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**NOTE**: This file contains the most important 'Question-Answer' points pertaining to the current affairs news from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**1.** 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

2. 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

3. Shaji K.V. has become the new Chairman of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

**4. Dr Jeremy Farrar** has become the new Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization (WHO). He will replace \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: Soumya Swaminathan

**5.** 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)

**6.** Sulochana Chavan has passed away recently. She was a noted \_\_\_\_\_ singer.

<mark>Answer:</mark> Lavani

**7. Shenu Agarwal** has been named the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: Ashok Leyland

8. 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**.

**9.** 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

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

## Answer: Venkaiah Naidu (Former Vice President)

11. A seed farm in \_\_\_\_\_ has become India's first carbon-neutral farm.

## Answer: Aluva (Kerala)

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

## Answer: Himachal Pradesh

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

## Answer: 182

**14.** 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:** 5<sup>th</sup>

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

## Answer: Meghalaya

16. \_\_\_\_\_ has won the BWF Female Para-Badminton Player of the Year award 2022.

#### **Answer:** Manisha Ramadass

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

#### Answer: IISc Bengaluru

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

## Answer: Basil Joseph

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

#### Answer: Iga Swiatek (Poland)

**20.** 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

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

## Answer: Group of Seven (G7) nations

**22.** National Energy Conservation Day, also known as Energy Efficiency Day, is observed annually across India on \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer: 14<sup>th</sup> December

**23.** 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

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

#### **Answer:** Cindy Hook

**25.** 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'

**26.** 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

**27.** 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

**28.** 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"

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

## **Answer:** Zopper

**30.** Which lender has launched the 6th 'Parivartan Smartup 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.

<b>31.</b> As per the latest news, Nation	onal Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) has
collaborated with	_ Infrastructure Development Board to develop the
infrastructure opportunities.	
<mark>Answer:</mark> Tamil Nadu	
32. Recently, PNB Housing Fina	nce has introduced a low-cost home loan programme named

#### Answer: Roshni

**33.** 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.
- **34.** 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.

## <mark>Answer:</mark> Saudi Arabia

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

#### Answer: Kerala

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

#### **Answer:** IndusInd Bank

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

#### **Answer:** Duet

38. 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

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

#### **Answer:** StocX.in

**40.** 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

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

## **Answer:** Chris Gayle

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

## Answer: Nihar Malviya

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

## **Answer:** Goa

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

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

Answer: Sheikh Hasina (Prime Minister of Bangladesh)

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

**Answer:** World Bank

**Answer:** Bangladesh Navy

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

Answer: 9th December

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

**48. Justice Tashi Rabstan** has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

**49.** 'Sultan' is an autobiography of \_\_\_\_\_\_

<mark>Answer:</mark> Wasim Akram

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

Answer: Dina Boluarte

51. \_\_\_\_\_ has been named Time's Person of the Year for 2022?

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

52. 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

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

Answer: 87th

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

Answer: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

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

Answer: N Chandrasekaran (Chairman of Tata Sons)

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

**Answer:** Chennai

**57.** 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 (SplN)

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

Answer: Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone and Mondo Duplantis

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

**Answer:** South Korea

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

Answer:	Prasoon	loshi

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

#### Answer: Fiji

**62.** India's first payment gateway to support Credit Card Transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Answer:** Razorpay

**63.** In December 2022, ICICI Lombard General Insurance has entered into a Bancassurance tieup with which small finance bank?

### Answer: AU Small Finance Bank

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

#### **Answer:** Federal Bank

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

## Answer: Meta

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

Answer: Meghna Ahlawat

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**67.** Mumbai has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in the 'Prime Global Cities Index Q3 2022' published by Knight Frank.

Answer: 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

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

#### **Answer:** USA

**69.** 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'

**70.** Which Indian city will host the 'Technotex 2023'?

#### Answer: Mumbai

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

## Answer: Begumpet, Hyderabad

**72.** What is the rank of India in the Social Hostilities Index (SHI) 2020 released by the US thinktank Pew Research Center?

#### **Answer:** First

**73.** 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.

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

## <mark>Answer:</mark> Maharashtra

**75.** 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.

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

#### Answer: Rabat (Morocco)

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

#### **Answer:** IIT Madras

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

## **Answer:** Haryana

**79.** World Soil Day is observed annually on

## Answer: 5th December

Theme 2022: "Soils: Where food begins"

80. 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)

81. 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

## Answer: Tata Play

90. As per the latest news, IDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) will be renamed as \_\_\_\_\_.

<mark>Answer:</mark> Bandhan AMC

## Answer: 23<sup>rd</sup>

**96.** Bandipora district of \_\_\_\_\_ has hosted the first Tribal Winter Festival.

## Answer: Jammu & Kashmir

**97.** 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

**98.** 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

**99.** 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.

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

## **Answer:** Equalize

**101.** As per the news, the Government of India (GoI) has provided financial assistance of USD 100 million to which country?

#### **Answer:** Maldives

**102.** SBM Bank India has tied up with Open Financial Technologies to launch Asia's first end-to-end Embedded Finance platform named '\_\_\_\_\_'.

## **Answer:** Zwitch

**103.** Yes Bank has collaborated with TurtleFin, India's leading insurtech platform, to build '\_\_\_\_\_', a first-of-its-kind comprehensive technology platform, which will bring multiple insurance partners onto a common platform.

## Answer: EasyNsure

104. Which country's former President Jiang Zemin has passed away recently?

## Answer: China

**105.** As per the Special Bulletin on Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) released by the Registrar General of India (RGI), the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of India has declined from 130 in 2014-16 to \_\_\_\_\_ per lakh live births in 2018-20.

## <mark>Answer:</mark> 97

Assam has the highest MMR of 195 while Kerala has the lowest of 19 per lakh live births.

**106.** Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal has inaugurated the \_\_\_\_\_ edition of India International Trade Fair (IITF) in New Delhi.

#### Answer: 41st

**107.** Recently, SEBI has restructured its 16-member advisory committee pertaining to Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). Who will now head the committee?

#### **Answer:** Hasmukh Adhia

- SEBI has also restructured its **Social stock exchange committee**. The 18-member committee will now be headed by **R Balasubramaniam**, chairman of Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM).
- SEBI has increased the investment limit of mutual funds (MFs) in debt instruments issued by a single issuer to **12%** of the Net Asset Value (NAV) from 10% on all new schemes.
- SEBI has recently reduced the timeline for listing of debt securities issued on a private placement basis to **T+3 days** from the current timeline of T+4 days.
- **108.** Which lender has recently entered into bancassurance partnerships with Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Ltd and Max Life Insurance Company?

## Answer: Tamilnad Mercantile Bank

- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Bajaj
   Allianz Life Insurance to sell the private insurer's term, annuity, and other value-packed products across its 500 branches.
- 109. Which lender has partnered with Actyv.ai to provide finance to dealers?

