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NOTE: This file contains the most important 'Question-Answer' points pertaining to the current affairs news from 1st December 2022 – 7th April 2023. It will be beneficial for the General Awareness (GA/GK) section of the upcoming **IDBI Assistant Manager Exam, IFSCA Grade A, and LIC ADO Mains Exam.**

1. Which organization has published the World Energy Transitions Outlook 2023 report?

Answer: International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

2. Who has become the first Indian woman hockey player to have a stadium named after her?

Answer: Rani Rampal

3. _____ has become the 31st member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in April 2023.

Answer: Finland

4. Which nation has become the 12th member of the Comprehensive & Progressive Agreement for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)?

Answer: United Kingdom (UK)

5. Which lender has launched a business management solution for merchants 'Digital Dukaan' in collaboration with Visa?

Answer: Axis Bank

6. To market the insurance schemes of SBI Life Insurance, which lender has signed a pact with SBI Life in April 2023?

Answer: Karur Vysya Bank

7. PhonePe has launched a new shopping app on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform. What is the name of the app?

Answer: Pincode

8. As per the latest Global Trade Outlook & Statistics report released by the World Trade Organization (WTO), World merchandise trade volume is projected to grow _____ in 2023.

Answer: 1.7 percent

9. Which lender has introduced a “Premium Payroll Package” for salary accounts holder?

Answer: Canara Bank

10. Tamil Nadu government has launched a new talent support scheme ‘Thiranari Thervu Thittam’ for state-run school students. The scheme offers monthly stipend of Rs._____.

Answer: Rs.1000

11. India Grid Trust (IndiGrid) has recently (April 2023) launched its first Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project in which state of India?

Answer: Maharashtra

12. Recently (April 2023), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) has collaborated with which entity to boost creative economy and promote creative talent in India?

Answer: Amazon India

13. As per the 3rd edition of India Justice Report (IJR 3) 2022, which state has topped the overall ranking among the large and mid-sized states (states with a population over 1 crore)?

Answer: Karnataka

14. Recently (April 2023), NBCC Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Scirocco Enterprises Ltd to construct 1 lakh housing units in _____.

Answer: Zambia

15. Anjana Vasana, who won the Best Supporting Actress in a Play at the Olivier Awards 2023, belongs to which country?

Answer: Singapore

16. Name the state government that has launched a scheme to aid higher secondary and degree students in buying books.

Answer: Assam

17. The Government of India (GoI) has planned to install 250 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy capacity by ____.

Answer: March 2028

18. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has developed a novel carbon-based catalyst to make water electrolysis more efficient?

Answer: IIT Mandi

19. National Maritime Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 5th April

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023
National Maritime Week	30 th to 5 th April 2023	Amrit Kaal in Shipping
International Day of Conscience	5 th April	
International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	6 th April	Scoring for People and the Planet
World Table Tennis Day	6 th April	
World Health Day	7 th April	Health for all
International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda	7 th April	

20. Recently (April 2023), the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Ultra Dimensions Pvt. Ltd. for the modernization of Naval Aircraft Yards (NAYs) at Goa & Kochi. What is the total outlay of the contract?

Answer: Rs.470 crore

21. Kiran Nadar has recently (April 2023) been conferred with the highest civilian award, "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur", of which country?

Answer: France

22. Who will become the first woman astronaut to be sent on Artemis II lunar mission?

Answer: Christina Koch

23. Recently (April 2023), which country's Inter-University for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) has partnered with NASA to develop an AI-based model for predicting solar storms?

Answer: India

24. Which state has launched India's 1st 'Cool Roof Policy' for all types of buildings?

Answer: Telangana

25. Recently (April 2023), Anjali Sharma has conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in South Africa wearing a 'Luanchari'. 'Luanchari' is a traditional attire of which state?

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

26. What is the theme of the 5th edition of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2023?

Answer: Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure

27. _____ has tied up with Bharti Airtel to launch banking services through WhatsApp for its customers.

Answer: India Post Payments Bank

28. Which foreign lender has launched an investment solution 'digiPortfolio' to offer Morningstar curated investments?

Answer: DBS Bank

29. In March 2023, the highest unemployment has been recorded in Haryana at _____.

Answer: 26.8 percent

30. Who has won the F1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix (GP) 2023 title?

Answer: Max Verstappen

31. Who has won the women's singles title in the Madrid Spain Masters 2023 after defeating PV Sindhu?

Answer: Gregoria Mariska Tunjung

32. Which Indian Naval Ships (INS) have represented India in the Exercise SLINEX 2023?

Answer: INS Kiltan and INS Savitri

33. Recently, ISRO has successfully conducted the RLV LEX mission from the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) in Chitradurga, Karnataka. What does RLV LEX stand for?

Answer: Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX)

34. Salim Durani, who passed away recently (April 2023), was associated with which sports?

Answer: Cricket

35. Rudrendra Tandon has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to _____.

Answer: Greece

36. In April 2023, which nation has agreed to settle trade in the Indian Rupee?

Answer: Malaysia

37. Which has become the first American state to pass resolution condemning 'Hinduphobia'?

Answer: Georgia

38. Va Tech Wabag has bagged an order from Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) to build how much million litres per day (MLD) sea water reverse osmosis (SWRO) desalination plant?

Answer: 400 MLD

39. Which week is observed annually across India from 1st April to 7th April?

Answer: Prevention of Blindness Week

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023
International Children's Book Day	2 nd April	I am a book, read me
World Autism Awareness Day	2 nd April	Transforming the narrative: Contributions at home, at work, in the arts and in policymaking
International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action	4 th April	Mine Action Cannot Wait

40. Recently (April 2023), Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated Gorata Martyr Memorial and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Memorial in which place?

Answer: Bidar, Karnataka

41. As per the news, European Union has removed which country from its list of 'High-Risk Third Country Jurisdictions'?

Answer: Pakistan

42. Who has been named as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of PTC India Limited?

Answer: Rajib Mishra

43. What is the name of India's first cloned desi Gir female calf?

Answer: Ganga

44. India has recently (April 2023) signed a 'Defence Cooperation Agreement' with which European country?

Answer: Romania

45. Recently (March 2023), Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a Rs. 3,000 crore contract with BEL to procure two Integrated Electronic Warfare Systems '_____'.

Answer: Project Himshakti

46. How much interest rate on the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) has been fixed by EPFO for 2022-23?

Answer: 8.15%

47. The Government of India (GoI) has constituted a committee to monitor the stock of Tur. Who will head the committee?

Answer: Nidhi Khare

48. UAE has been ranked first in the Individual Passport Power Rank 2023 released by Arton Capital. What is the rank of India in the index?

Answer: 144th

49. Recently (March 2023), Japan has committed Rs. 7,084 Crore to India for three infrastructure projects in which states?

Answer: Rajasthan, Bihar, & West Bengal

50. How much interchange fee has been recommended by NPCI on UPI transactions of over Rs. 2000 via Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)?

Answer: 1.1%

51. Who has been honoured with the Wildlife Conservation Award 2023?

Answer: Aliya Mir

52. Which team has won the inaugural TATA Women's Premier League (WPL) 2023?

Answer: Mumbai Indians

53. How many medals has India won in the 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships?

Answer: 4

54. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has virtually inaugurated Maa Sharda Devi temple at Teetwal on the banks of which river?

Answer: Kishanganga River

55. As per the latest MoU signed between the Ministry of Ayush and Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, how many Ayurveda OPD will be established in ECHS Polyclinic/Dispensaries?

Answer: 10

56. How much amount has been allocated by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) for the construction of 150-km-long Tanakpur-Pithoragarh all-weather road in Uttarakhand?

Answer: Rs.318 crore

57. Which country's former President Dilma Rousseff has been elected as the head of New Development Bank (NDB)?

Answer: Brazil

58. India's first PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park will be set up in which state?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

59. Who has authored a new book titled "A Matter of the Heart: Education in India"?

Answer: Anurag Behar**Other Important Books:**

Important Books		
Book	Author	Remark
The Book of Bihari Literature	Abhay Kumar	Published by Harper Collins

India's Vaccine Growth Story - From Cowpox to Vaccine Maitri	Sajjan Singh Yadav	
As Good as My Word: A Memoir	K.M. Chandrasekhar	Published by Harper Collins
India's Struggle for Independence – Gandhian Era: 1915-1948	P. Jyothimani and G.Balan	Published by Vanathi Pathippagam
Mundaka Upanishad: The Bridge to Immortality	Dr Karan Singh	Translated in Hindi by Dr Kamal Kishor Mishra.
Bipin: The Man behind the Uniform	Rachna Bisht Rawat	Published by Penguin Veer
War & Women	M.A. Hasan	

60. To manufacture “Ceramic Radomes (GELCAST Process) Technology”, Carborundum Universal Limited (CUMI) has signed a Licensing Agreement for Transfer of Technology (LAToT) with which laboratory of DRDO?

Answer: Research Centre Imarat (RCI)

61. Who has become the India's most valued celebrity, as per the Kroll Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023?

Answer: Deepika Padukone

62. In which place the second edition of Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX- 2023) has been held?

Answer: Pune, Maharashtra

63. What is the theme of the Tourism Exchange Year 2023 between India and Japan?

Answer: Connecting the Himalayas with Mount Fuji

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64. Which state has become in India to pass the Right to Health Bill?

Answer: Rajasthan

65. Which Union Ministry of India has launched the “Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP)”?

Answer: Ministry of Ports, Shipping, & Waterways

66. Who has won the 2023 Abel Prize in mathematics?

Answer: Luis Caffarelli

67. Which Indian city has hosted Asia’s largest summit on technology and innovation in 2023?

Answer: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

68. RBI will set up a Greenfield Data Centre and Enterprise Computing and Cybersecurity Training Institute in _____.

Answer: Bhubaneswar, Odisha

69. World Meteorological Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 23rd March, Theme: The future of weather, climate and water across generations

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023
Martyrs Day	23 rd March	
International Day for the Right to the Truth	24 th March	
World Tuberculosis Day	24 th March	Yes! We can end TB!
International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	25 th March	Fighting slavery’s legacy of racism through transformative education
International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members	25 th March	
World Theatre Day	27 th March	

World Piano Day	29 th March	
International Day of Zero Waste	30 th March	
International Transgender Day of Visibility	31 st March	
International Day of Drug Checking	31 st March	
World Backup Day	31 st March	

70. Which two Indian cities have been featured in TIME's 2023 list of the World's Greatest Places?

Answer: Ladakh and Mayurbhanj

71. Recently (March 2023), President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the silver jubilee celebration of 'Kudumbashree', one of the largest women's self-help networks in the world, in which state?

Answer: Kerala

72. The National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) has recently planned to set-up a Desalination plant in _____.

Answer: Lakshadweep

73. What is the rank of India in the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2023?

Answer: 13th

74. International SME Convention (ISE) 2023 has been held in _____.

Answer: New Delhi

75. Income Tax Department has launched an AIS app for taxpayers. Here, 'AIS' stand for?

Answer: Annual Information Statements (AIS)

76. As per the World Happiness Report 2023, _____ has been named the world's happiest country, while India has been ranked _____.

Answer: Finland; 126th

77. IBFP, running from Siliguri in India to Parbatipur in Bangladesh, is the first cross border energy pipeline between India and Bangladesh. The pipeline has a capacity to transport _____ Million Metric Ton Per Annum (MMTPA) of High-Speed Diesel (HSD) to Bangladesh.

Answer: 1 Million Metric Ton Per Annum (MMTPA)

78. Which Football Club has won the Indian Super League (ISL) 2022-23 title?

Answer: ATK Mohun Bagan Football Club

79. Which lender has tied up with the Government of Tamil Nadu to offer co-branded RuPay Platinum Debit Card to the beneficiaries of the state government's 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme?

Answer: Bank of Baroda

80. As per the rating agency CRISIL, India's GDP will grow at _____ in FY24.

Answer: 6%

81. Which Small Finance Bank has won the 13th Aegis Graham Bell Awards (AGBA) in the "Innovation in Consumer Tech" category?

