

**Answer: The USA**

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ has recently collaborated with the **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)** to design the 'Sustainable Cities India' program.

**Answer: World Economic Forum (WEF)**

38. The Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, and AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the "**Nikarshan Sadan Dredging Museum**" at the DCI campus in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Visakhapatnam**

- The ninth edition of the Indian and Sri Lankan Navy bilateral maritime exercise **SLINEX 2022** has been held in **Visakhapatnam**

39. The Union Government has approved the continuation of the Central Sector Umbrella Scheme of **Border Infrastructure and Management (BIM)** during the 15th Finance Commission cycle from 2021-22 to 2025-26 at a cost of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_.



**Answer: 13,020 crore**

- The Government of India has organised a week-long science exhibition titled '**Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate**' from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in **75 locations** across the country.
- The **Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)** has observed its **6<sup>th</sup> anniversary** on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022. So far, the Ministry of Rural Development has approved **296 clusters** under it.
- The **Ministry of Education** has launched a campaign named '**Bhasha Certificate Selfie**'.

40. Which payments bank has become an official acquiring partner for 'e-RUPI' vouchers?

**Answer: Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL)**

41. \_\_\_\_\_ has acquired a **9.49% stake** of Rs 19.99 crore in the Verve Financial Services (VFSPL).

**Answer: ICICI Bank**

42. Name the institute that has launched the 'KISAN' mobile app for dissemination of Agromet Advisory Services under the Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS) project.

**Answer: IIT Roorkee**

43. Name the state that has launched India's first-night navigation mobile application in rivers.

**Answer: Assam**

- **Assam** has planned to launch a four-year mentorship programme named '**Project Arohan**' to provide guidance to students and boost their skills.
- **Kerala** Government has recently organized the third edition of the 2-day '**Huddle Global 2022**'.
- **Tamil Nadu** has launched the '**Naan Mudhalvan**' (I am first) scheme for the students.

44. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee (AIPAC). The committee is chaired by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: N R Narayana Murthy** (Infosys co-founder)

- The committee has now **20 members**.

45. \_\_\_\_\_ has been awarded the 'India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company' award at the Energy Meet 2022 & Excellence Awards of ASSOCHAM.

**Answer: Coal India Limited (CIL)**

46. Which lender has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Assam Rifles to provide the Central Forces Salary Package?

**Answer: Bank of Baroda**

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ has recently launched a new Digital Strategy 2022-2025 to support countries to build inclusive, ethical, and sustainable digital societies.

**Answer: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

48. \_\_\_\_\_ has partnered with Paytm Payments Services Limited to strengthen the 'Tips' feature in India.

**Answer: Twitter**

49. The \_\_\_\_\_ has launched a new programme named '**Waste to Wealth Creation**' for the women in the Sundarbans in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal.

**Answer: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**

50. India's first Biosafety Level-3 (BSL-3) Containment Mobile Laboratory has been set up at which place?

**Answer: Nashik, Maharashtra**

51. Who has been named the Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21?

**Answer: Sandeep Bakhshi**

52. A book titled 'How to Prevent the Next Pandemic' has been authored by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Bill Gates**

- **Bill Gates** of United States of America has been honoured with **Hilal-e-Pakistan**.
- A new book titled "**A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore's Pioneering Work in Rural Reconstruction**" has been authored by **Uma Das Gupta**.
- A new book titled "**The Founders: The Story of Paypal and the Entrepreneurs Who Shaped Silicon Valley**" has been authored by **Jimmy Soni**.
- A new book titled '**A Nation To Protect**' has been authored by **Priyam Gandhi Mody**.
- A new book titled "**Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War**" has been authored by **Samuel Myon**.

53. The Central Government has recently approved the umbrella scheme of **Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF)** for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26. The scheme has a total financial outlay of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: 26,275 crore**

54. \_\_\_\_\_ has passed away recently in Pune, Maharashtra. He was born on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1938 in Kolkata, West Bengal.

**Answer: Rahul Bajaj**

55. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first country to allow drones to operate in civilian airspace.

**Answer: Israel**

56. As per the Democracy Index 2021, India has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: 46<sup>th</sup>**

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57. The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) 2021/2022 report has been unveiled at the Dubai Expo. As per the report, **India** is among the top five easiest places to start a new business. It has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ globally.

**Answer: 4<sup>th</sup>**

58. The Reserve Bank of India has recently increased the investment limit in *Voluntary Retention Route* (VRR) from Rs. 1,50,000 crore to **Rs. \_\_\_\_\_**.

**Answer: 2,50,000 crore.**

59. What is the rank of India in the US Green Building Council (USGBC) annual list of top 10 countries and regions for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) in 2021?

**Answer: 3<sup>rd</sup>**

60. The government of **Jammu and Kashmir** has signed an agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ for the transformation of the sheep farming sector in the Union Territory.

**Answer: New Zealand**

61. \_\_\_\_\_ has officially been certified by World Book of Records as the '**World's Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 Feet**'.

**Answer: Atal Tunnel**

- It was built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

62. **Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited. (ABHICL)** has signed a bancassurance agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ for the distribution of health insurance products through the lender's network of branches across India.

**Answer: Utkarsh Small Finance Bank**

- Yes Bank launched an annual start-up program named '**Yes Bank Agri Infinity program**'.
- Karur Vysya Bank Ltd. (KVB) has joined hands with Unanu Technologies to introduce digital freight financing to fund transport contractors using the end-to-end logistics technology platform.

63. THDC India Ltd (THDCIL) has signed the letter of intent (LoI) to build \_\_\_\_\_ solar power projects in Rajasthan with an estimated investment of **Rs 40,000 crore**.

**Answer: 10,000 MW**

64. \_\_\_\_\_ government has recently announced a new IT/ITeS policy for the next five years providing financial incentives of up to **Rs. 200 crores** to the entities willing to incur capital expenditures.

**Answer: Gujarat**

65. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has emerged as the second-largest buyer of gold among the world's central banks in 2021. Which central bank is the largest buyer of gold in 2021?

**Answer: Central Bank of Thailand**

66. Who has become the youngest woman to fly solo around the world?

**Answer: Zara Rutherford**

67. The Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has recently decided to develop **five Light houses** in the state of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Odisha**

68. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the \_\_\_\_\_ have announced a new partnership under the **Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare** (SAMRIDH) initiative.

**Answer: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**

- The **National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog** has released a report titled '**Reimagining Healthcare in India through Blended Finance**'.

69. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the **Financial Literacy Week (FLW) 2022**. What is the theme of FLW 2022?

**Answer: Go Digital, Go Secure**

- The literacy week has been observed from **14th February to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022** to propagate financial education messages on a particular theme across the country.

70. The \_\_\_\_\_ has recently established '**AquaMAP**', an inter-disciplinary water management and policy centre to solve water problems in India.



**Answer: Indian Institute of Technology, Madras**

- The **Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur** (IIM-S) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Flipkart** to promote weavers and artisan business through digital platforms and start-up enterprises.

71. The Central government has recently extended the '**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)**' till **March 2026** with an allocation of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Rs 4,600 crore**

- It has been extended for a period of 2021-22 to 2025-26.

72. The \_\_\_\_\_ has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Maharashtra government** to support its 'Majhi Vasundhara' campaign, an initiative about the energy and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

**Answer: UN Environment Programme (UNEP)**

73. Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme (IFLDP) for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The total financial outlay sanctioned for the program is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Rs.1700 crore**

74. Which Union Territory (UT) has become the first UT to be integrated with the national single window system?

**Answer: Jammu & Kashmir**

75. Which country has become the first country in the world to administer a DNA vaccine against COVID-19?

**Answer: India**

76. Which company has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (KSRLPS) to support the growth of women entrepreneurs?

**Answer: Amazon India**

- **Microsoft India** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** to develop a cloud offering focused on the regulated sector.

77. Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with \_\_\_\_\_ to offer insurance solutions against cyber-crimes and financial frauds to its customers.

**Answer: ICICI Lombard General Insurance**

- Indian Government has recently extended the tenure of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) Chairperson, **M R Kumar** by **one year** or till he attains the age of superannuation.
- **Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)** has recently launched an **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Voice Bot** to enable its customer's intimate insurance motor claims in a convenient and seamless manner.
- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company** has tied up with **CARS24 Financial Services Private** to provide motor insurance services to buyers of used cars.
- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company** has launched a '**Cyber sachet insurance policy**' to mitigate cyber-related, digital risks for individual customers and keep their internet insured.

78. Legendary singer **Lata Mangeshkar** has passed away recently in Mumbai, Maharashtra due to multi-organ failure. She was born as **Hema Mangeshkar** on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1929 in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Indore, Madhya Pradesh**

79. Which country's cricket team has won the 2022 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup?

**Answer: India**

80. \_\_\_\_\_ will become the first station to be ready between **Ahmedabad - Mumbai Bullet Train route** for India's first futuristic High Speed Rail project, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Corridor.

**Answer: Surat**

81. The Government of India has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ to hold the additional charge of the **Controller General of Accounts (CGA)**, under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

**Answer: Sonali Singh**

- Lieutenant General **GAV Reddy** has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Defence Intelligence Agency.
- **Dr Madan Mohan Tripathi** has become the new Director-General of the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT).
- Professor **Dinesh Prasad Saklani** has been appointed as the new Director of the **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)**.
- The Ministry of Education (MoE) has appointed **Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit** as the new Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).
- **Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair** has been appointed as the new director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).
- **Vineet Joshi** has recently been appointed as the chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

82. Which lender has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) to strengthen cyber security capabilities?

**Answer:** Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

83. Congress leader **Rahul Gandhi** has launched the '**Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Bhumihiin Krishi Majdur Nyay Yojana**', financial assistance scheme of the \_\_\_\_\_ government for landless labourers of rural areas of Chhattisgarh.

**Answer: Chhattisgarh**

- The **Karnataka government** has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Ather Energy and Electric Supply Companies (ESCOs)**.

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84. The world's third-largest cricket stadium will be built in which city of India?

**Answer: Jaipur**

85. The tableau of which state/UT has been adjudged as the best tableau among the 12 states/UTs that participated in the Republic Day Parade 2022?

**Answer: Uttar Praesh**

86. The **Kala Ghoda Arts Festival** is an annual festival commencing always on the first Saturday of February and closing is always on the second Sunday in February, in the Kala Ghoda area of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Mumbai, Maharashtra**

87. According to the India Press Freedom Report, 2021, which state or union territory has the highest number of attacks on journalists in 2021?

**Answer: Jammu and Kashmir**

88. The Union Government has recently approved the continuation of the **Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs)** with an outlay of Rs \_\_\_\_\_ for the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26).

**Answer: 1575 crore**

89. Who has been appointed by SEBI to head the 4-member high-powered advisory committee on settlement orders and compounding of offenses?

**Answer: Jai Narayan Patel**

- The capital markets regulator **SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)** has recently restructured its **advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF)**. The eight-member committee will now be chaired by **G Mahalingam**.
- The Government has appointed former civil servant **Ravi Mittal** as the chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- Jawaharlal Nehru University Vice-Chancellor **Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar** has been appointed as the chairperson of the University Grants Commission (UGC).
- **S. Kishore** has been appointed as Chairman of **Staff Selection Commission (SSC)**.

90. Which entity has become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021?

**Answer: Samsung Electronics**

91. The Ministry of Heavy Industries has notified the second phase of the '**Scheme on Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Indian Capital Goods Sector**' with a financial outlay of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ to promote competition in the sector.

**Answer: 1,207 crore**

92. The \_\_\_\_\_ has recently launched a dedicated centralized processing cell named '**Surya Shakti Cell**' at Ballard Estate in Mumbai. It has been launched in association with **Tata Power Solar Systems**.

**Answer: State Bank of India (SBI)**

- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has recently partnered with **NSE Academy** to launch five online courses to promote financial literacy courses through the NSE Knowledge Hub platform, an online Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) platform.

93. **Vedanta Ltd** has tied up a facility of Rs \_\_\_\_\_ with **Union Bank of India** at 7.75% to take over a majority of the syndicated facility after multiple discussions with potential lenders.

**Answer: 8,000 crore**

- **Bharat Electronics (BEL)** has inked a **USD 73 million** agreement with **Hyperion Global Group** to develop, manufacture and supply Internet of Things (IoT) devices for the US market.
- NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVTN) has acquired a **5% stake** in the Power Exchange of India (PXIL).
- The **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL)** has recently opened two more Convenience Stores under its brand name '**HaPpyShop**'.
- **Tata Sky**, the leading direct-to-home (DTH) company, has decided to drop 'Sky' from its brand name after a 15-year run in a rebranding initiative and has rechristened itself as **Tata Play**.

94. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the **UPI ecosystem** (comprising of leading banks and fintechs) have announced the '**UPI Safety and Awareness**' initiative to create awareness amongst consumers.

**Answer: National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**

- Under this initiative, NPCI and the UPI ecosystem will observe February 1-7 as 'UPI Safety and Awareness Week' and the whole of February as 'UPI Safety and Awareness Month'.



95. The Chief Electoral Officer's (CEO) office of Punjab has unveiled its election mascot, "Shera" depicting a lion. How many assembly seats are there in Punjab?

**Answer: 117**

96. India's first state-of-the-art, high-performance **para-badminton academy** with advanced equipment and facilities has been set up in \_\_\_\_\_, **Uttar Pradesh**.

**Answer: Lucknow**

- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has recently approved to set up India's first geological park at **Lamheta village**, on the banks of the Narmada River in **Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh**.
- India's first commercial-scale biomass-based hydrogen plant will be set up in the **Khandwa** district of **Madhya Pradesh**.

97. **International Day of Education** is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate the role of education in bringing global peace and sustainable development.

**Answer: 24<sup>th</sup> January**

- **National Tourism Day** is observed annually on **25<sup>th</sup> January** to raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the country's economy.
- **World Wetlands Day** is observed annually on **2<sup>nd</sup> February** to raise global awareness about the importance of wetlands.
- **World Cancer Day** is observed annually on **4<sup>th</sup> February**. Theme 2022: **"Close the Care Gap"**
- **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female** is observed annually on **6<sup>th</sup> February** to eradicate female genital mutilation.
- **World Pulses Day** is observed annually on **10<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** is observed annually on **11<sup>th</sup> February** to promote full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls.
- **National Productivity Day** is observed annually across India on **12<sup>th</sup> February** to encourage the implementation of productivity tools and techniques with contemporary relevant themes.

98. 30th January is observed as Shaheed Diwas annually to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The year 2022 marks the \_\_\_\_\_ death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

**Answer: 74<sup>TH</sup>**

99. The \_\_\_\_\_ has become the **first Indian sports enterprise** to gain **unicorn status** with its market cap surpassing INR 7,600 crore and the share value in the market trading entering INR 210-225 price band.

**Answer: Chennai Super Kings (CSK)**

100. The Central Government has decided to convert \_\_\_\_\_ **villages** into 'Villages of Excellence' in 12 States with technical assistance from the **Israel** government.

**Answer: 150**

101. The \_\_\_\_\_ government has recently launched a '**one-stop e-vehicle website**' to promote electric vehicles.

**Answer: Delhi**

102. \_\_\_\_\_ has partnered with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) to enable and support 5 lakh women-led small businesses across India under its #SheMeansBusiness programme, initiated in 2016.

**Answer: Meta**

103. The village of South Maubuang in Aibawk block of \_\_\_\_\_ district in Mizoram has been declared a model ODF Plus village, having fulfilled all the criteria as per SBM-G Phase II guidelines.

