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NOTE: This file contains the most important 'Question-Answer' points pertaining to the current affairs news from 1st December 2021 to 16th May 2022.

1. _____ has launched the industry-first 30-minute '**Xpress Car Loans**'.

Answer: HDFC Bank

- London-based **Santander UK** has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **ICICI Bank** to facilitate the banking requirements of corporates operating across both countries.
- **Bank of India (BOI)** has tied up with **Worldline India**, a payment service firm, to digitize e-Challan collections for the Madhya Pradesh Police Department.

2. Bollywood actress _____ has been appointed as the first-ever Indian brand ambassador of Louis Vuitton, a *French* luxury fashion house.

Answer: Deepika Padukone

3. **World Economic Forum (WEF)**, in collaboration with _____, has released a report titled "**Fostering Effective Energy Transition 2022**".

Answer: Accenture

4. Who has been appointed as the next **Chief Election Commissioner** of India?

Answer: Rajiv Kumar

- **Sanjiv Bajaj**, chairman and managing director of Bajaj Finserv Limited, has been elected as the **President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** for **2022-23**.
- Tata Sons recently appointed **Campbell Wilson**, CEO of Scoot, a low-cost subsidiary of Singapore Airlines, as the CEO and MD of Air India.
- The Government of India has appointed **Vivek Kumar Dewangan**, Additional Secretary in the Union Power Ministry, as the chairman and managing director of REC Limited.

5. In May 2022, which company has become the world's most valuable company by surpassing Apple?

Answer: Oil giant **Saudi Aramco**

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6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has aimed to make India a global drone hub by _____.

Answer: 2030

7. Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the _____ **initiative** at the 'Plumbex India' exhibition.

Answer: **BHARAT TAP**

8. Who among the following has topped the Forbes' highest-paid athletes list for 2022?

Answer: Footballer **Lionel Messi** (Argentina)

9. According to the latest RBI report, India's foreign exchange reserves have declined from USD 635.36 billion at the end of September 2021 to _____ at the end of March 2022.

Answer: USD **607.31 billion**

10. Manik Saha has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Tripura. How many legislative assembly seats are there in the state?

Answer: **60**

11. To democratize access to public government data, NITI Aayog has recently launched 'NDAP'. 'NDAP' stands for?

Answer: **National Data & Analytics Platform (NDAP)**

12. The Government of India (GoI) has made the requirement of a Permanent Account Number (PAN) or Aadhaar number for depositing cash or withdrawing **Rs. _____** or more in a financial year or for opening a current account mandatory.

Answer: 20 lakh

- As of now, PAN is required to be furnished for cash deposits of **Rs 50,000** or more in a day.
- PAN is Permanent Account Number which consists of **10-digit** alphanumeric characters.

13. Andrew Symonds, who passed away recently, was associated with which national cricket team?

Answer: Australia

14. Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced to observe which day as Anti-Terrorism Day?

Answer: 21st May

15. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)?

Answer: Senior IAS officer Nidhi Chibber

16. UN Vesak Day is observed on a full moon night in the _____ month.

Answer: Vaisakha

17. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage at which place?

Answer: Lumbini

18. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the 'National Cyber Forensic Laboratory' (NCFL) in which city of India?

Answer: Hyderabad

19. India has won the first-ever Thomas Cup title after defeating which country's team?

Answer: Indonesia

20. The world's longest glass-bottom bridge has been opened in _____.

Answer: Vietnam

- The world's longest suspension footbridge named '**Sky Bridge 721**' has been opened in Dolni Morava, **Czech Republic**.
- **Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.** has been elected as the next President of the Philippines.
- **Ranil Wickremesinghe**, a veteran opposition lawmaker, has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of **Sri Lanka** for the 5th time.
- Rulers in the United Arab Emirates have unanimously appointed **Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan** as the President of UAE.
- French President Emmanuel Macron has appointed **Elisabeth Borne** as the new **Prime Minister of France**.

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

Answer: Noted economist Suman K Bery

22. Noted Santoor player Pandit Shivkumar Sharma has passed away recently. In which year was he awarded Padma Vibhushan?

Answer: 2001

- Noted Indian music composer and santoor player **Pandit Shivkumar Sharma** has recently passed away due to kidney-related issues in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He was born on 13th January 1938 in Jammu.
- He was honoured with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1986, **Padma Shri** in **1991** and **Padma Vibhushan** in **2001**.

23. Which one of the following book has won the 2022 Pulitzer Prize in the Fiction category?

Answer: 'The Netanyahus: An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family', by Joshua Green.

24. Who among the following has taken charge as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)?

Answer: Dr. **Pushp Kumar Joshi**

25. The Nepalese Sherpa guide **Kami Rita Sherpa** has scaled **Mount Everest** for the _____ time.

Answer: **26th**

26. Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur has announced that an amount of **Rs. _____** has been allotted for the **World's largest film restoration project** under the *National Film Heritage Mission* (NFHM).

