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NOTE: This file contains the most important 'Question-Answer' points pertaining to the current affairs news from 1st September 2021 to 25th April 2022.

1. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog?

Answer: Noted economist **Suman K Bery**

2. _____ will host the **World Dairy Summit (WDS) 2022** in Delhi from 12th to 15th September 2022.

Answer: India

3. _____ in Jharkhand has become India's first district where all gram panchayats have community libraries.

Answer: Jamtara

4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated India's first dairy community radio named '_____' in Gujarat.

Answer: Dudh Vani

5. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report, India is ranked at _____ position in terms of military expenditure. India's military expenditure has increased to **USD 76.6 billion** in 2021, an increase of 0.9 percent when compared with 2020.

Answer: third

6. Who has been elected as the chairperson of the Haj Committee of India?

Answer: A P Abdullakutty

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7. The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) has announced that _____ has won the **Champions of the Earth Award 2021** under the **Lifetime Achievement** category, for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration.

Answer: Sir **David Attenborough** (UK)

8. José Ramos-Horta, 1996 Nobel _____ Prize winner, has been elected as the new President of **Timor-Leste**.

Answer: **Peace**

9. **NTPC Limited** has tied up with which institute to develop an energy-efficient plant to capture CO₂?

Answer: **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati**

- **NTPC Limited** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Gujarat Gas Limited (GGL)** to blend Green Hydrogen in piped natural gas (PNG) network of GGL at the NTPC Kawas facility.

10. Who among the following has won the "T20 International Women's Player of the Year" award at the New Zealand Cricket Awards 2022?

Answer: **Sophie Divine**

11. World Art Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: **15th April**

12. Which country will host the Street Child Cricket World Cup in 2023?

Answer: **India**

13. Which institute has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to develop solutions for maintaining weapon systems?

Answer: **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras**

14. Who has been selected for the Malcom Adiseshiah Award 2022?

Answer: **Prabhat Patnaik** (Renowned Indian economist and political commentator)

15. The state government of _____ has announced that the birthday of Dr. BR Ambedkar (14th April) will be observed as the '**Day of Equality**' in the state.

Answer: **Tamil Nadu**

- It is noteworthy that Tamil New Year, also known as '**Varsha Pirappu**', is also celebrated every year on 14 April in the state.

16. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the '**Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya**', a museum dedicated to all 14 Indian Prime Ministers of the country since independence, at the Teen Murti complex in _____.

Answer: New Delhi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a **108-foot** statue of **Lord Hanuman** in the **Morbi** district of **Gujarat**

17. Which of the following has collaborated with Extreme IX to enable faster digital payments?

Answer: **PhonePe**

18. The Karnataka Health Department has appointed Indian cricketer _____ as the brand ambassador for Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI).

Answer: **Robin Uthappa**

- Lloyd has appointed former Indian cricket captain **Sourav Ganguly** as the brand ambassador for the Eastern Indian markets.
- PharmEasy, a pharmacy platform, has appointed Bollywood actor **Aamir Khan** as its brand ambassador.
- Games24x7, an online skill gaming company, has appointed cricketers **Shubman Gill** and **Ruturaj Gaikwad** as its new brand ambassadors for its My11Circle fantasy gaming platform.

19. The _____ in consultation with Insurance companies has launched a portal named 'e-DAR' (e-Detailed Accident Report)

Answer: Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways (MoRTH)

20. A new book titled 'The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution' has been authored by whom?

Answer: Rajesh Talwar

- A new book titled '**Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises**' has been authored by **Dr. Sreeram Chaulia**.
- A new book titled "**Queen of Fire**" has been authored by an award-winning children's writer **Devika Rangachari**.
- A new book titled "**Decoding Indian Babudom**" has been authored by **Ashwini Shrivastava**.
- **Meena Nayyar**, Mother of Captain Anuj Nayyar, has authored a book titled '**Tiger of Drass: Capt. Anuj Nayyar, 23, Kargil Hero**'. The book has been co-authored by **Himmat Singh Shekhawat**.
- A new book titled "**The Maverick Effect: The Inside Story of India's IT Revolution**" has been authored by **Harish Mehta**. The book is published by HarperBusiness.
- Union Education and Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has released a book titled "**Birsa Munda - Janjatiya Nayak**". The book has been authored by Prof. **Alok Chakrawal**, Vice Chancellor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur.
- A new book titled "**Unfilled Barrels: India's oil story**" has been authored by Indian journalist and reporter **Richa Mishra**. The book is published by Bloomsbury India.

21. World Hemophilia Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 17th April

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
World Hemophilia Day	17 April	Access for All: Partnership. Policy. Progress. Engaging your government, integrating inherited bleeding disorders into national policy	First observed in 1989.
World Art Day	15 April		The day was first observed in 2012.