**Answer: Aizawl**

104. Which country has recently unveiled the 'world's-largest' canal lock?

**Answer:** The **world's largest canal lock** has been inaugurated at **Ijmuiden**, a small port city, in the Port of Amsterdam, The **Netherlands**.

105. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Economic Adviser?

**Answer:** Dr. V Anantha Nageswaran

106. \_\_\_\_\_ has announced his debut book named "The \$10 Trillion Dream".

**Answer:** Subhash Chandra Garg

107. **World Leprosy Day** is observed globally on the **last Sunday of January** to raise global awareness of this deadly ancient disease and call attention to the fact that it can be prevented, treated and cured. In 2022, the World Leprosy Day falls on \_\_\_\_\_ **2022**.

**Answer:** 30<sup>th</sup> January

108. \_\_\_\_\_ has been selected by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) as the new chairman and managing director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), the nation's third-largest oil refining and fuel marketing company.

**Answer:** Pushp Kumar Joshi

109. \_\_\_\_\_ has planned to invest up to \$1 billion in Bharti Airtel to develop India's digital ecosystem.

**Answer:** Google

110. \_\_\_\_\_, has recently introduced "India's first" intelligent messenger called 'Pops' to provide instant updates to track users' investments in the stock market.

**Answer:** Paytm Money

- **Razorpay** has acquired a majority stake in Malaysian payments startup **Curlec** for over **\$19 million**.

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111. Fintech Company Alphaniti has recently partnered with \_\_\_\_\_ to allow investors to invest and trade in stock offerings.

**Answer:** IIFL Securities

112. The state government of Andhra Pradesh has recently approved the creation of 13 more districts in the state for better administration and development of the areas. With this, the total number of districts in the state will go up to \_\_\_\_\_ districts.

**Answer: 26**

113. Which state government has launched the 'Brain Health Initiative' to help people cope with COVID-19 stress?

**Answer: Karnataka**

114. Who is the author of the book titled "A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 Years of Independence"?

**Answer: Ruskin Bond**

#### **Other recently published Important Books:**

- A new book titled '**Fearless Governance**' has been authored by **Dr Kiran Bedi**.
- A new book titled "**Liberty After Freedom: A History of Article 21, Due Process and the Constitution of India**" has been authored by **Rohan J. Alva**.
- A new book titled "**Last Among Equals: Power, Caste & Politics in Bihar's Villages**" has been authored by **M.R. Sharan**. The book is published by Context.
- India's first-ever season style book titled '**The Class of 2006: Sneak Peek into the Misadventures of the Great Indian Engineering Life**' is written by management professional **Akash Kansal**.
- A Trilogy book series titled "**India that is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution**" has been authored by **J Sai Deepak**.
- The book titled "**Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra**" has been authored by sports author **Navdeep Singh Gill**.
- A new book titled "**India-Africa Relations: Changing Horizons**" has been authored by **Rajiv Bhatia**.
- A new book titled "**Atal Bihari Vajpayee**" has been authored by **Sagarika Ghose**.

115. To provide insurance cover to homemakers, Max Life Insurance has launched 'Max Life Smart Secure Plus Plan' in partnership with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Policybazaar**

- Agritech start-up FAARMS has recently tied up with Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd to provide health and cattle insurance for the rural population, including farmers, through its mobile application FAARMS App.

116. In January 2022, which country has declared a 90-day "Environmental Emergency"?

**Answer: Peru**

117. Which is the world's largest steel-producing country?

**Answer: China**

- According to the latest report of the World Steel Association, **India's** crude steel production has increased by nearly 18 percent to **118 million tonnes (MT)** in 2021, while world leader **China** has recorded a 3 percent decline to **1032.8 MT**.

118. In January 2022, Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank Limited (PMC Bank) has been merged with which small finance bank?

**Answer: Unity Small Finance Bank**

119. According to the Brand Finance 2022 Global 500 report, which has emerged as the most valuable brand in 2022?

**Answer: Apple**

120. Which country has been ranked last in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021?

**Answer: South Sudan**

- Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021 has been released by Transparency International. The index ranks **180 countries** and territories by the perceived level of public sector corruption according to experts and business people. It uses a scale of zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).
- **Top Performers:** The top countries on the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2021 are **Denmark, Finland, and New Zealand**, with scores of 88, followed by Norway with score of 85.
- **Poor Performers:** South Sudan has ranked last on the index with the CPI score of 11, followed by Syria (13), Somalia (13) and Venezuela (14).



- **India's ranking:** India has ranked **85<sup>th</sup>** on the index with score of 40. Maldives has also scored 40 in the index.

121. India's first innovation centre for graphene will be set up in which state?

**Answer: Kerala**

122. Under whose captaincy did the Indian hockey team win the Gold medal in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics?

**Answer: Charanjit Singh**

123. The Ministry of Home Affairs has recently announced the Padma Awards 2022 on the eve of 73rd Republic Day. This year the President has approved conferment of \_\_\_\_\_ **Padma Awards** including **2 duo cases** (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one).

**Answer: 128**

- **Padma Vibhushan - 4**
- **Padma Bhushan - 17**
- **Padma Shri - 107**

124. Name the ministry that has launched the "Star Rating System".

**Answer: Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change**

- It introduces conditions for **State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAA)**

125. Which organisation has recently published the Global Cyber security Outlook 2022?

**Answer: World Economic Forum (WEF)**

126. National Voters Day is observed annually on **25<sup>th</sup> January** to create awareness about the need to participate electoral process. What is the theme for National Voters Day 2022?

**Answer: Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative**

- National Voters Day is observed annually on **25th January** to create awareness about the need to participate electoral process. The day aims to encourage especially the new voters to register themselves as voters. The day was first observed in 2011.
- The day is also observed to commemorate the foundation day of the Election Commission of India (25th January 1950). This year, the Election Commission of India is celebrating the **12th** National Voters Day.

127. India's first "District Good Governance Index" has been launched in which state/UT?

**Answer: Jammu & Kashmir**

- The top 5 districts in the index are (1) Jammu, (2) Doda, (3) Samba, (4) Pulwama, and (5) Srinagar.

128. The day is celebrated to honour and remember Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation. The year 2022 marks **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose** \_\_\_\_\_ birth anniversary.

**Answer: 125<sup>th</sup>**

- 'Parakram Diwas' (Courage Day) is observed annually across India on **23rd January** to commemorate the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

129. Haryana and Himachal Pradesh governments have recently inked an agreement to build a dam at Adi Badri to revive which river?

**Answer: Saraswati River**

130. \_\_\_\_\_, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), and RMI India have released a report, titled 'Banking on Electric Vehicles in India'.

**Answer: NITI Aayog**

- The report has proposed the government to include **Electric Vehicle (EVs)** in the Reserve Bank of India's **priority-sector lending (PSL)** guidelines to boost retail lending for EVs and to support the decarbonisation of road transport.
- As per the report, Banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) in India have the potential to achieve an electric vehicle (EV) financing market size of **Rs 40,000 crore** (USD 5 billion) by **2025** and **Rs 3.7 lakh crore** (USD 50 billion) by **2030**.

131. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently become India's first UN Development Programme (UNDP) Youth Climate Champion.

**Answer: Prajakta Koli**

132. Who has been conferred with the International Association of Working Women Award at the Washington DC South Asian Film Festival (DCSAFF) 2021?

**Answer: Sushmita Sen**

133. Subhash Bhowmick has passed away recently. He was associated with which sports?

**Answer: Football**

- Ladakh women's ice hockey team has won the 9th National Women's Ice Hockey Championship 2022.

134. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has recently committed \_\_\_\_\_ to invest in the development of data centres that mostly serve emerging Asia through the Keppel Data Centre Fund II (KDCF II)

**Answer: USD 150 million**

135. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIM-Kozhikode's Business incubator Laboratory for Innovation Venturing and Entrepreneurship (LIVE) to financially support early-stage startups.