Answer: **363 crore**

27. The Supreme Court of India has recently formed a committee to monitor recovery from the National Spot Exchange Limited (NSE) defaulters. Who among the following will head the committee?

Answer: **Pradeep Nandrajog**

28. Which of the following has become India's largest FMCG Company by surpassing Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)?

Answer: **Adani Wilmar Ltd (AWL)**

29. The state government of **Kerala** has launched the _____ for diagnosing and controlling lifestyle diseases among the people in the state of Kerala.

Answer: **'Shaili App'**

- **Madhya Pradesh** has launched the second phase of the **Ladli Laxmi scheme 2.0**.
- **Haryana** has launched the **'Charaa Bijae Yojana'** (fodder cultivation scheme) for farmers.
- **Chhattisgarh** has become the first state in the country to restore the **Old Pension Scheme** to provide assured income to retired employees.

30. _____ has been awarded the World Food Prize 2022. She belongs to the USA.

Answer: Cynthia Rosenzweig

- Indian architect **Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi** has been awarded the Royal Gold Medal 2022.
- **Dr Frank Wilczek (USA)**, the Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist and author, has won the **Templeton Prize 2022**.

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31. The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) has **25 countries and seven international organisations** as members now with _____ being the latest entrant.

Answer: Bangladesh

32. According to Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, _____ has become the first state in India to reach **10 GW** of cumulative large-scale solar installations.

Answer: Rajasthan

- **Haryana** has launched "**e-Adhigam**" scheme at Maharishi Dayanand University in Rohtak.
- **Telangana** has announced the extension of insurance coverage of **Rs.5 lakh** to handloom and power loom weavers under the '**Nethanna Bima**' (Weaver's Insurance) scheme.

33. India's first 'Flow Chemistry Technology Hub' has been set up in which city in India?

Answer: Hyderabad

- India's first organic waste-powered EV charging station has been set up in Mumbai.
- India's first Centre of Excellence for Khadi (CoEK) has been set up in New Delhi.

34. Recently, SEBI has restructured its committee on the secondary market. The committee will now be headed by who among the following?

Answer: G Mahalingam

35. RailTel has established a Mobile Container Hospital named 'Health Cloud' at which place in India?

Answer: Vishakhapatnam

36. Bhutan has been ranked _____ in the World Press Freedom Index 2022.

Answer: 33rd

- The Paris-based Reporters Without Borders (RSF) has released its 20th edition of the **World Press Freedom Index (WPFI) 2022**.
- **India** has been ranked **150th** in the Index.
- The index has been topped by **Norway**. **North Korea** remained at the bottom of the index.
- The index placed China at 175th position, Pakistan at 157th position, Sri Lanka 146th, Bangladesh 162nd and Myanmar at 176th position.

37. Who has been appointed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as the first-ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO)?

Answer: Nand Mulchandani

38. Which team has won the 75th Santosh Trophy 2022?

Answer: Kerala

39. Who among the following has won the first edition of the Formula 1 Miami Grand Prix 2022

Answer: Netherlands Red Bull driver **Max Verstappen**

- 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.
- Netherlands Red Bull driver **Max Verstappen** has won the first edition of the Formula 1 Miami Grand Prix 2022
- Ferrari-driver **Charles Leclerc** has won the F1 Australian Grand Prix 2022.

40. _____ has launched 'Pay as you Drive' program to provide distance-based insurance under its damage section to lower upfront insurance premiums.

Answer: HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company

- **Bharti AXA Life Insurance** has launched a financial literacy campaign named 'InspiHE₹- enabling an empowered future'.

41. The Reserve Bank of India's board has approved the nomination of _____, Executive Director of RBI, as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

Answer: Rajiv Ranjan

42. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the **Report on Currency and Finance (RCF)** for the year 2021-22. The theme of the report is "_____".

Answer: Revive and Reconstruct

43. The state government of _____ has launched the '**Mukhyamantri Mitan Yojana**'.

Answer: Chhattisgarh

- The state government of **Karnataka** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Israel-based **ISMC** Analog Fab Private Limited to set up a semiconductor fabrication plant in the state with an investment of **Rs.22,900 crore** (USD 3 Billion).

44. Labour Day was celebrated for the first time in India in which year?

Answer: 1923

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
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International Labour Day	1 st May		It is also known as International Workers Day or May Day or Antarashtriya Shramik Diwas or 'Uzhaopalar Naal' in Tamil or 'Kamgar Diwas' in Marathi.
World Press Freedom Day	3 rd May	Journalism under Digital Siege	
International Firefighters' Day	4 th May		
World Hand Hygiene Day	5 th May	health care quality and safety climate or culture	
World Athletics Day	7 th May		
World Thalassaemia Day	8 th May	Be Aware.Share.Care: Working with the global community as one to improve thalassaemia knowledge	
National Technology Day	11 th May	<i>An Integrated Approach to Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future</i>	
World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day	8 th May		
International Day of Plant Health	12 th May		United Nations declared 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH).
International Day of Families	15 th May	Families and Urbanization	

45. Who is the author of the book titled 'Leaders, Politicians, Citizens'?

Answer: Rasheed Kidwai

46. Which of the following PSU has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GE Power Conversion for the development of integrated full electric propulsion systems for the Indian Navy?