## Answer: Kotak Mahindra Bank

110. Sundararaman Ramamurthy has been named the new MD & CEO of which company?

## **Answer:** BSE Limited

111. Who has been elected as the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)?

## Answer: Pilavullakandi Thekkeraparambil Usha (P.T. Usha)

112. Which team has won the Davis Cup title 2022 after defeating Australia?

## **Answer:** Canada

Important Appointments of December				
Post/Designation	Person	State/Country/Organization	Remark	
Foreign Secretary	Vinay Mohan Kwatra	Government of India		
Chairman	Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar	National Statistical Commission (NSC)		
Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	K V Suresh Kumar	Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd (BHAVINI)		
President	Meghna Ahlawat	Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)		
Secretary-General	Kamlesh Mehta	Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)		
Treasurer	Patel Nagender Reddy	Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)		
Chair	N Chandrasekaran	B20 India		
CMD	Arun Kumar Singh	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)		
President	Dina Boluarte	Peru	She is the first woman President of Peru.	
Acting Chief Justice of the High Court	Justice Tashi Rabstan	Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh	He has succeeded Justice Ali Mohd Magrey.	
Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer (COO)	Sushmita Shukla	Federal Reserve Bank of New York		
Interim CEO	Nihar Malviya	Penguin Random House	He will succeed Markus Dohle.	
Chief Minister	Bhupendra Patel	Gujarat		

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	Chief Minister	Sukhwinder Singh	Hir	nacha	l Pradesh	He has replaced
		Sukhu				Jai Ram Thakur.
	Vice President	Sunil	Asia P	acific E	Broadcasting	
				Union	(ABU)	
	MD & CEO	Shenu Agarwal	A	shok I	Leyland	
	Chief Scientist	Jeremy Farrar	World Health Organization		He will replace	
				(WI	HO)	Soumya
						Swaminathan.
	Chairman	Shaji K.V.	National	Bank	for Agriculture	He has
			and R	ural D	evelopment	succeeded
				(NAB	ARD)	Suchindra Misra.
	CEO	Cindy Hook	2032 Oly	mpic a	and Paralympic	
				Gar	mes	

**113.** \_\_\_\_\_ has been conferred with the 'Award of Excellence' at the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022.

## Answer: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai

- Award of Distinction: Stepwells of Golconda, Hyderabad
- Award of Merit: Domakonda Fort, Telangana; Byculla Station, Mumbai
- 114. Which state of India has introduced the Ganga Water Supply Scheme (GWSS)?

Answer: Bihar

**115.** Who has won the 'Para Sports Person of Year award' at the Turf 2022 event?

Answer: Avani Lekhara

**116.** Which animal has been approved as a 'food animal' by the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI)?

<mark>Answer:</mark> Himalayan Yak

117. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo has been re-elected as the President of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Equatorial Guinea

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119. Who will be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations in January 2023?

## Answer: Abdel Fattah al-Sisi (President of the Arab Republic of Egypt)

**120.** Which Union Ministry of India has launched a community-led National campaign titled "Nai Chetna-Pahal Badlav Ki" against gender-based discrimination?

## **Answer:** Ministry of Rural Development

**121.** The 19th Conference of Parties (COP19) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), also known as the 19th World Wildlife Conference has been held in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Answer:** Panama City

122. Recently, the first India-ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting has been held in which country?

## Answer: Siem Reap, Cambodia

**123.** Which lender has signed an agreement with broking partner SMC Global Securities Limited to open a 3-in-1 account?

## Answer: Indian Overseas Bank

**124.** Which country has planned to build its first moon base powered by nuclear energy by 2028?

## Answer: China

**125.** According to Mercom India Rooftop Solar Market Report Q3 2022, which state of India has topped the list of cumulative rooftop solar installations?

## Answer: Gujarat

**127.** India has won the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Vice Presidency and Strategic Management Board (SMB) Chair for the 2023-25 term. The headquarters of IEC is based in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: Geneva, Switzerland

**Answer:** Digifasal

India's representative, Vimal Mahendru has been elected as the IEC Vice President.

**128.** Y 12705 (Mormugao), the second ship of Project 15B stealth-guided missile destroyer, has been delivered to the Indian Navy. The ship is built by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)

**129.** Recently, India has participated in the 22nd Council of Ministers' meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) held at which place?

Answer: Dhaka, Bangladesh

**130.** Union Minister of State for Health, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar has represented India in the 3rd High-level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). Which country has hosted the conference?

**Answer:** Oman

131. Anwar Ibrahim has been named the new Prime Minister of which country \_\_\_\_\_.

<mark>Answer:</mark> Malaysia

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	rsity has topped the 12th Glob ed by Times Higher Education	, , ,	ty Ranking and
<mark>Answer:</mark> IIT Delhi (Glo	obal rank 28 <sup>th</sup> )		
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Answer: FIRSTAP			
	k has joined hands with the <b>NA</b> ation ecosystem through an ex		
•	bank (PSB), in partnership wit unched an Electronic Bank Gua		
<mark>Answer:</mark> Canara Bank	<b>,</b>		
<b>135.</b> Who has been appo Industries Commission	ointed as the Chief Executive On (KVIC)?	officer (CEO) of the Khadi &	& Village
<mark>Answer:</mark> Vinit Kumar			
	od', authored by noted Urdu w English, has won the JCB Prize	<del></del>	lated by Baran
Answer: Khalid Jawed	d		
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## Answer: Axis Bank

• Axis Bank has launched the seventh edition of **'Evolve'** for MSMEs with the theme of 'Indian SMEs: Shifting Gears for Next Level Growth'.

144. \_\_\_\_\_ has announced to set up the "Loss and Damage Fund" to provide compensation

to vulnerable countries for the damages they suffered due to climate-related disasters.

#### **Answer:** Conference of Parties (COP27)

145. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has been re-elected as the President of which country?

#### **Answer:** Kazakhstan

**146.** Which command of the Indian Army has conducted the Integrated Fire Power Exercise 'Shatru Nash' in Rajasthan?

#### Answer: South-Western Command

**147.** Which Regional Rural Bank (RRB) has received a national award from Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for significant enrolment under Atal Pension Yojana (APY)?

#### Answer: Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)

**148.** \_\_\_\_\_ has launched two new products named Loan Against Deposits (LAD) and Dollar Bonds for its Non-Resident Indians (NRI) customers at its branch in GIFT City.

## Answer: ICICI Bank

- ICICI Bank has launched a **STACK** for companies in the **real estate sector** to offer solutions to their banking requirements on one platform.
- **149.** Kotak Mahindra General Insurance has recently introduced an on/off switch feature named "\_\_\_\_\_\_" for private car owners.

## Answer: Meter

**150.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the seventh edition of its statistical publication titled "Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22". As per it, which state of India has the highest installed grid-interactive renewable power capacity?

## <mark>Answer:</mark> Karnataka

• RBI has exchanged a letter of cooperation with the **Financial Services Agency (FSA)**, **Japan** in the field of Central Counter Parties (CCPs) to improve mutual cooperation.

**151.** Who has been honored with the Gandhi Mandela Award 2022?

## Answer: 14th Dalai Lama

**152.** As per the Network Readiness Index 2022 (NRI 2022) report released recently, what is the rank of India?

#### Answer: 61st

USA has been ranked first with an overall score of 80.3, followed by Singapore and Sweden.

153. What is the theme of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit 2023?

## Answer: "For a SECURE SCO"

**154.** The theme of World Toilet Day 2022 is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer: "Making the Invisible Visible"

World Toilet Day is observed annually on 19th November.

**155.** Which state's 'Baliyatra' Festival has created a world record by making 22000 paper boats in just 35 minutes?

## **Answer:** Odisha

**156.** The Government of India (GoI) has recently raised the maximum tenure of the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer: 10 years

The change in the rule also applies to the whole-time directors of Central Public-Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).

**157.** To help the MSME sector switch to solar solutions, Tata Power Solar Systems (TPSSL) has joined hands with which lender?

## Answer: Union Bank of India

- Sany Heavy Industry India Pvt Ltd. (Sany Bharat) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Union Bank of India (UBI) to make equipment financing an easy, efficient, and simple process.
- 158. Who has been made the new Head of Meta India?

#### Answer: Sandhya Devanathan

**159.** India's first privately developed rocket '\_\_\_\_\_\_' has been successfully launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

#### Answer: Vikram-S

Vikram-S has been developed by a Hyderabad-based startup **Skyroot Aerospace**.

**160.** Which state of India has secured the first position in the 2nd edition of the North East Olympic Games?

## Answer: Manipur

**161.** Which Indian city has hosted the 4th edition of the Indian Chemicals Council (ICC) Sustainability Conclave?

## Answer: New Delhi

162. \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed as the new Governor of West Bengal.