**Answer: Indian Bank**

- Under the MoU, a startup funding scheme, '**IndSpring Board**' has been launched.
- Under this scheme loans up to **Rs. 50 Crore** will be disbursed to the startups.

136. Which country has recently signed an agreement with India to initiate joint research on green fuels?

**Answer: Denmark**

137. \_\_\_\_\_ has been selected as the new capital of Indonesia.

**Answer: Nusantara**

- Indonesia has recently passed a law to shift its capital from **Jakarta to East Kalimantan**, and will be called '**Nusantara**' (situated to the east of Borneo Island).

138. Who has been appointed as the chairman and managing director (CMD) of Air India?

**Answer: Vikram Dev Dutt**

- Dileep Sanghani** has been elected as the **17th Chairman** of the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO).

139. World Food Programme (WFP) is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in which year?

**Answer: 2020**

- Odisha** has recently partnered with the United Nations (UN) **World Food Programme (WFP)** to improve the food security of small and marginal farmers of India by enhancing their resilience to climate change.

140. \_\_\_\_\_ has partnered with the Canada Running Series (CRS) as the new title sponsor and official IT services and technology consulting partner of the Toronto Waterfront Marathon and Virtual Race through November 2026.

**Answer: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**

141. Lendingkart has recently collaborated with \_\_\_\_\_ to provide low-cost business loans of up to Rs. 10 lakh to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across the country.

**Answer: Canara Bank**

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142. \_\_\_\_\_ has partnered with Bank of Baroda subsidiary BoB Financial Solutions and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch a co-branded contactless RuPay credit card.

**Answer: Snapdeal**

- **Jasper Infotech Private Limited** is the owner/parent organization of the company.

143. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently addressed the World Economic Forum's (WEF's) Davos Agenda Summit 2022 via video-conferencing. He has proposed the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: 'P-3' approach i.e. 'Pro Planet People'.**

144. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently appointed former comptroller and auditor general (CAG) chief \_\_\_\_\_ as the independent chairman of the Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB).

**Answer: Vinod Rai**

145. Delhi Police has recently launched its first podcast '\_\_\_\_\_' to celebrate the extraordinary services rendered by members of Delhi Police personnel cutting across all ranks.

**Answer: Kissa Khaki Ka**

146. Shaylyn Ford of \_\_\_\_\_ has been crowned as the winner of Mrs World 2022 beauty pageant held in Las Vegas.

**Answer: USA**

147. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently become India's first sanitary-napkin-free village?

**Answer: Kumbalangi**

148. A new biography titled "Bose: The Untold Story of an Inconvenient Nationalist" has been authored by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Chandrachur Ghose**

- It is published by Penguin Random House India under its Viking imprint. It will be released in February 2022.

149. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently launched an online portal named "Raksha Pension Shikayat Nivaran Portal" to resolve pension-related grievances of ex-servicemen (ESM) and their dependents.



**Answer: Ministry of Defence**

150. Pandit Birju Maharaj has passed away recently. He was a renowned \_\_\_\_\_ dancer.

**Answer: Kathak**

151. MSME lending platform **Indifi Technologies** has recently collaborated with \_\_\_\_\_ to provide instant loans to eligible medium, small and micro enterprises (MSMEs) merchants on the Google Pay platform.

**Answer: Google Pay**

152. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently announced to celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ annually as '**National Start-up Day**'.

**Answer: 16th January**

- In 2022, National Start-up Day is celebrated on six themes. They are *sustainable development, the technology of future, from local to global, building champions in manufacturing, nudging the DNA, and growing from roots.*

153. **Marwadi Financial Services (MFS)** has partnered with \_\_\_\_\_ to offer its clients an integrated 3-in-1 savings account that combines the features of savings, Demat, and trading accounts.

**Answer: NSDL Payments Bank**

- **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** has recently launched '**Platina Fixed Deposit**', which offers interest of **15 basis points** in addition to the regular Ujjivan SFB term deposit rates.

154. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the largest and fastest-growing Unified Payments Interface (UPI) beneficiary bank in India.

**Answer: Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL)**

- It becomes the first beneficiary bank in the country to achieve the landmark of over 926 million UPI transactions in a single month.

155. Army Day is observed annually across India on which date?

**Answer: 15<sup>th</sup> January**

- The year 2022 marks the **74th Indian Army Day**.

156. Which state has the largest forest cover in the country?

**Answer: Madhya Pradesh**

157. The administration of Jammu & Kashmir has recently declared \_\_\_\_\_ in Reasi district as the first 'Milk Village' of the Union Territory.

**Answer: Jerri settlement (Jerri hamlet)**

158. Who is known for creating famous comic character 'Bantul the Great'?

**Answer: Narayan Debnath**

159. \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed as the 10th Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Space Secretary.

**Answer: Dr. S Somanath**

- His appointment as the Space Secretary and the ISRO Chairman is for a combined tenure of three years from the date of joining of the post.
- He is the present Director of *Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)*,
- He has succeeded **Kailasavadivoo Sivan** who has completed his extended tenure on 14th January 2022.

160. POSCO of South Korea has tied up with **Adani Group** to set up a **\$5 billion** integrated steel plant at \_\_\_\_\_ in Gujarat.

**Answer: Mundra**

161. Australian wine brand, Jacob's Creek has recently appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as its brand ambassador.

**Answer: Mithali Raj**

162. India's oldest female sloth bear, whose name was \_\_\_\_\_, has passed away at the **Van Vihar National Park and Zoo**, located in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

**Answer: Gulabo**

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163. The 18th edition of the two days long **Kachai Lemon Festival** has recently begun in \_\_\_\_\_ at the Local Ground of Kachai Village in Ukhrul district.

**Answer: Manipur**

164. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently partnered with MinkasuPay to offer the smoothest net banking payment experience for its customers through a biometric authentication solution.

**Answer: Axis Bank**

- Lazypay, a Buy Now Pay Later solution by PayU Finance, has partnered with **SBM Bank India** to launch LazyCard, a prepaid payment instrument backed by a credit line that works on the Visa payment network.

165. Nepal Power Exchange Limited has signed a trading agreement with India's **Manikaran Power Limited** to sell electricity produced by the domestic private sector to India through India's Manikaran Power. The agreement will allow Nepal to sell \_\_\_\_\_ of electricity to India in the initial phase.

**Answer: 500 MW**

166. Which state has secured first place in the IndiaSkills 2021 National Competition?

**Answer: Odisha**

167. Tata group has replaced Chinese mobile phone manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ as the title sponsor of the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

**Answer: Vivo**

168. Japan has been ranked first, along with \_\_\_\_\_, in the 'Henley Passport Index: Q1 2022 Global Ranking'.

**Answer: Singapore**

169. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated an MSME Technology Centre at \_\_\_\_\_ on the occasion of National Youth Day (12th January).

**Answer: Pondicherry**

170. \_\_\_\_\_ has been named as the 'Best Private Bank in India' at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021

**Answer: HDFC Bank**

- National Hydropower Generation Company (NHPC) has signed a pact with **HDFC Bank** to monetize return on equity of its **540-MW Chamera-I Power Plant** in Himachal Pradesh for 10 years.

171. The Flipkart Group, owned by \_\_\_\_\_, has recently acquired electronics reverse commerce (or recommerce) company **Yaantra** to strengthen its recommerce business as well as enhance after sale offerings for its customers in the smartphones segment.

**Answer: Walmart Inc**

172. Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has nominated \_\_\_\_\_ as the new Prime Minister of the country.

**Answer: Alikhan Smailov**

- **Daniel Ortega**, leader of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), has been sworn in for the 4th consecutive term as the President of Nicaragua.

173. The Board of Directors of Adani Power Limited has recently approved the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as a chief executive officer (CEO) of the company with effect from 11th January 2022.