Answer: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

47. _____ has launched its first digital product 'Pre-approved Personal Loan (PAPL)' under Project World of Advanced Virtual Experience (WAVE).

Answer: Indian Bank

- **Union Bank of India** has become the first public sector bank to go live on the **Account Aggregator (AA)** ecosystem.
- **Indian Bank**, a public sector bank, has introduced a digital broking solution named 'E-broking'.
- **Union Bank of India** has launched an online platform named 'Trade nxt' for export-import transactions.

48. The Government of India (GoI) has launched an e-commerce platform _____ to onboard 30 million sellers and 10 million merchants online while covering at least **100 cities** and towns by **August 2022**.

Answer: Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)

49. Who won the Whitley Gold Award 2022?

Answer: Charudutt Mishra

50. Which state's cabinet has approved India's First Gene Bank Programme for Biodiversity Conservation?

Answer: Maharashtra

51. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has tied up with which institute to develop green hydrogen technology?

Answer: IIT Bombay

- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay** has signed a Letter of Agreement with the **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** to develop climate solutions for stakeholders at the village, city, and district levels through user-friendly weather forecasting applications.
- **IIM Kozhikode** has signed a pact with the African Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO) to promote sustainable agriculture.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has recently organized the 'International Research Conference on Insolvency and Bankruptcy' in association with **IIM Ahmedabad**.
- IIT Hyderabad has announced the demonstration of Extreme Massive 'MIMO' technology.

52. Twitter, a microblogging site, was launched in which year?

Answer: 2006

- Tesla co-founder **Elon Musk** has acquired Twitter, an American microblogging and social networking service, for approx. **USD 44 billion** with shares valued at USD 54.20. With this, the company will be held privately.
- Twitter was founded by Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Biz Stone, and Evan Williams in March **2006**. It was launched in July 2006. The current CEO is Parag Agrawal.

53. **World Bank** has recently approved **USD _____** to support the Government of India's Mission Karmayogi, a national program to build civil service capacity.

Answer: 47 million

- **Also, World Bank** has recently published **Commodity Markets Outlook 2022**.
- **World Bank's** Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership (GGFR) has published the **Global Gas Flaring Tracker Report 2022**.

54. Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh has launched the '**Azadi se Antyodaya Tak**', a _____ inter-ministerial campaign, with a mission to saturate 75 Districts across 28 States/UTs with beneficiary schemes of 09 central ministries.

Answer: 90-day

55. Which of the following has become the first district in India to cover 100% households under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY)-SEHAT scheme?

Answer: The **Samba district** of Jammu & Kashmir

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56. The _____ has published a report titled '**World Review of Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture Insurance 2022**'.

Answer: **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**

57. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Shivalik Small Finance Bank?

Answer: **Anshul Swami**

58. Recently, in April 2022, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the continuation of lending under **Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)** scheme beyond March 2022. This approval has increased the loan amount to Rs. _____ from Rs. 5000 crore.

Answer: **8,100 crore**

59. Which OTT platform, in collaboration with the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, has launched a short video series 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya'?

Answer: **Netflix**

60. Which Indian city has become the first city to have vacuum-based sewer systems?

Answer: **Agra**

61. The **12th Ministerial Conference (MC)** of the World Trade Organization will be held in **Geneva, Switzerland** from 12th-15th June 2022.

Answer: **Geneva, Switzerland**

62. Recently, Flipkart has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which state government to train and support local artisans, handicraft makers, and weavers?

Answer: West Bengal

63. Airtel Payments Bank has joined hands with which lender to provide Fixed Deposit (FD) facility?

Answer: IndusInd Bank

64. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has partnered with SBI Cards and Payments Services Ltd. to boost SBI Card's digital transformation journey.

65. Who has won the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award 2021?

Answer: Max Verstappen

66. Which country's public broadcaster has collaborated with Prasar Bharati for cooperation in the field of broadcasting?

Answer: Argentina

67. Which Union Ministry of India has organized an event named 'Yog Prabha'?

Answer: Ministry of Civil Aviation

- The **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** has launched the **Trilateral Development Corporation (TDC) fund** to provide an alternative to the Chinese development partnership model that has pushed parts of the developing world to a debt trap.
- **Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME)** has launched the revamped **Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED)**.

68. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a new initiative named 'Amrit Sarovar Mission'. The initiative aims to develop and rejuvenate _____ water bodies in each district of the country.

Answer: 75

69. Which country will host the World Dairy Summit 2022?

Answer: India

- **India** has been designated as the Guest of Honour Country at the **Paris Book Festival 2022**.

70. Recently, SIDBI has approved how much amount for industrial cluster development in Maharashtra?

Answer: Rs. 600 crore

71. _____ has recently tied up with **Applied Environmental Research Foundation (AERF)** and the **Conservation International** to protect a 2,400 hectare mangrove forest and local livelihoods that depend on it in **Raigad, Maharashtra**.

Answer: Apple

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

Answer: India

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

Answer: Jamtara

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

Answer: Dudh Vani

75. 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

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

Answer: A P Abdullakutty

77. 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)

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

Answer: Peace

79. **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.

80. 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**

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

Answer: 15th April

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

Answer: **India**

83. 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

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

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

85. 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.

86. 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**

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

Answer: PhonePe

88. 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 **Rituraj Gaikwad** as its new brand ambassadors for its My11Circle fantasy gaming platform.

89. 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)

90. 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.
- A coffee table book titled '**The Magic of Mangalajodi**' has been authored by **Avinash Khemka**.
- The chief minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik has released a book titled "**The Sikh History of East India**". The book has been authored by **Abinash Mohapatra**.

91. 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 Book and Copyright Day	23 rd April		The day was first observed in 1996.
World Malaria Day	25 th April	Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives	The day was first observed in 2008.
World Intellectual Property Day	26 th April	IP and Youth innovating for a Better Future	
World Day for Safety and Health at Work	28 th April	Participation And Social Dialogue In Creating A Positive Safety And Health Culture	
International Girls in ICT Day	fourth Thursday in April	Access and Safety	

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

Answer: Abhyaas

93. 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

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

Answer: Nagpur, Maharashtra

95. 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)

96. _____ 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

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

Answer: Vice Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen **Manoj Pande**

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

Answer: Rajasthan

99. The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has raised **USD** _____ through a 3-year syndicated loan facility, via its International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City branch.

Answer: 500 million

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

Answer: Cyrus Poonawalla

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

Answer: Digit Insurance

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

Answer: Telangana

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

Answer: Jamnagar, Gujarat.

104. 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

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

Answer: Russia

106. 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

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

Answer: Karnataka

108. The world's largest electric vehicle three-wheeler manufacturing facility will be set up in which Indian state?

Answer: Telangana

109. The **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the _____ to provide a skilled talent pool in the insurance sector.

Answer: National Insurance Academy (NIA)

- The **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** has signed an agreement with the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** to strengthen inter-regulatory exchange of information, technical cooperation, and supervisory collaboration.

110. _____, a 100% government owned entity under Department of Posts (DoP), has launched Fincluvation.

Answer: India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)

111. Who among the following has been selected for the prestigious Entrepreneur Leadership Awards 2022 by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce?

Answer: Vivek Lall

112. The state government of **Gujarat** has received a loan of **Rs _____** from the **World Bank** and **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** for its Mission School of Excellence project.

Answer: 7,500 crore

113. 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

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

Answer: University of Oxford

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

Answer: Karnataka

116. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced the **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)** at an interest rate of _____. It is a financial stability tool for absorbing liquidity without any collateral.

Answer: 3.75 percent

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

Answer: Jharkhand

118. 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)

119. _____ has tied up with **KredX**, India's largest supply chain finance company, to provide 'ICICI Bank - KredX Commercial Card' for **B2B (business-to-business) payments**.

Answer: ICICI Bank

120. 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

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

Answer: Geetanjali Shree

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

Answer: Kadam

123. The **Bandhan Financial Holding Limited (BFHL)**-led consortium has signed an agreement to acquire **IDFC Asset Management Company (AMC)** and **IDFC AMC Trustee Company** for Rs. _____.

Answer: 4500 crore

124. 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)

125. Which insurance entity has partnered with Common Services Centres (CSC) to boost insurance penetration in rural areas?

Answer: Tata AIA Life Insurance

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

Answer: Ecuador

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

Answer: Dr. Manoj Soni

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

Answer: Bengali

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

Answer: Gujarat

130. 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

131. _____ 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

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

Answer: Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

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

Answer: South Africa

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

Answer: Falguni Nayar

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

Answer: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)

136. 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

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

Answer: Andhra Pradesh

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

Answer: Ravichandran Ashwin

139. Who is the author of the book titled 'Hear Yourself'?

Answer: Prem Rawat

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

Answer: Badminton

141. **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

142. 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).

143. 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.

144. 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**

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

Answer: **Karnataka**

146. 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**

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

Answer: **Supreme Court of India**

148. 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**

149. 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**

150. 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

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151. Dr S Raju has become the new Director-General of which of the following organization?