Answer: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

82. Which edition of the CII Partnership Summit 2023 has been held in New Delhi?

Answer: 28th

83. Who has been awarded the title 'Governor of the Year' for 2023 by Central Banking?

Answer: Shaktikanta Das

84. Bhumchu Festival is observed in which state?

Answer: Sikkim

85. Recently (March 2023), the first international conference of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on "Shared Buddhist Heritage" has been held in _____.

Answer: New Delhi

86. India has participated with which country in Exercise BOLD KURUKSHETRA 2023 in Jodhpur?

Answer: Singapore

87. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA)?

Answer: Deepak Mohanty

Other Important Appointments:

Important Appointments of March 2023			
Post/Designation	Person	State/Country/Organization	Remark
MD & CEO	Rohit Jawa	Hindustan Unilever Limited	He will succeed Sanjiv Mehta.
MD & CEO	B Gopkumar	Axis Asset Management Company (AMC)	He will replace Chandresh Nigam.
MD & CEO	Sumant Kathpalia	IndusInd Bank	
MD & CEO (designate)	Mohit Joshi	Tech Mahindra Limited	He will succeed CP Gurnani.
Executive Director	Mafalda Duarte	Green Climate Fund (GCF)	She has succeeded Yannick Glemarec.
Chairman (Interim)	Siddhartha Mohanty	Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)	He has succeeded MR Kumar.
MD	Tablesh Pandey	Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)	He has replaced Bishnu Charan Patnaik.
United States' ambassador to India	Eric Garcetti	UN Embassy in India	He has succeeded Kenneth Juster.
United Nations Resident Coordinator	Kavilmadam Ramaswami Parvathy	Tajikistan	
Premier	Li Qiang	China	
CEO-designate	Krithi Krithivasan	TCS	He will succeed Rajesh Gopinathan.
President	Gianni Infantino	FIFA	
Chairman	Vivek Gambhir	Boat	

MD & CEO	Sameer Mehta	Boat	
Vice-President	Ram Sahay Prasad Yadav	Nepal	
CMD	G.Krishnakumar	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)	He has succeeded Arun Kumar Singh.
MD & CEO	Anup Bagchi	ICICI Prudential Life	He will succeed N S Kannan.
CMD	Lalit Kumar Gupta	Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)	
MD & CEO	Manmeet K Nanda	Invest India	He has replaced Deepak Bagla.
President	Dilma Rousseff	New Development Bank (NDB)	She has succeeded Marcus Troyjo.
First Minister	Humza Yusuf	Scotland	He has succeed Nicola Sturgeon.
Independent director	U.K. Sinha and Dipali Goenka	NDTV	
Director-General	Rafael Mariano Grossi	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	
President	Ajay Singh	ASSOCHAM	He has succeeded Sumant Sinha.

88. As per the World Air Quality Report 2022, _____ has become the most polluted city in India in 2022.

Answer: Bhiwadi, Rajasthan

89. Hindi writer Dr Gyan Chaturvedi has been awarded the 32nd Vyas Samman, 2022 for his novel _____.

Answer: Pagalkhana

90. Indian cricket team has recently won the Border–Gavaskar Trophy 2023 by defeating _____ cricket team.

Answer: Australia

91. Who is the author of book titled “Mundaka Upanishad: The Bridge to Immortality”?

Answer: Karan Singh

92. National Vaccination Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 16th March

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023
World Sleep Day	The day is observed on Friday before Spring Vernal Equinox. (17 th March 2023)	Sleep is Essential for Health
Global Recycling Day	18 th March	Creative Innovation
Ordnance Factory Day	18 th March	
World Oral Health Day	20 th March	Be Proud of Your Mouth
World Sparrow Day	20 th March	I LOVE Sparrows
International Day of Happiness	20 th March	
World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People	20 th March	
UN French Language Day	20 th March	321 Million French speakers, billions of cultural content
World Forestry Day	21 st March	Forests and health
. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	21 st March	
World Puppetry Day	21 st March	Call of the Forest
World Poetry Day	21 st March	Always be a poet, even in prose
World Down Syndrome Day	21 st March	With Us Not For Us
International Day of Nowruz	21 st March	
World Water Day	22 nd March	Accelerating the change to solve the water and sanitation crisis

93. The 3rd Session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) has been organized in New Delhi. What is the theme of the 3rd session?

Answer: Building Local Resilience in a Changing Climate

94. Which country has hosted the 35th Meeting of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board in March 2023?

Answer: Rwanda

95. Supreme Court Judge Justice V. Ramasubramanian has released a book titled "India's Struggle for Independence – Gandhian Era: 1915-1948". The book is published by _____.

Answer: Vanathi Pathippagam

96. What is the total length of the world's longest railway platform at Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Hubballi Station?

Answer: 1507 m

97. Recently (March 2023), the Defence Ministry has signed a contract for the procurement of six Dornier-228 aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at a cost of _____.

Answer: Rs.667 crore

98. To manufacture fighter wings in India, Tata Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with _____.

Answer: Lockheed Martin

99. The Government of Odisha has launched a new Livelihood Cluster Development initiative under Mukhya Mantri Janajati Jeebika Mission for the tribal people. What is the financial outlay of this scheme?

Answer: Rs.500 crore

100. Xi Jinping has been elected as the President of the Republic of China for the _____ term.

Answer: 3rd

101. Which small finance bank has launched the "Unpause Initiative" to support the women rejoining the workforce after a break?

Answer: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

102. _____ has launched the 'Empowering you to achieve your dreams' campaign.

Answer: TATA AIA Life Insurance

103. 'Thabal Chongba' is a folk dance of which state?

Answer: Manipur

104. The festival of 'Dol Jatra' is observed in which state?

Answer: West Bengal

105. Who has become the first woman officer to command the Corps of Electronics & Mechanical Engineers (EME) Unit near China Border in the Eastern Ladakh sector?

Answer: Geeta Rana

106. How many medals has India won in the 74th Strandja International Boxing Tournament 2023?

Answer: India has won 8 medals (3 silver and 5 bronze)

107. A new health programme for women named 'Arogya Mahila' has been launched by which state/UT of India?

Answer: Telangana

108. The 2nd G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) meeting has been held in _____.

Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana

Other G20 Meeting:

The **Labour-20 (L-20) engagement group** of the G-20 (Group of Twenty) has adopted two Joint Statements as the final outcome of the two-day discussions at its inception meeting held in **Amritsar, Punjab**, as part of India's G20 presidency.

109. The first joint military exercise 'FRINJEX-23' between the Indian Army and the French Army has been conducted at which place?

Answer: Thiruvananthapuram

110. Who has won the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2023?

Answer: David Alan Chipperfield

111. Which Indian airport has won the award for Airport Service Quality (ASQ) cleanest airport for 2022 in the Asia Pacific region category?

Answer: Indira Gandhi International Airport

112. Recently (March 2023), the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has cleared the proposal for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) of India and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) of ____ to prevent illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs.

Answer: Nigeria

113. International Women's Day (IWD) is observed annually on 8th March. What is the theme of IWD 2023?

Answer: DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023	Remark
No Smoking Day	Second Wednesday of March (8 th March 2023)		
World Kidney Day	Second Thursday of March (9 th March 2023)	Kidney Health for All – Preparing for the unexpected, supporting the vulnerable!	

International Day of Women Judges	10 th March		The day was first observed in 2022.
World Glaucoma Day	12 th March		
World Glaucoma Week	12 th to 18 th March 2023		
World Rotaract Day	13 th March		
World Rotaract Week	13 th to 19 th March 2023		
International Day of Mathematics	14 th March	Mathematics for Everyone	
International Day of Action for Rivers	14 th March		
World Consumer Rights Day	15 th March	Empowering consumers through clean energy transitions	The day was first observed in 1983.
International Day to Combat Islamophobia	15 th March		The day was first observed in 2022.

114. Who has been appointed as the Chief Minister of Meghalaya?

Answer: Conrad Kongkal Sangma

115. Recently (March 2023), Neiphiu Rio has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of Nagaland for a record fifth term. How many Legislative Assembly seats are there in Nagaland?

Answer: 60

116. Who is the author of the book titled "As Good as My Word: A Memoir"?

Answer: K.M. Chandrasekhar

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117. In March 2023, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has released a unique cover of the Department of Posts, 'Go Green, Go Organic', for which state of India?

Answer: Sikkim

118. The Government of India (GoI) has notified the Nano-DAP manufactured by IFFCO in the Fertilizer Control Order. What does 'DAP' stand for?

Answer: Di-Ammonia Phosphate

119. Aziz Mushabber Ahmadi has passed away recently. He served as the _____ Chief Justice of India.

Answer: 26th

120. Ministry of Power has launched the 'SADUN' to modernise power distribution utilities in South Asia. The acronym 'SADUN' stand for?

Answer: South Asia Distribution Utility Network (SADUN)

121. In which city the '1st SCO Conference and Expo on Traditional Medicine' has been organized?

Answer: Guwahati

122. Which Indian Naval Ship (INS) has participated in the International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23)?

Answer: INS Trikand

123. In March, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Parshottam Rupala has inaugurated the 'Camel Product Processing Utilisation & Training Wing' at the ICAR-National Research Centre on Camel in _____.

Answer: Bikaner, Rajasthan

124. Karnataka has won the Santosh Trophy 2023 by defeating which team?

Answer: Meghalaya

125. The world's first 200-meter-long Bamboo Crash Barrier has been installed on the Vani-Warora Highway. This Bamboo Crash Barrier has been christened "_____."

Answer: Bahu Balli

126. Who has won the 2023 Bahrain Grand Prix?

Answer: Max Verstappen

127. Which country has delivered the 3rd squadron of the S-400 'Triumpf' self-propelled surface-to-air missile (SAM) system to the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

Answer: Russia

128. Who has won the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year (ISWOTY) Award 2022?

Answer: Mirabai Chanu

129. Who has authored a book titled as 'India's Vaccine Growth Story'?

Answer: Sajjan Singh Yadav

130. Who has been named the Business Standard (BS) Banker of the Year 2022?

Answer: Sashidhar Jagdishan

131. The Ministry of Tourism (MoT) has recently organized the third regional workshop on Development of Sustainable and Responsible Tourist Destinations in _____.

Answer: Hyderabad

132. India's first government mother milk bank will be established in _____.

Answer: Uttarakhand

133. Who has won the 2023 PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature?

Answer: Vinod Kumar Shukla

134. Bola Tinubu has been elected as the new President of _____.

Answer: Nigeria

135. Who has been appointed as the new Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB)?

Answer: Rajesh Malhotra

Other Important Appointments:

Important Appointments of March 2023			
Post/Designation	Person	State/Country/Organization	Remark
Secretary-General	Shailesh Pathak	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	
Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C)	Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi	Western Naval Command (WNC)	He has succeeded Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh.
President	Bola Ahmed Adegunle Tinubu	Nigeria	
President	Vo Van Thuong	Vietnam	He has succeeded Nguyen Xuan Phuc.
MD & CEO	Pankaj Gupta	Pramerica Life Insurance Limited	
Chief Coach	Craig Fulton	Indian men's hockey team	He will succeed Graham Reid.
Director-General	Rashmi Shukla	Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)	She will succeed Anish Dayal Singh.
Chairperson	Jishnu Barua	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)	
Prime Minister	Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf al-Sabah	Kuwait	
Controller General of Accounts (CGA)	S.S. Dubey	Government of India	He is the 28th CGA of the Government of India.
Chief Minister	Neiphiu Rio	Nagaland	
Chief Minister	Conrad Kongkal Sangma	Meghalaya	
Chief Minister	Manik Saha	Tripura	
Prime Minister	Sheikh Mohammed bin	Qatar	

	Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani		
President	Ram Chandra Poudel	Nepal	
President	Xi Jinping	China	

136. The first Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) of Madhya Pradesh will be set up in which city?

Answer: Indore, Madhya Pradesh

137. 'VAIBHAV Fellowship' has been launched for _____.