## Answer: CV Ananda Bose

**163.** Recently, ADB has signed a USD 40 million financing package with GreenCell Express Private Limited (GEPL) to develop how many electric battery-powered buses (e-buses) in India with a focus on women's safety?

#### Answer: 255

- ADB has also approved a USD 400 million loan to the Government of Maharashtra to bring in 5000 electric buses.
- **VA Tech Wabag Limited**, a water technology player, has signed an agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to raise Rs 200 crore through unlisted non-convertible debentures (NCDs) with a 5-year and 3-month tenor.

- Scientists from the **International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)** have developed high-resolution spatial maps for South Asia to assess croplands, crop type and crop intensity data in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- ADB has signed a **USD 16 million** agreement with ABIS Exports India Private Limited (**ABIS**) to support fish farming in India.

164. India has launched the 'Young Professional Scheme' with which country?
Answer: United Kingdom
<b>165.</b> The edition of the G-20 Heads of State and Government Summit has been hosted under the Indonesian Presidency in Bali under the theme 'Recover Together, Recover Stronger'.
Answer: 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>166.</b> Recently, India has become the world's largest producer of Steel.
Answer: Second
167. India's first Elephant death audit framework has been introduced by which state?
Answer: Tamil Nadu
<b>168.</b> has collaborated with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to provide LIC's products on its platform.
Answer: InsuranceDekho
<b>169.</b> Recently, SBI has signed a 150 million euro (Rs 1,240 crore) loan agreement with KfW Development Bank, Germany to finance
<mark>Answer:</mark> Solar projects
<b>170.</b> As per the news, NABARD has sanctioned Rs 220.50 crore to the Government of for

**Answer:** Odisha

flood protection projects.

(CCPI) 2023?

**Answer:** Eighth

175. The 18th edition of Indo - US joint training exercise "YUDH ABHYAS 22" has been conducted at \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Auli (Uttarakhand)

176. Name the small finance bank that has been awarded the "Best in Class" rating for the Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices from CareEdge Ratings.

Answer: ESAF Small Finance Bank (ESAF SFB)

177. Open has recently received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a payment aggregator. Open is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: Neo-bank

**178.** ReNew Power has signed a framework agreement with the Government of to set up a Green Hydrogen Plant in the Suez Canal Economic Zone.

**Answer:** Egypt

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<b>179.</b> The Governmember of	ment of India (GoI) has recently appo 	inted Arvind Virmani as a full-time
Answer: NITI	Aayog	
<b>180.</b> National Pre	ess Day is observed annually across In	ndia on
Answer: 16 <sup>th</sup> I	November	
Theme 2022: "	"The Media's Role in Nation Building"	
<del>-</del>	as hosted the first edition of the Tokh okhü Emong, a 9-day post-harvest fest	
Answer: Loth	a Nagas	
<b>182.</b> Which organ	nization deals with all Goods & Servic	es Tax (GST) anti-profiteering complaints?
Answer: Com	petition Commission of India (CCI)	
	- A	exercise, Sea Vigil 2022, has recently been the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and other
Answer: Third	ı (C)	
Financing and	titled 'Financing India's Infrastructure Prospects for Policy Action', estimate e next 15 years into urban infrastruct	
<mark>Answer:</mark> Worl	d Bank	
	er has topped among the Public Secto cond quarter of 2022-23 (Q2FY23)?	or Banks (PSBs) in terms of credit growth
<mark>Answer:</mark> Bank	c of Maharashtra	
- ·	c Phryge and the Paralympic Phryge h	nave been unveiled as the mascots of the

**Answer:** Hat

**187.** Which Railway Station of West Central Railway has been awarded a 4-star rating for 'Eat Right Station' by FSSAI?

#### **Answer:** Bhopal Railway Station

**188.** Which country's space agency will launch the 'Psyche' mission to explore the massive Golden Asteroid?

# Answer: United States of America (USA)'s National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

- NASA has recently launched **Artemis 1** rocket on a mission to moon.
- **189.** Name the lender that has collaborated with Arzooo to launch Purchase cards specially designed for offline retailers.

#### **Answer:** HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank Limited has collaborated with **Flywire Corporation** to enable Indian payers to pay international education fees to higher education institutions all over the world digitally.
- **190.** Greg Barclay has been re-elected as the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). He belongs to which country?

## **Answer:** New Zealand

**191.** As per the news, the Government of India (GoI) has planned to launch the 'Ganga Vilas Cruise', the world's longest luxury river cruise, in 2023. The cruise will sail from \_\_\_\_\_ to

## Answer: Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) to Dibrugarh (Assam)

**192.** As per the latest news, Marwari horses have been exported from Jodhpur to which country?

## **Answer:** Bangladesh

**193.** Recently, the Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO) has been renamed as

\_\_\_\_·

#### Answer: Grid Controller of India Limited (Grid-India)

**194.** To implement the Jaga Mission, TATA Steel Foundation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which state/UT of India?

#### **Answer:** Odisha

**195.** Tribal Pride Day is observed annually on 15th November to commemorate the birth anniversary of whom?

#### **Answer:** Birsa Munda

196. Natasha Pirc Musar has become the first female President of which country?

#### **Answer:** Slovenia

**197.** Which lender has been named the Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for Public Sector Banks (PSBs), as per the report on the EASE Reforms Index for Q1 FY 2022-23 by Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?

## Answer: State Bank of India (SBI)

**198.** Sharath Kamal Achanta, who won the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2022, is associated with which of the following sports?

## Answer: Table Tennis

**199.** The U-field Onshore Deepwater block project of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has been inaugurated in which state?

## Answer: Andhra Pradesh

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**201.** Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) to build India's first Hydrogen Fuel Cell Catamaran Vessel. The vessel will be deployed in which place?

Answer: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

**202.** Union Bank of India (UBI) has recently observed its 104th Foundation Day in Mumbai, Maharashtra. As part of the occasion, the bank has introduced a super app named '\_\_\_\_\_\_'.

**Answer:** Union Vyom

**Answer:** Telangana

203. Who has led the Indian delegation at the 19th ASEAN-India Summit held in Cambodia?

Answer: Jagdeep Dhankar, Vice President of India

**204.** Which country has emerged as India's top destination for petroleum product exports in the first half of FY 2022?

Answer: Netherlands

**205.** The 'Report on Municipal Finances' states that Municipal Finances are dominated by property tax collections and devolution of taxes and grants from upper tiers of government, resulting in lack of financial autonomy. The report has been released by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

**206.** As per the recently amended Aadhaar rules, Aadhaar holders will have to update their supporting documents at least once after completion of how many years from the date of enrolment?

Answer: 10 years

**207.** The 'Statue of Prosperity', recently unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bengaluru, is a 108-feet-tall bronze statue of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer: Mysuru and Chennai

#### **Vande Bharat Express Trains:**

- New Delhi-Kanpur-Allahabad-Varanasi
- New Delhi- Mata Vaishno Devi Katra
- Gandhinagar Capital Ahmedabad Mumbai Central
- Amb Andaura New Delhi
- 209. Which country has recently hosted the 2nd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers meeting?

#### **Answer:** India

**210.** India's first national repository for life science data, 'Indian Biological Data Centre' (IBDC), has been set up at which place?

## Answer: Faridabad, Haryana

**211.** As per the recent research conducted by Germany-based Statista, which is the world's biggest employer?

## Answer: Ministry of Defence, India

**212.** To promote and enhance Japanese investments in India, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) has collaborated with \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer: National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)

**213.** Switzerland Tourism has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as the 'Friendship Ambassador'.

## <mark>Answer:</mark> Neeraj Chopra

**214.** National Education Day is observed annually on 11th November. This day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of whom?