Answer: Geological Survey of India (GSI)

- Dr. **Mahesh Verma** has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH).

152. 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

153. Which public sector lender has acquired a 21% stake of Union Bank of India (UBI) in IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd (IFLIC)?

Answer: Bank of Baroda

154. Richard Howard has passed away recently. He was a renowned _____.

Answer: a Pulitzer Prize-winning American **poet**

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

Answer: Shakuntala

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

Answer: Australian

157. 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)

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

Answer: Aarefa Johari

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

Answer: Dholera

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

Answer: Dr Ian Fry

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

Answer: Tamil Nadu

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

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

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

Answer: Union Ministry for Science and Technology

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

Answer: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

165. 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

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

Answer: Prakriti

167. 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

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

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

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

Answer: Madagascar

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

Answer: Ramdarash Mishra

171. 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)

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

Answer: Vikas Kumar

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

Answer: Economist

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

Answer: Karnataka

175. 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.

176. Which entity has launched a data analysis feature named 'Payment Analytics' for online and offline merchants?

Answer: Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL)

177. Which of the following fintech company has acquired a 100% stake in GigIndia?

Answer: PhonePe

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

Answer: Kerala

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

Answer: Turkey

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

Answer: Nature's Basket

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

Answer: Nagaland

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

Answer: Airtel Payments Bank

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

Answer: ICICI Bank

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

Answer: Maya

185. Which institute has collaborated with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to provide a web-based and user-friendly program on Industrial AI?

Answer: Indian Institute of Technology Madras

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

Answer: Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan

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

Answer: PhonePe

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

Answer: Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL)

189. Who has won the Stockholm Water Prize 2022?

Answer: Wilfried Brutsaert

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

Answer: EaseMyTrip

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

Answer: Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

192. Name the lender that has tied up with Kwik.ID to digitize customer on boarding.

Answer: Central Bank of India

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

Answer: Bihar

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

Answer: 220

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

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

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

Answer: BYJU's

197. 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)

198. The Union Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with _____ Bangalore unit for the supply of the **Advanced Electronic Warfare (EW)** suite for fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The overall cost of the contract is **Rs. 1,993 crore**.

Answer: Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

199. 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

200. Which of the following bank has been awarded the 'Asian Bank of the Year Award' at the IFR Asia Awards 2021?

Answer: Axis Bank

201. _____ has collaborated with **Emirates Skywards**, a loyalty programme of Emirates and flydubai, to launch a range of co-branded credit cards named '**Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Credit Card**'.

Answer: ICICI Bank

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

Answer: Brahmaputra

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

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana.

204. '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

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

Answer: Narayan Pradhan

206. 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)

207. 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

208. Which of the following has signed an agreement with Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) to build India's first indigenous dredger?

Answer: Cochin Shipyard Limited

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

Answer: Telangana

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

Answer: Visakhapatnam railway station

211. 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)

212. 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

213. 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.

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

Answer: Karnataka Bank

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

Answer: Diébédo Francis Kéré

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

Answer: Delhi – Meerut corridor

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

Answer: Gurugram, Haryana

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

Answer: Mumbai

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

Answer: Haryana.

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

Answer: Razorpay

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

Answer: 14th March

222. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has signed an agreement with the state government of _____ for the creation of fisheries infrastructure to boost fish production in the state.

Answer: Odisha

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned **Rs. 4,013 crore** to the Odisha government under the *Rural Infrastructure Development Fund* (RIDF) for the financial year 2021-22.

223. 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

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

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

225. 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)

226. 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.

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

Answer: 93rd; Sweden

228. 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

229. 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: 2 Lakh

230. 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

231. Recently, C-DAC has commissioned the supercomputer named “PARAM Ganga” at which institute?

Answer: IIT Roorkee

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

Answer: Priyanka Nutakki

233. 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**'.

234. 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)

235. _____, a leading digital commerce entity, has entered into a multi-year strategic alliance with **Google Cloud** to help fast-track its innovation and cloud strategy.

Answer: Flipkart

236. _____ has launched a women-led financial empowerment initiative '**LaxmiForLaxmi**'.

Answer: HDFC Mutual Fund

- **HDFC Bank** has partnered with **Shoppers Stop**, India's leading fashion and beauty destination, to launch co-branded credit cards.
- **HDFC Bank** has been named the Best Performing Bank in Self-Help Group (SHG) Linkage by the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).

