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**NOTE:** This file contains the most important 'Question-Answer' points pertaining to the current affairs news from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

1. On June 30, 2022, the Reserve Bank has released the \_\_\_\_\_ **issue** of the **Financial Stability Report** (FSR).

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

- RBI published the first **Financial Stability Report** (FSR) in **March 2010**.
- The **capital to risk weighted assets ratio** (CRAR) of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) rose to a new high of **16.7 per cent**, while their **gross non-performing asset** (GNPA) ratio fell to a six-year low of **5.9 per cent** in March 2022.

2. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra?

**Answer:** Eknath Sambhaji Rao Shinde

3. Which country has been named the "country of the year" in Vivatech 2022?

**Answer:** India

4. Who has become the first Indian Mountaineer to climb Mount Annapurna peak without supplemental oxygen?

**Answer:** Skalzang Rigzin

5. Which country has launched its first domestically built space rocket 'Nuri'?

**Answer:** South Korea

6. National Statistics Day is observed annually on 29th June to commemorate the birth anniversary of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Professor PC Mahalanobis

7. Who has become the new Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm?

**Answer:** Akash M. Ambani

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8. A report titled 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy' has been launched by which of the following organisation?

**Answer:** National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog

9. The World Bank has approved how much million dollar loan to support the "India State Support Program for Road Safety"?

**Answer:** USD 250 million

10. The state government of \_\_\_\_\_ has launched the 'Kashi Yatra' scheme with a project outlay of Rs.7 crore.

**Answer:** Karnataka

11. Who has been honoured with the Golden Achievement Award 2021 by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and the International Tennis Federation (ITF)?

**Answer:** Vijay Amritraj

12. Which non-banking financial company (NBFC) has partnered with Worldline for point-of-sale (POS) payments?

**Answer:** Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL)

13. Who has won the title of Miss India Worldwide 2022?

**Answer:** Khushi Patel

14. Nitin Gupta has been appointed as the new Chairman of which of the following organization?

**Answer:** Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

- **Samant Kumar Goel** has been re-appointed as the head of the **Research & Analysis Wing (RAW)**.

15. India's largest floating solar power project has been commissioned in which place?

**Answer:** Kayamkulam, Kerala

16. Which country has launched a solid-fuelled rocket named "Zuljanah"?

**Answer:** Iran

17. Which team has won the Ranji Trophy 2022?

**Answer:** Madhya Pradesh

18. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Defence Initiatives (DI) of which country for supply of Airborne Defence Suite (ADS)?

**Answer:** Belarus

19. Recently, RBI has extended the timeline for tokenization of debit and credit cards by which date?

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

20. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of NITI Aayog?

**Answer:** Parameswaran Iyer

21. Who has been appointed as the new Director-General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA)?

**Answer:** Dinkar Gupta

22. Which city has topped the Global Liveability Index 2022?

**Answer: Vienna (Austria)**

23. On which date 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan' (GKRA) was launched by the Government of India?

**Answer: 20th June, 2020**

24. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a new portal 'NIRYAT'. NIRYAT stands for?

**Answer: National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade**

25. Which lender has launched the 'Campus Power' platform for the student ecosystem?

**Answer: ICICI Bank**

26. World Bank has approved three loans of how many dollars to fund an education project in Gujarat, a social protection program in Tamil Nadu, and a project to help recovery in the fisheries sector post the pandemic?

**Answer: USD 562 million**

27. In which state/UT is the Sindhu Darshan Festival organized every year?

**Answer: Ladakh**

28. \_\_\_\_\_ has launched an online savings bank (SB) account opening facility through 'Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)'.

**Answer: Karnataka Bank**

29. Which of the following General Insurance Company has partnered with Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd (PFDDL) to offer health products?

**Answer: Liberty General Insurance**

30. Which of the following has become the 36th state/UT to implement the 'One Nation One Ration Card' (ONORC) program?



**Answer:** Assam

31. **Max Life Insurance Company** has launched the 'Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan', a non-linked, non-participating, individual life insurance savings plan, in partnership with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Policybazaar

32. \_\_\_\_\_ has launched a new portal called '**SIB TF Online**' for its corporate EXIM customers.

**Answer:** South Indian Bank

33. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the timeline for implementation of certain provisions of the master directions it issued on issuance of debit cards and credit cards from 1st July 2022 to \_\_\_\_\_.

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

34. The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) has announced to collaborate with which public sector lender to create an integrated pension portal?

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

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up an **operations support subsidiary**.

35. According to the latest report of the World Gold Council (WGC), India has become the \_\_\_\_\_ largest gold recycler country in 2021.

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

36. The Army Training Command (ARTRAC) has collaborated with which institute to establish a 5G test bed?

**Answer:** IIT Madras

37. Who among the following has authored a new book titled "Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India"?

**Answer:** RN Bhaskar

38. The **Ministry of Culture** has organized 'Yoga Mahotsav' in collaboration with the \_\_\_\_\_ at Purana Qila in New Delhi.