Answer: NRI Researchers

138. Zero Discrimination Day is observed on which date?

Answer: 1st March

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023
World Civil Defence Day	1 st March	The role of information technology in risk assessment
Civil Accounts Day	1 st March	
World Hearing Day	3 rd March	Ear and hearing care for all! Let's make it a reality
World Wildlife Day (WWD)	3 rd March	Partnerships for wildlife conservation
World Obesity Day	4 th March	Changing Perspectives: Let's Talk About Obesity
National Safety Day	4 th March	
World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation	4 th March	
National Security Day	4 th March	
National Safety Week	4 th to 10 th March	Our Aim-Zero Harm
International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness	5 th March	
Jan Aushadhi Diwas	7 th March	Jan Aushadhi-Sasti Bhi Achi Bhi

Jan Aushadhi Diwas week

1st March to 7th
March

139. How much amount has been allocated for the implementation of the second phase of the National Surveillance Programme on Fish Diseases (NSPAAD) for a period of 3 years?

Answer: Rs.33.80 crore

140. Deakin University from _____ will become the first foreign university to set up a campus in India.

Answer: Australia

141. Who has been awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize?

Answer: Hari Balakrishnan

142. Exercise Desert Flag VIII has been held in _____.

Answer: UAE

143. Australian women's national cricket team has won the 8th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 by defeating which team?

Answer: South Africa

144. Bandicoot', the world's first robotic scavenger, has been launched by _____.

Answer: Kerala

145. What is the rank of India in the International Intellectual Property Rights Index 2023?

Answer: 42nd

146. The Government of Bangladesh has inked a country partnership agreement with the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to facilitate enhanced solar energy development in Bangladesh. The agreement will be implemented by _____.

Answer: December 2026

147. Which two nations have been added to FATF's grey-list in February 2023?

Answer: South Korea & Nigeria

148. Which nation has launched a Soyuz MS-23 Spacecraft to bring back 3 Astronauts stranded on the International Space Station (ISS)?

Answer: Russia

149. Which state of India has collaborated with the US National Center for Atmospheric Research (US-NCAR) to develop an early warning system for dense fog and cold wave conditions?

Answer: Bihar

150. Ola Electric will set up the world's largest electric vehicle (EV) hub in which state?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

151. Ministry of External Affairs has recently hosted the 7th Asia Economic Dialogue (AED) in _____.

Answer: Pune

152. Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in India to have organized cultivation of Liquorice. What is Liquorice?

Answer: Mulethi

153. Which lender has launched its own private cloud infrastructure, "*Mahabank Nakshatra*", to facilitate high-performance cloud capabilities for digital infrastructure and hosting applications of the bank?

Answer: Bank of Maharashtra

154. Which country has become the world's 6th-largest equity market by surpassing India for the first time?

Answer: UK

155. Which country's RBB Ship Chartering has become the 1st ship leasing operator at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in GIFT City?

Answer: Singapore

156. Which Indian public sector undertaking (PSU) has been ranked as the top Independent Power Producers and Energy Traders Globally in the S&P Global Commodity Insights Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings-2022?

Answer: NTPC Limited

157. APEDA has recently (February 2023) participated in the 28th edition of Gulfood 2023 held in _____.

Answer: UAE

158. Which Indian city has hosted the 'National Horticultural Fair-2023'?

Answer: Bengaluru

159. Which Defence PSU has tied up with the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), DRDO for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme?

Answer: Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

160. Who has been chosen for the "Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award" under the Sansad Ratna Awards 2023?

Answer: T K Rangarajan

161. Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Indian Telephone Industries Limited (ITI Limited)?

Answer: Rajesh Rai

Other Important Appointments:

Important Appointments of February 2023

Post/Designation	Person	State/Country/Organization	Remark
President	Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu	Bangladesh	He will replace Mohammad Abdul Hamid in April 2023.
CEO	Neil Mohan	YouTube	He will replace Susan Wojcicki
Vice Chief of Army Staff	Lt General MV Suchindra Kumar	Indian Army	
CEO	BVR Subrahmanyam	NITI Aayog	He has succeeded Parameswaran Iyer, who has been named the Executive Director of the World Bank.
CMD	C B Ananthakrishnan	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)	
Vice-President	Sanjay Nayar	Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)	
Chief Justice	Justice Sanjay Kumar Mishra	Jharkhand High Court	
External Auditor	Girish Chandra Murmu	International Labour Organization (ILO)	
President	Dr. K Govindaraj	FIBA Asia	

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162. Who has launched a book titled as "Modi: Shaping a Global Order in Flux"?

Answer: J.P. Nadda

Other Important Books:

Important Books

Book	Author	Remark
The Poverty of Political Economy: How Economics Abandoned the Poor	Meghnad Desai	Published by HarperCollins Publishers India.
The Last Heroes- Foot Soldiers of Indian Freedom	P Sainath	Published by India Viking, an imprint of Penguin Random House
Savdhaan: A Chronicle of Central Command	Lt Gen Vivek Kassyap and Vikram D Souza	Published by Times Group

163. Which High Court in India has become first to publish its judgements in the regional language?

Answer: Kerala High Court

164. Who has been awarded UNESCO's International Mother Language Award 2023?

Answer: Mahendra Mishra

165. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched a play-based learning-teaching material '*Jadui Pitara*' for children between the age group of _____ as envisaged under National Education Policy 2020.

Answer: 3-8 years

166. How many Indian states are among the world's top 50 regions at risk of damage to the built environment due to climate change hazards, as per the 'Gross Domestic Climate Risk Assessment 2023'?

Answer: 9

167. Ministry of Culture has organized the First G20 Culture Group (CWG) meet in _____.

Answer: Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh

168. World Thinking Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 22nd February

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023	Remark
Central Excise Day	24 th February		
World Pangolin Day	3 rd Saturday of February (18 th February 2023)		
World Day of Social Justice	20 th February	Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice	
International Mother Language Day (IMLD)	21 st February	Multilingual education – a necessity to transform education	
National Protein Day	27 th February	Easy Access to Protein for All	The day was first observed in 2020.
World NGO Day	27 th February		
National Science Day	28 th February	Global Science for Global Wellbeing	
Rare Disease Day	Last day of February (28 th February 2023)	Share Your Colours	

169. In February 2023, 'Divya Kala Mela' has been organized in which city of India?

Answer: Mumbai

170. Which Indian Naval Ship (INS) has been awarded on-the-spot Chief of the Naval Staff Unit Citation for deep sea diving & undertaking salvage operations under the most challenging circumstances?

Answer: INS Nireekshak

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171. Which team has won the Ranji Trophy 2022-23?

Answer: Saurashtra

172. India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered ChatBot for the agriculture sector has been launched in Odisha. What is the name of the chatbot?

Answer: Ama KrushAI

173. State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a new retail term deposit scheme with 7.60% interest rate for senior citizens. What is the name of the scheme?

Answer: Amrit Kalash Deposit

174. Which life insurance company has launched 'Anmol Suraksha Kawach'?

Answer: Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance

175. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has developed a compressed air-based mineral transport system?

Answer: IIT Kanpur

176. Which Union Ministry of India has organized the NOTTO Scientific Dialogue 2023?

Answer: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

177. What is the theme of the 12th World Hindi Conference organized in Fiji?

Answer: Hindi: From traditional knowledge to artificial intelligence

178. Which Union Ministry of India has introduced the 'mPassport Police app'?

Answer: Ministry of External Affairs

179. What is the rank of India among 51 countries in having a quality entrepreneurship ecosystem, as per the National Entrepreneurship Context Index (NECI) report from the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM)?

Answer: 4th

180. World Day of Social Justice is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 20th February

181. The ____ edition of joint military exercise, "DHARMA GUARDIAN 2023", has been conducted between India and Japan.

Answer: 4th

182. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently (February 2023) inaugurated the mega National Tribal Festival 'Aadi Mahotsav' at which stadium?

Answer: Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium

183. _____ has hosted India's first frozen-lake marathon 'Last Run'.

Answer: Ladakh

184. Indian Army has launched Operation Sadbhavana (Goodwill), a unique humane initiative, in which region?

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

185. Boeing has launched its first Global Support Center (GSC) in India at which place?

Answer: Gurugram

186. Recently (February 2023), the Ministry of Cooperation has formulated a plan to establish viable PACS in each uncovered Panchayat. What does 'PACS' stand for?

Answer: Primary Agricultural Credit Societies

187. Recently (February 2023), the National Council of Science Museums and the Science and Technology Department of the Government of Rajasthan have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to set up Science Centre and Planetarium in _____.

Answer: Kota

188. Jammu & Kashmir has won the 3rd edition of the Khelo India Winter Games title. The second runner-up is _____.

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

189. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has hosted the 6th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) SAI Leaders' Meeting at which place?

Answer: Lucknow

190. A report titled as "Electricity Market Report 2023" states that Asia will use half of the world's electricity by 2025. The report is released by which organization?

Answer: International Energy Agency (IEA)

191. Which Insurance company has been renamed as Zuno General Insurance Limited (Zuno GI)?

Answer: Edelweiss General Insurance

192. _____ has become the first fintech app to support RuPay Credit Card on UPI.

Answer: MobiKwik

193. Kotak Mahindra Bank will acquire how much equity shares of Sonata Finance for about Rs.537 crore in cash?

Answer: 100%

194. As per the Financial Times 2023 Global MBA Ranking, the highest-ranked business school in India is the Indian School of Business (ISB). ISB has been ranked _____ globally.

Answer: 39th

195. Real Madrid has won the FIFA Club World Cup 2022 for the ____ time after defeating Al-Hilal.

Answer: 5th

196. Jean-Éric Vergne, who won the 2023 Formula E Hyderabad E-Prix, belongs to which country?

Answer: France

197. Who has won the men's singles title at the 2023 Dallas Open?

Answer: Wu Yibing

198. Which birth anniversary of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati has been observed in 2023?

Answer: 200th

199. DHARA 2023, the annual meeting of the members of the River Cities Alliance (RCA), has been organized in which city?

Answer: Pune

200. The first Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge, Yard 125 (LSAM 15), has been launched at Suryadipta Projects in Thane, Maharashtra. What is the service life of this Barge?

Answer: 30 years

201. _____ has launched the 'Digital Payments Utsav' in February 2023.

Answer: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

202. Recently (February 2023), SEBI has proposed an institutional mechanism for Stock Brokers to ensure prevention and detection of fraud or market abuse. Brokers are regulated under _____.

Answer: SEBI (Stock Brokers) Regulations, 1992

203. Which oil and gas sector PSU has become the first in India to sign an Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

Answer: GAIL (India) Limited

204. World Pulses Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 10th February

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023	Remark
National Deworming Day	10 th February		
Anti-Smuggling Day	11 th February		
International Day of Women and Girls in Science	11 th February	Innovate. Demonstrate. Elevate. Advance. Sustain (I.D.E.A.S.): Bringing Everyone Forward for Sustainable and Equitable Development	The day was first observed in 2016.
World Unani Day	11 th February		The day marks the birth anniversary of great Indian Unani scholar and social reformer Hakim Ajmal Khan.
World Day of the Sick	11 th February	Take care of him: Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing	The year 2023 marks the 31 st World Day of the Sick.
Darwin Day	12 th February		The day commemorates the birth anniversary of the 19 th -century British naturalist, Charles Darwin.

National Productivity Day	12 th February		
National Productivity Week	12 th to 18 th February	Productivity, Green Growth, and Sustainability: Celebrating India's G20 Presidency	
National Women's Day	13 th February		The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu.
World Radio Day	13 th February	Radio & Peace	The day was first observed in 2012.
International Epilepsy Day	Second Monday of February (13 th February 2023)		
Financial Literacy Week (FLW)	13 th to 17 th February 2023	Good Financial Behaviour - Your Saviour	The FLW is organized by the RBI since 2016.
International Childhood Cancer Day	15 th February	'Better Survival' is achievable #throughtheirhands	

205. What is the rank of India's accreditation system in the Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021?

Answer: 5th

206. As per the 'Global Minority Report' released by the Centre for Policy Analysis (CPA), which nation has been ranked as number one among 110 nations for its inclusivity measures towards religious minorities?