## Answer: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

**Theme 2022**: "Changing Course, Transforming Education"

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		

<b>215.</b> Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has approved India's first Sovereign Green Bonds framework. As per the provisions of the framework, the Green Finance Working Committee (GFWC) has been constituted under the chairmanship of
Answer: Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) (Current CEA: V. Anantha Nageswaran)
216. Which state will host the Khelo India National University Games in 2023-24?
Answer: Uttar Pradesh
<b>217.</b> Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, has launched Centric Challenges under phase-II of the 2nd edition of the Atal New India Challenge (ANIC).
Answer: Women
<b>218.</b> Which Union Ministry of India has launched the "Transport 4 All Challenge" Stage-2 and Citizen Perception Survey 2022?
Answer: Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
<b>219.</b> According to the recently released Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report 2022, what is the annual groundwater extraction of India?
Answer: 239.16 billion cubic meters (BCM)
220. Which Union Ministry of India has conducted the 'Mother Tongue Survey of India (MTSI)'?
Answer: Ministry of Home Affairs
<b>221.</b> has topped among the Indian universities in the QS Asia University Rankings 2023.
Answer: IIT Bombay

**222.** The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has partnered with the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) to mobilize up to \_\_\_\_\_ for the financing of green energy transition and renewable energy projects, in both the public and private sectors.

Answer: USD 1 billion

**223.** Which insurance company has collaborated with Ditto for online life insurance distribution?

#### **Answer:** Max Life Insurance

- Max Life Insurance has launched the 'Smart Wealth Advantage Guarantee Plan', a non-linked, non-participating individual life insurance savings plan that offers guaranteed returns, life insurance cover and financial protection all combined in one product.
- 224. India will host the Women's World Boxing Championship in which year?

Answer: 2023

**225.** In which country the 26th edition of the International Malabar Naval Exercise has been held?

## Answer: Japan

- Indian Naval Ships (INS) Shivalik and Kamorta have participated in the exercise.
- **226.** As per the latest data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), which three states/UTs of India have the highest mutual fund penetration in India?

**Answer:** Maharashtra, New Delhi, and Goa

**227.** What is the rank of India in the Rule of Law (RoL) Index 2022 released by World Justice Project (WJP)?

Answer: 77th

**228.** To develop an Indigenous Communication-based Train Control System (i-CBTC), Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with \_\_\_\_\_\_ Metro Rail Corporation.

## Answer: Delhi

• BEL has been conferred the 'Urban Infra Business Award 2022' in recognition of its contributions, in line with the Government's 'Make in India initiative', for the transformation of Metro and Rail commutation in India.

- BEL has signed an MoU with **Aerosense Technologies Pvt Ltd** for co-operation in the development and marketing of drones and soft kill aerial anti-drone.
- **229.** The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which lender to finance green MSMEs?

Answer: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

230. Who has been awarded the 2022 Bailey K Ashford Medal?

**Answer:** Subhash Babu

**231.** 'Technology Transfer Scheme', a scheme to reimburse the expense incurred by new start-up ventures, has been launched by which state?

Answer: Kerala

232. Which state of India has launched 'Handicraft Policy 2022'?

<mark>Answer:</mark> Rajasthan

233. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the 22nd Law Commission of India?

Answer: Justice (retd) Rituraj Awasthi

234. What is the theme of India's G20 Presidency 2023?

Answer: "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth, One Family, One Future"

**235.** Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has recently inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 8 National Highway projects worth Rs 4054 crore at which place in Madhya Pradesh?

Answer: Jabalpur

**236.** A 100 Drums Festival, also called \_\_\_\_\_\_, is observed by the Garo tribal community in the state of Meghalaya.

Answer: Wangala Festival

**237.** Which state of India has emerged as the largest state in State's Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) collections in H1FY23?

#### **Answer:** Maharashtra

238. Which two countries will co-host the Men's and Women's FIH Hockey World Cup in 2026?

#### Answer: Belgium and the Netherlands

**239.** A dance drama titled 'Yugpurush Raja Rammohan Roy' has been organized in New Delhi. The dance drama is based on which theme?

#### **Answer:** Nari Samman

**240.** Which Indian company has topped the World's Best Employers Rankings 2022 released by Forbes?

#### **Answer:** Reliance Industries

**241.** Google has recently launched a platform to forecast flood. What is the name of the platform?

# Answer: FloodHub

**242.** Which Indian player has won the men's singles (SL3) title at the 2022 BWF Para-Badminton World Championships?

# **Answer:** Pramod Bhagat

**243.** Which Indian state has become the first to launch uniform gold prices based on the bank rate?

# Answer: Kerala

244. Which city has hosted the World Travel Market (WTM) 2022?

# Answer: London

245. Mumbai has won the 2022–23 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy by defeating which team?

#### **Answer:** Himachal Pradesh

**246.** The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched the new Artificial Intelligence (AI)/ Machine Learning (ML) based chatbot named '\_\_\_\_\_'.

#### **Answer:** Aadhar Mitra

**247.** As per the latest news, ADB has approved a USD 350 million loan to improve the road connectivity of key economic areas in which state of India?

#### **Answer:** Maharashtra

248. To digitize corporate trade finance, which lender has collaborated with M1xchange?

#### Answer: MUFG Bank

249. Who is the CEO of Twitter?

#### **Answer:** Elon Musk

**250.** Vivek Joshi has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Financial Services (DFS). He has replaced \_\_\_\_\_\_.

# **Answer:** Sanjay Malhotra

**251.** Which country's President Dr. Mohammad Irfan Ali will be the chief guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention?

# Answer: Guyana

**252.** Shyam Saran Negi, the first voter of independent India, has recently passed away. He was a native of which state?

# Answer: Himachal Pradesh

**253.** What is the rank of India in the Best Countries 2022 ranking released by the US News and World Report?

Answer: 31st

**254.** According to the recently (November 2022) released vision document of the Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), which state/UT has topped the chart in terms of EPFO coverage?

**Answer:** Delhi

**255.** Benjamin Netanyahu has become the new Prime Minister of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Israel

**256.** Aibawk Rurban cluster in the Aizwal district of \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM).

**Answer:** Mizoram

**257.** As per the news, the Government of India (GoI) has constituted a high-level committee to strengthen the Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions under the chairmanship of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: K Radhakrishnan

258. Which state/UT will host the Track Asia Cup 2022 Cycling Tournament?

Answer: Kerala

259. Which Indian city has hosted the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022?

Answer: Kochi, Kerala

**260.** Who has been named the next President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?

Answer: Subhrakant Panda

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	hed by Road Transpo in Urban Transport' under th						
<mark>Answer:</mark> Kerala							
<b>262.</b> Chqbook has launched a zero-balance digital current account for small business owners in collaboration with which payments bank?							
<mark>Answer:</mark> NSDL Payme	nts Bank						
<b>263.</b> will fund th	e farm efficiency initiative of	Smartchem Technologies l	∟imited (STL).				
<mark>Answer:</mark> Asian Develo	pment Bank (ADB)	14)					
·	Il Literacy "By the women, for nas conducted India's First Flo ak Didi' in which place?						
<mark>Answer:</mark> Srinagar							
	l Development (MoRD) has co ips (SHGs) products under th n (DAY-NRLM).						
<mark>Answer:</mark> Patanjali Ayu	ırved						
<b>266.</b> Which edition of the	'India Chem 2022' has been	organized in New Delhi?					
Answer: 12 <sup>th</sup>							
Petrochemicals a (FICCI).	2 has been jointly organized band the Federation of Indian	Chambers of Commerce &					

- **Theme:** "Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India"
- **267.** Recently, DRDO has successfully conducted a maiden flight test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor \_\_\_\_\_ missile from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

**Answer:** AD-1

**268.** To provide health insurance solutions to banks' customers, which lender has inked a corporate agency partnership with Niva Bupa Health Insurance?