**Answer:** Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)

39. Sunil Chhetri has been in the news recently. He is associated with which sport?

**Answer:** Football

40. Which of the following airport has been named the World Best Airport 2022?

**Answer:** Hamad International Airport, Qatar

41. The **23rd FIFA World Cup 2026** will be hosted by the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** USA, Canada and Mexico

42. Which telecom company has launched India's first multiplex in the metaverse named 'Xstream'?

**Answer:** Bharti Airtel

43. India's first-ever girl Panchayat, "**Balika Panchayat**", has been started in several villages of \_\_\_\_\_ **district of Gujarat.**

**Answer:** Kutch

44. Which of the following organization has released the 'Payments Vision 2025' document?

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

45. According to the annual Global Trends Report by the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), nearly 5 million people in India were internally displaced due to climate change and disasters in 2021. The headquarters of UNHCR is located in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Geneva, Switzerland

46. BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Centre (TTC) will be established in which place?

**Answer: Colombo, Sri Lanka**

47. According to the World Competitiveness Index 2022, India's rank has improved from \_\_\_\_\_ in 2021 to 37th in 2022.

**Answer: 43<sup>rd</sup>**

48. What is the rank of India in the Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022 released by Coursera?

**Answer: 68<sup>th</sup>**

49. Gopi Chand Narang has passed away recently. He was a renowned scholar of which language?

**Answer: Urdu**

50. Haryana Government has signed a joint declaration with which country on water cooperation?

**Answer: Israel**

51. India's first private train under Bharat Gaurav scheme has started between \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Coimbatore and Shirdi**

52. Which general insurance company has launched an "out-of-network cash advance" facility?

**Answer: Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)**

53. Which state/UT has set up an oxygen generation plant in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India?

**Answer: Delhi**

54. International Day of Yoga is observed annually on 21 June. What is the theme of International Yoga Day 2022?



**Answer:** Yoga for Humanity

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)	15 <sup>th</sup> June	Combatting Elder Abuse
International Day of Family Remittances	16 <sup>th</sup> June	Recovery and Resilience through Digital and Financial Inclusion
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Rising up from drought together
International Day for Countering Hate Speech	18 <sup>th</sup> June	
Global Wind Day	15 <sup>th</sup> June	
World Sea Turtle Day	17 <sup>th</sup> June	
Sustainable Gastronomy Day	18 <sup>th</sup> June	
International Picnic Day	18 <sup>th</sup> June	
International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	19 <sup>th</sup> June	
World Sickle Cell Day	19 <sup>th</sup> June	
International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice	21 <sup>st</sup> June	
World Music Day	21 <sup>st</sup> June	
World Hydrography Day	21 <sup>st</sup> June	Hydrography – contributing to the United Nations Ocean Decade
Day of the Seafarer	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Your voyage - then and now, share your journey
World Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day	27 <sup>th</sup> June	
United Nations Public Service Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships

		to meet the Sustainable Development Goal
International Widows' Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	
International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	26 <sup>th</sup> June	
National Insurance Awareness Day	28 <sup>th</sup> June	
International Olympic Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	
World Vitiligo Day	25 <sup>th</sup> June	
International Day of Parliamentarism	30 <sup>th</sup> June	

55. Recently, Union Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has announced that India will get a full-fledged 5G services by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: March 2023**

56. Who among the following has become the 74th Grandmaster of India?

**Answer: Rahul Srivatshav P**

57. Which state of India has launched 'FRUITS' software?

**Answer: Karnataka**

- **Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System (FRUITS)**

58. **UdeDeshkaAamNagrik (UDAN) scheme** has observed its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. UDAN was launched on \_\_\_\_\_ by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

**Answer: 21 October 2016**

59. Which of the following has become the first country in Asia to legalize Marijuana?

**Answer: Thailand**

60. A vehicle monitoring system 'Suraksha-Mitra Project' has been launched in which Indian state?

**Answer: Kerala**

61. As per the latest World Investment Report released by UNCTAD, India has become the \_\_\_\_\_ largest recipient of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2021.

**Answer: 7<sup>th</sup>**

62. According to the recently released circular by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), all "hyper-sensitive" airports in India will have to install a Perimeter Intrusion Detection System (PIDS) by which date?

**Answer: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

63. Which lender has partnered with ZestMoney to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility?

**Answer: ICICI Bank**

64. Ather Energy has collaborated with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide customers with vehicle financing. 'Ather Energy' is owned by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Hero MotoCorp**

65. Which state has become the first Indian state to frame a Drone Policy?

**Answer: Himachal Pradesh**

66. Which platform has launched the SMBSaathi Utsav to help small businesses?

**Answer: WhatsApp India**

67. Who has been named the ambassador of the British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture'?

**Answer: A R Rahman**

68. What is the rank of India in the 2022 Global Index of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

**Answer: 121<sup>st</sup>**

69. The festival of 'Sital sasthi', the marriage of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, is observed in which state?

**Answer: Odisha**

70. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the **National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI)** in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: New Delhi**

- Union Minister for Finance Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the **National Museum of Customs and GST 'Darohar'** in Panaji, **Goa**.

71. Recently, the Union Cabinet has increased the authorized share capital of New Space India Ltd. (NSIL) from Rs. 1000 crore to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Rs.7500 crore**

72. India's first centralized AC railway terminal has become operational in which city?

**Answer: Bangalore, Karnataka**

73. Name the institute that has launched India's first Agri Land Price Index.

**Answer: Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad**

74. Mithali Raj has been in the news recently. She is associated with which sport?

**Answer: Cricket**

75. Which state has topped the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2022 among smaller states?

**Answer: Goa**

- **Larger states: Tamil Nadu** has topped the list with a score of 82, followed by Gujarat, and Maharashtra.
- **Smaller states: Goa** has topped among smaller states with a score of 56, followed by Manipur and Sikkim.
- **UTs: Jammu & Kashmir** has topped the list with a score of 68.5, followed by Delhi and Chandigarh.

