

PRACTICE

MOCK



BREAKING  
NEWS

April 2022 - Week 3

# WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

Stay Updated on all the important news of the third week of April 2022

DOWNLOAD **FREE** PDF



## Contents

NATIONAL AFFAIRS .....	3
STATES AFFAIRS.....	10
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.....	12
REPORTS & INDICES .....	14
BUSINESS & ECONOMY .....	16
BANKING & FINANCE .....	17
AWARDS & RECOGNITION .....	21
BOOKS & AUTHORS.....	23
PERSON IN NEWS .....	23
OBITUARIES.....	25
SPORTS.....	26
IMPORTANT DAYS .....	27
Other Important Study Material to help you in your preparation.....	29

PRACTICE MOCK

**SBI CLERK  
2022**

Take a **FREE** Mock Test  
Get Your All India Rank

PRACTICE MOCK

## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** to develop indigenous solutions for technology development and sustenance of various weapon systems. It aims to accelerate the indigenization efforts of IAF to achieve 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.
2. The Department of Water Resources River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD&GR), the Ministry of Jal Shakti, has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with the Ministry of the Environment of Japan in the areas of **Decentralized Domestic Waste Water Management**. This will be done through Japan's Johkasou technology which will help in treating and reusing wastewater at the local level.
3. 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 New Delhi.
  - The museum has been built at a cost of **Rs.271 crore** and was approved in 2018.
  - The museum building integrates the Teen Murti Bhawan in New Delhi, designated as Block I, with the newly-constructed Block II. The total area of the two blocks is over 15,600 square metres.
  - There are 43 galleries in the Sangrahalaya.
  - The logo of the Sangrahalaya shows hands holding the Dharma Chakra, symbolising the nation and democracy.
  - **Paytm** has become an official digital payments partner for the museum.
4. The **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** has presented the **National Time Release Study (TRS) 2022**, which is a performance measurement tool for assessing the cargo clearance process of the international trade. It is recommended by the World Trade Organization (WTO) under the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) and the World Customs Organization (WCO).
  - NTRS 2022 covers 15 major Customs formations, including four-port categories: Seaports, Air cargo complexes (ACCs), Inland container depot (ICDs) and Integrated check posts (ICPs).
  - These four port categories handle about 80 percent of the bills of entry (imports documents) and 70 percent of the shipping bills (export documents).
  - As per the findings, Sea cargo cleared via Seaports and Inland Container Depot (ICDs) has improved by 12%, Air Cargo Complexes has improved by 16%, and Integrated Check Posts has improved by 2%.

5. **India** has been elected to **four** key bodies of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (**ECOSOC**), one of the 6 principal organs of the United Nations. These bodies are:
- Committee on NGOs
  - Commission for Social Development
  - Commission on Science and Technology for Development
  - Ambassador Preeti Saran has been re-elected to the Committee for Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
6. Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has launched the **e-Sanjeevani Tele-consultation** facility at **1 lakh** centres on the occasion of 4th Anniversary of Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs). More than one lakh 17 thousand Health and Wellness Centres have been operationalized in the country so far.
- Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres was launched in 2018 by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
  - The aim is to achieve the Universal Health Coverage as realised under the National Health Policy 2017.
  - The first AB-HWC was inaugurated at Jangla village in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh.

*He has also announced to organize **Health Fair** in every block of the country from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022.*

7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the '**Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit 2022**' at Mahatma Mandir, **Gandhinagar** in **Gujarat**. The summit has been organized by the Ministry of AYUSH from 20-22 April 2022 to bring together leading startups, entrepreneurs, investors, policy makers and other national/international stakeholders of the country for a specially curated event on innovation and make India a Global Ayush destination for entrepreneurship.

#### **Key Initiatives announced at the Summit:**

- **Ayush mark** will be introduced for Ayush products.
- **Ayush parks** will be developed to encourage the promotion, research and manufacturing of Ayush products across the country.
- A new category named '**Ayush Aahar**' which will greatly facilitate the producers of herbal nutritional supplements.
- Launch of Ayush Export Promotion Council and four Ayush ICT initiatives which includes Ayush Information Hub, AyuSoft, Ayush Next and Ayush GIS.
- Release of a comic book named '**Professor Ayushman**', to generate awareness.
- India will soon introduce a special Ayush visa category.

*AYUSH sector has increased to **USD 18 billion** from USD 3 billion in 2014.*



8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a **108-feet** statue of **Lord Hanuman** in the **Morbi** district of **Gujarat** on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti. The statue has been set up in the west, at the Ashram of Bapu Keshvanand ji in Morbi.
- The statue in Morbi is the second of the four statues being built in the four directions across the country, as part of the 'Hanumanji Char Dham' project.
  - The first statue of the series was set up in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh in 2010.
  - The other two will be set up in Rameswaram and West Bengal.
9. Director-General of Indian Coast Guard (ICG) VS Pathania has inaugurated the new hoverport at **Okha** in Devbhumi Dwarka district of Gujarat.
- A hoverport is a terminal for hovercraft, having passenger facilities where needed and infrastructure to allow the hovercraft to come on land.
  - He has also laid the foundation stone for a Coast Guard jetty at Vadinar in Gujarat.
10. The **Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** in consultation with Insurance companies has launched a portal named '**e-DAR**' (**e-Detailed Accident Report**) to provide instant information on road accidents with a few clicks and help accelerate accident compensation claims, bringing relief to victims' families. It will be linked to the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD). It will also be linked to other government portals like Vaahan to get access to information on driving licence details and registration of vehicles.
11. The Central Government has amended the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) Rules, 2019 to allow **20%** of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).
- The amendment has also allowed startups to issue convertible notes for a maximum period of 10 years from earlier 5 years.
  - The government has planned to dilute its 5% stake in LIC through the Initial Public Offering (IPO), which targets to raise around Rs.60,000 crore.
12. All India Radio (AIR) News has launched a new weekly interactive program named '**Abhyaas**' for Competitive Examinations. The aim is to reach out to students and job seekers preparing for competitive examinations. The programme is in Hindi and is broadcast every Saturday between 9.30 pm - 10 pm. The program includes segments like explainer, Fact file, Examination Calendar and Question of the Week.
13. **Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme** has been selected for **Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020** under the category "Innovation (General) – Central". The award has been presented on the occasion of Civil Service Day i.e. 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