**Answer: Shersingh B Khyalia**

174. RenewBuy, an online insurance platform, has launched its first 360-degree ad campaign with its brand proposition of "**Smart Tech, Right Advice**". The company has roped in \_\_\_\_\_ as its first brand ambassador for the campaign.

**Answer: Rajkummar Rao**

175. India has successfully test-fired an advanced sea to sea variant of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from \_\_\_\_\_ warship off the west coast

**Answer: INS Visakhapatnam**

176. Who is the author of the book titled "Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Work, Life and Leadership"?

**Answer: Arundhati Bhattacharya**

177. Chennai International Airport has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ for on-time performance among large international airports globally for 2021 by Cirium.

**Answer: 8th**

178. National Youth Day is observed annually on **12th January** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Swami Vivekananda** who always motivated the youth of the country and spoke about the right use of the youth in the development of the country. The year 2022 marks the \_\_\_\_\_ National Youth Day and the \_\_\_\_\_ birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

**Answer: 25<sup>th</sup>; 159<sup>th</sup>**

179. Who has been awarded the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022?

**Answer: Harshaali Malhotra**



180. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of the Western Railways zone of Indian Railways has launched a new initiative called “\_\_\_\_\_” to make it easier for railway passengers to get back their lost luggage.

**Answer: Mission Amanat**

181. \_\_\_\_\_ has become India's first city to have a water metro project after the launch of its first boat, namely 'Muziris', among the 23- battery-powered electric boats.

**Answer: Kochi**

182. Fourteen-year-old **Bharath Subramaniam** (Chennai) has recently become India's \_\_\_\_\_ chess Grandmaster.

**Answer: 73rd**

183. According to the Ministry of Finance, the deposits in bank accounts opened under the *Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana* (PMJDY) scheme have crossed Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ mark.

**Answer: 1.5 lakh crore**

- The total balance in accounts under the Jan Dhan scheme is recorded at **Rs 1, 50,939.36 crore** as of December-end 2021.
- RuPay Debit Cards have been issued to 31.28 crores PMJDY beneficiaries under this scheme.
- The Scheme was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28th August 2014.

184. The Ministry of Railways has approved the renaming of the Kevadiya railway station in the \_\_\_\_\_ district of Gujarat, as **Ekta Nagar railway station**.

**Answer: Narmada**

185. A new book titled “Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography” has been authored by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Thomas Matthew**

186. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated Kalpana Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science and Technology (KCCRSST) at \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Chandigarh University**

187. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness about the prevention of illegal practice of human trafficking and slavery. The day was established by the United States Senate in **2007**.

**Answer: 11<sup>th</sup> January**

188. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently announced to celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ annually as '**Veer Baal Diwas**' as a tribute to the 10th Sikh guru Gobind Singh's four sons who were executed by the Mughals.

**Answer: 26<sup>th</sup> December**

189. World Hindi Day is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_ to promote the language at the global stage.

**Answer: 10<sup>th</sup> January**

- The day also marks the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference which was inaugurated on **10th January 1975** in Nagpur, by the then prime minister **Indira Gandhi**.

190. Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD), also known as Non-Resident Indian Day, is observed annually on **9<sup>th</sup> January**. The year 2022 marks the \_\_\_\_\_ Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD).

**Answer: 17<sup>th</sup>**

191. The government of Haryana in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation has decided to set up India's first Heli-Hub in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Gurugram, Haryana**

192. The \_\_\_\_\_ has won the 2021 International Craft Award for the Best Craft Village of the year by the World Crafts Council International.

**Answer: Kerala Arts and Crafts Village** near Kovalam

193. The state government of \_\_\_\_\_ has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for dairy development. As per the MoU,

a joint venture company will be set up for **Rs 2,000 crore** with a target of processing 10 lakh litres of milk through six new units in 7 years.

**Answer: Assam**

194. The state government of \_\_\_\_\_ has recently launched the “Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0 (SSIP-2.0)” for the next five years.

**Answer: Gujarat**

195. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has selected \_\_\_\_\_ for the second phase of the Passport Seva Programme, the country’s largest mission-critical e-governance programme.

**Answer: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**

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196. \_\_\_\_\_ has tied-up with Park+ to offer FASTag-based smart parking solutions to marquee commercial and residential properties across the country.

**Answer: Airtel Payments Bank**

197. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has released final guidelines to ensure orderly development of **surety insurance business** in India. The IRDAI (Surety Insurance Contracts) Guidelines, 2022 will come into effect from \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

198. \_\_\_\_\_ has been selected by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to host the 25th National Youth Festival.

**Answer: Pondicherry**

199. Union Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Jitendra Singh, has recently inaugurated India’s first Open Rock Museum in \_\_\_\_\_. It has been set up by CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI)

**Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana**

- Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh has recently inaugurated the 24th National Conference on e-Governance in Hyderabad, Telangana.

200. Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL) has recently acquired a **25.8%** stake in Bengaluru-based online delivery platform **Dunzo**, with an investment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: 200 million**

201. The Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has recently launched the '**SAAR**' program. What is the full form of SAAR?

**Answer: Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research**

202. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently acquired Israeli cybersecurity startup Siemplify, in a deal worth **\$500 million**.

**Answer: Google**

203. Union Ayush Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal has recently laid the foundation stone of the Heartfulness International Yoga Academy in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana**

204. The Government of **Antigua and Barbuda** has recently joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as the \_\_\_\_\_ member

**Answer: 102<sup>nd</sup>**

205. Ministry of Power has recently completed 7 years of distributing and selling LED lights under its flagship Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (**UJALA**) programme. It was launched on\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: 5th January 2015**

206. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently (Jan 2022) visited Manipur and has inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 22 projects worth over Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ in Imphal, Manipur.

**Answer: 4,800 crore**

- He has inaugurated the Steel Bridge built over Barak River on NH-37 at a cost of over **Rs.75 crore**.

207. A new book titled 'Mamata: Beyond 2021' has been authored by political journalist \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Jayanta Ghosal**

- Dharendra K. Jha, a Delhi-based journalist, has authored a new book titled '**Gandhi's Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse and His Idea of India**'.

208. Which telecom company has announced to form a joint venture with Hughes Communications India Private Limited (HCIPL) to provide satellite broadband services in India?

**Answer: Bharti Airtel**

209. Airtel Payments Bank has announced that it has been granted the status of a scheduled bank by the RBI. With this, it becomes the \_\_\_\_\_ payment bank to get this status.

**Answer: 4<sup>th</sup>**

210. Which state's high court has recently become the first paperless court in the country?

**Answer: Kerala High Court**

211. The Reserve Bank of India has retained \_\_\_\_\_ as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) 2022 and therefore will have to maintain additional common equity tier 1 (CET1) capital ratios in the same manner prescribed in 2020.

**Answer: SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank**

- The RBI had issued the framework for dealing with D-SIB in **2014**.
- The D-SIBs banks are classified into **5 buckets**.



212. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first LPG-enabled and smoke-free state in the country.

**Answer: Himachal Pradesh**

- This milestone has been achieved due to the **Ujjwala Scheme** and Grahini Suvidha Yojana by Centre.

213. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently become the first company to reach a market cap of \$3 trillion.

**Answer: Apple**

214. **CryptoWire** has recently launched India's first cryptocurrency index named '\_\_\_\_\_' to empower knowledge on the cryptocurrency and blockchain ecosystem.

**Answer: IC15**

215. In January 2022, RBI has released a framework for offline digital payments. As per the new guidelines, what will be the upper limit for offline payment transactions?

**Answer: Rs. 200**

216. The Ministry of Education has recently launched **NEAT 3.0**, a single platform to provide the best developed Ed-Tech solutions and courses to the students. What is the full form of 'NEAT'?

**Answer: National Education Alliance for Technology**

217. Which state has topped the Open Defecation Free (ODF Plus) list as of December 2021 under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II program?

**Answer: Telangana**

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218. World Braille Day is observed annually on which date?