76. As per the Environmental Performance Index 2022, India has been ranked \_\_\_\_ among 180 countries, while \_\_\_\_ has topped the index.

**Answer:** 180<sup>th</sup>; Denmark

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77. Which small finance bank has tied up with Mobisafar to provide banking services across India?

**Answer:** Suryoday Small Finance Bank

- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** has launched an exclusive saving account for kids, 'ENJOI'

78. Goal 7 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is related to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Affordable and Clean Energy

79. Which of the following has entered into a co-lending partnership with Easy Home Finance Limited to provide affordable home loans?

**Answer:** ICICI Home Finance Limited

- **Bajaj Finance Limited** has launched the financial education awareness initiative 'Har Time EMI On Time'.
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80. The world's first Fishing Cat census has been conducted in which lake?

**Answer:** Chilika Lake in Odisha

81. World Environment Day is observed annually on 5th June. The theme of World Environment Day 2022 is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Only One Earth

82. A report titled '*Digital payments in India: A \$10 trillion opportunity*' has been prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ in collaboration with **Boston Consulting Group (BCG)**.

**Answer:** PhonePe

- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company** has partnered with **PhonePe** Insurance Broking Services Pvt. Ltd (PhonePe) to provide motor insurance.

83. **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has launched the "SHRESHTA" scheme. SHRESHTA stands for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas

84. 'Anchal', a special health care campaign, has been launched in which state?

**Answer:** Rajasthan (Karauli district)

85. Which Indian University has won the 'THE Awards Asia 2022' under the 'THE Datapoints Research Improvement Award' category?

**Answer:** Savitribai Phule Pune University

- **Savitribai Phule Pune University:** 'THE Datapoints Research Improvement Award' category
- **Amity University (Online):** 'Student Recruitment Campaign of the Year' category
- **Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences (Solan, Himachal Pradesh):** 'Outstanding Support for Students' category

86. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the '**Har Ghar Dastak 2.0**' campaign. The campaign is being supported by the \_\_\_\_\_.

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

87. The Central Government has set a target to increase coal gasification to 100 million tonnes by which year?

**Answer:** 2030

88. Which country's hockey team has won the 2022 Men's Hockey Asia Cup title?



**Answer:** South Korea

89. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in May 2022 is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Rs 1.41 lakh crore

GST Collections in Different months of 2022	
Jan 2022	1.40 lakh Cr
Feb 2022	1.33 lakh Cr
March 2022	1.42 lakh Cr
April 2022	1.68 lakh Cr
May 2022	1.41 lakh Cr
June 2022	1,44,616 Cr

90. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the world's first Nano Urea Liquid Plant at which place?

**Answer:** Kalol (Gandhinagar district of Gujarat, at a cost of Rs. 175 Crores)

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the headquarters of the **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe)** in the Bopal area of **Ahmedabad**, Gujarat.

91. Which country has become the second country in the world to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender?

**Answer:** Central African Republic (CAR)

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

**Answer:** 1<sup>st</sup> June

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
World Bicycle Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> June		The day was first observed in 2018.
International Day of Innocent	4 <sup>th</sup> June		

Children Victims of Aggression			
UN Russian Language Day	6 <sup>th</sup> June		
World Food Safety Day	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Safer food, better health	
World Oceans Day	8 <sup>th</sup> June	Revitalization: collective action for the ocean	The day was first observed in 2009
World Accreditation Day	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment	
International Albinism Awareness Day	13 <sup>th</sup> June	United in making our voice heard	
World Blood Donor Day	14 <sup>th</sup> June		

93. As per the recently released Top500 list of supercomputers, which of the following has become the world's fastest supercomputer?

**Answer: Frontier**

94. Who has become the first-ever Indian to win a medal in the International Canoe Federation (ICF) World Cup?

**Answer: Prachi Yadav**

95. Tamil Nadu government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which payment bank to obtain a digital life certificate?

**Answer: India Post Payments Bank**

- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with **Muthoot Finance** to offer gold loans through Airtel Thanks app.

96. The Government of India (GoI) has raised the premium for its flagship insurance schemes 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)' and 'Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)'. The annual premium for PMJJBY has been increased from Rs.330 to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Rs.436

97. Who among the following has been appointed as the MD & CEO of the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)?

**Answer:** Natarajan Sundar

98. Who among the following will chair the Risk Management Review Committee (RMRC) recently restructured by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

**Answer:** Jayanth R Varma

- **Ashwani Bhatia** has been appointed as Whole Time Member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its Advisory Committee on Mutual Funds. The 25-member advisory committee will be chaired by **Usha Thorat**.
- The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a Building Advisory Committee to advise and assist on premises related matters like planning, acquisition, and furnishing. The 7-member committee will be headed by **BK Katyal**.
- SEBI has constituted a **20-member Hybrid Securities Advisory Committee (HySAC)**. The committee will be chaired by **K V Kamath**.
- SEBI has provided an additional payment option of the Unified Payments Interface (**UPI**) mechanism to retail investors to apply in the public issue of Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvITs) and Real Estate Investment Trust (REITs) for a payment of up to **Rs. 5 lakh** with effect from **1<sup>st</sup> August 2022**.