World Heritage Day	18 April	Heritage and Climate	This was approved by the General Assembly of UNESCO in 1983.
World Liver Day	19 April		
National Civil Service Day	21 April		<i>Charles Cornwallis is known as the father of the Indian Civil Service.</i>
World Homeopathy Day	10 th April	Homoeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness	Founder of homoeopathy: Dr. Christian Fredrich Samuel Hahnemann.
National Safe Motherhood Day	11 th April		The day also marks the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi
International Day of Street Children	12 th April		The day was first observed in 2012.
Odisha Day	1 st April		The year 2022 marks the 87th foundation day of the state.
World Autism Awareness Day	2 nd April	Inclusive Quality Education for All	The day was first observed in 2008.
National Maritime Day	5 th April	Propelling Indian Maritime Industry to Net Zero	The day was first observed in 1964.
World Health Day	7 th April	Our Planet, Our Health	The day was first observed in 1950.
International Children's Book Day	2 nd April	Stories are wings that help you soar every day	Canada has hosted International Children's Book Day 2022.
World Table Tennis Day	6 th April		The day was first observed in 2015.
World Malaria Day	25 th April	Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives	The day was first observed in 2008.

22. All India Radio News has launched a new weekly interactive program named _____ for Competitive Examinations.

Answer: Abhyaas

23. Which Institution has recently published a research paper titled 'Poverty in India Has Declined over the Last Decade But Not As Much As Previously Thought'?

Answer: World Bank

24. India's first-ever radio channel for the visually impaired named '**Radio Aksh**' has been launched in _____.

Answer: Nagpur, Maharashtra

25. The Executive Board of the _____ has approved the establishment of the **Resilience and Sustainability Trust (RST)** to help countries build resilience to external shocks and ensure sustainable growth, contributing to their long-term balance of payments stability.

Answer: International Monetary Fund (IMF)

26. _____ has won the '**Celent Model Bank**' award under the 'Payments System Transformation' category for building a best-in-class Enterprise Payments Hub (EPH).

Answer: IndusInd Bank

27. Who has been appointed as the next Chief of Army Staff?

Answer: Vice Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Manoj Pande

28. Which Indian state has become the first state in the country to set up an L-Root server?

Answer: Rajasthan

29. Who among the following has topped the Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022?

Answer: Cyrus Poonawalla

30. Jasleen Kohli has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of which company?

Answer: Digit Insurance

31. Which of the following state has launched 'SpaceTech Framework' on a Metaverse platform?

Answer: Telangana

32. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the **WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM)** in _____.

Answer: Jamnagar, Gujarat.

33. Recently, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has amended the rules governing Nidhi companies. Accordingly, a public company incorporated as a Nidhi with a share capital of _____ needs to first declare itself as a Nidhi from the Central Government.

Answer: Rs.10 lakh

34. Which country's central bank has launched a new payment system named HELLO?

Answer: Russia

35. SEBI has reconstituted its 7-member Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS). Who among the following will head the committee?

Answer: Sunil Bajpai

36. Which state has announced to observe Sri Siddalinga Swami's birth anniversary as 'Integration Day'?

Answer: Karnataka

37. The _____ has signed an agreement for sale of its **8 percent** stake in **India SME Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (ISARC)** in favour of Dhansamridhi Finance.

Answer: Union Bank of India

38. Which institute has topped the Arts and Humanities category in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022?

Answer: University of Oxford

39. In which state Nandini Ksheera Samridhi Cooperative Bank has been set up for milk producers?

Answer: Karnataka

40. Which state celebrates the festival of 'Sarhul' as New Year?

Answer: Jharkhand

41. The Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines for banks to set up 24*7 _____ in order to provide products and services in both self-served and assisted mode.

Answer: Digital Banking Units (DBUs)

42. Which Union Ministry of India has constituted the AVGC Promotion Task Force to address the Indian markets and global demand?

Answer: Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

43. 'Tomb of Sand' has been shortlisted for the International Booker Prize. It has been authored by who among the following?

Answer: Geetanjali Shree

44. IIT Madras has launched India's first indigenously developed polycentric prosthetic knee called _____.

Answer: Kadam

45. The _____ has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Hyderabad-based **National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)**, ISRO to develop the Bhuvan-Aadhar portal.

Answer: Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

46. _____ has become the first country in the world to give legal rights to wild animals.

Answer: Ecuador

47. Who has been appointed as the 31st Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?

Answer: Dr. Manoj Soni

48. Veteran _____ author **Amar Mitra** has been conferred the prestigious **O. Henry Prize for Short Fiction 2022**.

Answer: Bengali

49. Madhavpur Ghed Fair is organized annually in which state?

Answer: Gujarat

50. Which of the following airport has been named as the busiest airport in the world for 2021?

Answer: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), USA

51. _____ have won the tag of '**2021 Tree City of the World**' by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.

Answer: Hyderabad and Mumbai

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52. The first **Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery Tournament** has been held in Tata Archery Academy, _____.

Answer: Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

53. Which country will host the inaugural edition of the U-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023?

Answer: South Africa

54. Founder and CEO of Nykaa, _____ has been named the **EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021**.

Answer: Falguni Nayar

55. Odisha Government has signed an agreement with which entity to set up a renewable energy plant?

Answer: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)

56. The _____ **Anniversary** of the **Jallianwala Bagh Massacre** has been observed on 13th April 2022 to pay homage to the martyrs who lost their lives in the massacre during the British rule on 13th April 1919.