- **HDFC Bank** has been named as the 'Best Private Bank in India' at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021
- National Hydropower Generation Company (NHPC) has signed a pact with **HDFC Bank** to monetize return on equity of its **540-MW Chamera-I Power Plant** in Himachal Pradesh for 10 years.
- HDFC Bank has been selected under the 'Most Innovative Best Practices' at the CII Digital Transformation Awards 2021.
- The board of directors of **HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation) Limited** has approved the merger of HDFC Investments Limited and HDFC Holdings Limited with HDFC Limited, and HDFC Ltd with **HDFC Bank**.
- **HDFC Bank** has announced the launch of the **"SmartHub Vyapar program"** & **"AutoFirst"** app for small business loans. The aim is to give a digital push to small business loans.
- **HDFC Bank** has acquired **15 percent** stake in India Debt Resolution Company Limited (IDRCL) for Rs.7.5 crore. The IDRCL is established to manage stressed assets in India.
- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company** has launched India's first industry-based digital customer engagement and rewards program named **'VAULT'**.

237. 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.

238. 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

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

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

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240. 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**.

241. Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has sanctioned a loan of Rs. _____ to **Jammu and Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Ltd (JKIDFC)** to widen credit growth and funding infrastructure development across the nation.

Answer: 1,000 crore

242. 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.

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

Answer: Aarushi Verma

244. 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)

245. Name the lender that has tied up with Bharti Airtel to launch a co-branded credit card.

Answer: Axis Bank

- **Axis Bank** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IPE Global for the **SAMRIDH** Healthcare Blended Finance Facility with finance of up to USD 150 million (about Rs 1,140 crore) to support health enterprises and innovators.
- **Axis Bank**, and CRMNEXT, the leading CRM for banks, have won the IBS Intelligence Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2021 for the "Best CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System Implementation".
- **Axis bank** has recently partnered with MinkasuPay to offer the smoothest net banking payment experience for its customers through a biometric authentication solution.
- **Axis Bank** has launched the '**HouseWorkIsWork**' initiative to bring educated women to workforce.
- **Axis Bank** has signed a Partial Guarantee Facility Agreement (PGFA) with the **Asian Development Bank** to support supply chain financing for impact sectors, especially ESG (environmental, social, and governance) and priority sectors.

- Citigroup has announced that **Axis Bank** has acquired Citibank's India consumer banking business for a cash consideration of **USD 1.6 billion (Rs 12,325 crores)**.

246. 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**)

247. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has chosen _____ to implement the upgraded version of the Cloud Native Intellect Quantum Core Banking solution to power the next stage of their digital transformation agenda.

Answer: Intellect Design Arena

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

Answer: Mithali Raj

249. 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

250. What are the GST collections for February 2022?

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

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

Answer: **INS Chennai**

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

Answer: 10%

253. 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

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

Answer: Australian

255. 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

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

Answer: Agra, Uttar Pradesh

257. 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

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

Answer: Tata Motors

259. _____ 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.

260. 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

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

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir

262. 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).

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

Answer: Paytm

- SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd has recently partnered with **Paytm** to enable cardholders to tokenize their cards on devices and make payments through the latter.
- **Paytm** has recently signed an MoU with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to train youth in the Fintech industry.
- **Paytm** has recently collaborated with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to offer Paytm Startup Toolkit with exclusive payment services to early-stage Indian startups.
- **Paytm Money** has recently launched Portfolio Management Services (PMS) Marketplace for HNI (High Networth Individuals) investors in association with PMS Bazaar.
- **Paytm Money** has recently launched AI (Artificial Intelligence) powered 'Voice Trading'.

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

Answer: UCO Bank

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

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

Answer: IDBI Bank

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

Answer: Religare Broking Limited (RBL)

267. 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

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

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

269. _____ 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

270. 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)

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

Answer: Bhushan Patwardhan

272. 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**.

273. 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**

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

Answer: Dabur India

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

Answer: Renault India

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

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

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

Answer: 30th September 2022

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

Answer: New Development Bank (NDB)

279. 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

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

Answer: Madhabi Puri Buch

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

Answer: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

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

Answer: The USA

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

Answer: World Economic Forum (WEF)

284. 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**

285. 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 Pujiyate**' 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**'.

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

Answer: Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL)

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

Answer: ICICI Bank

288. 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

289. 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.

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

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

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

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

Answer: Coal India Limited (CIL)

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

Answer: Bank of Baroda

293. 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)

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

Answer: Twitter

295. 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)

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

Answer: Nashik, Maharashtra

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

Answer: Sandeep Bakhshi

298. 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**.

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

Answer: 26,275 crore

300. _____ has passed away recently in Pune, Maharashtra. He was born on 10th June 1938 in Kolkata, West Bengal.

Answer: Rahul Bajaj

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

Answer: Israel

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

Answer: 46th

303. 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

304. 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.

305. 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

306. 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

307. _____ 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).

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

Answer: Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

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

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

Answer: 10,000 MW

310. _____ 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

311. 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

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

Answer: Zara Rutherford

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

Answer: Odisha

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

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

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

315. 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.

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

Answer: Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

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

317. 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.

318. 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)

319. 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

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

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir

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

Answer: India

322. 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.

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

Answer: ICICI Lombard General Insurance

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

324. 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

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

Answer: India

326. _____ 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

327. 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).