- UDAN scheme was launched as a Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation in **2016**.
  - It aims to fulfil the aspirations of the common man by following the vision of UdeDeshkaAamNagrik, with an enhanced aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in tier II and III cities.
- 14.** Government of India has initiated Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration to acknowledge, recognize and reward extraordinary and innovative work done by Districts and Organizations of State/Government. The award consists of a trophy, scroll and an incentive of Rs.10 lakhs.
- Note:** The Ministry of Civil Aviation has set a target to construct 100 new airports by 2024 in India with 1,000 new routes under UDAN scheme by the year 2026.
- 15.** India's first-ever radio channel for the visually impaired named '**Radio Aksh**' has been launched in **Nagpur**, Maharashtra. The aim is to help the visually-impaired gain seamless access to education resources and audiobooks. The Blind Relief Association Nagpur (TBRAN) and Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal (Saksham) are the organisations behind this concept.
- 16.** National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval has inaugurated the **National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise (NCX India)** in New Delhi. It has been organized by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) in a hybrid form for a period of **10-days** from 18<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- **Objective:** To train senior management and technical personnel of Government/Critical Sector organisations and agencies on contemporary cyber threats and handling cyber incidents and response.
  - Data Security Council of India (DSCI) is the Knowledge Partner.
  - It is supported by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
  - The platform for training is being provided by CyberExer Technologies.
- 17.** The Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) has launched the sixth submarine named '**Vagsheer**' under the P75 Scorpene project in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It is the last of the scorpene class submarines.
- INS Vagsheer is named after the '**Sand Fish**', a deadly deep-sea predator of the Indian Ocean.
  - It is a diesel-electric submarine, measuring about 221-feet-long and 40-feet high.
  - It is primarily an attack submarine or 'hunter-killer' type which means it is designed to target and sink adversary naval vessels.
  - Its speed when submerged: Maximum 20 knots (37 km/h) and when surfaced: Maximum 11 knots (20 km/h).

- It has a state of the art SONAR (sound navigation and ranging) and sensor suite permitting outstanding operational capabilities.
- It is expected to be commissioned by March 2024.

The INS Kalvari (September 2017), INS Khanderi (September, 2019), INS Karanj (February, 2021) and INS Vela (November 2021) have already been commissioned while sea trials of INS Vagir are underway.

- 18.** The 3-day “**Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization**” conference has been organized in **Surat**, Gujarat. It has been organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in association with Surat Smart City Corporation Development Limited. The conclave showcased various interactive activities, arranged interactions with eminent speakers and learnings across the 5 themes vis. Reimagining Public Spaces, Digital Governance, ClimateSmart Cities, Innovation and Smart Finance.
- ‘Digital Duniya’ pavilion has been inaugurated at the conference to highlight initiatives that empower communities through data and digital technology.
  - A ‘virtual hub for collaboration on urban transformations’ has been launched in partnership between the Smart Cities Mission and World Economic Forum to leverage emerging technologies and innovations.
  - An integrated data portal AMPLIFI (Assessment & Monitoring Platform for Liveable, Inclusive, and Future-ready urban India) has also been launched to provide valuable data about Indian cities,
- 19.** **India's first portable solar rooftop system** has been inaugurated at Swaminarayan Akshardham temple complex in **Gandhinagar**, Gujarat. The installation of 10 PV Port systems in the temple complex has been supported by the German development agency Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).
- The PV Ports have been manufactured by New Delhi-based Servotech Power Systems Ltd (SPSL).
  - The systems have been installed under the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's initiative to develop renewable energy cities across India.
  - The PV Port system is highly cost-effective, requires low maintenance, and has a long shelf life of 25-30 years.
- 20.** The two-day National Level Pollution Response Exercise ‘**NATPOLREX-VIII**’ has been organized by the **Indian Coast Guard** off Mormugao harbour in Goa. It is the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the exercise to enhance the preparedness and response capability in combating marine spills. More than 85 participants from 50 agencies, including 29 observers from 22 friendly foreign countries & International Organisations and two Coast Guard ships from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have participated in the exercise.

21. The Supreme Court of India has reconstituted the expert committee to monitor the compensatory afforestation and other mitigation measures for the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor Expressway project.
- The Director-General of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change will be the Chairperson of the reconstituted Committee.
  - **Chandra Prakash Goyal** is currently appointed as the Director General of Forests and Special Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
  - Anil Prakash Joshi (founder of Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organisation) and Vijay Dhamsana (environmentalist) have also been included as additional members in the committee.

Earlier, the independent 12-member expert committee was formed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to be headed by Sukhbir Singh Sandhu Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand.

22. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the **WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM)** in **Jamnagar**, Gujarat. It will be the world's first and only global outpost centre for traditional medicine. It will focus on innovation, data, and sustainability and will be optimizing the use of traditional medicine.

**5 main focus areas of this centre:**

- Evidence and learning
- Research and leadership
- Sustainability and equity
- Data and analytics
- Innovation and technology

It is noteworthy that the first Ayurvedic University that was established in the world was in Jamnagar.

23. The '**Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP)**, an insurance scheme for Health Care Workers Fighting COVID-19' has been extended for a further period of **180 days** with effect from 19th April 2022. It has been decided to extend the policy so as to continue to provide the safety net to the dependents of health workers who are deputed to take care of COVID-19 patients.

**About PMGKP:**

- PMGKP was launched on **30th March 2020**.
- **Objective:** To provide comprehensive personal accident cover of **Rs.50 Lakh** to 22.12 lakh health care providers including community health workers and private health workers



who may have been in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients and may be at risk of being impacted by this.

- Private hospital staff/retired/ volunteer/local urban bodies/contract/daily wage/ad-hoc/outsourced staff requisitioned by states/central hospitals/autonomous hospitals of central/states/UTs, AIIMS & Institute of National Importance (INI)/hospitals of Central Ministries specifically drafted for care of COVID-19 patients are also covered under the PMGKP.
- It is being implemented by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.

**24. Union Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2022-23** at the NASC Complex, New Delhi.

- During the conference, the government has set the foodgrain production target for the crop year 2022-23 at **328 million tonnes (MT)**. This target is 3.8% higher as compared to the previous year's output.
- The Kharif foodgrain production target has been fixed at 163.15 million tonnes, while the Rabi foodgrain production target has been fixed at 164.85 million tonnes.

As per the official data, India has achieved food grain production of 296 MT in 2019-20 and is to achieve 300 MT of production during 2020-21.

**25. The Central government has completed Asset Monetisation worth Rs,96,000 crore** during FY22, surpassing the target of Rs 88,000 crore. It is 12% more than the target set for FY22.