Answer: 103rd

57. _____ has tied up with US-based **Global Alliance for Sustainable Planet (GASP)** to produce value-added materials from garbage.

Answer: Andhra Pradesh

58. Who among the following has won the F1 Australian Grand Prix 2022?

Answer: Ferrari-driver **Charles Leclerc**

- Red Bull's Max Verstappen has won the Abu Dhabi **Grand Prix 2021**
- 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.

59. Who has become the first batsman to get officially retired out in Indian Premier League (IPL) history?

Answer: Ravichandran Ashwin

60. Indian _____ player **Mithun Manjunath** has won a silver medal in Men's singles at the Orleans Masters 2022 held in Orleans, France.

Answer: Badminton

61. **Tata Group** has recently launched its super app named _____. It is the conglomerate's super app that brings together all of its digital services and apps on a single platform.

Answer: Tata Neu

62. The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved the procurement of 15 indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopters (LCH). LCHs are manufactured by which entity?

Answer: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

63. Which state in India has emerged as the top vegetable producer in FY2021-22?

Answer: Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top vegetable producer in FY2021-22 with 29.8 MT production.

- **Andhra Pradesh** has emerged as the top fruit producer in FY2021-22 with 18.01 MT production.

64. The 20th edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise '_____' has been conducted between the **Indian Navy** and **French Navy** in the Arabian Sea.

Answer: VARUNA-2022

65. The state government of _____ has announced to launch '**Vinaya Samarasya Yojana**'.

Answer: Karnataka

66. Which of the following state government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Samsung and Abhitech to set up a Sports Digital Experience Centre?

Answer: Manipur

67. Which of the following institution has introduced a software named 'FASTER'?

Answer: Supreme Court of India

68. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the timeline for banks to use **lockable cassettes** in ATMs which can be swapped at the time of cash replenishment by one year to _____.

Answer: 31st March 2023

69. The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has signed an agreement with _____ to establish a **USD 100 million** partial guarantee program for Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) in India.

Answer: HSBC India

70. Who among the following has been appointed to the United Nations High-Level Expert Group on Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities?

Answer: Arunabha Ghosh

71. The Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), **Madhabi Puri Buch** has launched the ideathon '_____', to promote innovations in the securities market.

Answer: Manthan

72. India's first private commercial imaging satellite has been launched by Pixxel. What is the name of the satellite?

Answer: Shakuntala

73. _____ **Cricket team** has won the **ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022** title by defeating England.

Answer: Australian

74. The _____ has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Border Security Force (BSF)** to provide special benefits to the serving and retired BSF personnel and family pensioners through the Central Armed Police Salary Package (CAPSP) Scheme.

Answer: State Bank of India (SBI)

75. Who has won the Chameli Devi Jain Award 2021?

Answer: Aarefa Johari

76. Tata Power Renewables Energy, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, has installed a **300 MW** solar plant in _____, Gujarat.

Answer: Dholera

77. Who has been appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) as the world's first climate change expert?

Answer: Dr Ian Fry

78. Which state government has launched the 'Kaaval Uthavi' app for the public during an emergency?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

79. Which state/UT has launched 'School Chalo Abhiyan'?

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

80. Which Union Ministry of India has launched "Mission Integrated Bio-refineries"?

Answer: Union Ministry for Science and Technology

81. Which Indian entity has collaborated with Payments Canada to implement the Real-Time-Rail Payment System?

Answer: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

82. SEBI has introduced Demat Debit and Pledge Instruction (DDPI) to replace Power of Attorney (PoA) for share pledging. This will come into effect from which date?

Answer: 1st July 2022

83. Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav has launched an awareness mascot _____ for effective plastic waste management.

Answer: Prakriti

84. Who among the following has been appointed by SEBI to head the 6-member committee to strengthen governance of Market Infra Institutions (MIIs)?

Answer: G Mahalingam

85. Which state government has launched 'Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana'?

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

86. Which country has become the 30th country to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)?

Answer: Madagascar

87. Who will be honoured with the prestigious Saraswati Samman 2021?

Answer: Ramdarash Mishra

88. Which of the following departments of the Central Government has recently launched the 'One Health' pilot project in Uttarakhand?

Answer: Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD)

89. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)?

Answer: Vikas Kumar

90. Jayati Ghosh, who has been in the news recently, is associated with which field?

Answer: Economist

91. Which state government has developed the Dishaank app to ensure easy access to land records?

Answer: Karnataka

92. World Water Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 22nd March

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
World Water Day	22 nd March	Groundwater, making the invisible visible	The day was celebrated for the first time in 1993.
World Tuberculosis Day	24 th March	Invest to End TB. Save Lives	
National Dolphin Day	5 th October		
World Meteorological Day	23 rd March	Early Warning and Early Action	
International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery	25 th March	Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism	

International Transgender Day of Visibility	31 st March		The day was first observed in 2009.
World Consumer Rights Day	15 th March	Fair Digital Finance	
National Vaccination Day	16 th March	Vaccines Work for all	The day was first observed in 1995
World Forestry Day	21 st March		
International Day of Happiness	20 th March		
World Poetry Day	21 st March		UNESCO first adopted 21st March as World Poetry Day during its 30th General Conference in Paris in 1999.