Answer: India

207. Who has been appointed as the new Drugs Controller General of India?

Answer: Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi

208. Skye Air has launched India's first traffic management system for drones. What is the name of this system?

Answer: Skye UTM

209. Which city has hosted the 1st Tourism Working Group Meeting under G20?

Answer: Rann of Kutch

Other G20 Meetings:

- The First Meeting of G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) has been held in **Lucknow**, Uttar Pradesh from 13 February to 15 February 2023.
- The First G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) meeting has been held in **Bengaluru**, Karnataka.
- The first "G20 Employment Working Group" (EWG) Meeting under India's G20 Presidency has been held in **Jodhpur**, Rajasthan.
- The inception meeting of the G20 Alliance for the Empowerment and Progression of Women's Economic Representation (EMPOWER) 2023, an alliance of G20 business leaders and governments, has been held at the Taj Convention Hotel in **Agra**, Uttar Pradesh.
- The 1st Agriculture Deputies Meeting (ADM) of Agriculture Working Group (AWG) under India's G20 Presidency has been held in **Indore**, Madhya Pradesh.
- The first "G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting" under the G20 Indian Presidency has been held in **Chandigarh**.

210. Which central public sector undertaking has been honoured with 'ATD Best Awards 2023'?

Answer: NTPC Limited

211. As per the latest news, the Government of India (GoI) has appointed a 16-member inter-ministerial committee to draft Digital Competition Act. Who will head the committee?

Answer: Manoj Govil

212. Which state has launched India's first new mobility-focused cluster?

Answer: Telangana

213. _____ has launched India's First Multiplex in Chennai International Airport?

Answer: PVR Cinemas

214. The Government of Maharashtra has designated "Jai Jai Maharashtra Maza" as the state song. Who has sung this song?

Answer: Balladeer Krishnarao Sable

215. Who has been honoured with the "Lifetime Achievement Honour" in India-United Kingdom (UK) Achievers Honours 2023?

Answer: Manmohan Singh

216. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has recently (February 2023) laid the foundation stone of Rs 450 crore Nano Urea plant in which state?

Answer: Jharkhand

217. "Exercise Trishakri Prahar" has been conducted in _____.

Answer: North Bengal

218. World Wetlands Day is annually observed worldwide on which date?

Answer: 2nd February

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023	Remark
Indian Coast Guard Day	1 st February		This year 2023, India has celebrated the 47 th Coast Guard Day
Rheumatoid Awareness day	2 nd February		The purpose of the day is to increase public awareness of the chronic

			inflammatory condition that affects many joints, including those in the hands and feet.
World Cancer Day	4 th February	Close the Care Gap: Uniting our voices and taking action	The day came into existence on 4 th February 2000, during the World Cancer Conference for the New Millennium in Paris, France
International Day of Human Fraternity	4 th February	The world needs more love	The International Day of Human Fraternity was established by the United Nations General Assembly on December 21, 2020
International Day of Female Genital Mutilation	6 th February	Partnership with men and boys to transform social and gender norms to end FGM	The day was first observed in 2003. It is a joint program by UNFPA-UNICEF
World Interfaith Harmony Week	First week of February (1 st - 7 th February)		This day was first proposed by King Abdullah II of Jordan at the United Nations in 2010.

219. Morgan Stanley has appointed _____ as the new Country Head for India.

Answer: Arun Kohli

Other Important Appointments:

Important Appointments of February 2023

Post/Designation	Person	State/Country/Organization	Remark
President	Petr Pavel	Czech Republic	He will succeed Milos Zeman
Chief Executive Officer	Hein Schumacher	Unilever	He has replaced Alan Jope
Prime Minister	Manuela Roka Botey	Equatorial Guinea	She has replaced Francisco Pascual Obama Asue
MD & CEO	K Satyanarayana Raju	Canara Bank	He has succeeded L.V. Prabhakar.
MD & CEO	Raul Rebello	Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited (MMFSL)	He will replace the incumbent Ramesh Iyer who is set to retire on 29th April 2024.
Drugs Controller General of India	Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi	Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)	
Additional Director & Managing Director (MD)	Meenakshi Nevatia	Pfizer Limited	
Prime Minister	Dorin Recean	Moldova	She has succeeded Natalia Gavrilita.
Chief Business Officer (CBO)	Vivek Koka	ALTBalaji	He has succeed Ekta R Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor.
President	CA Aniket Sunil Talati	Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)	
Vice-President	CA Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal		

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220. A recently (February 2023) launched web-based portal "VIHANGAM" is related to _____.

Answer: Real-time access to drone video from the coal mine

221. A report titled as “World Economic Outlook Update of January 2023” has been released by _____.

Answer: International Monetary Fund (IMF)

222. The Ministry of Law and Justice has recently (February 2023) formed a working committee to draft rules and standards for mediation in India. The newly formed Committee will be headed by _____.

Answer: P K Malhotra

223. As per the recent report titled as ‘State of Solar PV Manufacturing in India’, India’s solar module manufacturing capacity is expected to reach approximately _____ GW by the end of 2025.

Answer: 95 GW

224. A new scheme named ‘PM VIKAS’ has been announced in the Union Budget 2023-24 for the traditional artisans and craftspeople. What does ‘VIKAS’ stand for?

Answer: PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman

225. As per the data released in the Economic Survey (2022-23), India’s e-commerce market has been projected to grow at _____ annually through 2025.

Answer: 18%

226. National Award-winning legendary playback singer Vani Jairam has passed away recently. She was conferred with the Padma Bhushan award in which year?

Answer: 2023

227. PM-PRANAM scheme, mentioned in the Union Budget 2023-24, is related to _____.

Answer: Fertilizers

228. Indian Army has recently (February 2023) conducted Exercise Topchi 2023 in _____.

Answer: Devlali

229. As per the latest IIRF ranking 2023, IIM Ahmedabad is the top government college in India for pursuing the Master of Business Administration (MBA) course. Which institute has been ranked second?

Answer: IIM Bengaluru

230. As per the news, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has flagged off the first export consignment of AVGAS 100 LL to which country?

Answer: Papua New Guinea

231. Who has been named by NMDC Limited as its brand ambassador?

Answer: Nikhat Zareen

Other Appointments:

Company	Brand Ambassador
Puma India	Harmanpreet Kaur
Nutella, brand of Ferrero	Ranveer Singh
Myntra	Ranbir Kapoor
Hyundai Motor India	Yashika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur

232. The third runner-up in the 2023 Men's FIH Hockey World Cup is _____.

Answer: Netherlands

233. Who has authored a book titled "The Poverty of Political Economy"?

Answer: Meghnad Desai

234. Which company has won the 'Maitri Cup 2023' T20 Cricket tournament?

Answer: NHPC Limited

235. India has won the maiden ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023 by defeating which team?

Answer: England

236. Which organization has launched a massive district outreach program, 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0', in all districts of the country?

Answer: Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)

237. Which lender has collaborated with Tata Motors to provide financing solutions to its authorised passenger Electric Vehicle (EV) dealers?

Answer: ICICI Bank

238. Bank of Baroda Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) has recently introduced a credit card dedicated to the Indian defence, paramilitary, and police personnel. What is the name of this card?

Answer: Vikram

239. Which country's central bank has launched a domestic card scheme 'AfricaGo' to boost the cashless economy?

Answer: Nigeria

240. Who has been honoured with the Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar National Contribution Award 2022?

Answer: Sunil Krishnan

241. Who has won the ICC Emerging Women's Player for the Year Award 2022?

Answer: Renuka Singh

242. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is a central government initiative under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The mission aims to provide every rural household with tap water connection by _____.

Answer: 2024

243. Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has recently unveiled the world's first intranasal COVID19 vaccine. What is the name of the vaccine?

Answer: iNNCOVACC

244. Which state of India observes Orange Festival?

Answer: Nagaland

245. Which railway station has been awarded the 'Green Railway Station Certification with highest rating of Platinum'?

Answer: Vishakhapatnam

246. Which Union Ministry of India has formed an Oversight Committee in January 2023?

Answer: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

247. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has recently (Jan 2023) hosted the _____ International Conference on the theme 'Use of Technology and Elections Integrity' in New Delhi under the Cohort on Election Integrity.

Answer: 2nd

248. Who has been named the new Director General (DG) of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?

Answer: Vikarn Dev Dutta

249. With which country India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a sports complex in Gaafu Dhaal Gadhdhoo?

Answer: Maldives

250. What is the theme of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Summit 2023?

Answer: Cooperation in a Fragmented World

251. Indian Navy has recently conducted a six-day-long mega military exercise AMPHEX 2023 in which state?

Answer: Andhra Pradesh

252. International Trade Fair on Millets and Organic Products 2023 has been held in Thripuravasini in _____.

Answer: Bengaluru

253. Which Union Ministry of India has organized a National SC-ST Hub Conclave in Mumbai?

Answer: Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME)

254. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has recently (Jan 2023) inaugurated the 57th All India Conference of Directors General of Police / Inspectors General of Police 2022 in _____.

Answer: New Delhi

255. India's first STEM Innovation and Learning Center (SILC) has been inaugurated in which place?

Answer: Chennai

256. Who has authored a book titled "India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn"?

Answer: Ashwin Fernandes

257. Jensen Huang, CEO of Nvidia, has topped the Brand Guardianship Index 2023. Who has secured the second position in the index?

Answer: Mukesh Ambani

258. Dr Sanduk Ruit has won the Isa Award for Service to Humanity 2023, a top civilian award of Bahrain. He belongs to which country?

Answer: Nepal

259. Himachal Pradesh government has set a target of making the state the first Green Energy State by the end of which year?

Answer: 2025

260. Ladakh Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur has recently launched the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN). ULPIN contains how many digits?

Answer: 14

261. Which state observes 'Kokborok Day' annually?

Answer: Tripura

262. Which Indian state has won the UN-Habitat World Habitat Awards 2023 for the Jaga Mission?

Answer: Odisha

263. Which small finance bank has won the Inclusive Finance India Awards 2022?

Answer: ESAF Small Finance Bank

264. Which public sector bank (PSB) has become the first to introduce a credit card against fixed deposits (FDs) digitally?

Answer: Punjab National Bank (PNB)

265. Who has become the first woman officer to be posted on a foreign assignment at the Border Roads Organization (BRO)?

Answer: Surbhi Jakhmola

266. In January 2023, India has assumed the Presidency of _____ Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

Answer: 13th

267. A book titled "Revolutionaries: The Other Story of How India Won its Freedom" has been written by _____.

Answer: Sanjeev Sanyal

268. As per the India Mobile Gaming Report 2022, which state of India has emerged as the top destination for mobile gamers?

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

269. Which state of India has joined hands with Taiwan's Gogoro Inc. to build Electric Vehicle (EV) battery-swapping stations?

Answer: Maharashtra

270. As per the news, Siemens Mobility has signed a Rs.26,000-crore contract to manufacture _____ electric freight locomotives for the Indian Railways.

Answer: 1200

271. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently (January 2023) inaugurated the second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 in _____ district of Uttar Pradesh.

Answer: Basti

272. As per the latest news, India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) will start supplying diesel to Bangladesh on an experimental basis from June 2023. What is the length of this pipeline?

Answer: 131.5 km

273. A new book titled "Irrfan Khan: A Life in Movies" has been authored by _____.

Answer: Shubhra Gupta

274. Recently (January 2023), Team India has defeated Sri Lanka in both One Day Internationals (ODIs) and Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is). Who has won the Player of the series (ODI series) award?

Answer: Virat Kohli

275. Viktor Axelsen has won the Men's singles title after defeating whom in the Petronas Malaysia Open 2023?

Answer: Kodai Naraoka

276. Mukarram Jah Bahadur has passed away recently (January 2023). He was the _____ Nizam of Hyderabad.

Answer: Eighth

277. Himachal Pradesh has become the _____ state to restore the old pension scheme.

Answer: Fourth

278. National Startup Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 16th January

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023	Remark
Army Day	15 th January		The year 2023 marks the 75th Indian Army Day.
NDRF Raising Day	19 th January		In 2023, the day marks the celebration of the 18th NDRF Raising Day.
Parakram Diwas	23 rd January		The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The year 2023 marks the 126th birth anniversary of him.
National Girl Child Day	24 th January		The day was first observed in 2008.
International Day of Education	24 th January		
National Tourism Day	25 th January		
National Voters' Day	25 th January	Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure	The day was first observed in 2011.