**Monetization in Different Sectors in FY22:**

- The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways has monetised assets worth Rs 23,000 crore, which included a 390-km stretch through InvIT and three ToT bundles.
- The Ministry of Power has monetised assets of Rs 9,500 crore with PowerGrid Corporation's InvIT and NHPC's securitisation of its operational hydel assets.
- The Ministry of Railways has monetised assets worth Rs 800-900 crore against its target of Rs 17,810 crore.
- The Ministry of Coal has monetised assets worth Rs 40,000 crore.

The target for FY23 is **Rs 1.62 trillion**.

**26. National Apprenticeship Mela-2022** has been organized across the country in more than over 700 locations. It has been organized by Skill India, in association with the Directorate General of Training.

- **Objective:** To support hiring of more than one lakh apprentices and assist employers in tapping the right talent and developing it further with training and providing practical skillsets.

- Students, who have cleared at least Class 5 to those who graduated Class 12, skill training certificate holders, ITI students, diploma holders, and graduates are eligible to apply at the Apprenticeship Mela.

27. India will provide an additional **\$500 million** in financial assistance to Sri Lanka to buy fuel as the country is facing worst financial crisis. So far India has provided 400,000 tonnes of fuel.

**SBI CLERK  
2022**

Take a **FREE** Mock Test  
Get Your All India Rank

PRACTICE MOCK

## STATES AFFAIRS

28. The **Department of Industries and Commerce, Telangana** has collaborated with **Thailand's Ministry of Commerce** for promoting bilateral trade and investment in the areas of SMEs (small and medium enterprises) and startups through the business incubator and innovation ecosystem "T-Hub" and "Thaitrade.com" of Thailand and the "GlobalLinker" of Telangana.

**Note:** The year 2022 marks the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Thailand-India.

29. The state government of **Tamil Nadu** has announced that the birthday of Dr BR Ambedkar (14<sup>th</sup> April) will be observed as the '**Day of Equality**' in the state. It is noteworthy that Tamil New Year, also known as '**Varsha Pirappu**', is also celebrated every year on 14 April in the state.

30. The Union Territory of **Pondicherry** has hosted a four-day beach festival, '**I Sea Pondy 2022**', from 13<sup>th</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The festival has been organised across four venues: Gandhi statue beach promenade, Chunnambar water sports complex, Pondy Marina, and Paradise beach.

31. The state of **Rajasthan** has become the first state in the country to set up an L-Root server to strengthen internet infrastructure and help improve security and resilience of internet-based operations. It has been installed at the Bhamashah State Data Centre in collaboration with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

At present, there are three J-root servers in New Delhi, Mumbai and Gorakhpur and two L-root servers in Mumbai and Kolkata.

- 32.** Ladakh Additional Director General of Police SS Khandare has inaugurated the first IT Training and Services centre of Ethosh Digital in **Leh**, Ladakh. Ethosh Digital has been assisted by Aseem Foundation, a Pune-based NGO. Ethosh Digital is a California-based Multinational Company, working in the field of digital communications and AR-VR products.
- 33.** The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) will construct the world's highest tunnel at **Shinku La Pass** at 16,580 feet. This tunnel will connect **Lahaul valley** in **Himachal Pradesh** to **Zaskar Valley** in **Ladakh**.
- The construction of this tunnel by BRO will begin by July 2022.
  - This **4.5 km** tunnel will be completed by 2025.
  - **Project Yojak** has been set up by the central government to execute this ambitious project.
  - The south portal of the tunnel will be at Shinku La and the north portal at Lakhang.
- Shinku La pass, also known as Shingo La, is located in **Ladakh**. It is exactly located on the border between Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh.
- 34.** Biliti Electric Inc, a California-based company, has announced to set up the world's largest electric vehicle three-wheeler manufacturing facility in **Telangana**, with a production capacity of 240,000 electric vehicles each year.
- The facility will be built in two phases over an area of 200 acres.
  - Phase I will be developed over 13.5 acres with the capability to produce 18,000 vehicles per year and is expected to be operational in early 2023.
  - The larger facility spread across 200 acres will be operational in 2024.
  - The facility is estimated to drive private investment of USD 150 million and is expected to create over 3,000 jobs in the State.
- 35.** The state government of **Tripura** has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre**, a joint venture of the National Internet Exchange of India NIXI and CSE e-governance services Ltd, to set up an international standard Data Centre at Indranagar, headquarters of IT Bhavan, Tripura.
- 36.** The **Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** to develop a regional level Early Warning System for excessive rainfall resulting in landslides.

37. The state government of **Karnataka** has announced to observe **Sri Siddalinga Swami's** birth anniversary as '**Integration Day**'. Siddalinga Swami of Tontadarya Mutt in Gadag was a thinker and philosopher. He led the 'Save Kappatagudda' movement, which forced the Government to declare it a wildlife sanctuary. He had also successfully led a campaign against the establishment of a steel plant by South Korean multinational company Posco in the Gadag district of the state.
38. The state government of **Telangana** has launched '**SpaceTech Framework**' on a Metaverse platform to make the State a one-stop shop for space technology and encourage private participation.
- About Metaverse:**  
Metaverse is a virtual-reality space in which users can interact with a computer-generated environment and other users. The term 'metaverse' was first used in Neil Stevenson's 1982 novel 'Snow Crash'.
39. The Governments of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh of NCR have signed a **Combined Reciprocal Common Transport Agreements (CRCTA)** covering both Contract Carriage & Stage Carriage since time period of earlier Agreements of Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement is about to end soon.
40. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated a 200-bed **KK Patel Super Speciality Hospital** in Bhuj in the Kutch district of Gujarat to the nation via video-conferencing. This hospital has been built by Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Samaj, Bhuj. It is the first charitable super speciality hospital in the Kutch region.

**SBI CLERK  
2022**

Take a **FREE** Mock Test  
Get Your All India Rank

PRACTICE MOCK

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

41. The **Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA)**, the top trade association representing the U.S. semiconductor industry, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA)** to foster collaboration and identify potential opportunities between the two countries in the semiconductor sector.

**42. Japan** will send its high-speed **E5 Shinkansen series trains** to **India** based upon the modifications to its conditions like temperature, dust, and weight. Japan will initially send six trains.

**Features of E5 Shinkansen series trains:**

- They are built by Hitachi and Kawasaki Heavy Industries.
- They are capable of running at a speed of 320 kmph and are 3.35 meter wide.
- The improved high-speed trains have anti-seismic technology.

**Note:** India's first bullet train will be operational in 2027 and trials will begin in 2026.

**43.** The 20th edition of **Joint Staff Talks** has been held between **India and France** to improve defence cooperation between the two countries both at strategic and operational level. It has been held in Paris, France.

- The two-day talks has focused on new initiatives that fall within the umbrella of the existing bilateral defence cooperation and strengthening of ongoing defence engagements between both the countries.
- India and France have agreed on a blueprint for the blue economy and ocean governance.