93. Which state has become India's first state to introduce carbon-neutral farming?

Answer: Kerala

94. Which country has topped the Global House Price Index Q4 2021 by Knight Frank?

Answer: Turkey

95. SBI Card has collaborated with which of the following to launch International Gourmet Card?

Answer: Nature's Basket

96. Which state assembly has become India's first Legislative Assembly to successfully implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)?

Answer: Nagaland

97. Which payments bank has collaborated with ICICI Lombard to provide smartphone insurance?

Answer: Airtel Payments Bank

98. Identify the lender that has tied up with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to launch a co-branded credit card.

Answer: ICICI Bank

99. Kerala Tourism has launched a 24x7 WhatsApp chatbot named _____ to attract more tourists to Kerala.

Answer: Maya

100. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairman of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)?

Answer: Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan

101. Which fintech firm has collaborated with Max Life Insurance to launch the 'Max Life Smart Secure Plus Plan'?

Answer: PhonePe

102. Which of the following airport has been conferred with the COVID Champion Award at Wings India 2022?

Answer: Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL)

103. Who has won the Stockholm Water Prize 2022?

Answer: Wilfried Brutsaert

104. DBS Bank India has partnered with which of the following entity to launch an environment-friendly debit card?

Answer: EaseMyTrip

105. Which Union Ministry of India has launched the "Training for Emirates Jobs and Skills (TEJAS)" project?

Answer: Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

106. Which state has become the first state in the country to introduce the concept of a dynamic map for villages?

Answer: Bihar

107. The Government of India has set a target to build how many airports by 2025?

Answer: 220

108. Which state government has partnered with the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) for Medical Devices Park?

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

109. Which of the following has become the official sponsor of FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022?

Answer: BYJU's

110. The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which of the following entity for the acquisition of two multi-purpose vessels (MPVs) for Indian Navy?

Answer: Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

111. Tata Sons Chairman _____ has been named as the Chairman of Air India. In February 2022, he was reappointed as chairman of Tata Sons for a second term of five years.

Answer: N Chandrasekaran

112. The 'Motor Vessel (MV) Ram Prasad Bismil' has become the longest vessel ever to sail on which of the following river?

Answer: Brahmaputra

113. The **State Bank of India (SBI)** will set up an Innovation, Incubation, and Acceleration Centre (IIAC) at _____.

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana.

114. '**Green Triangle**' named after _____ has been inaugurated in **Antananarivo, Madagascar** as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate India's 75th year of independence.

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

115. Who has been selected for the 31st GD Birla Award for Scientific Research?

Answer: Narayan Pradhan

116. The _____ has partnered with **UltraCash Technologies Pvt Ltd** to provide a voice-based digital payment facility that allows its BharatGas consumers.

Answer: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

117. Former Indian cricketer captain _____ has penned his autobiography titled "**Wrist Assured: An Autobiography**". It has been co-authored by senior journalist **R Kaushik**.

Answer: Gundappa Viswanath

118. Which state has become the first state in India to record its crop diversification patterns in the form of an index?

Answer: Telangana

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119. Which railway station has become the first station in the East Coast railway to implement 'One Station, One Product'?

Answer: Visakhapatnam railway station

120. Which of the following has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Eker Group and Vaan Moto to build speed boats?

Answer: Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)

121. Name the institute that has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with NMDC to conduct drone-based mineral exploration.

Answer: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur

122. As per the recently released World Happiness Report 2022, which nation has been ranked as the unhappiest nation?

Answer: Afghanistan

- India's rank has improved by 3 spots to **136** out of 146 countries with a score of 3.777.
- **Finland** has been named the world's happiest country for the fifth consecutive year, followed by Denmark, and Iceland.

123. Which lender has been awarded the Best MSME Bank of the Year award among private sector Banks instituted by ASSOCHAM?

Answer: Karnataka Bank

124. Who among the following has won the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2022?

Answer: Diébédo Francis Kéré

125. The National Capital Regional Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has unveiled the coaches of India's first rapid rail for which corridor?

Answer: Delhi – Meerut corridor

126. India's first 'World Peace Centre' will be established in which city?

Answer: Gurugram, Haryana

127. Which of the following has become the first South Asian city to detail its plans for net-zero carbon emissions by 2050?

Answer: Mumbai

128. The Surajkund International Crafts Mela is observed annually in which state?

Answer: Haryana.

129. _____ has acquired Pune-based **IZEaliant Technologies**, a leading Fintech startup that provides payments technology solutions for banks, for an undisclosed amount.

Answer: Razorpay

130. International Day of Mathematics (Pi Day) is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 14th March

131. The Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has inaugurated the **first drone school** in _____.

Answer: Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

132. Debashish Panda has been appointed as the new Chairman of which of the following organization?

Answer: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

133. The _____ has been organising a special programme for School Children titled "**Young Scientists Programme**" or "**YUva Vigyani KAryakram**" (YUVIKA).