99. Which insurance company has launched the industry-first 'Smart Value Income Plan'?

**Answer:** Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited

100. The government has increased the maximum project cost for manufacturing units from Rs. 25 lakh to Rs. \_\_\_\_\_, and for service units from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh under PMEGP Scheme.

**Answer:** 50 lakh

101. **Adani Green Energy** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the government of **Andhra Pradesh** at the World Economic Forum for an investment of Rs.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** 60,000 crore

**102.** Which Indian actor has been honoured with the Excellence in Cinema Award at the French Riviera Film Festival?

**Answer:** Nawazuddin Siddiqui

**103.** Name the ministry that has recently conducted a brainstorming session on Digital India BHASHINI with Researchers and Startups.

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

**104.** Who has won the 2022 Spanish Grand Prix?

**Answer:** Max Verstappen

- **Max Verstappen** has won the first edition of the Formula 1 Miami Grand Prix 2022
- 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.
- Red Bull's **Sergio Perez (Mexico)** has won the 2022 F1 Monaco Grand Prix title
- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** (Belgium-Dutch) has won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022
- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** (Netherlands) has won his **6<sup>th</sup> Formula One (F1) Canadian Grand Prix 2022**

**105.** Name the digital payments firm that has planned to acquire the wealth management firm 'WealthDesk'.

**Answer:** PhonePe

**106.** Which Insurer has launched "Bima Ratna", a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan?

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

- **Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited** (Tata AIA Life) has launched a '**Smart Value Income Plan**'.

107. \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed as an external member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Bank of England.

**Answer:** Dr. Swati Dhingra

108. Which nation will build the world's largest Petroleum Research Centre?

**Answer:** Kuwait

- At an estimated cost of around USD 120 million in al-Ahmadi

109. The 'State of Inequality in India' report has been prepared by which institute?

**Answer:** Institute for Competitiveness

110. Which of the following non-banking financial company (NBFC) has launched the 'Loan Against Shares' facility?

**Answer:** Tata Capital Limited

111. Which country has hosted the QUAD Summit 2022?

**Answer:** Japan

112. As per the latest Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021, India has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ among 117 economies, while \_\_\_\_\_ has topped the Index.

**Answer:** 54<sup>th</sup>; Japan

113. India's first Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) has been launched by which state/UT?

**Answer:** Odisha

114. Who is the author of the book titled 'Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure'?

**Answer:** Ruskin Bond

115. The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched the '**Real-Time Xpress Credit**' on its \_\_\_\_\_ platform.

**Answer:** YONO

**116.** The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) has published the **Global Air Powers Ranking for 2022**. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ among World's Air Forces, and \_\_\_\_\_ among all services.

**Answer:** 3<sup>rd</sup>; 6<sup>th</sup>

**Rankings:**

- 1) United States Air Force
- 2) United States Navy
- 3) Russian Air Force
- 4) United States Army Aviation
- 5) United States Marine Corpse
- 6) Indian Air Force

**117.** Who has received the famous Sangita Kalanidhi Award of the Music Academy for the year 2021?

**Answer:** Tiruvarur' Bhakthavathsalam

- **Neyveli R Santanagopalan**, a renowned vocalist and guru, will receive the Sangita Kalanidhi award for the year **2020**.
- Eminent mridangam artiste and guru, '**Tiruvarur' Bhakthavathsalam**, will receive the award for the year **2021**.
- Lalgudi violin duo, **G J R Krishnan** and **Vijayalakshmi** will receive the award for the year **2022**.

**118.** Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various infrastructure projects worth **Rs.1180 crore** in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Arunachal Pradesh

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119. Which of the following has become the first Indian state to commence commercial drone services in healthcare?

**Answer: Uttarakhand**

- **Uttarakhand** has constituted a 5-member expert committee to implement the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** in the state.

120. T N Manoharan has been appointed as the part-time chairman of which bank?

**Answer: IDBI Bank**

- RBI has approved the appointment of **R Subramaniakumar** as the new MD and CEO of **RBL Bank** for three years.

121. Which state/UT has launched the SAMBHAV portal?

**Answer: Uttar Pradesh**

- **SAMBHAV (Systemic Administration Mechanism for Bringing Happiness and Value)**

122. Who will head the six-member committee constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to review customer service standards in banks, and NBFCs?

**Answer: B P Kanungo**

123. Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi?

**Answer: Vinai Kumar Saxena**

124. The recently launched Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) has how many member states?

**Answer: 14**

125. Which state has recorded the highest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow during the FY22?

**Answer: Karnataka**

126. Who has won the Amazon Smbhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022?

**Answer: Subhash Ola**

127. The Executive Committee of **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** has approved **11 projects** with an estimated cost of approx. Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ to develop Water Infrastructure Projects along the River Ganga.

**Answer: 660 crore**

128. In May 2022, RBI has asked all banks to provide the option of ICCW at their Automated Teller Machines (ATMs). What does 'ICCW' stand for?

**Answer: Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal**

129. **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the \_\_\_\_\_ government for a period of **5 years**

**Answer: Uttarakhand**

130. Eicher Motors has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Chennai-based **Royal Enfield**.

**Answer: B Govindarajan**

131. Which lender has partnered with Amazon Pay to offer UPI payments services?

**Answer: RBL Bank**

132. How many gold medals India has won at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022?

**Answer: 13 (13 Gold, 15 Silver, and 5 Bronze)**

133. Ministry of Railways has partnered with which institute on the Hyperloop technology project?

**Answer: IIT Madras**

134. Which state government has announced the launch of India's first state-owned OTT platform named 'CSpace'?

**Answer:** Kerala

**135.** The **World Health Organization (WHO)** and \_\_\_\_\_ have recently launched the first **Global Report on Assistive Technology (GReAT)**.