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

Answer: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

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

Answer: Chhattisgarh

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

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

Answer: Jaipur

331. 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

332. 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

333. 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

334. 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

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

Answer: Jai Narayan Patel

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

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

Answer: Samsung Electronics

337. 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

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

Answer: State Bank of India (SBI)

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

339. 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**.

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

Answer: National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

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

341. 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

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342. 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**.

343. **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.

344. 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

345. 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)

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

Answer: 150

347. The _____ government has recently launched a '**one-stop e-vehicle website**' to promote electric vehicles.

Answer: Delhi

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

Answer: Meta

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

Answer: Aizawl

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

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

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

Answer: **Dr. V Anantha Nageswaran**

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

Answer: **Subhash Chandra Garg**

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

Answer: **30th January**

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

Answer: **Pushp Kumar Joshi**

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

Answer: **Google**

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

Answer: **Paytm Money**

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

357. Fintech Company Alphaniti has recently partnered with _____ to allow investors to invest and trade in stock offerings.

Answer: **IIFL Securities**

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

Answer: 26

359. 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**.

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

Answer: Policybazaar

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

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

Answer: Peru

362. 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**.

363. 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

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

Answer: Apple

365. 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.

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

Answer: Kerala

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

Answer: Charanjit Singh

368. 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**

369. Name the ministry that has launched the “Star Rating System”.

Answer: Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change

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

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

Answer: World Economic Forum (WEF)

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

Answer: Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative

- National Voters Day is observed annually on **25th January** to create awareness about the need to participate electoral process. The day aims to encourage especially the new voters to register themselves as voters. The day was first observed in 2011.

- The day is also observed to commemorate the foundation day of the Election Commission of India (25th January 1950). This year, the Election Commission of India is celebrating the **12th** National Voters Day.

372. 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.

373. 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.

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

Answer: Saraswati River

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

Answer: NITI Aayog

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

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

Answer: Prajakta Koli

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377. 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

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

Answer: Football

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

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

Answer: USD 150 million

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

Answer: Indian Bank

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

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

Answer: Denmark

382. _____ 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).

383. 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).

384. 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.

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

Answer: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

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

Answer: Canara Bank

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

Answer: Snapdeal

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

388. 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'.

389. 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

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

Answer: Kissa Khaki Ka

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

Answer: USA

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

Answer: Kumbalangi

393. 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.

394. _____ 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

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

Answer: Kathak

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

Answer: Google Pay

397. 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.*

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

Answer: NSDL Payments Bank

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

399. _____ has become the largest and fastest-growing Unified Payments Interface (UPI) beneficiary bank in India.

Answer: Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL)

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

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

Answer: 15th January

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

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

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

402. 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)

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

Answer: Narayan Debnath

404. _____ 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.

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

Answer: Mundra

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

Answer: Mithali Raj

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

Answer: Gulabo

408. 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

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

Answer: 500 MW

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

Answer: Odisha

411. 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

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

Answer: Singapore

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

Answer: Pondicherry

414. 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

415. Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has nominated _____ as the new Prime Minister of the country.

Answer: Alikhan Smailov

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

416. 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

417. 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

418. 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

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

Answer: Arundhati Bhattacharya

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

Answer: 8th

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421. 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

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

Answer: Harshaali Malhotra

423. 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

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

Answer: Kochi

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

Answer: 73rd

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

Answer: 1.5 lakh crore

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

427. 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

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

Answer: Thomas Matthew

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

Answer: Chandigarh University

430. 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

431. 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

432. 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**.

433. 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

434. 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

435. 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

436. 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

437. 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

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

Answer: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

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

Answer: Airtel Payments Bank

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

Answer: 1st April 2022

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

Answer: Pondicherry

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

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

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

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

Answer: 200 million

444. 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

445. _____ has recently acquired Israeli cybersecurity startup Siemplify, in a deal worth \$500 million.

Answer: Google

446. Union Ayush Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal has recently laid the foundation stone of the Heartfulness International Yoga Academy in _____.

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

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

Answer: 102nd

448. 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

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

Answer: 4,800 crore

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

450. 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**'.

451. 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

452. 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

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

Answer: Kerala High Court

454. 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**.

455. _____ 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.

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

Answer: Apple

457. CryptoWire has recently launched India's first cryptocurrency index named '_____' to empower knowledge on the cryptocurrency and blockchain ecosystem.

Answer: IC15

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

Answer: Rs. 200

459. 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

460. 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

461. 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.

462. The festival of Losar is being celebrated across _____ region. The 15 daylong celebrations of the Losar festival, mark the beginning of the New Year.

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

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

463. 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**.

464. 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.