**Answer:** IDFC FIRST Bank

**269.** Which lender has launched a special fixed deposit scheme named 'Star Super Triple Seven Fixed Deposit'?

Answer: Bank of India (Bol)

**270.** Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC has recently launched '\_\_\_\_\_\_', a first-of-its-kind initiative for empowering support staff and their families.

**Answer:** Sahyog

- Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance has partnered with Karza Technologies, a part of Perfios Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd., and a few other technology vendors to launch end to end onboarding solutions to purchase insurance products on WhatsApp platform.
- **271.** Bayer has tied up with Rabo Partnerships and Mastercard to build a digital ecosystem for which sector?

**Answer:** Agri-finance

**272.** To improve and build an intelligent transmit management system to track buses live through Google Maps, the \_\_\_\_\_ Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal Limited has collaborated with Google Cloud.

Answer: Pune

**273.** Which word has been named Collins Word of the Year 2022 by Collins Dictionary?

**Answer:** Permacrisis

**274.** The Government of India (GoI) has appointed Mata Amritanandamayi as the Chair of C20. C20 is an official engagement group of the G20 for \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Civil society organizations

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275. Which state of India has launched a 'CM Dashboard' for live monitoring of every department?

Answer: Haryana

**276.** Which state will organize the Purple Fest in January 2023?

Answer: Goa

**277.** Invest Karnataka 2022, a global investment summit, has been organized in Bengaluru. What is the theme of the summit?

**Answer**: Build for the World

278. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has attended a public programme 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha' in which state?

Answer: Rajasthan

279. Who has represented India at the 21st meeting of the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) Council of Heads of Government, which is hosted virtually by China?

**Answer:** Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (Union Minister of External Affairs)

**280.** The report titled 'Reinvigorating India's Economic Engagement with Southern Africa' states that India has emerged as the top defence exporter to Africa. Which of the following has released the report?

**Answer:** EXIM Bank

281. The Ranipur Tiger Reserve in the Chitrakoot district of Uttar Pradesh has become the \_\_ Tiger Reserve of India.

Answer: 53rd

282. Which lender has launched premium debit cards named 'World Opulence' and 'World Sapphire' for its High Networth Individual (HNI) customers?

**Answer:** Bank of Baroda

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched **"Baroda Tiranga Plus Deposit Scheme"**, with higher standard interest rates of up to 7.50% p.a. for 399 days with effect from 1st November 2022, which includes 0.50% p.a. for senior citizens and 0.25% for non-callable deposits.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has tied up with **Aerem Solutions Pvt Ltd (ASPL)** and its subsidiary Aerem Finance Pvt Ltd (AFPL) to finance solar rooftop projects for captive use by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched a Foreign Currency Loan against INR Deposits of Indian Companies for their Overseas Subsidiaries/ Joint Ventures (VS) in GIFT City branch.
   BoB is the first bank to offer this facility at GIFT City.

283. Recently, RBI has commenced its first pilot p	oroject to implement Central Bank Digital
Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee (e₹) in	segment for secondary market trades ir
government securities (G-secs).	

#### **Answer:** Wholesale

**284.** The Income Tax Department has launched the 'HARIT Aaykar' initiative to increase greenery and create micro forests. What is the full form of 'HARIT'?

#### **Answer:** Hariyali Achievement Resolution by Income Tax

**285.** For the welfare of Palestine Refugees, India has recently donated \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

# **Answer:** USD 2.5 million

286. \_\_\_\_\_ has launched a first-of-its-kind satellite index-based Farm Yield Insurance Policy.

# Answer: HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company

**287.** Name the lender that has recently launched an App-based foreign outward remittance service.

# Answer: South Indian Bank

**288.** Alter, an artificial intelligence (AI) avatar startup, has been acquired by which company for USD 100 million?

**Answer:** Google

**289.** Jamshed Jiji Irani, popularly known as the Steel Man of India, has passed away recently. He was honored with Padma Bhushan in which year?

Answer: 2007

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
World Vegan Day	1st November		
International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists	2nd November		
India Water Week (IWW)	1st to 5th November 2022	Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity	
World Tsunami Awareness Day	5th November		
International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	6th November		
Infant Protection Day	7th November		
National Cancer Awareness Day	7th November		
World Urbanism Day	8th November		
International Day of Radiology	8th November	Radiographers at the Forefront of Patient Safety (as per the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (ISRRT)) and Radiologists & radiographers supporting patients (as per the European	The day was first observed in 2012.

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	International Day for the	e 25th	UNiT	E! Acti	vism to	
	Elimination of Violence	November	End V	iolence	e against	
	Against Women		Wo	men &	Girls!	
	National Milk Day	26th				The day
		November				commemorates the
						birth anniversary of
						the Father of India's
						White Revolution, Dr
						Verghese Kurien.
	Constitution Day	26th				Indian Constitution
		November				was adopted on 26th
						November 1949.
	National Cadet Corps	Fourth Sunday				The year 2022 marks
	(NCC) Day	of November				the 74th raising day
		(27th				of NCC.
		November				
		2022)				
	National Organ Donatio					
	Day	November				
	Aviation Safety Awarenes	ss 28th				
	Week	November to				
		2nd December				
		2022				
	International Day of	29th				
	Solidarity with the	November				
	Palestinian People					
	Day of Remembrance fo	r 30th				
	all Victims of Chemical	November				
	Warfare					

**290.** Which edition of India Water Week (IWW) has been observed from 1st to 5th November 2022?

Answer: 7<sup>th</sup>

**Theme IWW 2022**: "Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity"

**291.** Indian Junior Men's Hockey team has won the Sultan of Johor Cup 2022 by defeating

#### **Answer:** Australia

**292.** The theme of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2022' (VAW-2022) is \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Answer: Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation

293. India's first ever 'Integrated Aqua Park' will be set up in which state?

#### Answer: Arunachal Pradesh

The park will be set up at Tarin (Ziro) in the Lower Subansiri district under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna.

294. Which Indian Naval Ship (INS) has recently participated in the first edition of the 3-day India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral exercise (IMT TRILAT)?

#### **Answer:** INS Tarkash

295. Spain has defeated which team to win the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup?

#### **Answer:** Colombia

**296.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated three tourist attractions, including a **Maze** Garden, Miyawaki forest, and Houseboat service near the 182-meter-high Statue of Unity in

# Answer: Ekta Nagar, Gujarat

**297.** North India's first hyper-scale data centre, 'Yotta D1', has been unveiled at which place?

**Answer:** Greater Noida

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298. Luis Inacio Lula da Silva has been elected as the new President of which country?

**Answer:** Brazil

299. Recently, Prime M	inister Narendra Mo	di has laid the	foundation stor	ne of C-295 trar	nsport
aircraft manufacturir	າg facility in	•			

#### Answer: Vadodara, Gujarat

The facility will manufacture C-295 aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) through collaboration between **Tata Advanced Systems Limited** and **Airbus Defence and Space S.A., Spain**.

**300.** National Unity Day is observed annually on 31st October to commemorate the birth anniversary of whom?

Answer: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (147th birth anniversary in 2022)

**301.** Indian Air Force (IAF) and French Air and Space Force (FASF) have participated in a bilateral exercise named '**Garuda VII**' at which Air Force Station?

# <mark>Answer:</mark> Jodhpur, Rajasthan

**302.** Union Minister of State for Rural Development Faggan Singh Kulaste has inaugurated the Saras Food Festival-2022 in which place?

# Answer: New Delhi

**303.** Healthysure has collaborated with \_\_\_\_\_ Health Insurance to launch India's first flexi top-up insurance.

# **Answer:** ManipalCigna

**304.** \_\_\_\_\_ has launched the 'Know Your Client Registration Agency (KYC KRA).

# **Answer:** BSE Technologies Private Limited

 The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in collaboration with the BSE Limited, and the National Stock Exchange (NSE), has planned to develop the world's first system for securing stock exchanges from cyber-attacks.