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

**136.** The **First International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)** has been held under the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** New York, USA.

**137.** National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which ministry of India for the enhancement of Capital Goods Scheme?

**Answer:** Ministry of Heavy Industries

**138.** Which Union Ministry of India has released a report titled 'Circular Economy in Municipal Solid and Liquid Waste'?

**Answer:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

**139.** Recently, the Government of India (GoI) has announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India. Who among the following will chair the council?

**Answer:** Suresh Bhai Kotak

- **Bharti Airtel** has reappointed **Gopal Vittal** as Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company.

**140.** Which company has acquired Patanjali Ayurved's food business for around Rs.690 crore?

**Answer:** Ruchi Soya

**141.** The **West Central Railway (WCR)** has developed a battery-operated dual-mode locomotive named '\_\_\_\_\_'.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:** Navdoot

142. Who is the author of the book titled 'A Place Called Home'?

**Answer:** Preeti Shenoy

143. **Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL)** has tied up with \_\_\_\_\_ and digital payment firm **Phi Commerce** to facilitate a one-stop omnichannel payment solution at Kempegowda International Airport.

**Answer:** Kotak Mahindra Bank

144. Recently, Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary has become the 52nd tiger reserve in India. In which state is it located?

**Answer:** Rajasthan

145. **World Bank** has approved **USD** \_\_\_\_\_ aid for the Systems Reform Endeavours for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (**SRESTHA-Gujarat**) project.

**Answer:** 350 million

146. Which insurance entity has launched India's first dental health insurance plan?

**Answer:** PNB MetLife India Insurance

147. 'Technology Pioneer Community' is an initiative of which of the following organization?

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

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

**Answer:** Lumbini

149. Who has become the first Indian layman to be declared a saint by Pope Francis?

**Answer:** Devasahayam Pillai

150. Which mosquito is responsible for spreading dengue?

**Answer:** Aedes aegypti

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
National Dengue Day	16 <sup>th</sup> May		The day is an initiative by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
International Museum Day	18 <sup>th</sup> May	The Power of Museums	The day is organized by the International Council of Museums (ICOM).
World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Digital Technologies for older persons and healthy ageing	
World Bee Day	20 May	Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems	The day marks the birth anniversary of 'Anton Jansa' in 1734.
Anti-Terrorism Day	21 May		To commemorate the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
World Hypertension Day	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer	The day was first observed in 2005.
World AIDS Vaccine Day	18 <sup>th</sup> May		
World Metrology Day	20 May	Metrology in the Digital Era	
International Tea Day	21 May		The first International Tea Day was held in Delhi in 2005.
International Day for Biological Diversity	22 May	Building a shared future for all life	

World Turtle Day	23 May	'Shellebrate!' Asks Everyone to Love and Save Turtles	
World Hunger Day	28 May		The year 2022 marks the 12 <sup>th</sup> edition of World Hunger Day.
International Missing Children's Day	25 May		
Africa Day	25 May		
World Menstrual Hygiene Day	28 May		
International Everest Day	29 May		
International Day of United Nations (UN) Peacekeepers	29 May	People. Peace. Progress. The Power of Partnerships	
World No Tobacco Day 2022	31 May	Tobacco: Threat to our environment	

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

**Answer:** Nidhi Chibber

**152.** \_\_\_\_\_, under the Ministry of Communications, has launched the "GatiShakti Sanchar" portal. The portal has been launched for **Centralised Right of Way (RoW) approvals**.

**Answer:** Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

**153.** Who has been appointed as the new President of United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

**Answer:** Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

- **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** has been elected as the new **President of Somalia**.
- French President Emmanuel Macron has appointed **Elisabeth Borne** as the new **Prime Minister of France**.



- **Anthony Albanese** has been sworn in as the **31st Prime Minister of Australia**.

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

**Answer:** Australia

**155.** Axis Bank has tied up with which airline to launch a co-branded credit card?

**Answer:** SpiceJet

- **Axis Bank** has been awarded the 'Asian Bank of the Year Award' at the IFR Asia Awards 2021.
- **Axis Bank** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Assam Rifles and NIEDO to establish a Centre of Excellence, Wellness in Nagaland.

**156.** **PARAM PORUL**, a state-of-the-art Supercomputer, has been inaugurated at which Indian Institution?

**Answer:** National Institute of Technology (NIT) Tiruchirappalli

- **Param Ananta**, a state-of-the-art Supercomputer, has been commissioned at the IIT Gandhinagar,

**157.** \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
- **HDFC Bank** has tied up with **Retailio**, India's largest B2B pharma marketplace, to launch a new range of co-branded credit cards.
- **HDFC Securities** has launched a Robo-advisory platform for all mutual fund investments named '**HDFC Money**'.
- **HDFC Limited** has partnered with Accenture to digitally transform its lending business.

- **HDFC Bank** has signed an MoU with a leading early-stage venture capital firm, **100X.VC** to support start-ups.