**44. India** and **Maldives** have signed seven Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) for projects to be built under the Indian grant assistance scheme for the High Impact Community Development Project through local bodies (HICDP).

- The MoUs have been signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Abdulla Shahid on behalf of the Government of the Maldives and the High Commissioner of India, Munu Mahawar.
- The projects are worth a total grant of **26.8 million Rufiya** (equivalent to approximately **USD 1.7 million**).

The projects include:

Establishing a mental health centre at Addu Equatorial Hospital; A speech therapy unit at Kulhudhufushi Regional Hospital; Prosthetics and orthotics manufacturing workshop at Hulhumale' Hospital; Preservation of cultural places in Noonu Landhoo Maabudhuge and Thaa Dhiyamigili Ganduvaru; Development of a multi sports complex in Noonu Manadhoo; and Developing youth centres in Gaafu Alif Gemanafushi and Alif Dhaalu Dhigurah.

**45. Israel** has successfully test-fired its new laser missile defence system '**Iron Beam**'. It is developed by the Rafael Advanced Defence Systems. It uses a directed-energy weapon system and can travel a long way to provide aerial defence. The tests has been conducted in the Negev desert, Israel.



- 46. Ukraine** has used its **Neptune Anti-Ship Cruise Missiles** against Russia's Black Sea Fleet Flagship 'Moskva'.
- Neptune is a coastal anti-ship cruise missile that is capable of the destruction of naval vessels in a range of 300 km.
  - The Missile system was inducted into the Ukrainian Defence Forces in March 2021.
  - It carries a 150kg warhead.
- 47.** The communication satellite named '**Zhongxing-6D**' has been launched by **China** through its Long March-3B carrier rocket. The satellite will provide Radio and Television transmission and communication services.
- 48. Russia** has successfully test-fired a new nuclear-capable **intercontinental ballistic missile** named '**RS-28 Sarmat**', also known as 'Satan 2', from Plesetsk in northwest Russia. It is a third-stage liquid-fuelled missile with a range of 18,000 km.
- 49. India** and **Finland** will set up an Indo-Finnish '**Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing**' to stimulate development projects and innovative research that will address specific challenges and needs, demonstrate the commercial potential and high industrial relevance, and aim to deliver benefit to both countries. Three Indian institutes have been identified for the Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing: IISER-Pune, IIT-Madras, and C-DAC-Pune.

## REPORTS & INDICES

- 50. World Bank** has recently published a research paper titled 'Poverty in India Has Declined over the Last Decade But Not As Much As Previously Thought'. The paper is jointly authored by economists Sutirtha Sinha Roy and Roy van der Weide.
- India's extreme poverty has declined **12.3 percentage points** during **2011-2019**. It has dropped from 22.5% in 2011 to 10.2% in 2019.
  - Rural and urban poverty has dropped by 14.7 and 7.9 percentage points during 2011-2019.
  - Rural poverty has declined from 26.3% in 2011 to 11.6% in 2019.
  - Urban poverty has declined from 14.2% in 2011 to 6.3% in 2019.
- 51.** The wholesale price-based inflation in India has increased to **14.55%** in March 2022 due to rise in prices of crude oil and commodity prices. It has remained in double digits for the 12th consecutive month beginning April 2021. WPI Inflation in February 2022 was at 13.11 percent, while in March 2021, it was 7.89 percent.
- Inflation in Commodities (March 2022):**

- Food articles: 8.06 percent
- Vegetables: 19.88 percent
- Crude petroleum: 83.56 percent
- Manufactured items: 10.71 percent

**52.** The Hurun Research Institute has released the Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022, a list of the healthcare billionaires in the world.

- **Cyrus Poonawalla**, Chairman & MD of Serum Institute of India (SII), has topped the Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022 with a net worth of **USD 26 billion**.
- He is followed by Thomas Frist Jr & Family of HCA Healthcare, Li Xiting & Xu Hang of Mindray at the 2<sup>nd</sup> position.
- Dilip Shanghvi & Family of the Sun Pharmaceuticals, is at the 5<sup>th</sup> position with a net worth of USD 18 billion.
- As per the list, China has most healthcare industry billionaires with 34; followed by USA (16), Switzerland (15), Germany (11), and India (9).

**53.** The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its latest World Economic Outlook report, has lowered India's GDP growth forecast for FY23 to **8.2%** from 9.0% in January 2022. It has also lowered India's FY24 GDP growth forecast to 6.9% from 7.1%. IMF has also lowered its global growth outlook for calendar year 2022 to 3.6 percent from 4.4 percent.

**54.** The **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)** in collaboration with the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development has published a report titled '2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report: Bridging the Finance Divide'.

- As per the report, the COVID-19 pandemic pushed **77 million** more people into severe poverty in 2021, and many developing nations are unable to recover due to the heavy cost of loan repayments.
- 812 million people lived in severe poverty on USD 1.90 per day or less in 2019, and by 2021, the figure had climbed to 889 million due to the pandemic.
- GDP per capita in 20% of developing countries will not return to pre-2019 levels by the end of 2023.
- The poorest developing countries pay 14 percent of their revenue in debt interest.

**SBI CLERK  
2022**

Take a **FREE** Mock Test  
Get Your All India Rank

PRACTICE MOCK

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- 55.** The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati** has tied up with **NTPC Limited** to design and develop a highly energy-efficient plant for CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) capture from power plants.
- This technology works on flue gas which is a mixture of gases produced by the burning of fuel or other materials in power stations.
  - It consumes up to 11 percent less energy than the commercially activated MDEA (monoethanolamine) solvent and 31 percent less energy than the benchmark MEA (monoethanolamine) solvent, using a newly activated amine solvent (IITGS).
- 56. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** has signed a contract with the **Nigerian army** for imparting Phase-II flying training on Chetak Helicopter for six officers of Nigerian Army Aviation.
- As part of the training, 70 hrs flying training will be imparted for each Nigerian Army Aviation Officer.
  - The training has been scheduled from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and is planned to be completed by December 2022.
- 57. NHPC Limited** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the district administration of **Chamba, Himachal Pradesh** for the development of green hydrogen technologies to produce hydrogen. This project will be executed by NHPC Renewable Energy Limited (NREL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NHPC.
- 58.** Oil India Limited (OIL) has successfully commissioned **India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant** at its Jorhat Pump Station in **Assam**.
- The plant has an installed capacity of 10 kg per day.
  - The plant produces Green Hydrogen from the electricity generated by the existing 500kW Solar plant using a 100 kW Anion Exchange Membrane (AEM) Electrolyser array.
  - The use of AEM technology is being used for the first time in India.
  - This plant is expected to increase its production of green hydrogen from 10 kg per day to 30 kg per day in future.
- OIL has also collaborated with IIT Guwahati on blending of Green Hydrogen with Natural Gas and its effect on the existing infrastructure of OIL.
- 59. Google** has launched the '**Switch to Android**' app to enable users to transfer data from iPhone wirelessly using the Android handset as a hotspot. The app allows data transfer,

including photos, videos, calendar events, and contacts stored locally. It also enables the transfer of data on iCloud directly to Google Drive.

60. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has amended the rules governing Nidhi companies or Mutual Benefit Society. The ministry has amended the **Nidhi Rules 2014** to safeguard the interest of general public. As per the amendment,
- A Public Company incorporated as a Nidhi with a share capital of **Rs.10 lakhs** needs to first get itself declared as a Nidhi from the Central Government by applying in form NDH-4 with a minimum membership of 200 and Net Owned Fund (NOF) of Rs.20 lakh within 120 days of its incorporation.
  - The Promoters and Directors of the company have to meet the criteria of fit and proper person as laid down in the rules.
  - In case no decision is conveyed by the Central Government within 45 days of the receipt of applications filed by companies in form NDH-4, approval would be deemed as granted. This would apply for such companies which shall be incorporated after Nidhi (Amendment) Rules, 2022.

Under the Companies Act, 2013, initially there was no need for a company to get declaration from Central Government to function as a Nidhi Company, but it is now made mandatory.

### About Nidhi Company:

Under the Companies Act, 1956, a Nidhi or Mutual Benefit Society meant a company which the Central Government declared as Nidhi or Mutual Benefit Society by notification in the official gazette. It is a kind of non-banking financial company (NBFC). The core business of Nidhi companies is borrowing and lending money between their members.

61. The **Central Bank of the Russian Federation**, also known as the Bank of Russia, has launched a new payment system named **HELLO** to enable money transfer transactions. It is operated by Hello LLC and Transkapitalbank, a Russian commercial bank, will be the operator of the system's payment infrastructure.
62. The **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **National Insurance Academy (NIA)** to provide a skilled talent pool in the insurance sector. This MoU seeks to create the skilled manpower required for the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

## BANKING & FINANCE

- 63. GIFT SEZ** (special economic zone) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **ICICI Bank** to promote the GIFT SEZ to Indian as well as global businesses, particularly in the areas of Information Technology (IT), IT-enabled services (ITeS), and financial services. GIFT SEZ is India's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) located at GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- 64. Union Bank of India (UBI)** has announced to buy a **75%** stake held jointly by Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) in **India International Bank Malaysia (IIBM)**. Following this, the IIBM will become a 100% UBI unit.
- 65. Kotak Mahindra Bank** has launched a new digital platform named '**Kotak FYN**' exclusively for business banking and corporate customers. It is a one-stop corporate digital portal to provide customers with a seamless experience in a unified view across all product platforms. The portal assures paperless transactions and the facility to track end-to-end transactions.
- 66. IndusInd Bank** has won the '**Celent Model Bank**' award under the 'Payments System Transformation' category for building a best-in-class Enterprise Payments Hub (EPH). The award recognises best practices of using technology in different areas that are critical for banking.
- 67.** The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has raised **USD 500 million** through a 3-year syndicated loan facility, via its International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City branch. The facility is for USD 400 million-plus USD 100 million as a green shoe option.
- 68. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**, a 100% government owned entity under Department of Posts (DoP), has launched Fincluvation. It is a joint initiative to collaborate with Fintech Startup community to co-create and innovate solutions for financial inclusion.
- Under this initiative, startups are being invited to participate, ideate, develop and market intuitive and tailored products and services that can be taken to the customers.
  - Startups will be encouraged to develop solutions aligned to tracks such as creditisation, digitisation, and any market-led solution that can help solve a problem relevant to IPPB or DoP in serving the target customers.
- 69.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines on capital requirements for **Non-Banking Financial Companies - Upper Layer (NBFC-UL)**.
- NBFCs-Upper Layer should maintain Common Equity Tier-1 (CET1) ratio of at least **9%** of risk weighted assets as compared to 5.5% for banks.



- This is applicable to all NBFCs identified as NBFCUL, except core investment companies (CICs).
- The guidelines released in October 2021 will be effective from October 2022.

### About NBFC-UL:

NBFCs which are specifically identified by the Reserve Bank as warranting enhanced regulatory requirement based on a set of parameters and scoring methodology. The top ten eligible NBFCs in terms of their asset size shall always reside in the upper layer, irrespective of any other factor.

### Additional Information:

In April 2022, RBI has also notified Large Exposures Framework (LEF) for NBFC-UL. These exposures limit are in line with the commercial banks. These norms will come into effect from **1<sup>st</sup> October 2022**.

(as % of eligible capital base)		
Category	NBFC-UL (Other than Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC))	NBFC-UL (IFC)
Single Counterparty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20%</li> <li>• Additional 5% with Board approval.</li> <li>• Additional 5% if exposure towards Infrastructure loan/investment.</li> </ul> <p>(Single counterparty limit shall not exceed 25% in any case)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25%</li> <li>• Additional 5% with Board approval</li> </ul>
Group of connected Counterparties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25%</li> <li>• Additional 10% if exposure towards Infrastructure loan/investment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35%</li> </ul>

- 70.** The State Bank of India (SBI) has raised the **Marginal Cost of Funds Based Lending Rate (MCLR)** by 10 basis points (bps) across tenor. This has been done for the first time in three years. This will lead to increase in EMI for those borrowers who have availed loans on MCLR. The revised MCLR rate is effective from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### About MCLR:

It was introduced by RBI on **1st April 2016**. It is the lowest interest rate that a bank or lender can offer. It is applicable to fresh corporate loans and floating rate loans taken before October 2019.

RBI then switched to the external benchmark linked lending rate (EBLR) system where lending rate is linked to benchmark rates like repo or Treasury Bill rates.

- 71.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs.17.63 lakh** on **Manappuram Finance Limited** for violating direction on KYC norms. The penalty has been

imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under Section 30 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007.

- Recently, RBI has also imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs.93 lakh** on **Axis Bank** and **Rs.90 lakh** on **IDBI Bank**.

**72.** The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its **Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS)**. The 7-member Advisory committee will now be headed by **Sunil Bajpai**, former Principal Advisor (Information Technology) at the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

- The seven-member committee was set-up by SEBI in December 2021.
- It was earlier chaired by Madhabi Puri Buch, current chief of SEBI.