**310.** The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) has approved the establishment of India's 33rd Elephant Reserve named 'Terai Elephant Reserve (TER)' in which state?

# **Answer:** Uttar Pradesh

**311.** \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first Inter-city logistics provider to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) network.

# Answer: Shiprocket

**312.** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and the National Institute of

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Technology (NIT) infrastructure works.	to boost cooperation in the fiel	d of highway engineering and other
<mark>Answer:</mark> Silchar (Assa	ım)	
<b>313.</b> At which place the 2 has been held?	9th edition of the Singapore-Ind	lia Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)
<mark>Answer:</mark> Vishakhapat	nam, Andhra Pradesh	
member committee	•	ity of India ( <b>IRDAI</b> ) has formed a <b>24</b> -dable and comprehensive cover for the
Answer: Thomas M D	evasia	
achieve the goal		urance Consultative Committee to surance in the country. The committee
<b>315.</b> Which Indian Film h	as won the Best International Fil	m award at Saturn Awards 2022?
Answer: RRR - Rise Ro	oar Revolt	
<b>316.</b> Who is the author o	f book titled "Delhi University: C	elebrating 100 Glorious Years"?
<mark>Answer:</mark> Hardeep S P	uri	
<b>317.</b> Which Indian city ha	s hosted the 3-day "Akash for Li	fe" Space Conference?
<mark>Answer:</mark> Dehradun, U	ttarakhand	
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Answer: Second		
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<mark>Answer:</mark> Lakshadweep
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**320.** NDC Synthesis Report 2022 has issued a warning that the climate plans of governments around the world are still insufficient to keep global warming to 1.5°C. The report is released by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Answer:** United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

**321.** As per the latest report published by OAG Aviation Worldwide Limited, Delhi Airport has been named the world's \_\_\_\_\_ busiest global airport by seats.

#### Answer: Tenth

**322.** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has recently approved the launch of '\_\_\_\_\_\_' portal, an online marketplace that will house all companies selling life and non-life insurance on a single platform.

# **Answer:** Bima Sugam

**323.** Recently, PHDCCI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Greenstat Hydrogen India Private Limited to set up a Centre of Excellence in Green Energy (CoE-GE). The CoE-GE will be set up in which place?

# <mark>Answer:</mark> New Delhi

**324.** The Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik has launched a common credit portal "\_\_\_\_\_" for the welfare of farmers.

#### Answer: "SAFAL" (Simplified Application for Agricultural Loans)

**325.** "Pather Panchali" has been named the best Indian movie of all time by the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI). Who is the Director of this film?

# Answer: Satyajit Ray

**326.** The "Main Bhi Subhash" campaign is an initiative by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose-INA Trust in collaboration with which Union Ministry of India?

# **Answer:** Ministry of Culture

**327.** Which Indian institute has won the 'National Intellectual Property Awards 2021 and 2022'?

#### **Answer:** IIT Madras

**328.** The World Health Organisation (WHO) has released a report titled **"WHO Fungal Priority Pathogens List"** (WHO FPPL) that highlights the first-ever list of fungal "priority pathogens", a catalogue of the 19 fungi that represent the greatest threat to public health. The report is based on research conducted by which university?

#### Answer: University of Sydney

**329.** Union Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) has recently set up two committees to reduce the delay in crop loss/damage estimation and ensure timely settlements of claims by farmers. These committees have been formed under the chairmanship of \_\_\_\_\_.

# Answer: Dr C.S. Murthy, Director of Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC)

**330.** \_\_\_\_\_ has become the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (UK).

#### Answer: Rishi Sunak

**331.** Who has been named the Acting Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

# **Answer:** Sangeeta Verma

**332.** Who has been elected as the Chairperson of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Air Transport Committee?

# <mark>Answer:</mark> Shefali Juneja

333. Which day of October is observed as World Sustainability Day?

# Answer: Fourth Wednesday

**334.** A one-time property tax amnesty scheme named "SAMRIDDHI 2022-23" has been launched by which Municipal Corporation?

#### **Answer:** Delhi

SAMRIDDHI is an acronym for *Strengthening and Augmentation of Municipal Revenue for Infrastructure Development in Delhi.* 

**335.** An agreement has been signed between North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) and which Indian state to commission three hydroelectric projects with a total generation capacity of 235 MW?

#### Answer: Meghalaya

- The Finance Department of **Meghalaya** has recently (October 2022) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGFTMSE) to enable the flow of credit to MSME borrowers.
- **336.** Who has been chosen by the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) as the brand ambassador for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind?

# <mark>Answer:</mark> Yuvraj Singh

Company	Brand Ambassador
FanCode	Ravi Shastri
	(Cricketer)
PokerBaazi	Shahid Kapoor
	(Bollywood Actor)
Insecticides India	Ajay Devgn
	(Bollywood Actor)
Garmin India	Kaustubh Radkar
	(Triathlete)
Uttarakhand State	Rishabh Pant
	(Cricketer)
Mastercard	Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj
	Rankireddy, and Chirag Shetty
	(Badminton)

Real11	Kuldeep Yadav

**337.** Which Union Ministry of India will organize the 'Kashi Tamil Sangamam' program?

#### **Answer:** Ministry of Education

**338.** The Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) heaviest rocket Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM 3 or GSLV Mark 3) in its first commercial mission, **'LVM3 M2/OneWeb India-1 mission'**, has successfully placed 36 broadband satellites of UK-based customer OneWeb Limited into \_\_\_\_\_ Earth Orbit.

**Answer:** Low

**339.** Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of PNB Housing Finance Limited?

Answer: Girish Kousgi

**340.** NASA will launch the Dragonfly rotorcraft in 2027 to study Titan, the largest moon of which planet?

Answer: Saturn

**341.** The Government of Kerala has launched a mobile application named **'Kunjapp'** to prevent

Answer: Cyber-crimes against children

**342.** International Snow Leopard Day is observed annually on which date?

Answer: 23rd October

**343.** India's first Migration Monitoring System has been inaugurated in which state?

Answer: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer: Tamil Nadu

**349.** 'Mission LiFE' has recently been launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gujarat. What does 'LiFE' stand for?

**Answer:** Lifestyle for Environment

Mission LiFE is a 5-year program (2022-27). The mission will be incubated, curated and piloted by **Niti Aayog** and implemented by the **Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**.

**350.** Which edition of the "DefExpo 2022" has been organized under the theme 'Path to Pride'?

Answer: 12th

**351.** GIFT City has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Fintech Association of \_\_\_\_\_\_ to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the fintech domain.

<mark>Answer:</mark> Japan

352. Who has topped the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022?

#### **Answer:** Shiv Nadar

**353.** As per the news, ISRO has planned to launch its third mission to the moon, Chandrayaan-3, in June 2023. Which launch vehicle will be used for this mission?

# Answer: Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3)

Important Appointments of November					
Post/Designation	Person	State/Country/Organization	Remark		
Executive Chairman	Jay Y Lee	Samsung Electronics			
Ambassador	Dr Rajesh Ranjan	Cote d'Ivoire	He will replace Y. K. Sailas Thangal.		
Director	G Hemaprabha	ICAR- Sugarcane Breeding Institute (SBI)			
Presdient	Luis Inacio Lula da Silva	Brazil	He has succeeded Jair Bolsonaro.		
Chair	Mata Amritanandamayi	Civil 20 (C20)			
Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	Vetsa Ramakrishna Gupta	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)			
President	Subhrakant Panda	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	He will succeed Sanjiv Mehta		
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Vishal Kapoor	Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)	He has replaced Arun Kumar Mishra		
Inspector General (IG)	Annie Abraham	Rapid Action Force (RAF) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)			
Inspector General (IG)	Seema Dhundiya	Bihar Sector of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)			
Prime Minister	Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Israel				

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	President	Kassym-Jomart Tokayev	Kazal		Kazakhstan	
	CEO	Vinit Kumar		Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Malaysia National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)		
	Prime Minister	Anwar Ibrahim				
	MD	Meenesh Shah	Natio			
	President	Teodoro Obiang Nguema	Equatorial Guinea			
	President	P.T. Usha	Indian Olympic Association (IOA)			
	MD & CEO	Sundararaman		BSE	Limited	

**354.** What is the rank of India among 193 countries in the E-Government Development Index 2022 released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)?