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

Answer: Baldev Prakash

- IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance has recently appointed **H O Suri** as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- The Board of Directors of the RBL Bank has recently appointed **Rajeev Ahuja**, who's currently working as the Executive Director at the bank.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **Atul Kumar Goel**, MD & CEO of UCO Bank, as MD & CEO of **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** with effect from 1st February 2022 to 31st December 2024. He will succeed S.S. Mallikarjuna Rao.
- The board of Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited has recently approved the proposal for the re-appointment of **Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan (PN)** as the MD & CEO for three years.
- **Radhika Jha**, a 2002 Uttarakhand IAS, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Energy Efficiency Services (EESL)**.

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

Answer: 64th

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

Answer: Tarun Kapoor

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

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

Answer: S Sahoo

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

Answer: Anupam Ray

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

Answer: ITC Limited

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

Answer: Bank of Baroda

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

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

Answer: Divya Hegde (from Udupi, Karnataka)

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

Answer: Srinivasa Ramanujan.

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

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

Answer: Reliance Industries

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

475. Which insurer has won the 'Best Governed Company Listed Segment: Large Category' at the 21st edition of the ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance?

Answer: HDFC Life Insurance

476. 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

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

Answer: Wipro

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

Answer: Tusshar Kapoor (Actor-producer)

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

Answer: 54

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

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

Answer: Rs.10, 590

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

481. 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)

482. 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.

483. 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

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

Answer: Sanju Verma

485. 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

486. 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.

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

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

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

Answer: Bajaj Finance

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

Answer: Japan

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

Answer: Alia Bhatt

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

Answer: Odisha

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

Answer: Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)

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

Answer: State Bank of India (SBI)

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

494. _____ has recently appointed Indian women's cricketer Shafali Verma as the brand endorser of the bank.

Answer: Bank of Baroda

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

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

Answer: WhatsApp

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

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

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

Answer: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

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

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

Answer: IIT Roorkee

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

Answer: Equitas Small Finance Bank

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

500. _____ 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'".

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

Answer: Odisha

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

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

Answer: Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

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

Answer: USA

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

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

Answer: 112 million

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

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

Answer: Paytm

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

Answer: Madhabi Puri Buch

507. 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

508. 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.

509. 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.

510. 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

511. 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).

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

Answer: 50th

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

Answer: Kolkata's Durga Puja

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

Answer: Leena Nair

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

Answer: AU Small Finance Bank

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

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

Answer: 226 trillion

517. 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.

518. 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

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

Answer: Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

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

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

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

Answer: **1,300 crore**

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

Answer: **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**

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

523. _____ 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.

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

Answer: 8th

World's most admired Personality		
Rank	Men	Women
1	Barack Obama	Michelle Obama
2	Bill Gates	Angelina Jolie
3	Xi Jinping	Queen Elizabeth II

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

Answer: Surat Metro Rail Project

526. 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

527. 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

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

Answer: Steel Authority of India (SAIL)

529. 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.

530. 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.

531. 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

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

Answer: Emma Raducanu

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

Answer: PayPhi (a digital payment platform)

534. 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.

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

Answer: Flipkart

- Federal Bank has entered into a bancassurance partnership with **Star Health Insurance**.
- Federal Bank has recently launched an online lending platform **federalinstaloans.com** to facilitate quick and hassle-free credit approvals for micro, small and medium enterprises (**MSMEs**) across India.

536. Which bank has recently chosen Intellect Design for its digital wealth management transformation agenda?

Answer: State Bank of India

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

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

Answer: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

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

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

Answer: Florida

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

539. Who has won the 57th Jnanpith Award?

Answer: Damodar Mauzo

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

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

Answer: 37th

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

541. 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.

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

Answer: Pauri, Uttarakhand

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

Answer: Olaf Scholz

544. 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).

545. 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**.

546. 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

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

Answer: Maharashtra

548. 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.*

549. Which payments bank has recently partnered with NPCI Bharat BillPay for doorstep bill payments service?

Answer: India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)

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

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

Answer: Kotak Mahindra General Insurance

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

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

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

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

Answer: Catherine Russell

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

Answer: Oppo India

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

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

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

Answer: Indian model **Harnaaz Sandhu**

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

Answer: 56th; Switzerland

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

Answer: Azim Premji

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

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

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

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

Answer: 339 crore

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

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

561. 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.

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

Answer: **Narotam Sekhsaria**

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

Answer: **NAVCHETNA**

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

564. 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**

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

Answer: **59th**

566. 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'.

567. 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'

568. 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)

569. 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)

570. 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

571. 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)

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

Answer: West Bengal

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

573. 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)

574. Which state has recently observed the Hornbill Festival?

Answer: Nagaland

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

575. 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.

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

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

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

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

Answer: **Rs 8,300 crore**

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

Answer: **Gujarat**

579. 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.

580. 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**"

581. 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

582. 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.

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

Answer: Argentina

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

Answer: Sarada Menon

585. 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**'.

586. Who has won the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize?

Answer: Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov

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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”