**Members:** Puneet Narang, head of corporate banking technology India at Deutsche Bank; Girish Keshav Palshikar, Principal Scientist at TCS Research and Innovation; Ratnakar Pandey, Senior Data Scientist at Amazon; Rohan Rao, Senior Data Scientist at H2O.ai; Subir Saha, Head of Compliance at ICICI Group and Harini Balaji CGM, ISD at SEBI.

**73.** HDFC Limited has signed a pact to sell **10%** of the share capital of HDFC Capital Advisors Ltd (HDFC Capital) to a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) for a cash consideration of **Rs.184 crore**.

- ADIA is the primary investor in the alternative investment funds managed by HDFC Capital.
- HDFC Capital is a real estate private equity investment manager. It was established in 2015 as a 100% subsidiary of HDFC Ltd.

**74. Fino Payments Bank** has acquired a **12.19%** stake in New Delhi-based fintech **Paysprint Pvt Ltd**. This strategic investment is a first for Fino Payments Bank after its public listing.

**75.** Jaipur-based **121 Finance** has become **India's first fintech-led NBFC-Factor** to receive the Certificate of Registration under Registration of Factors (Reserve Bank) Regulations, 2022. It is the first NBFC to convert from an Investment and Credit Company (ICC) to an NBFC Factor.

#### **About NBFC-Factor:**

It is a NBFC fulfilling the Principal Business Criteria (PBC) i.e. whose financial assets in the factoring business constitute at least 50% of its total assets and its income derived from factoring business is not less than 50% of its gross income. It should also have a minimum Net Owned Funds (NOF) of Rs.5 crore.

76. The Central Government has increased the authorised share capital of three public sector general insurance companies named National Insurance Company Limited, Oriental Insurance Company Limited and United India Insurance Company. This will facilitate capital infusion of Rs.5, 000 crore in these companies.

**Raised Authorized Capital:**

- National Insurance Company: **Rs.15,000 crore** (1,500 crore shares with face value of Rs.10 each) as against present Rs.7,500 crore.
- Oriental Insurance Company: **Rs.7,500 crore** (750 crore shares with face value of Rs.10 each) as against present Rs.5,000 crore.
- United India Insurance Company: **Rs.7,500 crore** (750 crore shares with face value of Rs.10 each) as against present Rs.5,000 crore.

77. **PhonePe** has collaborated with **Extreme IX** to enable faster digital payments to over 370 million PhonePe users. This collaboration will help decrease latency for PhonePe users irrespective of their location or Internet Service Providers (ISP) in India. With this, PhonePe has become the first digital payments platform to participate in an Internet Exchange in India.

78. London-based **Nexo**, a crypto lender, has partnered with global payments company **Mastercard** and Di-Pocket to launch the world's first 'crypto-backed' payment card named 'Nexo Card'. This card allows users to spend without having to sell their digital assets such as bitcoin, which are used as collateral to back the credit granted.

79. The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) 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. It will come into effect on **1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**. It will be a loan-based trust, with resources mobilized on a voluntary basis.

**SBI CLERK  
2022**

Take a **FREE** Mock Test  
Get Your All India Rank

PRACTICE MOCK

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

80. White Ferns skipper **Sophie Devine** has won the 'T20 International Women's Player of the Year' award and New Zealand speedster **Trent Boult** has won the 'T20 International Men's Player of the Year' award at the **New Zealand Cricket Awards 2022**.

**Other awardees:**

Category	Winners
<b>Sir Richard Hadlee Medal</b> (Highest cricketing honour of New Zealand (Black Cap))	Tim Southee
<b>Women's Super-Smash Player of the Year</b>	Amelia Kerr (Wellington Blaze)
<b>Men's Super-Smash Player of the Year</b>	Michael Bracewell (Wellington Firebirds)
<b>Fan Moment of the Summer</b>	Ross Taylor's final wicket in his last Test
<b>International Women's ODI Player of the Year</b>	Amelia Kerr (Wellington Blaze)
<b>International Men's ODI Player of the Year</b>	Will Young (Central Stags)
<b>Redpath Cup for first-class batting</b>	Devon Conway (Wellington Firebirds)
<b>Ruth Martin Cup for women's domestic batting</b>	Suzie Bates (Otago Sparks)
<b>Winsor Cup for first-class bowling</b>	Tim Southee (Northern Districts)
<b>Phyl Blackler Cup for women's domestic bowling</b>	Eden Carson (Otago Sparks)
<b>New Zealand Umpire of the Year</b>	Chris Gaffaney

81. Renowned Indian economist and political commentator **Prabhat Patnaik** (Odisha) has been selected for the **2022 Malcom Adiseshiah Award**. The award is annually given by the Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust to an outstanding social scientist selected from nominations received by a specially constituted national jury. The award comprises a citation and prize money of Rs.2 lakh.

82. The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the AIMA Managing India Awards 2021 has been held in Delhi. Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways, has presented the award. **Shoojit Sircar** has won the Director of the Year award for the film '*Sardar Udham*'. This award is given to those directors "who have created a masterpiece that is path-breaking and is worth watching over and over again.

**Other winners:**

- **N Chandrasekaran:** Transformational Business Leader
- **Anil Agarwal:** Corporate Citizen Award
- **Sunil Bharti Mittal:** Outstanding Institution Builder
- **Adar Poonawalla:** Business Leader of the Year
- **Shekhar Gupta:** Lifetime Contribution to Media

- **ISRO:** Outstanding PSU of the Year
- **Serum Institute of India:** Indian MNC of the Year
- **Nestle India:** MNC in India of the Year
- **Satyanaryana Chava:** Emerging Business Leader of the Year
- **Palki Sharma Upadhyay and Shereen Bhan:** Outstanding Contribution to Media
- **Harsh Jain and Bhavit Sheth:** Young Entrepreneur Award

**83.** Indian-American chief executive of General Atomics Global Corporation **Vivek Lall** has been selected for the prestigious 6<sup>th</sup> Entrepreneur Leadership Awards 2022 by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC). He has been selected under the 'Global Leader in Defence and Aviation Sector' category to recognize his contribution to the defence sector.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

**84.** A new book titled '**The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution**' has been authored by a lawyer and UN legal affairs officer **Rajesh Talwar**. The book depicts the challenging boyhood and grown-up years of Dr BR Ambedkar who had written the constitution of India and became India's first law minister. The book is published by Ponytale Books.

**Other books written by him:** 'The Vanishing of Subhash Bose', 'Gandhi, Ambedkar, and the Four-Legged Scorpion', and 'Aurangzeb'.