International Customs Day	26 th January	Nurturing the next generation: Promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in Customs	
International Holocaust Remembrance Day	27 th January	Home and Belonging	
Data Privacy Day	28 th January		
World Leprosy Day	Last Sunday of January (29 th January 2023)	Act Now. End Leprosy	
World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day	30 th January	Act Now. Act Together. Invest in Neglected Tropical Diseases	

279. Which Indian city has hosted the first G20 Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) meeting?

Answer: Pune

280. Which organization has published the World Social Report 2023?

Answer: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

281. Which nation has hosted the 'Voice of Global South Summit' 2023?

Answer: India

282. Who has been named the President of the COP28 climate summit?

Answer: Sultan Al Jaber

283. Who has inaugurated the 12th edition of the National Street Food Festival?

Answer: Hardeep S. Puri

284. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship 'Kamla Devi' has been recently (January 2023) commissioned in Kolkata, West Bengal. ICG ship 'Kamla Devi' is built by _____.

Answer: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited

285. Which has become the first Indian district to implement state-of-the-art 5G use cases proposed by StartUps?

Answer: Vidisha

286. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently flagged off the world's longest river cruise '**MV Ganga Vilas**', which will cover _____ km across 27 river systems in five states in India and Bangladesh in 51 days.

Answer: 3,200 km

'MV Ganga Vilas' will start from **Varanasi** in Uttar Pradesh and will reach **Dibrugarh** in Assam via Bangladesh. It will cover 5 Indian states: **Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, & West Bengal**.

287. The Indian High Commission has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sabaragamuwa University to establish a Hindi Chair at the Sabaragamuwa University of _____.

Answer: Sri Lanka

288. Recently (January 2023), Cabinet has approved the incentive scheme for the promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (person-to-merchant). The approved incentive scheme has a financial outlay of _____.

Answer: Rs.2600 crore

289. As per the latest news, the Government of India (GoI) has renamed the National Centre for Drinking Water, Sanitation & Quality at Joka, Kolkata as _____.

Answer: Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM-NIWAS)

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290. National Youth Day is observed annually on 12th January to commemorate the birth anniversary of whom?

Answer: Swami Vivekananda

The year 2023 marks the 26th National Youth Day and the 160th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (12 January 1863).

291. Which nation has hosted the 'Voice of Global South Summit' 2023?

Answer: India

292. What is the rank of the Indian passport in the Henley Passport Index 2023?

Answer: 85th

293. Indian film 'RRR' has won 'Best Original Song' Award for 'Naatu Naatu' at the 80th Golden Globe Awards. Who has composed this song?

Answer: M. M. Keeravani

294. To establish a Centre for Mathematics and Computing, which lender has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru?

Answer: Axis Bank

295. Which general insurance company has tied up with Clootrack to boost customer experience?

Answer: Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited

296. Alain-Claude Bilie has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of _____.

Answer: Gabon

297. Herbalife Nutrition has appointed _____ as its brand ambassador.

Answer: Smriti Mandhana

298. Which city will host the 14th edition of the World Spice Congress (WSC) in February 2023?

Answer: Mumbai

299. What is the name of the new Integrated Food Security Scheme effective from 1st January 2023?

Answer: Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY)

300. India's first 3x platform Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) has been installed in Gadag in _____.

Answer: Karnataka

301. The 26th National Youth Festival has been held in which place?

Answer: Hubballi, Karnataka

302. Which state has become the first in India to go fully digital in its banking service?

Answer: Kerala

The Government of **Kerala**, in a first of its kind initiative, has launched a welfare fund board to provide pensions to MGNREGS workers.

303. As per the news, India & UK have launched the Young Professionals Scheme to allow graduates aged between 18-30 to get how many years of visa to study in each other's countries?

Answer: 2 years

304. World Hindi Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 10th January

Other Important Days:

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2023	Remark
Global Family Day (World Peace Day)	1 st January		The day was first observed in 1997.
Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO) Day	3 rd January		
World Braille Day	4 th January		The day was first observed in 2019.
World Day of War Orphans	6 th January		
Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD)	9 th January		The day was first observed in 2003.
Startup India Innovation Week	10 th January to 16 th January		
Road Safety Week	11 th to 17 th January 2023		
National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	11 th January		
National Youth Day	12 th January		The year 2023 marks the 26th National Youth Day and the 160th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (12 January 1863).
Armed Forces Veterans Day	14 th January		The day was first observed in 2016.

305. Who has sung the theme song of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2022 titled “MP Shor Macha Do, Hindustan Ka DilDhadka Do”?

Answer: Shaan

Mascots: Asha (Female Cheetah) and Mowgli

Torch: Amarkantak

306. Novak Djokovic has won the men’s singles title at the 2023 Adelaide International 1. Who has won the women’s singles title at the event?

Answer: Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)

307. Osmanabad district of _____ has become the first court to introduce e-system of functioning.

Answer: Maharashtra

308. Gangasagar Mela, India's second largest pilgrimage gathering after Kumbh Mela, is observed annually in which state?

Answer: West Bengal

309. Which country's Aleida Guevara has been honored with the first KR Gouri Amma national award 2022?

Answer: Cuba

310. Cherchera festival has been observed in which state?

Answer: Chhattisgarh

311. Who has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 15th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF) 2023?

Answer: Aparna Sen

312. Parshuam Kund Festival is observed annually in which state/UT of India?

Answer: Arunachal Pradesh

313. Exercise 'Veer Guardian-2023' has been conducted to promote Air Defence cooperation between India and which country?

Answer: Japan

314. Which edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention has been held in Indore?

Answer: 17th

The theme of 17th PBD Convention is "Diaspora: Reliable partners for India's progress in Amrit Kaal".

315. To support the farmers of Lambi Ahir Village of _____, Neeru Yadav, fondly known as 'Hockey Wali Sarpanch' has inked a pact with NABARD to start the Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO).

Answer: Rajasthan

316. Surinder Chawla has been named the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of _____.

Answer: Paytm Payments Bank

317. Which lender has partnered with OPEN to launch a fully digital current account proposition for businesses?

Answer: Axis Bank

318. In which state world's first Palm leaf Manuscript Museum has been opened?

Answer: Kerala

319. Who has been honored with the "Assam Baibhav" Award 2023?

Answer: Dr Tapan Saikia

320. Which city will host India's first Formula E World Championship race in February 2023?

Answer: Hyderabad

321. Recently (January 2023), Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has approved Rs.28.11 crore to provide immediate relief to over 28,000 FCV Tobacco farmers affected by Cyclone Mandous in which state?

Answer: Andhra Pradesh

322. Dhanlaxmi Bank has launched its new retail banking services 'DhanDelight', and retail mobile banking app '_____' featuring latest information system security features to provide secure banking.

Answer: DhanSmart

323. Which lender has tied up with British Airways Executive Club and Qatar Airways Privilege Club to introduce the first-of-its-kind unique multi-branded credit card, powered by Visa?

Answer: IndusInd Bank

324. Which state has hosted the 18th National Scout and Guide Jamboree?

Answer: Rajasthan

325. Recently (January 2023), NTPC Limited and Gujarat Gas Limited (GGL) have commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project in the Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network of NTPC Kawas township in _____.

Answer: Surat

326. Which Indian city has hosted the "1st All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water"?

Answer: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

327. Vinay Prakash Singh has been elected as the Secretary General of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) for a 4-year term. The headquarters of APPU is located in _____.

Answer: Bangkok, Thailand

328. Gaan-Ngai Festival is observed by the Zeliangrong community of which state?

Answer: Manipur

329. The Union Cabinet has recently approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission. What is the initial outlay for the mission?

Answer: Rs.19,744 crore

330. Which lender has introduced the Digital Solutions for Exporters, a comprehensive set of banking and value-added services on a single platform?

Answer: ICICI Bank

331. Which life insurance company has launched the 'iTerm Prime' Insurance plan?

Answer: Aegon Life Insurance

332. India Accelerator (IA) has launched '_____', a program to nurture and co-innovate with the start-up ecosystem in India, in collaboration with ICICI Bank and Infosys Finacle.

Answer: 'i3 Launchpad'

333. Nalin Negi has been appointed as the interim CEO of which fintech startup?

Answer: BharatPe

334. Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud has launched the 'e-SCR' project to provide free access to judgments. What does 'e-SCR' stand for?

Answer: Electronic Supreme Court Reports (E-SCR)

335. Who has authored a book titled " The World: A Family History of Humanity "?

Answer: Simon Sebag Montefiore

Other Important Books:

Important Books		
Book	Author	Remark
Breaking Barriers The story of a Dalit Chief Secretary	Kaki Madhava Rao	Published by Emesco Books Private Limited.
Mukhyamantri Dairy 1	Himanta Biswa Sarma	
Njaan Sakshi	K. K. Abdul Gaffar	
Spare	Prince Harry	The book is published by Transworld Publishers Ltd.
Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story	Aashish Chandorkar and Suraj Sudhir	The book is published by Rupa Publications India.

336. 'Dhanu Yatra', the largest open-air theatre festival, has been organized in which state of India?

Answer: Odisha

337. Which state of India has introduced the 'E-Sushrut' Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) in medical colleges?

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

338. As per the latest news, Government of India (GoI) has approved a self-regulatory body for publishers of news and current affairs across the country. What is the name of the body?

Answer: Print and Digital Media Association (PADMA)

339. ARTPARK (AI & Robotics Technology Park) has joined hands with Google to launch pan-India inclusive language data initiative named "_____".

Answer: Project Vaani

340. "Prajjwala Challenge" has been launched by which Union Ministry of India?

Answer: Ministry of Rural Development

341. The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) have launched 'SMART' program to boost scientific research in Ayurveda. What is the full form of 'SMART'?

Answer: Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals

342. Which Balkan country has become the 20th country to adopt the 'Euro' currency?

Answer: Croatia

343. A 17-member High Powered Committee (HPC) under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai has been formed to discuss measures to protect unique culture, language and employment of _____.

Answer: Ladakh

344. Recently, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has launched 'Mission 929' to achieve a voter turnout of more than 90% in which state?

Answer: Tripura

345. Which lender has unveiled the QR code bill payment system for Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd (CESC)-Mysuru?

Answer: Indian Bank

346. Recently (January 2023), RBI has launched the second phase of its medium term strategy framework for strengthening regulatory and supervisory mechanisms called 'Utkarsh 2.0' for the period _____.

Answer: 2023-25

347. Who has become the MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)?

Answer: Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Other Important Appointments:

Important Appointments of January 2023			
Post/Designation	Person	State/Country/Organization	Remark
Deputy Managing Director (DMD)	Suresh Kishinchand Khatanhar	IDBI Bank Limited	
MD & CEO	Ajay Kumar Srivastava	Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)	
Commander-in-Chief	Pankaj Mohan Sinha	Western Air Command	He has succeeded Air Marshal S Prabhakaran.
Engineer-in-Chief	Lt. General Arvind Walia	Indian Army	He has succeeded Harpal Singh.
CMD	Ajit Kumar Saxena	MOIL Limited	
CEO	Nalin Negi	BharatPe	He has replaced Suhail Sameer.
MD & CEO	Sundararaman Ramamurthy	BSE Limited	

Deputy Prime Minister	Galymzhan Koishybayev	Kazakhstan	
Secretary-General	Vinay Prakash Singh	Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU)	He has succeeded Lin Hongliang of China.
CMD	Prasanna Kumar Motupalli	NLC India Limited (NLCIL)	
CEO	Surinder Chawla	Paytm Payments Bank	
Chairman	Chetan Sharma	Senior Men's Selection Committee of BCCI	
MD	Jayen Mehta	Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF)	
Prime Minister	Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze	Gabon	He has replaced Rose Christaine Ossouka Raponda.
Deputy Governor	Michael Debabrata Patra	Reserve Bank of India	
Acting Chief Justice	Justice Nongmeikapam Kotiswar Singh	Gauhati High Court	
Chief Technologist	A.C. Charania	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	He has replaced Bhavya Lal.
Chief Secretary	A Santhi Kumari	Telangana	

348. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated India's second-largest cable-stayed Zuari Bridge in which state?

Answer: Goa

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349. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has launched the 'Prahari' mobile app of which armed force?

Answer: Border Security Force (BSF)

350. Dharmadam in _____ has become the first complete library constituency in India.

Answer: Kerala

351. Which institute will function as the Secretariat for Science 20 (S20), the science working group of the Group of Twenty (G20)?