**Answer: 4<sup>th</sup> January**

- The day was first observed in **2019**.
- The day is also observed to mark the birth anniversary of **Louis Braille**, the inventor of Braille.

219. The festival of Losar is being celebrated across \_\_\_\_\_ region. The 15 daylong celebrations of the Losar festival, mark the beginning of the New Year.

**Answer: Ladakh** (It is a festival of Tibetan Buddhism.)

- **Lasoong festival**, also known as Namsoong, is celebrated annually across the Indian state of **Sikkim** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of the tenth Tibetan lunar month.

220. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently laid the foundation stone of *Major Dhyan Chand Sports University* in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Meerut**, Uttar Pradesh

- It will be established in the **Salawa and Kaili** villages of Sardhana town in Meerut.
- It will be built at a cost of Rs. **700 crores**.

221. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has recently launched a 100-day Reading Campaign called '\_\_\_\_\_'.

**Answer: Padhe Bharat**

- The campaign will focus on children studying in Balvatika to Grade 8.
- It will be organized for 100 days (14 weeks) starting from 1st January 2022 to 10th April 2022.

222. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Jammu & Kashmir Bank?

**Answer: Baldev Prakash**

- IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance has recently appointed **H O Suri** as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- The Board of Directors of the RBL Bank has recently appointed **Rajeev Ahuja**, who's currently working as the Executive Director at the bank.

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **Atul Kumar Goel**, MD & CEO of UCO Bank, as MD & CEO of **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. He will succeed S.S. Mallikarjuna Rao.
- The board of Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited has recently approved the proposal for the re-appointment of **Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan (PN)** as the MD & CEO for three years.
- **Radhika Jha**, a 2002 Uttarakhand IAS, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Energy Efficiency Services (EESL)**.

223. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has observed the \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation Day of its establishment on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

**Answer: 64th**

224. In January 2022, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) has constituted an Energy Transition Advisory Committee (ETAC). Who will head the committee?

**Answer: Tarun Kapoor**

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communication, has recently constituted a six task force under the Technology Innovation Group (TIG) to explore sixth-generation or **6G technology**.

225. Who will head the Advisory Committee on Market Data that has been reconstituted by SEBI recently?

**Answer: S Sahoo**

226. Who has been appointed as the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Conference on Disarmament?

**Answer: Anupam Ray**

227. \_\_\_\_\_ has collaborated with **Invest India**, a non-profit venture by the central government for national investment promotion and facilitation, to crowdsource innovative ideas for single-use plastic substitution and automate waste segregation.

**Answer: ITC Limited**

228. Which lender has recently won the top position in the overall digital transactions among large banks for FY20-21?

**Answer: Bank of Baroda**

- It has been felicitated by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) at the Digital Payments Utsav.

229. Who has won the UN Women's Award for Leadership Commitment 2021?

**Answer: Divya Hegde** (from Udupi, Karnataka)

230. National Mathematics Day is observed annually on 22nd December. This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Indian personality?

**Answer: Srinivasa Ramanujan.**

- The year 2021 marks the 134th birth anniversary of **Srinivasa Ramanujan**.

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

**Answer: Reliance Industries**

- Globally, **Facebook** is ranked No.1 on the index, followed by Alphabet Inc., Amazon, Apple Inc., Samsung Electronics, Netflix, and Microsoft.
- Reliance is ranked at No.8 on the global ranking.

232. Which insurer has 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**

233. National Farmers' Day or Kisan Diwas is observed annually on **23<sup>rd</sup> December** to commemorate the birth anniversary of the \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Minister of India, **Chaudhary Charan Singh**.

**Answer: 5<sup>th</sup>**

234. \_\_\_\_\_ has signed an agreement to acquire Edgile, a transformational cyber security consulting provider, for \$ 230 million.

**Answer: Wipro**

235. Who is the author of the book titled 'Bachelor Dad'?

**Answer: Tusshar Kapoor** (Actor-producer)

236. Recently, India has been ranked 3rd in the Global Unicorn Index 2021 with how many unicorns?

**Answer: 54**

- Byju's (15<sup>th</sup> rank), InMobi, OYO, Razorpay, and Ola are also ranked in the top 100 unicorns in the world.
- USA topped the Index with 487 unicorns.

237. The Union Cabinet has recently (Dec 2021) approved the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for copra for the 2022 season. The MSP for fair average quality of milling copra has been increased to \_\_\_\_\_ per quintal for the 2022 season from Rs.10, 335 in 2021.

**Answer: Rs.10, 590**

- The MSP for fair average quality of milling copra has been increased to Rs.10, 590 per quintal for the 2022 season from **Rs.10, 335** in 2021.
- The minimum price for ball copra has been increased to Rs.11, 000 per quintal for the 2022 season from **Rs.10, 600** in 2021.



238. The Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has recently partnered with the \_\_\_\_\_ to launch the “Tribal Samvaad network”.

**Answer: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**

239. Good Governance Day is observed annually on **25th December** to commemorate the birth anniversary of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Atal Bihari Vajpayee**

- Since 2014, the Good Governance Day has been celebrated every year on 25<sup>th</sup> December. The year 2021 marks the 97<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

240. The Central Government has recently declared ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' as an Essential Commodity up to 30th June 2022 by amending the Schedule of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

**Answer: Soya Meal**

241. Which lender has been selected under the 'Most Innovative Best Practices' at the CII Digital Transformation Awards 2021?

**Answer: HDFC Bank**

242. Who is the author of the book titled 'The Modi Gambit'?

**Answer: Sanju Verma**

243. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has recently launched the world's largest and most powerful space telescope named \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: James Webb Space Telescope**

244. The Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) has published its annual World Economic League Table (WELT) 2022. India will become the \_\_\_\_\_ largest economy by overtaking France in 2022 and will become the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest economy in 2031.

**Answer: 6<sup>th</sup>**

- The world economy is set to surpass \$100 trillion for the first time in 2022.

245. Which state's cricket team has won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2021?

**Answer: Himachal Pradesh**

246. RBL Bank has recently extended the co-brand credit card partnership with \_\_\_\_\_ for a period of 5 years to December 2026.

**Answer: Bajaj Finance**

247. Which country has launched the world's first dual-mode vehicle (DMV) that can run on roads and tracks?

**Answer: Japan**

248. Who has been named 2021 Person of the Year by PETA India?

**Answer: Alia Bhatt**

249. Name the state that has recently launched a digital life certificate for pensioners.

**Answer: Odisha**

250. Which insurance company has recently launched 'Digi Zone' to sell insurance policies online?

**Answer: Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)**

251. Which lender has decided to acquire around 10% stake in India International Clearing Corporation (IICC)?

**Answer: State Bank of India (SBI)**

- SBI General Insurance has recently launched an awareness campaign named "**Bahane Chhodo Tax Bachao**" to increase awareness of Indians around the need to buy health insurance to save tax.

252. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently appointed Indian women's cricketer Shafali Verma as the brand endorser of the bank.

**Answer: Bank of Baroda**

- South Indian Bank (SIB) has won the UiPath Automation Excellence Awards 2021 for best automation under crisis for business continuity.

253. \_\_\_\_\_ has launched the **Digital Payments Utsav** for 500 villages in India.

**Answer: WhatsApp**

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

**Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana**

255. 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**'.

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

**Answer: IIT Roorkee**

257. 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'.

258. \_\_\_\_\_ 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".

259. 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.

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

**Answer: Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**

261. \_\_\_\_\_ 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).

262. 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.

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

**Answer: Paytm**

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

**Answer: Madhabi Puri Buch**

265. 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**

266. 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.



267. 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.

268. 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

269. 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).

270. Vijay Diwas is observed annually across India on 16th December. The year 2021 is observing the \_\_\_\_\_ Vijay Diwas.

**Answer:** 50th

271. \_\_\_\_\_ has been included in UNESCO's 2021 list of 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity'.