## PERSON IN NEWS

- 85.** The Karnataka Health Department has appointed Indian cricketer **Robin Uthappa** as the brand ambassador for Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI).
- The Karnataka Government in association with NIMHANS and Niti Ayog launched the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI) in January 2022.
  - The aim is to improve treatment and prevent neurological disorders in the community.
- 86.** Lloyd, one of the consumer durables brands of Havells India, has appointed former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly as the brand ambassador for the Eastern Indian markets. This will help Lloyd achieve its next phase of growth in the Eastern market.
- 87.** The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of **one year** i.e. up to **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023** for the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, **Kamlesh Neelkanth Vyas**. He is serving as Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) & Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission since 2018.



- The Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Atomic Energy is ex-officio Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.
88. **Bimal Kotahri** has been appointed as the new Chairman of the India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA). He has succeeded Jitu Bheda, who was the IPGA chairman since 2018.
89. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of **Vikram Dev Dutt** as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India Asset Holding (AIAHL). His appointment is effective from 27th January 2022, in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India. He is a 1993-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre.
90. **Digit Insurance**, which is backed by Canadian billionaire Prem Watsa, has appointed **Jasleen Kohli** as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Operating Officer (CEO) of the company with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022. She has succeeded Vijay Kumar.
91. **Wipro** has appointed **Satya Easwaran** as the country head of India. He will be in charge of strengthening Wipro's business in India across segments through strategic consulting, transformation and modernisation engagements.
92. Côte d'Ivoire President Alassane Ouattara has re-appointed **Patrick Achi** as the new Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire. He was appointed as PM in March 2021 following the death of his predecessor Hamed Bakayoko.
93. Indian-American Navy veteran **Shanti Sethi** has been appointed as executive secretary and defence advisor of US Vice President Kamala Harris. She joined the Navy in 1993. She is the first Indian-American commander of a major US Navy combat ship. She commanded the guided-missile destroyer, USS Decatur, from December 2010 to May 2012.
94. The Ministry of Home Affairs has appointed Senior IAS Officer **Naresh Kumar** as the new Chief Secretary of Delhi. He has succeeded Vijay Kumar Dev. He is 1987 batch IAS officer of AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, Union Territories) cadre.
95. Vice Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen **Manoj Pande** has been appointed as the **29th Chief of Army Staff (COAS)**. He will succeed General M M Naravane on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. He will be the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to become the COAS.
- He served as chief engineer in the UN mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

- He was the Commander-in-Chief Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) from June 2020 to May 2021.
- He commanded an engineer regiment during Operation Parakram (2001–2002 India–Pakistan standoff) in the Pallanwala Sector along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.

**Note:** The tenure of Chief of Army Staff is 62 years of age or 3 years whichever is earlier.

- 96. Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi**, President of **Yemen**, has resigned recently under the pressure from Saudi Arabia. He is now under de-facto house arrest. He has announced a new 8-member presidential leadership council and transferred his powers to the council.
- 97.** Lieutenant General **Manoj Kumar Katiyar** has been appointed as the next Director-General of Military Operations. He will succeed Lt. General B.S. Raju. He will take charge of the new office on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. He was commissioned in the 23rd Battalion of the Rajput Regiment in June 1986.

**SBI CLERK  
2022**

Take a **FREE** Mock Test  
Get Your All India Rank

PRACTICE MOCK

## OBITUARIES

- 98.** Renowned Odia musician and writer **Prafulla Kar**, who gave his voice to around 70 popular Odia films, has passed away recently in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. He was born on 16<sup>th</sup> February 1939 in Puri, Odisha. He was awarded the **Padma Shri**, the fourth highest civilian award, by the Government of India in **2015** in the field of arts.
- 99.** Renowned Industrialist **N Sankar** has passed away recently in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He served as the chairman of the home-grown chemicals-to-shipping conglomerate Sanmar Group.
- 100.** Renowned producer and actor **Manju Singh** has passed away recently due to cardiac arrest. She is fondly remembered as "didi", the anchor of the children's program, Khel Khilone which she conducted for 7 years. She was best known for shows such as Swaraj, Ek Kahani, etc.

## SPORTS

- 101. India** will host the **Street Child Cricket World Cup** in **2023**. It will be organized in partnership with Street Child United and Save the Children India. A total of 22 teams from 16 countries will participate in the tournament. It will take place in September 2023.  
**Note:** The Street Child World Cup 2022 will be held in Doha, Qatar from 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- 102.** New Zealand fast bowler **Hamish Bennett** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket with the 2021/22 season as the last one. He made his international debut in October 2010 and represented **New Zealand** in one Test, 19 ODIs and 11 T20Is.
- 103.** Indian Grandmaster **Dommaraju Gukesh** has won the 48th edition of the La Roda International Open chess tournament by defeating Israel GM Victor Mikhalevski in the final round held at Castile-La Mancha in Spain. Armenia's Haik Martirosyan has finished second and India's GM R Praggnanandhaa has finished third in the tournament.
- 104. Stefanos Tsitsipas** (Greece) has won the men's singles title at the Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters 2022 by defeating Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (Spain) in the final held in Monte Carlo, Monaco. With this, he has become the 6<sup>th</sup> player to win back-to-back in Monte Carlo Masters in Open Era.  
Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters is the first of three ATP Masters 1000 tournaments played on clay.
- 105. Hockey Haryana** has won the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship 2022 by defeating Tamil Nadu in the final round held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Haryana won the trophy for the first time since 2011.
- 106.** The 71st Senior National Basketball Championship for Men & Women has been held in Nehru Stadium, Chennai. It has been organized by the Basketball Federation of India in association with the Tamil Nadu Basketball Association.
- **Tamil Nadu** has won the men's title by defeating Punjab.
  - **Indian Railways** has won the women's title by defeating Telangana.
- 107. Sajan Prakash** has won a gold medal in the men's 200m butterfly event at the **Danish Open swimming** meet held in Copenhagen, Denmark.  
Vedaant Madhavan has won a silver medal in the men's 1500m freestyle event. He is the son of actor R Madhavan.

**108.** West Indies cricketer and all-rounder **Kieron Pollard** has announced his retirement from international cricket. He made his international debut in 2007 and became the first West Indies player in White-ball cricket to represent 101 T20Is and 123 ODIs. He never played Test cricket.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

**109. World Art Day** is observed annually on the **15<sup>th</sup> April** to promote awareness about fine arts worldwide. The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Italian polymath Leonardo da Vinci. The day is organized by the International Association of Art (IAA), an NGO working in official partnership with UNESCO. The day was first observed in 2012.