Answer: Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

352. MahaMetro Corporation has raised Rs.3,568 crore for the 2nd phase of Nagpur Metro from _____.

Answer: Asian Development Bank (ADB) and European Investment Bank (EIB)

353. Which health insurance company has joined hands with Swara Fincare to pay the EMIs of borrowers when hospitalized?

Answer: Niva Bupa Health Insurance

354. Who has been appointed as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)?

Answer: Praveen Kumar Srivastava

355. Benjamin Netanyahu has recently been sworn in as the Prime Minister of Israel for a record _____ time.

Answer: Sixth

356. Which country's footballer Pele has passed away recently?

Answer: Brazil

357. Tata Power Renewable Energy (TPREL) will set up a 255-megawatt (MW) hybrid (wind and solar) power project in which state?

Answer: Karnataka

358. Which country's Abdullah Abdul Samad Dashti has been appointed as the new UN Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative?

Answer: Kuwait

359. With which company has the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs tied up for the Future Engineer program?

Answer: Amazon

360. Which state government of India has approved the implementation of India's first project to conserve Nilgiri Tahr?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

361. Which Union Ministry of India has launched the "Stay Safe Online" campaign and the "G20 Digital Innovation Alliance" (G20-DIA) program?

Answer: Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)

362. Which Union Ministry of India has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) for the implementation of an early warning system?

Answer: Ministry of Power

363. Which two Indian institutes have collaborated with European Universities to build sensors for water quality?

Answer: IIT Guwahati & IIT Bombay

364. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)?

Answer: Santosh Kumar Yadav

365. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Chairman of the Railway Board?

Answer: Anil Kumar Lahoti

366. Prabhu Chandra Mishra has been honoured with the Atal Samman Award (Atal Anveshi Shikhar Samman) for his excellence in the field of _____.

Answer: Science & Research

367. NTPC Limited has signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tecnimont to develop commercial-scale green _____ production.

Answer: Methanol

368. Which edition of the North East Festival has been held in New Delhi?

Answer: 10th

369. 'Nowshera Folk Festival' has been organized in which state/ UT of India?

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir

370. Farhaan Behardien has recently (December 2022) announced his retirement from professional cricket. He is associated with which country's national cricket team?

Answer: South Africa

371. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), in collaboration with AIIMS Delhi, has developed the 'SwasthGarbh' mobile app for pregnant women?

Answer: IIT Roorkee

372. Who has unveiled the 'Right to Repair' portal for consumers?

Answer: Piyush Goyal

373. Who has won the Ambassador of Change Award for his outstanding work as a Student Mentor and contribution to the University of Canberra (UC) community?

Answer: Vishal Mittal

374. Which state's Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) has recently been honoured with the "Effective Government Communication Award"?

Answer: Rajasthan

375. The India-assisted 720 Megawatts Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project has been handed to Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) in _____.

Answer: Bhutan

376. Recently (December 2022), the Government of India (GoI) and the Government of _____ have entered into a Cessation of Operation Agreement with the Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) to promote peace.

Answer: Manipur

377. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (Indian Oil) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central TB Division (CTD) under the Ministry of Health to undertake intensified TB elimination project in which two states of India?

Answer: Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

378. Which Union Ministry of India has been appointed the nodal ministry for online gaming?

Answer: Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)

379. Which Union Ministry of India has launched the 'City Finance Rankings 2022'?

Answer: Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

380. As per the news, ADB has signed a USD 125 million loan agreement with India to develop climate-resilient sewage collection and treatment, and drainage and water supply systems in three cities of _____.

Answer: Tamil Nadu

Other Agreements:

- ADB & India have signed a **USD 220 million** loan agreement to improve energy security, quality of supply, efficiency, and resilience of power sector in **Tripura**.
- ADB & India have signed a **USD 350 million** loan agreement to build new lines and improve the connectivity of the metro rail system in **Chennai** with the city's existing public transport system.
- ADB & India have signed a **USD 350 million** loan agreement to improve the connectivity of key economic areas in the state of **Maharashtra**.
- ADB & India have signed a **USD 300 million** loan agreement to upgrade over 300 kilometres of state highways and Major District Roads (MDRs) in **Assam**.

381. Which lender has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kerala Startup Mission to provide financial services to startups?

Answer: **HDFC Bank**

382. _____ has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW) to cooperate on sustainable finance.

Answer: **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)**

383. Recently (December 2022), Tata Power has received a Rs.450 crore sustainable trade finance facility from MUFG Bank of _____ to fund its solar projects in India.

Answer: **Japan**

384. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFML)?

Answer: **Shamsher Singh**

385. As per the news, International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of USD _____ million to HDFC Limited to boost Green Affordable Housing Finance in India.

Answer: **USD 400 million**

386. Which general insurance company has launched the 'Respect Senior Care Rider' for Senior Citizens?

Answer: Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Limited

387. Which company has collaborated with Sony Entertainment Television and Sony LIV as the 'Payments Partner' for Shark Tank India season 2?

Answer: Cashfree Payments

388. _____ has become the first drone startup in India to receive 'Type Certification' and 'Remote Pilot Training Organisation' (RTPO) approval by the DGCA for Kisan Drones.

Answer: Garuda Aerospace

389. Which Indian institute program on Data Science has won the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022?

Answer: IIT Madras

390. As per the news, ISRO has successfully conducted the hot test of the CE-20 cryogenic engine. This engine is developed by _____.

Answer: Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC)

391. Who has authored a book titled "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond"?

Answer: C Rangarajan

392. Recently (December 2022), Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur has inaugurated the Sports Science Centre in which place?

Answer: Udupi, Karnataka

393. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Nepal?

Answer: Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'

394. 'Balsnehi' buses, an initiative to rehabilitate street-children, has been launched by which state of India?

Answer: Maharashtra

395. Veer Bal Diwas is observed across India on 26th December to mark the martyrdom of the "Sahibzades", four sons of _____.

Answer: Guru Gobind Singh

396. Sitiveni Rebuka has become the new Prime Minister of _____.

Answer: Fiji

397. Who has won the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22?

Answer: Sudeep Sen and Shobhana Kumar

398. Who is the only Indian sportsperson to be featured in the top 25 in Forbes' annual list of the highest-paid female athletes in the world in 2022?

Answer: P.V. Sindhu

399. Good Governance Day is observed annually on 25th December. This day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Indian personality?

Answer: Atal Bihari Vajpayee

400. Which organization has won the GRIHA Exemplary Performance Award 2022, a top national-level Green Building Award?

Answer: Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

401. Who has won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2022 in the English language for her novel "All The Lives We Never Lived"?

Answer: Anuradha Roy

402. Which telecom company, in collaboration with Apollo Hospitals, has conducted India's first 5G-driven, AI-guided colonoscopy trials?

Answer: Bharti Airtel

403. National Consumer Rights Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 24th December

404. Who has become India's first Muslim female fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

Answer: Sania Mirza (Uttar Pradesh)

405. A musical event called 'Dance to Decarbonise' has been organized by which Union Ministry of India?

Answer: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

406. National Farmers Day is observed annually on 23rd December to commemorate the birth anniversary of _____.

Answer: Choudhary Charan Singh (India's fifth Prime Minister)

407. The Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) has recently launched India's first Gas Price Index named '_____'.
_____.

Answer: GIXI

408. Which meeting of the Experts and Coordinators of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Interbank consortium (SCO-IBC) has been held in New Delhi?

Answer: 19th

409. TATA Projects Limited has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR – IIP) to collaborate and work together towards ensuring clean energy solutions. The headquarters of the Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP) is located in _____.

Answer: Dehradun

410. Which IT company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Garuda Aerospace to fit advanced digital capabilities on its drones?

Answer: Cognizant

411. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC)?

Answer: Justice Hemant Gupta

412. H. R. Keshava Murthy has passed away recently (December 2022). He was a noted exponent of _____.

Answer: Gamaka

Gamaka, also known as kaavya vaachana, is a form of storytelling by singing that originated in Karnataka.

413. 'Drink from Tap' facility has been launched by which state of India?

Answer: Odisha

414. Union Cabinet has recently (December 2022) approved the revision of the pension of Armed Forces Pensioners under One Rank One Pension (OROP) with effect from 1st July 2019. What is the estimated annual expenditure for the implementation of the revision?

Answer: Rs.8,450 crore

415. Wipro has signed a multi-year partnership with Finastra for the digital transformation of corporate banks in which region?

Answer: Middle East

416. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has launched one of India's first-ever 'Surety Bond Insurance' for infrastructure projects. This Surety Bond Insurance is a product of _____.

Answer: Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

417. Which lender has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) to set up SPARSH service centres for Defence pensioners?

Answer: Bandhan Bank

- Bandhan Bank has launched its integrated marketing campaign '**Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust**' featuring the bank's brand ambassador, cricketer, Sourav Ganguly.

- **Clayfin Technologies and Bandhan Bank** have been awarded 'Best Digital Channel/Platform Implementation: Best Project Implementation' at IBSi Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2022.

418. Paytm has introduced 'Paytm Payment Protect', a group insurance plan, in collaboration with _____.

Answer: HDFC ERGO General Insurance

419. As per the 1Lattice data, which lender has topped the debit card segment?

Answer: State Bank of India (SBI)

420. A recently launched 'FIT Rank' is a comprehensive ranking system for _____.

Answer: Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)

Credit bureau **TransUnion CIBIL**, in collaboration with **Online PSB Loans** and **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**, has launched the 'FIT Rank'.

421. Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Bank has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Administration of Ladakh union territory, conferring preferential status to each other. The headquarters of J&K Bank is located in _____.

Answer: Srinagar

422. Which company has tied up with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to provide training and digital certification to thousands of unskilled workers?

Answer: Urban Company

423. Which lender has won IBSi Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2022 in the Best CRM System Implementation and Most Impactful Project categories?

Answer: RBL Bank

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424. The Indian Navy has launched the Indian Navy Ship (INS) “_____”, the first of 16 indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) (Yard 3029), at shipbuilding facility of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) in Kattupalli, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Answer: Arnala

INS Arnala is built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Kolkata.**

425. Recently, E2S Power has signed an agreement with India Power Corporation Ltd (IPCL) for a _____ kilowatt hour (kWh) pilot thermal energy storage unit to be operated in India.

Answer: 250 kWh

426. To develop domestic satellite QKD (quantum key distribution) products, Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with _____.

Answer: QNu Labs

427. Puma India has roped _____ as its new Brand Ambassador.

Answer: Anushka Sharma

428. Recently, _____ National Oil Company and Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific (AG&P) have signed an 11-year charter agreement to use a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) carrier as a floating storage unit in India.

Answer: Abu Dhabi

429. Which Indian city will host the Asian Wrestling Championships 2023?

Answer: New Delhi

430. Kalyani Group has recently (December 2022) launched India's first Green _____ Brand "KALYANI FERRESTA".

Answer: Steel

431. _____ has launched a programme to create 'Impact Leaders' in the areas of Environmental-Social-Governance (ESG).

Answer: Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)

432. As per the UI Green Metric World University Rankings 2022, _____ has topped among the Indian universities with a global rank of 121.

Answer: Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)

433. Who has become the only Indian to feature on the 50 Greatest Actors of All Time List of Empire Magazine?

Answer: Shah Rukh Khan

434. Who has been signed as a brand ambassador for Pepsico India's packaged-water brand Aquafina?

Answer: Katrina Kaif

435. Which three states/UTs of India have emerged as the best-performing states on the Social Progress Index (SPI) 2022, a report released by Economic Advisory Council-Prime Minister (EAC-PM)?

Answer: Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and Goa

436. Sethrichem Sangtam has been awarded the first Rohini Nayar prize for transforming farmers' lives in which state?

Answer: Nagaland

437. Who has become the first nominated Member of Parliament (MP) to be appointed to the panel of Vice chairperson in the Upper House (Rajya Sabha)?

Answer: P.T. Usha

438. As per the 77th round of the Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households in the rural areas of India, which state of India has topped the list of average monthly income per agricultural household?

Answer: Meghalaya

439. _____ have become the first African nations to sign the Artemis Accords during the first-ever US-Africa Space Forum.

Answer: Nigeria and Rwanda

440. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) for a period of three years?

Answer: Dinesh Kumar Shukla

441. The Government of _____ has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Austin University in San Francisco, USA, to build the Austin Smart City of Knowledge.