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

**Answer:** Deepika Padukone

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

**Answer:** Accenture

**160.** 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.

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

**Answer:** Oil giant **Saudi Aramco**

**162.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has aimed to make India a global drone hub by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** 2030

163. 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

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

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

165. 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**

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

**Answer:** 60

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

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

168. 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.

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

**Answer: Australia**

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

**Answer: 21<sup>st</sup> May**

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

**Answer: Senior IAS officer Nidhi Chibber**

172. UN Vesak Day is observed on a full moon night in the \_\_\_\_\_ month.

**Answer: Vaisakha**

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

**Answer: Lumbini**

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

**Answer: Hyderabad**

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

**Answer: Indonesia**

176. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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**.

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

**Answer:** Noted economist **Suman K Bery**

178. 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 1938 in Jammu.
- He was honoured with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1986, **Padma Shri** in **1991** and **Padma Vibhushan** in **2001**.

179. 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.

180. 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**

181. The Nepalese Sherpa guide **Kami Rita Sherpa** has scaled **Mount Everest** for the \_\_\_\_\_ time.

**Answer:** 26th

182. 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

**183.** 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

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

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

**185.** 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 Bijaee 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.

**186.** \_\_\_\_\_ has been awarded the World Food Prize 2022. She belongs to the USA.

**Answer:** Cynthia Rosenzweig

- Indian architect **Balkrishna Vitaldas 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**.

**187.** 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.

**188.** 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.

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

**Answer: G Mahalingam**

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

**Answer: Vishakhapatnam**

**191.** Bhutan has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in the World Press Freedom Index 2022.

**Answer: 33<sup>rd</sup>**

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

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

**Answer: Nand Mulchandani**

193. Which team has won the 75<sup>th</sup> Santosh Trophy 2022?

**Answer:** Kerala

194. \_\_\_\_\_ 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'.

195. 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

196. 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

197. 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).

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

**Answer:** 1923

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

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

**Answer:** Rasheed Kidwai

**200.** 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)

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**201.** \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**202.** 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)

**203.** Who won the Whitley Gold Award 2022?

**Answer:** Charudutt Mishra

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

**Answer:** Maharashtra

**205.** 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.

**206.** 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.

**207.** **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**.

**208.** 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

**209.** 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

**210.** The \_\_\_\_\_ has published a report titled '**World Review of Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture Insurance 2022**'.

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

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

**Answer:** **Anshul Swami**

**212.** 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**

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

**Answer:** **Netflix**

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

**Answer:** **Agra**

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

**Answer:** **Geneva, Switzerland**

**216.** 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

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

**Answer:** IndusInd Bank

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

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

**Answer:** Max Verstappen

220. Which country's public broadcaster has recently (May 2022) collaborated with Prasar Bharati for cooperation in the field of broadcasting?

**Answer:** Madagascar

- Also, Prasar Bharati has recently (April 2022) signed an MoU with the Public Broadcaster of Argentina Radio Television **Argentina** (RTA) for collaboration in the field of broadcasting.

221. 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)**.

222. 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



223. 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**.

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

**Answer: Rs. 600 crore**

225. \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

226. \_\_\_\_\_ will host the **World Dairy Summit (WDS) 2022** in Delhi from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Answer: India**

227. \_\_\_\_\_ in Jharkhand has become India's first district where all gram panchayats have community libraries.

**Answer: Jamtara**

228. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated India's first dairy community radio named ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' in Gujarat.

**Answer: Dudh Vani**

229. 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**

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

**Answer:** A P Abdullakutty

231. 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)

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

**Answer:** Peace

233. **NTPC Limited** has tied up with which institute to develop an energy-efficient plant to capture CO<sub>2</sub>?

**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.

234. 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

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

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

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

**Answer:** India

237. 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**

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

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

239. The state government of \_\_\_\_\_ has announced that the birthday of Dr. BR Ambedkar (14<sup>th</sup> April) will be observed as the '**Day of Equality**' in the state.

**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.

240. 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**

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

**Answer: PhonePe**

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

**Answer: Robin Uthappa**

- Lloyd has appointed former Indian cricket captain **Sourav Ganguly** as the brand ambassador for the Eastern Indian markets.
- PharmEasy, a pharmacy platform, has appointed Bollywood actor **Aamir Khan** as its brand ambassador.

- Games24x7, an online skill gaming company, has appointed cricketers **Shubman Gill** and **Ruturaj Gaikwad** as its new brand ambassadors for its My11Circle fantasy gaming platform.

**243.** 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)

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

**Answer:** Rajesh Talwar

**245.** World Hemophilia Day is observed annually on which date?

**Answer:** 17<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	Homoeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness	Founder of homoeopathy: <b>Dr. Christian Fredrich Samuel Hahnemann.</b>

National Safe Motherhood Day	11 <sup>th</sup> April		The day also marks the birth anniversary of <b>Kasturba Gandhi</b>
International Day of Street Children	12 <sup>th</sup> April		The day was first observed in 2012.
Odisha Day	1 <sup>st</sup> April		The year 2022 marks the <b>87th foundation day</b> of the state.
World Autism Awareness Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Inclusive Quality Education for All	The day was first observed in 2008.
National Maritime Day	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Propelling Indian Maritime Industry to Net Zero	The day was first observed in 1964.
World Health Day	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Our Planet, Our Health	The day was first observed in 1950.
International Children's Book Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Stories are wings that help you soar every day	<b>Canada</b> has hosted International Children's Book Day 2022.
World Table Tennis Day	6 <sup>th</sup> April		The day was first observed in 2015.
World Book and Copyright Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> April		The day was first observed in 1996.
World Malaria Day	25 <sup>th</sup> April	Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives	The day was first observed in 2008.
World Intellectual Property Day	26 <sup>th</sup> April	IP and Youth innovating for a Better Future	
World Day for Safety and Health at Work	28 <sup>th</sup> 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	
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**246.** All India Radio News has launched a new weekly interactive program named \_\_\_\_\_ for Competitive Examinations.