Ramamurthy

Answer: 105<sup>th</sup>

**355.** Who has been appointed by the Government of India (GoI) as the 27th Controller General of Accounts (CGA)?

Answer: Bharati Das

**356.** The 90th General Assembly of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) has been held in New Delhi. The headquarters of Interpol is located in which city?

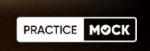
Answer: Lyon, France

**357.** Which Indian city will host the 14th World Spice Congress (WSC) in February 2023?

Answer: Mumbai

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<b>358.</b> Recently, REC Limited and Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) have signed a Memorandum of Loan Agreement (MoA) with SJVN Thermal Private Ltd (STPL) for financing a 1,320 MW coal-based Thermal Power Plant.					
Answer: Buxar					
<b>359.</b> , its first Green Data Cer	in collaboration with Dell Tec ntre in India.	hnolo	gies and NTT Limited	, has launched	
Answer: PhonePe					
<b>360.</b> 2022 Sakharov Prize	for Freedom of Thought has	been	awarded to		
Answer: People of Uk	raine		(45)		
<b>361.</b> The official mascot o	of the FIFA Women's World Cu	ıp Aus	stralia and New Zeala	nd 2023 is	
Answer: Tazuni, a fun	, football-loving penguin.				
<b>362.</b> Asia's largest Compr	ressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant ha	ıs beei	า inaugurated in Sanยู	grur in	
Answer: Punjab					
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Answer: State Bank o	f India (SBI)				
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Answer: Auraiya					
<b>365.</b> Iceland has topped the rank of India?	the Mercer CFA Global Pensic	n Inde	ex 2022. Among 44 na	ations, what is	

Answer: 41st

366. 'Issuance', a card issuance stack solution, has been launched by which entity?

#### **Answer:** Cashfree Payments

**367.** Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has collaborated with which company to provide 'Travel Now Pay Later' (TNPL) payment facility?

**Answer:** CASHe

**368.** Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajiv Chandrashekhar has flagged off the first 'SemiconIndia FutureDesign' roadshow in which place in India?

#### Answer: Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**369.** The Central Record Keeping Agencies (CRAs) of \_\_\_\_\_ have become Digi Locker Partner Organizations to provide subscriber-centric online services.

#### **Answer:** Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

**370.** To enhance credit access to a larger customer base, Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited (MMFSL) has collaborated with which payments bank?

# Answer: India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has tied up with **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub** (**RBIH**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India, to enhance the reach of financial solutions to large sections of society across India and to enable frictionless finance to a billion Indians.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) operating under the Department of Posts has introduced a **Group Accident Insurance Plan** with an accidental death coverage of **Rs.10 lakh**.
- **371.** As per IMF's World Economic Outlook database, India may overtake Germany and Japan to become the third-biggest economy in the world by which financial year?

**Answer:** FY28

Answer: Roger Binny

**373.** The Riksdag, the Parliament of \_\_\_\_\_\_, has elected Ulf Kristersson as its new Prime Minister.

**Answer:** Sweden

**374.** Which lender has named Naveen Wadhwani as the head of the Indian investment banking division?

has become the 36th President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Answer: JPMorgan Chase & Co.

**375.** Which state of India will host the 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo in December 2022?

**Answer:** Goa

**376.** Central Government has recently approved India's 1st cable-cum-suspension bridge across which river?

Answer: River Krishna

**377.** According to the Public Affairs Index 2022, which state of India has been recognized as the best-governed state among 18 big states?

Answer: Haryana

**378.** Shehan Karunatilka, who won the Booker Prize 2022, belongs to which country?

Answer: Sri Lanka

**379.** Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has hosted which edition of the Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) in New Delhi?

Answer: 18th

**380.** Deependra Singh Rathore has been appointed as the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which payments bank?

#### Answer: Paytm Payments Bank

**381.** Indian Women's Cricket Team has won the 2022 Women's Twenty20 Asia Cup by defeating which team?

Answer: Sri Lanka

382. Which country will host the 2023 Asian Cup football tournament?

**Answer:** Qatar

**383.** Which Union Ministry of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Ahmedabad to establish the testing facility for dietary supplements?

Answer: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS)

**384.** As per the news, Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw has flagged off 61-wagon aluminium rakes, '61 BOBRNALHSM1', India's first indigenously manufactured Aluminum Freight Rake at \_\_\_\_\_\_ Railway Station.

Answer: Bhubaneswar

385. Which state/UT of India has become the first to start the MBBS course in Hindi language?

Answer: Madhya Pradesh

386. What is the theme of World Food Day 2022?

Answer: 'Leave NO ONE behind'

**387.** The Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2022 has ranked India at \_\_\_\_\_ among 121 countries, while \_\_\_\_\_ has performed worst in the index.

Answer: 107<sup>th</sup>; Yemen

388. Which Indian city has won the World Green City Award 2022?

#### **Answer:** Hyderabad

389. Which lender has recently (October 2022) appointed Souray Ganguly as its Brand Ambassador?

#### **Answer:** Bandhan Bank

**390.** A crop residue management initiative has been launched by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in partnership with the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). What is the name of this initiative?

#### **Answer:** Vayu Amrit

**391.** India's first indigenous nuclear-powered ballistic missile capable submarine has successfully launched a 'Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM)' in the Bay of Bengal with "very high accuracy".

#### Answer: INS Arihant

392. President Droupadi Murmu has recently inaugurated a supercomputer facility named \_" at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati in Assam.

# Answer: Param Kamrupa

393. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has recently collaborated with Arya.ag and Friends of Women's World Banking, India (FWWB India) to implement \_\_\_\_\_ in Jamnagar and Dwaraka Devbhumi districts of Gujarat.

# **Answer:** Project Excel

**394.** Which edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise, among the Indian, Brazilian and South Africa navies has been held at Port Ggeberha (also known as Port Elizabeth), South Africa?

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

**395.** SEBI has recently reconstituted its Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee (AIPAC). The 20-member committee is chaired by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### Answer: N.R. Narayana Murthy

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396. Recently, World Bank has extended an unconditional loan of USD 250 million for the SALT project of which state?

#### **Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

**SALT:** Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation

**397.** Abdul Latif Rashid has been elected as the new President of which country?

#### **Answer:** Iraq

398. Which country's delegation has recently visited Andhra Pradesh to study the first-of-itskind Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs)?

#### **Answer:** Ethiopia

399. The 'HIMCAD' scheme launched by the Himachal Pradesh government is related to which segment?

#### **Answer:** Irrigation

**400.** Who has been awarded the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discoveries concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution?

# Answer: Svante Pääbo (Sweden)

**401.** Recently, Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan has released a Commemorative Postage Stamp on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Postal Index Number (PIN) Code, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. PIN Code is a 6-digit long code. The last three digits of the PIN Code represent \_\_\_\_\_\_

# **Answer:** Post Office

The first digit of the PIN indicates the zone. The second digit indicates the sub-zone, the third digit indicates the sorting district, and the last three digits indicates Post Office.

**402.** Which Union Ministry of India administers the PM-DevINE scheme?

#### Answer: Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

#### **Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE):**

It is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% Central funding. The objectives of PM-DevINE are to:

- Fund infrastructure convergently, in the spirit of PM Gati Shakti;
- Support social development projects based on felt needs of the NER;
- Enable livelihood activities for youth and women;
- Fill the development gaps in various sectors.