Answer: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

134. Which lender has been conferred with the 'National Award for Outstanding Performance for the Financial Year 2020-21' by the Ministry of Rural Development?

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir Bank

- **Karnataka Bank** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with **SELCO Solar Light** to provide energy access to the underserved population.

135. As per the latest V-Dem's Liberal Democratic Index (LDI), India has been ranked _____ while _____ has topped the Index.

Answer: 93rd; Sweden

136. India's largest reclining statue of Lord Gautama Buddha is being built in _____. It is being built by Buddha International Welfare Mission.

Answer: Bodh Gaya, Bihar

137. SEBI has raised the public debt investment limit through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) mechanism to Rs. 5 lakh from the current limit of _____.

Answer: 5 Lakh

138. The Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines on Interest Equalization Scheme for Pre and Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit (Scheme). The government of India has approved the extension of scheme up to _____ or till further review, whichever is earlier. The extension takes effect from 1st October 2021.

Answer: 31st March 2024

139. Recently, C-DAC has commissioned the supercomputer named "PARAM Ganga" at which institute?

Answer: IIT Roorkee

140. Who has become the 23rd Woman Grandmaster of India?

Answer: Priyanka Nutakki

141. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) of _____ has successfully launched a military satellite named 'Noor-2'

Answer: Iran

- **Israel** has successfully test-fired its new laser missile defence system '**Iron Beam**'.

142. Pharma major **Lupin Limited** has appointed _____ as brand ambassador for its Shakti campaign.

Answer: Mary Kom (six-time world boxing champion and Olympics bronze medallist)

143. Recently, RBI has launched the unified payments interface (UPI) service for feature phones named _____.

Answer: UPI123PAY

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) have launched two initiatives named '**UPI123PAY**' and '**DigiSaathi**'.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released a booklet on modus operandi of financial frauds, titled '**BE(A)WARE**', as a part of the public awareness initiative by RBI's Consumer Education and Protection Department.

144. International Women's Day (IWD) is observed annually on 8th March. What is the theme of IWD 2022?

Answer: Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow

145. Recently, Microsoft has decided to set up its fourth data center in which Indian city?

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

146. The _____ has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD)** to develop a sustainable model for promoting entrepreneurship at the grassroots by initiating the 'start-up village entrepreneurship programme' (SVEP).

Answer: Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)

Some Important Union Ministries Initiatives:

- The **Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying**, Parshottam Rupala has inaugurated the '**Sagar Parikrama**' initiative to solve the problems of Coastal Fisher folk.
- **Ministry of Labour and Employment** has launched the '**Donate-a-Pension**' programme. It is an initiative under the **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)** pension scheme where citizens can donate the premium contribution of their immediate support staff including domestic workers, drivers and helpers.
- The **Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises** has launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named –"**SAMARTH**" to provide Skill Development and Market Development Assistance to women and to train more than 7500 women candidates from rural and sub-urban areas in the FY 2022-23.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), in partnership with the Ministry of Education and UNICEF, has launched a campaign named '**Kanya Shiksha Pravesh Utsav**' on the occasion of International Women's Day (8th March).
- Union Minister for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh has announced three important programs under the **Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)-Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing (KIRAN)** scheme.
- The Union Minister for MSME Narayan Rane has launched the **MSME Innovative Scheme** (Incubation, Design and IPR) along with the **MSME IDEA HACKATHON 2022**.

147. Which state government has announced to launch a scheme named "Aama Yojna" for helping non-working mothers?

Answer: Sikkim

Some Important State Initiatives:

- **Karnataka** government has launched the 'Brain Health Initiative' to help people cope with COVID-19 stress.
- Uttarakhand state has recently launched a '**Milk Price Incentive Scheme**'.
- **Chhattisgarh** has launched the '**Kaushalya Matritva Yojana**' to support women financially for the nutrition of themselves and their child after pregnancy.
- **Karnataka** has launched **Women@Work (W@W) programme** to provide 5 lakh jobs within 2026 to women with necessary employable skills.
- **Haryana** has announced to launch '**Matrushakti Udaymita Scheme**' to provide support to women entrepreneurs.
- **Pondicherry** has launched a **Digital School Health Platform** for the students of Pondicherry.
- **Tripura** has announced to launch a special scheme named "**Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa**" for Tea garden workers.
- **Haryana** has announced a '**Sushma Swaraj Award**' for women for their significant achievements or contribution in different walks of life in the international and national spheres.

148. Who has been selected to represent India at the 2041 Climate Force Antarctica Expedition?

Answer: Aarushi Verma

149. The _____ has won the 1st prize in the **Ispat Rajbhasha Award** for 2018-19 and 2020-21 and the **Ispat Rajbhasha Prerna Award** for 2019-20.

Answer: National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC)

150. The _____ and Indian Banks Association (IBA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on **capacity building programs** primarily for financial creditors on topics related to insolvency, bankruptcy and related subjects.