Answer: Uttar Pradesh

442. In which state, India's 1st, and World's 2nd Infantry Research Centre & Museum has been established?

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

443. As per the National Science Foundation (NSF)'s Science & Engineering Indicators 2022 report of the United States, India's position globally in scientific publications, has improved from 7th position in 2010 to _____ position in 2020.

Answer: Third

444. The 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has been held in _____.

Answer: Montreal, Canada

The conference has adopted the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)** to protect the world's lands and oceans and provides financing to save biodiversity in the developing world.

445. Which Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) will participate in the 50th edition of the Cape Town to Rio Race 2023?

Answer: Tarini

446. Which country has tied up with PTC India Ltd to purchase 600 MW power from the Indian power market in order to meet power requirements during the dry winter season?

Answer: Bhutan

447. Who has won the Mrs World 2022 title?

Answer: Sargam Koushal (Jammu & Kashmir)

448. India, current president of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), has launched a '_____' to promote accountability for crimes against peacekeepers.

Answer: Group of Friends

Bangladesh, Egypt, France India, Morocco and Nepal are the co-chairs of Group of Friends.

449. Argentina has won the 2022 FIFA Men's World Cup by defeating France in the final. This is Argentina's _____ FIFA World Cup title.

Answer: Third

450. Leo Varadkar has become the Prime Minister of _____ for a second time.

Answer: Ireland

451. Which country's hockey team has defeated Spain to win the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022?

Answer: Indian Women's Hockey Team

452. India has won the T20 World Cup 2022 for the Blind by defeating which team?

Answer: Bangladesh

453. The Indian Naval Ship (INS) _____ (D67), the second of the four 'Visakhapatnam' class destroyers, also known as Project 15B class of stealth guided-missile destroyers, has been commissioned in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

Answer: Mormugao

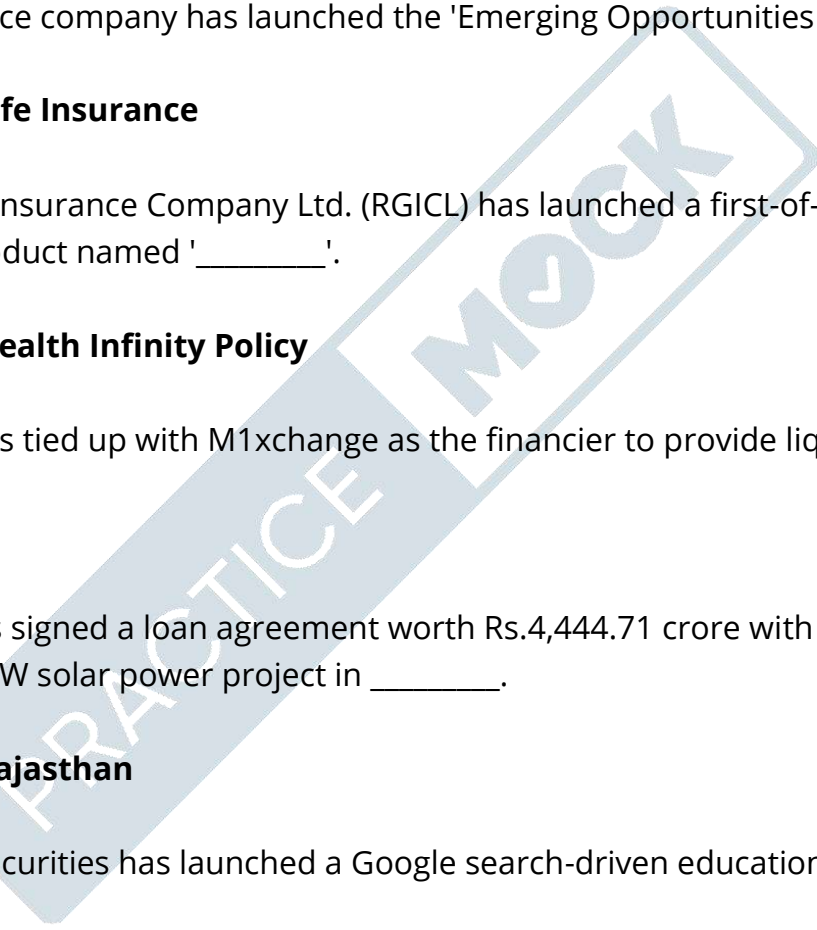
INS Mormugao has been developed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai

454. As per the news, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Spawn Laboratory and Integrated Beekeeping Development Centre in which state of India?

Answer: Meghalaya

455. Which life insurance company has launched the 'Emerging Opportunities Fund'?

Answer: Tata AIA Life Insurance

456. Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd. (RGICL) has launched a first-of-its-kind premium health insurance product named '_____'.


Answer: Reliance Health Infinity Policy

457. Recently, SIDBI has tied up with M1xchange as the financier to provide liquidity to _____.

Answer: MSMEs

458. IREDA Limited has signed a loan agreement worth Rs.4,444.71 crore with SJVN Green Energy for a 1,000 MW solar power project in _____.

Answer: Bikaner, Rajasthan

459. Recently, HDFC Securities has launched a Google search-driven education platform named "_____".

Answer: Roots

460. AU Small Finance Bank has recently (December 2022) entered into a bancassurance partnership with _____.

Answer: HDFC Life

461. Which small finance bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) to act as a SPARSH service centre?

Answer: Equitas Small Finance Bank

462. Gofrugal Technologies has collaborated with which lender to empower SMEs towards the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?

Answer: DBS Bank India

463. Which lender has introduced ZERO Fee Banking on savings accounts?

Answer: IDFC FIRST Bank

464. A report titled "Striving for Clean Air: Air Pollution and Public Health in South Asia" states that South Asia is home to 9 of the world's 10 cities with the worst air pollution, and there is a requirement of urgent action to curb it. The report is released by _____.

Answer: World Bank

465. Recently, the 16th edition of Exercise 'Surya Kiran-XVI' has been conducted between India and which country?

Answer: Nepal

466. The Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) satellite has successfully launched to map all of the world's oceans, lakes, and rivers. The satellite is a joint initiative of which two countries?

Answer: USA & France

467. Who has been awarded PETA India's 2022 Person of the Year title?

Answer: Sonakshi Sinha

468. International Migrants Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 18th December

469. A scheme named 'Friends of Library' has been launched by which state/UT of India?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

470. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) Limited and TEXPROCIL on Branding, Traceability, and Certification of "_____".

Answer: Kasturi Cotton

471. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and UNDP India have launched the _____ edition of "Youth Co: Lab", Asia Pacific's largest youth innovation movement, to support young social entrepreneurs.

Answer: Fifth

472. Reliance Consumer Products has recently launched its made-for-India Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) brand named '_____' in Gujarat.

Answer: Independence

473. _____ have won the ITF World Champions 2022 under the ITF Singles World Champions category.

Answer: Iga Swiatek and Rafael Nadal

474. _____ has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of Denmark.

Answer: Mette Frederiksen

475. Who is the author of book titled 'Bravehearts of Bharat'?

Answer: Vikram Sampath

476. Which state of India has become the first to launch its own Climate Change Mission?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

477. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has inaugurated the statue of 'Mahakavi Subramaniam Bharathiar' at the renovated house of Bharathiyar at _____.

Answer: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

478. Which Indian city will host the 8th India International Science Festival 2022 in January 2023?

Answer: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

479. Recently, India has hosted the first G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting under its G20 Presidency in which place?

Answer: Bengaluru, Karnataka

480. Recently, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has adopted a resolution to remove which country from its Women's rights body-the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)?

Answer: Iran

481. MeitY Startup Hub has collaborated with which company to support 100 Indian startups scale their app businesses?

Answer: Google

482. Which company has partnered with Viasat to deliver satellite internet access to 10 million people worldwide by 2025?

Answer: Microsoft

483. Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of which company?

Answer: NHPC Limited

484. Unnati Hooda, seen in the news recently, is associated with which sports?

Answer: Badminton

Unnati Hooda (Haryana) has become the **first Indian** to win a medal in the U17 category in the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2022.

485. Which Indian company has secured the top position in the SIPRI Top 100 Arms-producing and Military Services Companies, 2021?

Answer: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

486. The 6th edition of Indo - Kazakhstan joint training exercise "KAZIND-22" has been held in _____.

Answer: Umroi, Meghalaya

487. With which country India has signed a joint declaration of Intent on migration and mobility?

Answer: France

488. As per the news, the Government of India (GoI) has granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to 'Gamocha', a symbol of the culture and identity of Assam. What is Gamocha?

Answer: Towel

489. New York has topped the Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL) Index 2022 published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Which other city has also stood first in the index?

Answer: Singapore

490. Shaji K.V. has become the new Chairman of _____.

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

491. Dr Jeremy Farrar has become the new Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization (WHO). He will replace _____.

Answer: Soumya Swaminathan

492. For the design and development of a Two-Stage to Low Earth Orbit all-liquid small satellite launch vehicle, MTAR Technologies has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with _____.

Answer: Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe)

493. Sulochana Chavan has passed away recently. She was a noted _____ singer.

Answer: Lavani

494. Shenu Agarwal has been named the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of _____.

Answer: Ashok Leyland

495. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated the Mopa International Airport in _____.

Answer: Goa

The Mopa International Airport has been named after former Chief Minister **Manohar Parrikar**.

496. Which Indian Naval Ship (INS) has participated in the 39th edition of **IND-INDO CORPAT** between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy?

Answer: INS Karmuk

497. Who has been honored with the 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES) for public leadership?

Answer: Venkaiah Naidu (Former Vice President)

498. A seed farm in _____ has become India's first carbon-neutral farm.

Answer: Aluva (Kerala)

499. Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has become the new Chief Minister of which state of India?

Answer: Himachal Pradesh

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500. Bhupendra Patel has been sworn in as the 18th Chief Minister of Gujarat. How many legislative assembly seats are there in Gujarat?

Answer: 182

501. According to the recently released Hurun Global 500 list 2022, India, with 20 most valuable companies in the world, has been ranked ____ among countries that are home to the world's top 500 firms.

Answer: 5th

502. Which state of India has received an award for 'Best Practice in Advocacy, Communication, and Social Mobilisation in Tuberculosis control'?

Answer: Meghalaya

503. _____ has won the BWF Female Para-Badminton Player of the Year award 2022.

Answer: Manisha Ramadass

504. India's first 3D bioprinting Centre of Excellence (CoE) has been inaugurated in which institute?

Answer: IISc Bengaluru

505. Who has won the Best Direction (Fiction) award for the film "Minnal Murali" at the 2022 Asian Academy Creative Awards?

Answer: Basil Joseph

506. Who has won the 2022 WTA Player of the Year Award?

Answer: Iga Swiatek (Poland)

507. With which country India has signed an agreement worth over Rs.101 million to fast-track three High Impact Development Projects (HICDPs) in the education, healthcare and drinking water sectors?

Answer: Nepal

508. Which bloc has established an open **International Climate Club** to fight global warming?

Answer: Group of Seven (G7) nations

509. National Energy Conservation Day, also known as Energy Efficiency Day, is observed annually across India on _____.

Answer: 14th December

510. Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems (KRAS) has recently rolled out its 100th Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (**MRSAM**) mid-section kit for delivery to the Indian Army and Air Force. What is the range of MRSAM missile?

Answer: 70 km

511. Who has been named the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the organizing committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games?

Answer: Cindy Hook

512. International Universal Health Coverage Day is observed annually on 12th December. What is the theme of International Universal Health Coverage Day 2022?

Answer: 'Build the world we want: A healthy future for all'

513. Which Indian steel company has been awarded with FICCI CSR Special Commendation Award for its efforts to counter the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answer: Jindal Steel and Power

514. To support MSME exporters in India showcasing their products on the Indian Business Portal (IBP), Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which company?

Answer: Shiprocket

515. Recently, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has launched a personalized calculator for subscribers to calculate their retirement Income. What is the name of the calculator?

Answer: "NPS Prosperity Planner"

516. Universal Sompo General Insurance has collaborated with which company to launch a special integrated offering for customers?

Answer: Zopper

517. Which lender has launched the 6th 'Parivartan Startup Grants' in partnership with the Government of India's flagship initiative 'Startup India'?