**Answer:** Kolkata's Durga Puja

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

**Answer:** Leena Nair

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273. 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 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**'.

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

**Answer: 226 trillion**

275. 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*
- Also, **Jharkhand** has recently collaborated with the **Indian School of Business** (ISB) for a unique initiative to empower the state's forest economy.

276. 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**

277. 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)**

278. 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.

279. 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**

280. 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.

281. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

282. 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

283. 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**

284. 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-kilometer long expressway will be built at a cost of around Rs. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: 36, 200 crore**

285. 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**

286. \_\_\_\_\_ has been awarded the prestigious Golden Peacock Environment Management Award for the year 2021 in the steel sector.

**Answer: Steel Authority of India (SAIL)**

287. 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.

288. 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.

289. 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

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

**Answer: Emma Raducanu**

291. \_\_\_\_\_ 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)

292. 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.

293. 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**.



- Federal Bank has recently launched an online lending platform **federalinstaloans.com** to facilitate quick and hassle-free credit approvals for micro, small and medium enterprises (**MSMEs**) across India.

294. Which 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).
- SBI has recently acquired a minority stake in JSW Cement Limited for an investment of **Rs 100 crore** through compulsorily convertible preference shares (CCPS).

295. \_\_\_\_\_ 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'.

296. 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**

297. Who has won the 57th Jnanpith Award?

**Answer: Damodar Mauzo**

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

298. 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.

299. 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.

300. 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**

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

**Answer: Olaf Scholz**

302. Which state has recently launched a '**Milk Price Incentive Scheme**'?

**Answer: Uttarakhand**

303. 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).

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304. 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**.

305. 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**

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

**Answer: Maharashtra**

307. 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.*

308. Which 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.

309. 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.

310. 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

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

**Answer: Catherine Russell**

312. 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**

313. 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**

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

**Answer: Indian model Harnaaz Sandhu**

315. As per the "World Talent Ranking Report" 2021, India has been ranked at \_\_\_\_\_ while \_\_\_\_\_ has topped the list.

**Answer: 56th; Switzerland**

316. 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.

317. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

318. \_\_\_\_\_ 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)

319. 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**



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

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

321. 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.

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

**Answer: Narotam Sekhsaria**

323. 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.

324. 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**

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

**Answer: 59<sup>th</sup>**

326. Who 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'.

327. Who 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'

328. 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 organization?

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

329. 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)

330. 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**

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331. 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 organization?

**Answer: Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

332. 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**

- Also, the **World Bank** has recently sanctioned a loan of **USD 125 million** (Rs 1,000 crore) to **West Bengal** for several development projects related to social protection.

333. Which 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)**

334. Which state has recently observed the Hornbill Festival?

**Answer: Nagaland**

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

335. 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.

336. 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).

337. 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**

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

**Answer: Gujarat**

339. 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.

340. 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**"

341. 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

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

**Answer: Maldives**

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

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

**Answer: Argentina**

344. \_\_\_\_\_, India's first woman psychiatrist, has passed away recently in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

**Answer: Sarada Menon**

345. 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**'.

346. 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.



347. \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

348. 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)

349. 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

350. 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**

351. 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)

352. 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

353. 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)

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

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

355. 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**

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

**Answer: Indore**

357. 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.

358. 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'.

359. Which 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)

360. \_\_\_\_\_ Cricket team has recently won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2021-22 by defeating Karnataka in the finals.

**Answer: Tamil Nadu**

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

**Answer: World Bank**

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362. 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**

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

**Answer: JP Morgan Chase**

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

**Answer: Bajaj Allianz General Insurance**

365. 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**

366. Constitution Day is observed annually across India on \_\_\_\_\_ to mark the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the country.

**Answer: 26th November**

367. 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**

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

**Answer: HSBC India**

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

**Answer: Jammu and Kashmir**

370. 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

371. Who is the CEO of Twitter?

**Answer: Parag Agrawal**

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

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

**Answer: PK Mohanty**

373. \_\_\_\_\_ 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%).

374. 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 will chair the committee?

**Answer: Ratan P Watal**

375. A new book titled 'Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947' has been authored by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Ayaz Memon**

376. \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

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

**Answer: Alexander Zverev**

378. 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**

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

**Answer: Oil India Limited (OIL)**

380. 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**

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

**Answer: Uttarakhand**

382. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

383. Malayalam writer \_\_\_\_\_ has recently won the 2021 JCB Prize for Literature for his book 'Delhi: A Soliloquy'

**Answer: M. Mukundan**

384. The state government of \_\_\_\_\_ has recently declared '**Kaiser-i-Hind**' as the state butterfly.

**Answer:** Arunachal Pradesh

385. \_\_\_\_\_ 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

- **Karnataka Gramin Bank (KGB)**, sponsored by Canara Bank, has recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Care Health Insurance to market health insurance products for customers of the bank across 22 districts of Karnataka.
- Kerala Grameen Bank has recently introduced a vaccine-linked deposit scheme for customers named 'KGB Kavacham'.

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386. 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.

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

**Answer:** Pochampally village (Telangana)

388. \_\_\_\_\_ has been named as the brand ambassador of TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav?

**Answer:** MC Mary Kom

389. 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**

390. 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.

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

**Answer: Gurugram, Haryana**

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

**Answer: Sourav Ganguly**

393. 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)**

394. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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

**Answer: Smriti Zubin Irani**

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

**Answer: Noida**

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

**Answer: Barbados**

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

**Answer: Aseem Chawla**

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

**Answer: Bandhan Bank**

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

**Answer: 18<sup>th</sup>, Norway**

401. 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.

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

**Answer: Godavari**

403. 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)**

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

**Answer: Amitabh Bachchan**

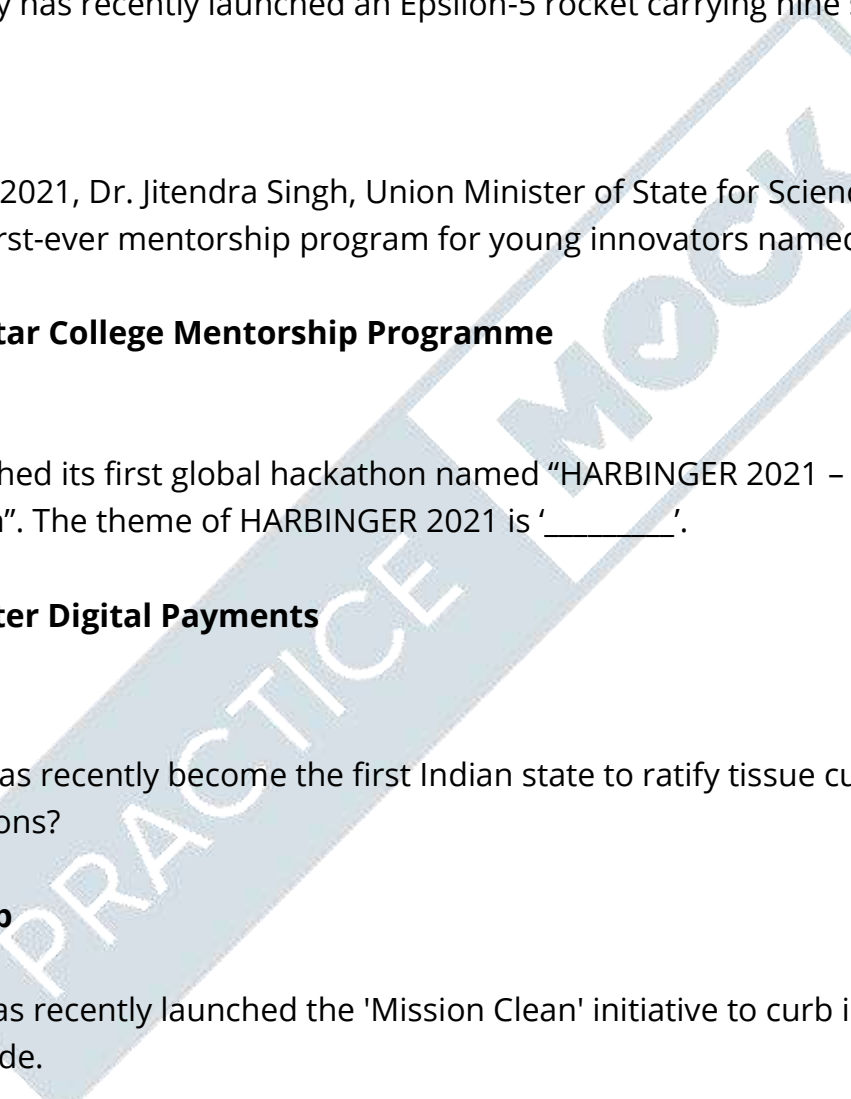
- Rishabh Pant has been selected as the brand ambassador for Hercules Bicycle
- Mohammed Siraj has recently been appointed as the new brand ambassador of Games24x7's fantasy cricket platform My11Circle.
- Kapil Dev has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Novo Nordisk India