Answer: Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)

151. _____ has become the first woman to appear in six ICC Women's Cricket World Cups.

Answer: Mithali Raj

152. 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

153. 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

154. Renowned _____ leg spinner **Shane Warne** has passed away recently in Koh Samui, Thailand.

Answer: Australian

155. 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

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

Answer: Agra, Uttar Pradesh

157. 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

158. _____ has launched a showroom on wheels (mobile showroom) named '**Anubhav**'.

Answer: Tata Motors

159. _____ 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.

160. 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

161. 'Herath', also known as Mahashivratri, is celebrated in the union territory of _____.

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir

162. As per Knight Frank's 16th 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: 3rd

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

163. 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

164. 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

165. The _____ has planned to start a '**Health Star Rating System**' for packaged foods.

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

166. _____ 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

167. 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)

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

Answer: Bhushan Patwardhan

169. 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**.

170. 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 **27th February**.
- **Janaushadhi Diwas** is observed annually on **7th March**.
- **Zero Discrimination Day** is observed annually on **1st March**.
- **World Wildlife Day (WWD)** is observed annually on **3rd March**
- **National Safety Day (NSD)** is observed annually on **4th March**

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

Answer: Dabur India

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

Answer: Renault India

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

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

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

Answer: New Development Bank (NDB)

175. 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

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

Answer: Madhabi Puri Buch

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

Answer: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

178. India has been ranked 43rd the International Intellectual Property Index 2022, while _____ has topped the index.

Answer: The USA

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

Answer: World Economic Forum (WEF)

180. 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**

181. 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 22nd to 28th February 2022 in **75 locations** across the country.
- The **Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)** has observed its **6th anniversary** on 21st 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**'.

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

Answer: Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL)

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

Answer: ICICI Bank

184. 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

185. 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.

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

Answer: Bank of Baroda

187. 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)

188. _____ has partnered with Paytm Payments Services Limited to strengthen the 'Tips' feature in India.

Answer: Twitter

189. 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)

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

Answer: Nashik, Maharashtra

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

Answer: Sandeep Bakhshi

192. 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**.

193. _____ has become the first country to allow drones to operate in civilian airspace.

Answer: Israel

194. As per the Democracy Index 2021, India has been ranked _____.

Answer: 46th

195. 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: 4th

196. 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.

197. 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: 3rd

198. 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

199. _____ 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).

200. _____ 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

201. 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

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

Answer: Zara Rutherford

203. 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 18th February 2022** to propagate financial education messages on a particular theme across the country.

204. 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.

205. 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)

206. 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

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

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir

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

Answer: India

209. 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.

210. Legendary singer **Lata Mangeshkar** has passed away recently in Mumbai, Maharashtra due to multi-organ failure. She was born as **Hema Mangeshkar** on 28th September 1929 in _____.

Answer: Indore, Madhya Pradesh

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

Answer: India

212. _____ 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

213. 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 1st 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).

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

Answer: Jaipur

215. 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

216. 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

217. 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

218. 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

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

Answer: Samsung Electronics

220. 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

221. **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 (NVVN) 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**.

222. 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

223. 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**.

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

Answer: 24th January

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

225. 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: 74TH

226. 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)

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

Answer: Dr. V Anantha Nageswaran

228. _____ has announced his debut book named "The \$10 Trillion Dream".

Answer: Subhash Chandra Garg

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229. 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**.

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

Answer: Peru

231. 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**.

232. 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

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

Answer: Apple

234. 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 **85th** on the index with score of 40. Maldives has also scored 40 in the index.

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

Answer: Kerala

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

Answer: Charanjit Singh

237. 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**

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

Answer: World Economic Forum (WEF)

239. 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.

240. 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: 125th

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

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

Answer: Saraswati River

242. _____ has recently become India's first UN Development Programme (UNDP) Youth Climate Champion.

Answer: Prajakta Koli

243. 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

244. _____ 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).

245. 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).

246. 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.

247. 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'.

248. 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

249. Shaylyn Ford of _____ has been crowned as the winner of Mrs World 2022 beauty pageant held in Las Vegas.

Answer: USA

250. _____ has recently become India's first sanitary-napkin-free village?

Answer: Kumbalangi

251. 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.

252. _____ 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

253. Pandit Birju Maharaj has passed away recently. He was a renowned _____ dancer.

Answer: Kathak

254. 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.*

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

Answer: 15th January

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

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

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

257. 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)

258. _____ 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.

259. Australian wine brand, Jacob's Creek has recently appointed _____ as its brand ambassador.

Answer: Mithali Raj

260. 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

261. 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

262. 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

263. 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

264. 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

265. 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

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

Answer: Arundhati Bhattacharya

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

Answer: 8th

268. 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: 25th; 159th

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

Answer: Harshaali Malhotra

270. 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

271. Fourteen-year-old **Bharath Subramaniam** (Chennai) has recently become India's _____ chess Grandmaster.

Answer: 73rd

272. 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

273. A new book titled "Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography" has been authored by _____.

Answer: Thomas Matthew

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

Answer: Chandigarh University

275. 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: 11th January

276. 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: 26th December

277. World Hindi Day is observed annually on _____ to promote the language at the global stage.

Answer: 10th 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**.

278. Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD), also known as Non-Resident Indian Day, is observed annually on **9th January**. The year 2022 marks the _____ Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD).

Answer: 17th

279. 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

280. 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

281. 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

282. 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

283. _____ has been selected by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to host the 25th National Youth Festival.

Answer: Pondicherry

284. 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

285. 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

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

286. 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**'.

287. 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

288. 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: 4th

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

Answer: Kerala High Court

290. 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**.

291. _____ 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.

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

Answer: Apple

293. 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

294. 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

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

Answer: 4th 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.

296. 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 Namsong, is celebrated annually across the Indian state of **Sikkim** on the 18th day of the tenth Tibetan lunar month.

297. 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**.

298. 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.

299. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has observed the _____ Foundation Day of its establishment on 1st January 2022.

Answer: 64th

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

Answer: S Sahoo

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

Answer: Anupam Ray

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

Answer: Divya Hegde (from Udupi, Karnataka)

303. 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**.

304. National Farmers' Day or Kisan Diwas is observed annually on **23rd December** to commemorate the birth anniversary of the _____ Prime Minister of India, **Chaudhary Charan Singh**.

Answer: 5th

305. 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)**

306. 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 25th December. The year 2021 marks the 97th birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

307. 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**

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

Answer: **Sanju Verma**

309. 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**

310. 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 3rd largest economy in 2031.

Answer: 6th

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

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

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

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

Answer: Japan

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

Answer: Alia Bhatt

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

Answer: Odisha

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

Answer: IIT Roorkee

316. _____ 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".

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

Answer: Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

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

Answer: Madhabi Puri Buch

319. 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

320. 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.

321. 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.

322. 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

323. 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).

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

Answer: 50th

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

Answer: Kolkata's Durga Puja

326. 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.

327. 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

328. _____ 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.

329. 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

330. 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*

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

Answer: Steel Authority of India (SAIL)

332. 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.

333. 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.

334. 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

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

Answer: Emma Raducanu

336. 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.

337. Who has won the 57th Jnanpith Award?

Answer: Damodar Mauzo

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

338. 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.

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

Answer: Olaf Scholz

340. 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).

341. 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**.

342. 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

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

Answer: Maharashtra

344. 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.*

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

Answer: Catherine Russell

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

Answer: Indian model **Harnaaz Sandhu**

347. As per the "World Talent Ranking Report" 2021, India has been ranked at _____ while _____ has topped the list.

Answer: 56th; Switzerland

348. _____ 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.

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

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

350. 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.

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

Answer: Narotam Sekhsaria

352. 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

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

Answer: 59th

354. 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'.

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355. 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'

356. 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)

357. 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)

358. 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

359. 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)

360. 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)

361. Which state has recently observed the Hornbill Festival?

Answer: Nagaland

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

362. 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.

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

Answer: Gujarat

364. 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.

365. 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**"

366. 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

367. 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.

368. 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**'.

369. Who has won the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize?

Answer: Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov

The Nobel Prizes 2021:

Field	Recipient	Contribution
Physics	Syukuro Manabe and Klaus Hasselmann	for the physical modelling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability and reliably predicting global warming
	Giorgio Parisi	for the discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales
Chemistry	Benjamin List and David MacMillan	"for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis"

Physiology/Medicine	David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian	for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch
Literature	Abdulrazak Gurnah	“for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents”
Peace	Maria Ressa and Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov	“for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace”
Economics	David Card	“for his empirical contributions to labour economics”
	Joshua D. Angrist and Guido W. Imbens	“for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships”

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

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

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

371. 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)

372. 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

373. 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

374. 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)

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

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

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

Answer: Anita Desai

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

Answer: DEAFinitely Leading the Way

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

Answer: Pratham NGO

379. 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

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

Answer: Indore

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

Answer: JP Morgan Chase

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

Answer: Spain

383. 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

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

Answer: 26th November

385. 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

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

Answer: Jammu and Kashmir

387. Who is the CEO of Twitter?

Answer: Parag Agrawal

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

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

Answer: PK Mohanty

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

Answer: Ratan P Watal

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

Answer: Ayaz Memon

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

Answer: Alexander Zverev

392. 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

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

Answer: Uttarakhand

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

Answer: M. Mukundan

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

Answer: Arunachal Pradesh

396. 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.

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

Answer: Pochampally village (Telangana)

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

Answer: MC Mary Kom

399. 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

400. 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.

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

Answer: Gurugram, Haryana

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

Answer: Sourav Ganguly

403. 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)

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

Answer: Smriti Zubin Irani

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

Answer: Noida

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

Answer: 18th, Norway

407. 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.

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

Answer: Godavari

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

Answer: Japan

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

Answer: Smarter Digital Payments

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

Answer: Rohit Sharma

412. 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.