Answer: HDFC Bank

- To support the farming community in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu states, Lawrencedale Agro Processing India (**LEAF**) has inked a pact with HDFC Bank.

518. As per the latest news, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) has collaborated with _____ Infrastructure Development Board to develop the infrastructure opportunities.

Answer: Tamil Nadu

519. Recently, PNB Housing Finance has introduced a low-cost home loan programme named '_____':

Answer: Roshni

520. As per the news, India and ADB have signed a USD 3 million project readiness financing (PRF) facility to assist preparatory operations for designing the "_____ Municipal Infrastructure Development Project".

Answer: Agartala

- **IIFL Home Finance (IIFL HFL)** and ADB have recently organised the '**Kutumb**' event in Delhi to discuss scope around green affordable housing in India.
- ADB has approved a loan of **USD 780 million** to build new lines for **Chennai's metro rail** and improve the network's connectivity with bus and feeder services.
- ADB has also approved a **USD 300 million** loan to upgrade more than 300 kilometres of state highways and major district roads in **Assam**, including six road sections in the state's western, central, and southern regions.
- ADB has approved a **USD 250 million** policy-based loan to support the Government of India's wide-ranging reforms that aim to strengthen and modernize the country's logistics infrastructure, improve efficiency, and lower the cost in the logistics sector. The loan will

finance the first subprogram of the **Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem Program**.

521. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and the Small and Medium Enterprises General Authority of _____ to develop MSMEs ecosystem.

Answer: Saudi Arabia

522. Which state has hosted the India Climate and Development Partners' Meet 2022 in collaboration with World Bank?

Answer: Kerala

523. Which lender has signed a co-lending agreement with SV CreditLine for Rs.500 crore loan exclusively to women borrowers?

Answer: IndusInd Bank

524. RBL Bank, in collaboration with Paisabazaar.com, has launched a new co-created credit card named '_____'.


Answer: Duet

525. ASK Capital Management Private Limited (ASK Capital) has received approval from the Central Bank of _____ to launch an India-based fund namely 'ASK Indian Entrepreneur Fund' through the UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) route.

Answer: Ireland

526. India's first private market index has been launched by which company?

Answer: StocX.in

527. In December 2022, the Federal Reserve Bank of _____ has appointed Indian-origin Sushmita Shukla as its First Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Answer: New York

528. Ishan Kishan has become the fastest double centurion in One Day International (ODIs) by breaking the previous record of whom?

Answer: Chris Gayle

529. Who has been named the interim CEO of Penguin Random House?

Answer: Nihar Malviya

530. International Lusophone Festival has been held in which state of India?

Answer: Goa

531. Indian Naval Ships (INS) Kochi, Kavaratti and Sumedha have recently participated in the maiden International Fleet Review (IFR) 2022 conducted by _____.

Answer: Bangladesh Navy

532. Who has been named the first "Global Ambassador for Diabetes"?

Answer: Sheikh Hasina (Prime Minister of Bangladesh)

533. Which organization has created a Gender Toolkit based on "Enabling gender-responsive urban mobility and public spaces"?

Answer: World Bank

534. International Anti-Corruption Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 9th December

Theme 2022: "UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption"

535. Justice Tashi Rabstan has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of _____.

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

536. 'Sultan' is an autobiography of _____.

Answer: Wasim Akram

537. Who has become the first woman President of Peru?

Answer: Dina Boluarte

538. _____ has been named Time's Person of the Year for 2022?

Answer: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and "the spirit of Ukraine"

539. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman has been featured in the Forbes' annual list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women for the fourth time in a row. She has been ranked _____ in the list.

Answer: 36th

540. UAE has been ranked first in the Passport Index 2022. What is the rank of India in this index?

Answer: 87th

541. **Arun Kumar Singh** has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of _____.

Answer: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

542. Who has been appointed as the Chair of B20 India?

Answer: N Chandrasekaran (Chairman of Tata Sons)

543. India's first Drone Skilling and Training Virtual E-Learning Platform has been inaugurated at which place?

Answer: Chennai

544. As per the latest news, ISRO has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Social Alpha to launch _____, India's first dedicated platform for innovation curation and venture development for the burgeoning space entrepreneurial.

Answer: SpaceTech Innovation Network (SpIN)

545. Who has been named the Female and Male World Athlete of the Year 2022?

Answer: Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone and Mondo Duplantis

546. Mina Sue Choi has been crowned Miss Earth 2022. She belongs to which country?

Answer: South Korea

547. Who has been named by the Uttarakhand government as its brand ambassador?

Answer: Prasoos Joshi

548. Which nation will host the **12th World Hindi Conference** in February 2023?

Answer: Fiji

549. India's first payment gateway to support Credit Card Transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is _____.

Answer: Razorpay

550. In December 2022, ICICI Lombard General Insurance has entered into a Bancassurance tie-up with which small finance bank?

Answer: AU Small Finance Bank

551. Which lender has launched the 'Football Fiesta' campaign to celebrate the FIFA World Cup 2022?

Answer: Federal Bank

552. Bharti Airtel has joined hands with which company to develop undersea cable infrastructure for high-speed internet?

Answer: Meta

553. Who has become the new President of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)?

Answer: Meghna Ahlawat

554. Mumbai has been ranked _____ in the 'Prime Global Cities Index Q3 2022' published by Knight Frank.

Answer: 22nd

Dubai (UAE) has topped the index, followed by Miami (USA), and Tokyo (Japan).

555. Which country's Air Force has launched its newest nuclear stealth bomber named 'B-21 Raider'?

Answer: USA

556. Researchers at IIT Madras have developed and deployed a device called _____ that can generate electricity using energy from sea waves.

Answer: 'Sindhuja I' or 'Ocean Wave Energy Converter'

557. Which Indian city will host the 'Technotex 2023'?

Answer: Mumbai

558. India's first Gold ATM has been launched in which city?

Answer: Begumpet, Hyderabad

559. What is the rank of India in the Social Hostilities Index (SHI) 2020 released by the US think-tank Pew Research Center?

Answer: First

560. Which country has recently sanctioned a fund of €80.2 million for the development of Kaziranga National Park?

Answer: France

The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) has sanctioned a fund of €80.2 million for a 10-year period, between 2014-2024.

561. Which state of India has become the first to have an independent department for the welfare of Divyang?

Answer: Maharashtra

562. India has been ranked 48th in the Global Aviation Safety Rankings 2022 by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Which other country has also secured the same position?

Answer: Georgia

Singapore has been ranked at the top of the list, followed by the UAE at the second and South Korea at the third position.

563. Which city has hosted the 17th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage?

Answer: Rabat (Morocco)

564. To establish the Australia-India Centre for Energy (AICE), which Indian institute has tied up with Australian Universities?

Answer: IIT Madras

565. Which state of India has become the first to introduce the "Open Loop Ticketing System" for roadways buses?

Answer: Haryana

566. World Soil Day is observed annually on _____.

Answer: 5th December

Theme 2022: "Soils: Where food begins"

567. As per the Tribal Development Report 2022, tribal communities are at the bottom of India's development pyramid. The report is launched by _____.

Answer: Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF)

568. Which lender has won the "Banker's Bank of the Year Award 2022" for the Indian segment of the Global Banking Summit?

Answer: Canara Bank

569. Who has won the 'Pride of Central India 2022' award for transforming the lives of rural farmers?

Answer: Atul Patidar (Farmkart's founder and CEO)

570. Which team has won the 2022–23 Vijay Hazare Trophy title by defeating Maharashtra?

Answer: Saurashtra

571. Which Indian state police has become the first to award Idol wing members with a 'digital medal'?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

572. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Statistical Commission (NSC)?

Answer: Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar

573. International Day of Banks is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 4th December

574. _____ has launched India's first Passive Tax Saver Fund.

Answer: IIFL Mutual Fund

575. BookMyForex has launched the 'Interbank Rate Multi-Currency Forex Card', India's first true zero markup travel card, in association with M2P Fintech, and which lender?

Answer: Yes Bank

576. _____ has become the first company to file a confidential Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for its Initial Public Offering (IPO).

Answer: Tata Play

577. As per the latest news, IDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) will be renamed as _____.

Answer: Bandhan AMC

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578. As per the 2022 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 report, _____ has topped the list of India's most valuable company in unlisted space.

Answer: Serum Institute of India

579. A book titled "The Chipko Movement: A People's Movement" has won the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2022. Who is the author of this book?

Answer: Shekhar Pathak

The book has been translated from Hindi by **Manisha Chaudhry**.

580. Where is the International Gita Mahotsava (IGM) -2022 held?

Answer: Kurukshetra (Haryana)

581. The 12th edition of Exercise Agni Warrior, a bilateral exercise between the Singapore & Indian Army, has been held at Devlali in _____.

Answer: Maharashtra

582. Nagaland has observed which edition of the Hornbill Festival in 2022?

Answer: 23rd

583. Bandipora district of _____ has hosted the first Tribal Winter Festival.

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir

584. With which country India has signed an agreement for Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) loan to establish an Intelligent Transport System on the Nagpur-Mumbai Super Communication Expressway Project?

Answer: South Korea

585. Protean eGov Technologies has tied up with which payment bank to expand PAN card issuance services in India, especially in rural areas?

Answer: Fino Payment Bank

586. Which country has recently (December 2022) introduced a proposal to provide 1 billion Euro for energy transition projects in India?

Answer: Germany

- India has recently signed a **Comprehensive Migration and Mobility Agreement** with Germany.

The lines of credit will be provided by KfW Development Bank.

587. Switzerland Tourism has appointed _____ as the 'Friendship Ambassador'.

Answer: Neeraj Chopra

588. World AIDS Day is observed annually on 1st December. What is the theme of World AIDS Day 2022?

Answer: Equalize

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
World AIDS Day	1st December	Equalize	
World Computer Literacy Day	2nd December		The day was first observed in 2001.
National Pollution Control Day	2nd December		The year 2022 marks the 38th anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy.

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	2nd December		
International Day of Persons with Disabilities	3rd December	Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fueling an accessible and equitable world	
International Day of Banks	4th December		
International Cheetah Day	4th December		
National Navy Day	4th December		
Indian Navy Week	1st to 7th December 2022		
World Soil Day	5th December	Soils: Where food begins	The day was first observed in 2014.
International Volunteer Day or International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development	5th December	Solidarity through volunteering	The day was first observed by the UN General Assembly in 1985.
Mahaparinirvan Divas	6th December		The day commemorates the death anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
Maitri Diwas	6th December		The day is observed annually by India to celebrate diplomatic relations with Bangladesh.
International Civil Aviation Day	7th December	Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development	
National Armed Forces Flag Day	7th December		

SAARC Charter Day	8th December		The year 2022 marks the observance of 38th SAARC Charter Day.
International Anti-Corruption Day	9th December	UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption	
International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime	9th December		
Human Rights Day	10th December	Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All	
United Nations Children's Funds (UNICEF) Day	11th December		The year 2022 marks the 76th anniversary of UNICEF.
International Mountain Day	11th December	Women Move Mountains	
International Day of Neutrality	12th December		
International Universal Health Coverage Day	12th December	Build the world we want: A healthy future for all	
National Energy Conservation Day	14th December		
Vijay Diwas	16th December		The year 2022 marks the 51st Vijay Diwas.
International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers	17th December		
International Migrants Day	18th December		
National Minorities Rights Day	18th December		
World Arabic Language Day	18th December	The Contribution of the Arabic Language to Human Civilization and Culture	

International Human Solidarity Day	19th December		
Goa Liberation Day	19th December		The year 2022 marks the 61 years of Goa's independence.
National Mathematics Day	22nd December		
National Farmers Day	23rd December		The year 2022 marks the 120th birth anniversary of Choudhary Charan Singh.
National Consumer Rights Day	24th December	Effective Disposal of cases in Consumer Commission	The day was first observed in 1986.
Good Governance Day	25th December		The year 2022 marks the 98th birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
Veer Bal Diwas	26th December		The day marks the martyrdom of the "Sahibzades", four sons of Guru Gobind Singh, the last Sikh guru.
International Day of Epidemic Preparedness	27th December		The day was first observed in 2020.

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