**Answer:** **Abhyaas**

**247.** 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**

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

**Answer:** **Nagpur, Maharashtra**

**249.** 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)**

**250.** \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

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

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

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

**Answer:** **Rajasthan**

**253.** 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

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

**Answer:** Cyrus Poonawalla

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

**Answer:** Digit Insurance

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

**Answer:** Telangana

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

**Answer:** Jamnagar, Gujarat.

**258.** 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

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

**Answer:** Russia



260. 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**

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

**Answer: Karnataka**

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

**Answer: Telangana**

263. 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.

264. \_\_\_\_\_, a 100% government owned entity under Department of Posts (DoP), has launched Fincluvation.

**Answer: India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**

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

**Answer: Vivek Lall**

266. 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

267. 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

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

**Answer:** University of Oxford

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

**Answer:** Karnataka

270. 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

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

**Answer:** Jharkhand

272. 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)

273. \_\_\_\_\_ 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

274. 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

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

**Answer:** Geetanjali Shree

276. IIT Madras has launched India's first indigenously developed polycentric prosthetic knee called \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Kadam

277. 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

278. 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)

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

**Answer:** Tata AIA Life Insurance

280. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first country in the world to give legal rights to wild animals.

**Answer:** Ecuador

281. Who has been appointed as the 31<sup>st</sup> Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?

**Answer:** Dr. Manoj Soni

282. Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ author **Amar Mitra** has been conferred the prestigious **O. Henry Prize for Short Fiction 2022**.

**Answer:** Bengali

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

**Answer:** Gujarat

284. 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

285. \_\_\_\_\_ 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

286. The first **Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery Tournament** has been held in Tata Archery Academy, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

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

**Answer:** South Africa

288. Founder and CEO of Nykaa, \_\_\_\_\_ has been named the **EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021**.

**Answer:** Falguni Nayar

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

**Answer:** Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)

290. The \_\_\_\_\_ **Anniversary** of the **Jallianwala Bagh Massacre** has been observed on 13<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

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

**Answer:** Ravichandran Ashwin

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

**Answer:** Prem Rawat

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

**Answer:** Badminton

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**295. 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**

**296.** 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).**

**297.** 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.

**298.** The 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' has been conducted between the **Indian Navy** and **French Navy** in the Arabian Sea.

**Answer: VARUNA-2022**

**299.** The state government of \_\_\_\_\_ has announced to launch '**Vinaya Samarasya Yojana**'.

**Answer: Karnataka**

**300.** 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**

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

**Answer: Supreme Court of India**

**302.** 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**

**303.** 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**

**304.** 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**

**305.** 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).

**306.** 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**

**307.** 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**

**308.** Richard Howard has passed away recently. He was a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.



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

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

**Answer:** **Shakuntala**

**310.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cricket team** has won the **ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022** title by defeating England.

**Answer:** **Australian**

**311.** 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)**

**312.** Who has won the Chameli Devi Jain Award 2021?

**Answer:** **Aarefa Johari**

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

**Answer:** **Dholera**

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

**Answer:** **Dr Ian Fry**

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

**Answer:** **Tamil Nadu**

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

**Answer: Uttar Pradesh**

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

**Answer: Union Ministry for Science and Technology**

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

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

319. 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**

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

**Answer: Prakriti**

321. 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**

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

**Answer: Madhya Pradesh**

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

**Answer: Madagascar**

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

**Answer:** Ramdarash Mishra

325. 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)

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

**Answer:** Vikas Kumar

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

**Answer:** Economist

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

**Answer:** Karnataka

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

**Answer:** 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
World Water Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Groundwater, making the invisible visible	The day was celebrated for the first time in 1993.
World Tuberculosis Day	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Invest to End TB. Save Lives	
National Dolphin Day	5 <sup>th</sup> October		
World Meteorological Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Early Warning and Early Action	

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism	
International Transgender Day of Visibility	31 <sup>st</sup> March		The day was first observed in 2009.
World Consumer Rights Day	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Fair Digital Finance	
National Vaccination Day	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Vaccines Work for all	The day was first observed in 1995
World Forestry Day	21 <sup>st</sup> March		
International Day of Happiness	20 <sup>th</sup> March		
World Poetry Day	21 <sup>st</sup> March		UNESCO first adopted 21st March as World Poetry Day during its 30th General Conference in Paris in 1999.