413. 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

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

Answer: 10th

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

Answer: Meghalaya

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

Answer: Salman Khurshid

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

Answer: Nykaa

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

Answer: Bhubaneswar, Odisha

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

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

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

Answer: TVS Motor Company

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

Answer: Vihaan and Nav Agarwal

422. 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

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

Answer: Haryana

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

Answer: Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar

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

Answer: Amit Ranjan

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

Answer: 1 lakh

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

Answer: Ashok Bhushan

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

Answer: Kannada

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

Answer: Harbhajan Singh and Javagal Srinath

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

Answer: Pradeep Magazine

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

Answer: Unmukt Chand

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

Answer: Damon Galgut (South African writer)

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

Answer: K Rajaraman

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

Answer: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

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

Answer: United Kingdom (UK)

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

Answer: China

444. 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.

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

Answer: Karnataka

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

Answer: Kedarnath Temple

447. 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.

448. 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.

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

Answer: Karnataka.

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

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

Answer: Manoj Bajpayee

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

Answer: Denmark

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

Answer: Google

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

Answer: K.V. Kamath

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

Answer: World Bank

461. 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

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

Answer: R V Raveendran

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

Answer: 31st October

464. 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

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

Answer: AU Small Finance Bank

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

Answer: Nagpur

467. 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

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

Answer: Rajinikanth

- Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted in 1969.

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

Answer: Ruskin Bond

470. 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.

471. 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"

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

Answer: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

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

Answer: Ritesh Chauhan

474. 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

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

Answer: Divya Dutta

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

Answer: Ecuador

477. 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.

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

Answer: Ministry of Rural Development

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

479. 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

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

Answer: Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

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

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

Answer: Russia

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

Answer: 101st; Somalia

483. Who is the author of the book titled “Actually...I Met Them: A Memoir”?

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

484. 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

485. 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**”.

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

Answer: Samsung Electronics

487. 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.

488. _____ 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**.

489. _____ 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)

490. 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".

491. 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).

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

Answer: Nepal

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

Answer: India

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

Answer: Trishul; Garuda

495. _____ 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

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

Answer: Rajnish Kumar

497. 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

498. 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**.

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

Answer: Satya Nadella

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

Answer: Ritesh Chauhan

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

Answer: Virat Kohli

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

Answer: Ashok Kumar Gupta

503. 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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Physics	Syukuro Manabe and Klaus Hasselmann	for the physical modelling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability and reliably predicting global warming
	Giorgio Parisi	for the discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales
Chemistry	Benjamin List and David MacMillan	"for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis"
Physiology/Medicine	David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian	for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch
Literature	Abdulrazak Gurnah	"for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents"
Peace	Maria Ressa and Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov	"for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace"
Economics	David Card	"for his empirical contributions to labour economics"
	Joshua D. Angrist and Guido W. Imbens	"for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships"

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

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

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

Answer: Telangana

506. 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.

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

Answer: Ranveer Singh

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

Answer: Rajnish Kumar

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

Answer: Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change

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

Answer: 5th October

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

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

Answer: Rajneesh Sharma

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

Answer: ESAF Small Finance Bank

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

Answer: Rs 6000 crore

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

Answer: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

515. 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

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

Answer: Kangana Ranaut

517. 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.

518. 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)

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

Answer: Ranveer Singh

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

Answer: SP Mukherjee

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

Answer: 59th

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

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

Answer: Japan

523. 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**”.

524. 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.

525. 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**'.

526. _____ 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

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

Answer: Jaipur in Rajasthan

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

Answer: International Monetary Fund (IMF)

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

Answer: Sridhar Vembu

530. 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.

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

Answer: Madrid, Spain

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

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

Answer: Indra Nooyi

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

Answer: Science and Technology

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

Answer: Ajit Pawar

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

Answer: Padmaja Chunduru

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

Answer: Amit Saxena

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

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

Answer: Leh, Ladakh

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

Answer: Cancer

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

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

Answer: Kaverie Bamzai

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

Answer: Abuja, Nigeria

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

Answer: 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

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

Answer: Accra, Ghana

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

Answer: Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya

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

Answer: Chetan Bhagat

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

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

Answer: Performance

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

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

Answer: Kailash Satyarthi

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

Answer: 1994

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

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

Answer: Footballer

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

Answer: IIT Bombay

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

Answer: 16th September

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

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

Answer: Jhumpa Lahiri

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

Answer: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

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

Answer: Iceland

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

Answer: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)

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

Answer: Subramanian Swamy

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

Answer: England

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

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

Answer: Telangana

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

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

Answer: Ranikhet

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

Answer: Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)

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

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

Answer: 14th September

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

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

Answer: Portal for Regulation of Air Pollution

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

Answer: 10,683 crore

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

Answer: Amazon India

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

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

Answer: International Labour Organisation (ILO).

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

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

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

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

Answer: Mother Teresa

- The year 2021 marks her 24th death anniversary.

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

Answer: Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

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

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

Answer: Ajay Prakash Sawhney

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

Answer: Goa

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

Answer: Chandigarh Railway Station

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