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

**Answer: Japan**

406. 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**

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


**Answer: Smarter Digital Payments**

408. 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.

409. 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**

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



**Answer:** 10<sup>th</sup>

411. \_\_\_\_\_ Cabinet has recently approved the proposal of the creation of a new district called 'Eastern West Khasi Hills' district.

**Answer:** Meghalaya

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

**Answer:** Salman Khurshid

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

**Answer:** National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)

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

**Answer:** Nykaa

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

**Answer:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha

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

**Answer:** Mahatma Gandhi

417. 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.

418. \_\_\_\_\_ 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)**

419. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently joined the United Nations Global Compact, the world's largest sustainability initiative.

**Answer: TVS Motor Company**

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420. 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**

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

**Answer: Haryana**

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

**Answer: Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar**

423. 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**

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

**Answer: Mastercard**

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

**Answer: Amit Ranjan**

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

**Answer: Ashok Bhushan**

427. Alan Keith Davidson, an \_\_\_\_\_ cricketer, has passed away recently

**Answer: Australian**

428. 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**

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

**Answer: 1st November**

430. 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**

431. 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.

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

**Answer: Gujarat**

433. 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%.

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

**Answer: Subhadra Sen Gupta**

435. 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).

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

**Answer: Raipur, Chhattisgarh**

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

**Answer: Arun Chawla**

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

**Answer: Pradeep Magazine**

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

**Answer: Agartala, Tripura.**

440. 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.

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

**Answer: United Kingdom (UK)**

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

**Answer: China**

443. 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.

444. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently launched the 'Janasevaka' scheme offering 58 government services at the doorstep of citizens.

**Answer: Karnataka**

445. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently unveiled Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi in which temple?



**Answer:** Kedarnath Temple

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446. 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.

447. 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.

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

**Answer:** Afghanistan

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

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

450. 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).

451. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

452. 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.

453. \_\_\_\_\_ and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have recently developed an integrated 'single-window filming mechanism'.

**Answer: Ministry of Railways**

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

**Answer: Rashid Khan**

455. 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**

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

**Answer: Kotak Mahindra Bank**

457. \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

458. 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.

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

**Answer: Manoj Bajpayee**

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

**Answer: Denmark**

461. 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**

- Mastercard has recently collaborated with **Google Pay** on tokenization for card-based payments.

462. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently partnered with the Ministry of Electronics and IT's Startup Hub to launch 'Appscale Academy'

**Answer: Google**

463. 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.

464. 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**

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

**Answer: K.V. Kamath**

466. 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 organization?

**Answer: World Bank**

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

**Answer: Karnataka Bank**

468. 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**

469. 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 will oversee the functioning of the committee?

**Answer: R V Raveendran**

470. 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**

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

**Answer: 31st October**

472. 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**

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

**Answer: South Korea**

474. 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**

475. 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: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

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

**Answer: Nagpur**

477. 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**



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

**Answer: Rajinikanth**

- Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted in 1969.

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

**Answer: Ruskin Bond**

480. 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.

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

**Answer: Dharmendra Pradhan**

482. 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"

483. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

484. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently released its report called "2021 Production Gap Report".

**Answer: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

485. 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**

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

**Answer: Ritesh Chauhan**

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

**Answer: Bolivia**

488. 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**

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

**Answer: Divya Dutta**

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

**Answer: Ecuador**

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

**Answer: Rajasthan**

492. 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**

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

**Answer: 79<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Answer: National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC)**

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

**Answer: Ayushmann Khurrana**

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

**Answer: Imtiaz Ali**

497. 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**

498. 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.

499. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 25<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

500. 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**

501. World Student's Day is observed annually on **15th October**. This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**

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

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

**Answer: Russia**

503. 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: 101<sup>st</sup>; Somalia**

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

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

505. 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

506. 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**".

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

**Answer: Samsung Electronics**

508. 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.

509. \_\_\_\_\_ 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**.

510. \_\_\_\_\_ 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)**

511. 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)

512. 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”.

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

**Answer: Amit Rastogi**

- Alka Mittal has been appointed as the interim Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

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

**Answer: Nepal**

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

**Answer: India**

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

**Answer: Trishul; Garuda**

517. 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)

518. 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

519. \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

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

**Answer: Rajnish Kumar**

521. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first Indian non-banking financial company (NBFC) to launch instant business loans on WhatsApp.

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

522. 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

523. \_\_\_\_\_ 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".

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

**Answer: Germany**

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

**Answer: 3<sup>rd</sup>**

526. 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**.

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

**Answer: Satya Nadella**

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

**Answer: Ritesh Chauhan**

529. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

530. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Fire-Boltt?

**Answer: Virat Kohli**

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

**Answer: Ashok Kumar Gupta**

532. 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.

533. Who has won the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize?

**Answer: Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov**

**The Nobel Prizes 2021:**

Field	Recipient	Contribution
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<b>Physics</b>	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
<b>Chemistry</b>	Benjamin List and David MacMillan	"for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis"
<b>Physiology/Medicine</b>	David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian	for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch
<b>Literature</b>	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"
<b>Peace</b>	Maria Ressa and Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov	"for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace"
<b>Economics</b>	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"

534. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.*

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

**Answer: Telangana**

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

**Answer: Fish Production**

537. 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.

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

**Answer: Ranveer Singh**

539. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently acquired a 100% stake in Mumbai-based digital lending start-up CreditMate.

**Answer: Paytm**

540. National Ganga River Dolphin Day is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_ to spread awareness and encourage the conservation of Ganga River Dolphins.

**Answer: 5th October**

- On 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010, the dolphins were declared the National Aquatic Animal.



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

**Answer: Russia**

542. 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.

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

**Answer: ESAF Small Finance Bank**

544. Union Health Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya has released a report titled "The State of the World's Children 2021". The report is published by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**

545. 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**

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

**Answer: Kangana Ranaut**

547. 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.

548. 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)**

549. 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 will head the committee?

**Answer: SP Mukherjee**

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

**Answer: 59<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Answer: Japan**

552. 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**”.

553. 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.

554. 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**’.

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

**Answer: Nirupama Kotru**

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556. \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

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

**Answer: Jaipur in Rajasthan**

558. 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.

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

**Answer: Indra Nooyi**

560. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award is given for outstanding contribution in the field of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Science and Technology**

561. 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'.

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

**Answer: Amit Saxena**

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

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

**Answer: Together for a Shared Future**

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

**Answer: Leh, Ladakh**

565. Which city has been named the UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023?

**Answer: Accra, Ghana**

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

**Answer:** Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya

567. 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

568. \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed as a UN Sustainable Development Goals Advocate for advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

**Answer:** Kailash Satyarthi

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

**Answer:** Jhumpa Lahiri

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

**Answer:** England

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