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

**Answer:** Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL)

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

**Answer:** PhonePe

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

**Answer:** Kerala

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

**Answer:** Turkey

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

**Answer: Nature's Basket**

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

**Answer: Nagaland**

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

**Answer: Airtel Payments Bank**

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

**Answer: ICICI Bank**

338. Kerala Tourism has launched a 24x7 WhatsApp chatbot named \_\_\_\_\_ to attract more tourists to Kerala.

**Answer: Maya**

339. 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**

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

**Answer: Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan**

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

**Answer:** PhonePe

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

**Answer:** Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL)

**343.** Who has won the Stockholm Water Prize 2022?

**Answer:** Wilfried Brutsaert

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

**Answer:** EaseMyTrip

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

**Answer:** Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

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

**Answer:** Central Bank of India

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

**Answer:** Bihar

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

**Answer:** 220

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

**Answer:** Himachal Pradesh

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

**Answer:** BYJU's

**351.** 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)

**352.** 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)

**353.** 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

**354.** \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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



**Answer:** Brahmaputra

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

**Answer:** Hyderabad, Telangana.

**357.** '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

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

**Answer:** Narayan Pradhan

**359.** 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)

**360.** 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

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

**Answer:** Telangana

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

**Answer:** Visakhapatnam railway station

**363.** 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)

**364.** 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

**365.** 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.

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

**Answer:** Karnataka Bank

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

**Answer:** Diébédo Francis Kéré

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

**Answer:** Delhi – Meerut corridor

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

**Answer:** Gurugram, Haryana

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

**Answer:** Mumbai

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

**Answer:** Haryana.

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

**Answer:** Razorpay

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

**Answer:** 14<sup>th</sup> March

374. 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

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

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

376. 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)

377. 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.

**378.** As per the latest V-Dem's Liberal Democratic Index (LDI), India has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ while \_\_\_\_\_ has topped the Index.

**Answer:** 93<sup>rd</sup>; Sweden

**379.** 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

**380.** 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

**381.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

**Answer:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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

**Answer:** IIT Roorkee

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

**Answer:** Priyanka Nutakki

384. 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**'.

385. 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)

386. \_\_\_\_\_, 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**

387. 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.

388. International Women's Day (IWD) is observed annually on 8<sup>th</sup> March. What is the theme of IWD 2022?

**Answer:** **Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow**

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

**Answer:** **Hyderabad, Telangana**

**390. 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

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

**Answer:** Aarushi Verma

**392.** 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)

**393.** 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**)

**394.** 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

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

**Answer:** Mithali Raj

396. 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**

397. 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)

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

**Answer: INS Chennai**

399. 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%**

400. 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**

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

**Answer: Australian**

402. 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**

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



**Answer:** Agra, Uttar Pradesh

**404.** 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

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

**Answer:** Tata Motors

**406.** 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

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

**Answer:** Jammu & Kashmir

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

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

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

**409.** 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'.

410. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

411. \_\_\_\_\_ 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

412. 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

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

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

414. \_\_\_\_\_ 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

415. 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)

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

**Answer:** Bhushan Patwardhan

417. 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**.

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

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

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

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

**Answer:** Dabur India

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

**Answer:** Renault India

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

**Answer:** Hyderabad, Telangana

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

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

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

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

**424.** 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

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

**Answer:** Madhabi Puri Buch

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

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

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

**Answer:** The USA

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

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

429. 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**

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

**Answer:** 13,020 crore

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

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

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

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

**Answer: ICICI Bank**

433. 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**

434. 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.

435. 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**.

436. \_\_\_\_\_ 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)**

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

**Answer: Bank of Baroda**



438. 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)

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

**Answer:** Twitter

440. 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)

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

**Answer:** Nashik, Maharashtra

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

**Answer:** Sandeep Bakhshi

443. 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**.



444. 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**

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

**Answer: Rahul Bajaj**

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

**Answer: Israel**

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

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

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

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

449. 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.**

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

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

451. 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**

452. \_\_\_\_\_ 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).

453. **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.

454. 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**

455. \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

456. 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**

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

**Answer: Zara Rutherford**

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

**Answer:** Odisha

459. 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**'.

460. 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.

461. 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.

462. 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.

463. 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)**

464. 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**

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

**Answer: Jammu & Kashmir**

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

**Answer: India**

467. 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.

468. 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.

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

**Answer:** Indore, Madhya Pradesh

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

**Answer:** India

**471.** \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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

**Answer:** Sonali Singh

- Lieutenant General **GAV Reddy** has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Defence Intelligence Agency.
- **Dr Madan Mohan Tripathi** has become the new Director-General of the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT).
- Professor **Dinesh Prasad Saklani** has been appointed as the new Director of the **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)**.
- The Ministry of Education (MoE) has appointed **Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit** as the new Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

- **Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair** has been appointed as the new director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).
- **Vineet Joshi** has recently been appointed as the chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

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**473.** 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)

**474.** 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)**.

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

**Answer:** Jaipur

**476.** 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

**477.** 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



**478.** 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

**479.** 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

**480.** 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)**.

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

**Answer:** Samsung Electronics

**482.** 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

**483.** 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.

**484. 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**.

**485.** 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'.

**486.** 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

**487.** 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**.

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

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

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

**489.** 30th January is observed as Shaheed Diwas annually to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The year 2022 marks the \_\_\_\_\_ death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

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

490. 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)**

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

**Answer: 150**

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

**Answer: Delhi**

493. \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

494. 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**

495. 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**.

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

**Answer: Dr. V Anantha Nageswaran**

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

**Answer: Subhash Chandra Garg**

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

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

**499.** \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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

**Answer:** Google

**501.** \_\_\_\_\_, 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**.

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

**Answer:** IIFL Securities

**503.** 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

**504.** 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**.

**505.** 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.