**110. World Voice Day** is observed annually on **16<sup>th</sup> April** to demonstrate the enormous importance of the voice in the daily lives of all people. The day was first observed by the Brazilian Society of Laryngology and Voice under the chairmanship of Dr Nedio Steffen in 1999. The motto of World Voice Day 2022 is '**Lift Your Voice**'.

**111. Save The Elephant Day** is observed annually on **16<sup>th</sup> April** to educate people about elephants and the plights they face, encouraging everyone to do their bit and help save them from extinction. The day is established by the Thailand-based Elephant Reintroduction Foundation to spread awareness among the general people about the significance and consequences of their actions, or inactions on the future of elephants.

**112. World Hemophilia Day** is observed annually on **17<sup>th</sup> April** to increase awareness of hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders. The day is celebrated by the World Federation of Hemophilia (WHF). The day also marks the birth anniversary of Frank Schnabel, the founder of WHF.

- **Theme 2022:** "Access for All: Partnership. Policy. Progress. Engaging your government, integrating inherited bleeding disorders into national policy"
- The day was first observed in 1989.

**113. World Heritage Day**, also known as International Day for Monuments and Sites, is observed annually on **18<sup>th</sup> April** to raise awareness about preserving the history, diversity, and vulnerability of world heritage sites and monuments.

**114.** The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) announced 18<sup>th</sup> April as World Heritage Day in 1982. This was approved by the General Assembly of UNESCO in 1983.

- **Theme 2022:** "Heritage and Climate"

- UNESCO has designated a total of 1155 monuments in 167 countries as UNESCO world heritage sites.
- As of 2022, India has **40 world heritage sites** (1 mixed site, 7 natural sites, and 32 cultural sites), which include the recently added Dholavira (Gujarat), and Kakatiya Rudreshwara Temple (Telangana).

**115. World Liver Day** is observed annually on **19<sup>th</sup> April** to create awareness about the causes of liver disease and suggest ways to prevent it so that holistic liver care can be taken.

The liver is the second largest and the second most complex organ in the body, after the brain. It regulates blood sugar, removes toxic substances from the body, helps blood clot, and controls cholesterol levels.

**116. UN Chinese Language Day** is observed annually on **20<sup>th</sup> April** to pay tribute to Cangjie, who is a mythical figure who is presumed to have invented Chinese characters about 5,000 years ago. The day was first celebrated on 12 November in 2010, but since 2011 the day is celebrated on 20 April.

**117.** India has observed the **400<sup>th</sup>** birth anniversary of **Guru Tegh Bahadur**, the 9<sup>th</sup> Sikh Guru, on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022. He was born in 1621 at Guru Ke Mahal, Amritsar, Punjab. He was the youngest son of Guru Hargobind, the sixth Sikh guru.

- He is known as '**Hind Ki Chadar**' (India's Shield) because he sacrificed his life to save Kashmiri pandits and Hindu religion. For this, he was executed in 1675 in Delhi on the orders of Aurangzeb.
- His 115 hymns are included in Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

**118. National Civil Service Day** is observed annually on **21<sup>st</sup> April** to commemorate the day when Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister of Independent India addressed probationers of Administrative Services Officers at Delhi's Metcalf House in 1947. In his address, he called Civil Servants, the 'Steel Frame of India'. The year 2022 marks the 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Service Day.

The day is also observed to appreciate all the public officers who are engaged in several public departments and work tirelessly to run the administrative machinery of the country.

**Charles Cornwallis** is known as the father of the Indian Civil Service.

During the National Civil Service Day 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has conferred the **Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2021**. A total of **16 awards** for 5 identified Priority Programmes: (i) Promoting "Jan Bhagidari" or People's Participation in Poshan Abhiyan, (ii) Promoting excellence in sports and wellness through



Khelo India scheme, (iii) Digital payments and Good Governance in PM SVANidhi Yojana, (iv) Holistic Development through One District One Product scheme, (v) Seamless, End-to-End Delivery of Services without Human Intervention have been awarded this year.

**119. World Creativity and Innovation Day** is observed annually on **21<sup>st</sup> April** to raise the awareness of the role of creativity and innovation in all aspects of human development. The day was founded on 25 May 2001 by Marci Segal (Canada) in Toronto, Canada.

- **Theme 2022:** Collaboration
- The World Creativity and Innovation Week is observed from 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.

**SBI CLERK  
2022**

Take a **FREE** Mock Test  
Get Your All India Rank

PRACTICE MOCK

## Other Important Study Material to help you in your preparation

- [Highlights of the Union Budget 2022-23- Download Free PDF - PracticeMock](#)
- [Daily Quantitative Aptitude | Reasoning | English | Current Affairs Quizzes for Banking & Government Exams](#)
- [Weekly Current Affairs- Download Free PDF](#)
- [Static GK- Download Free PDFs- For All Government, Banking Exams](#)
- [Important Days/Dates 2020-21 with Themes for Banking/ SSC/ RRB NTPC/Govt. Exams](#)
- [The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Download Free PDF](#)
- [Seating Arrangement Tips & Questions for Practice- Download PDF](#)
- [600+ Synonyms asked in Previous Years' SSC Exams- Download PDF](#)
- [How to Prepare for Banking/Financial Awareness? Download PDFs](#)
- [Download PDF- Syllogism- Only & Few Concepts & Questions](#)
- [Alphanumeric Series Free PDF- Tips & New Type Questions](#)
- [Inequalities PDF- Concept, Examples, Tricks & Expected Questions](#)
- [175+ Important SSC GK Questions asked in Last 15 Years- Download PDF](#)
- [Reading Comprehension Guide PDF- Strategy, Tips & Questions for Practice](#)
- [Simple/Compound Interest Tricks & Model Questions- PDF](#)
- [500 GA Previous Years' Questions PDF- Very Important for SSC CGL](#)
- [Parajumbles Concept, Tips & Questions for Practice- Download PDF](#)

- [A Guide to Master Your Vocabulary- Download Free PDF](#)
- [Coding-Decoding Concept, Tips & Questions for Practice- Download PDF](#)
- [Direction Sense- Concept, Tips & Questions for Practice- Download PDF](#)
- [Most Probable Current Affairs PDF- Very Important for the Upcoming Exams](#)
- [Analogy- Concept, Tips, Examples & Questions for Practice- Download Free PDF](#)
- [Quadratic Equation- Concept, Tips, Examples & Questions for Practice- Download PDF](#)
- [\[Updated\] List of Countries, Capitals & Currencies- Download Free PDF](#)
- [List of Firsts in India- Download Free PDF](#)