PM-DevINE was announced in the Union Budget 2022-23 to address development gaps in the North Eastern Region (NER). The scheme will have an outlay of **Rs.6,600 crore**.

**403.** Ministry of Coal has targeted to achieve how many million tons (MT) of coal gasification by 2030?

Answer: 100 MT

404. India's first sanctuary for endangered Slender Lorises will be set up in which state?

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

**405.** As per the latest news, the Central Government has accorded status to data centres with more than 5 megawatt (MW) capacity of IT load.

# Answer: Infrastructure

406. Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) in partnership with Power-CSIRTs has organized the Cyber Security Exercise named "\_\_\_\_\_\_".

Answer: 'PowerEX'

407. As per the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023, which institute has secured the number one spot among Indian Universities?

**Answer:** Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore

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**408.** The report titled **"Living Planet Report 2022"** states that there has been a 69 percent decline in the wildlife populations of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and fish, across the globe in the last 50 years. The report is published by which organization?

#### Answer: World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

**409.** Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Mahakal Lok corridor at Mahakaleshwar temple situated in which place?

#### Answer: Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh

**410.** \_\_\_\_\_ has secured the first rank among 61 countries in the Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index 2022, while India has secured the \_\_\_\_\_ position.

# Answer: Norway; 123<sup>rd</sup>

**411.** Worldline has joined hands with NPCI International Payments Ltd. (NIPL) to facilitate UPI payments for Indian tourists in which continent?

# **Answer:** Europe

412. Which lender has tied up with BookMyShow to launch a new 'Play' credit card?

# Answer: RBL Bank

**413.** Dvara E-Dairy Solutions has launched 'Dvara Surabhi Loan', a cattle loan, in collaboration with which small finance bank?

# Answer: Jana Small Finance Bank

414. Which company has launched 'Play Points' rewards programme in India?

# **Answer:** Google

- Google, in partnership with Acer, ASUS and Lenovo, has introduced the world's first Chromebooks built for cloud gaming.
- **415.** Which country has launched the Advanced Space-Based Solar Observatory (ASO-S) satellite to study the Sun and space weather?

#### Answer: China

416. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the United Nations World Geospatial Congress (UNWGIC) 2022 held in which place?

#### **Answer:** Hyderabad

The theme of UNWGIC 2022 is 'Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind'.

**417.** World Arthritis Day is observed annually on which date?

#### Answer: 12th October

418. Recently, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has hosted the 'Conference on B20 Indonesia Global Dialogue' in partnership with

#### **Answer:** Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

419. What is the full form of 'MANAS' in the recently launched Tele-MANAS initiative by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare?

# **Answer:** Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States

**420.** As per the recent study conducted by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), what is the rank of India among 12 Indo-Pacific countries in self-reliant arms production capabilities?

# **Answer:** Fourth

**China** has secured the top position, followed by Japan, and South Korea.

**421.** To keep track of all ongoing and upcoming projects across departments, the Delhi government has launched an app named '\_\_\_\_\_\_'.

# Answer: Delhi e-monitoring

#### **Important Books**

Book	Author	Remark
Lata: A Life in Music	Ira Pande	The book is the first English translation of Yatindra Mishra's award-winning Hindi book "Lata: Sur-Gatha".
Ambedkar: A Life	Shashi Tharoor	Published by Aleph Book Company
India's Pakistan Conundrum: Managing a Complex Relationship	Sharat Sabharwal	Published by Routledge India
The Last Heroes: Footsoldiers of Indian Freedom	P Sainath	Published by Penguin Random House India
Against All Odds: The IT Story Of India	Kris Gopalakrishnan, N Dayasindhu and Krishnan Narayanan	Published by Penguin Random House India
Pandemic Disruptions and Odisha's Lessons in Governance	Amar Patnaik	Published by Vitasta Publishing Private Limited
The Philosophy of Modern Song	Bob Dylan	
A confused Mind Story	Sahil Seth	Published by Blue Rose Publication House
'From Independence to Self-Reliance: Mapping India's Rise as a Global Superpower	Bimal Jalan	Published by Rupa Publications
Corbett Papers: The Biographical, Legal, & Contextual Material on the Life & Career of Jim Corbett of Kumaon	Akshay Shah and Stephen Alter	Published by Black Kite.

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**422.** Ales Bialiatski, who won the Nobel Peace Prize 2022, belongs to which country?

# Answer: Belarus

**423.** Which Indian village has been declared as India's first 24x7 solar-powered village by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

Answer: Modhera (Mehsana district of Gujarat)

**424.** Which lender has set the world record for organizing a first-of-its-kind category event of staging and swinging 101 'Oonjals'?

# Answer: South Indian Bank

**425.** Who has won the singles tennis title at the 2022 Astana Open?

Answer: Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

**426.** Subbu Arumugam has passed away recently. He was associated with which art form?

Answer: Villupattu (Folk music of Tamil Nadu)

**427.** What is the theme of World Mental Health Day 2022?

Answer: Making Mental Health for All a Global Priority

World Mental Health Day is observed annually on **10th October**.

428. Who has been named the men's FIH Player of the Year 2021-22?

Answer: Harmanpreet Singh (India)

**429.** Pankaj Advani has won his \_\_\_\_\_ world title by defeating Sourav Kothari in the final of the 2022 IBSF World Billiards Championship.

Answer: 25th

**430.** World Post Day is observed annually on which date?

<mark>Answer:</mark> 9<sup>th</sup> October

Theme 2022: "Post for Planet"

**431.** All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country's National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) to boost research and development in the field of Ayurveda?

Answer: Japan

**432.** With which country India has launched a new Energy Storage Task Force under the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP) to support the clean energy transition?

Answer: USA

**433.** The NASSCOM Foundation has tied up with \_\_\_\_\_\_ to train and empower 700 women graduates through an employment-linked training project named **'Women Empowerment Through Technology'**.

**Answer:** American Express

**434.** Saab, a defense company of \_\_\_\_\_, has announced to set up a manufacturing facility in India for the production of its **Carl-Gustaf M4** weapon systems. **Answer:** Sweden 435. The Union government has formed a three-member panel to examine the issue of whether Scheduled Caste (SC) status can be accorded to Dalits who have over the years converted to religions other than Sikhism or Buddhism. Who will head the panel? Answer: K.G. Balakrishnan **436.** Sibi George has been appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to **Answer:** Japan 437. A Balasubramanian has been re-elected as the Chairperson of which organization? Answer: Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) 438. ICICI Bank Limited has launched '\_\_\_\_\_\_', an online solution to allow Non-Resident Indian (NRI)'s and resident customers to make SWIFT based inward remittances in a faster and hassle-free manner. **Answer:** Smart Wire 439. 'Shagun 501', a special fixed deposit (FD) scheme, has been launched by which small finance bank? **Answer:** Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (Unity Bank) 440. \_\_\_\_\_ platform for digitization of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) loan process has been

## **Answer:** DigiKCC

launched by IDBI Bank.

- **Vayana Network** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **IDBI Bank** to contribute in the growth of the supply chain finance penetration in India.
- **IDBI Bank** has introduced a limited period special 555 days deposit under the **"Amrit Mahotsav FD scheme"**, which will offer 6.90 percent interest rates.

- **Honda Cars India Limited (HCIL)** has signed an MoU with IDBI Bank to offer a host of finance schemes for its customers.
- **441.** Which lender has developed "**SmartHub Vyapar Merchant app**", a one-stop merchant solution app designed to fulfil everyday business needs of merchants, in partnership with Mintoak Innovations India?

#### **Answer:** HDFC Bank

- HDFC Securities has opened the first-ever **Women-Only Digital Centre (DC)** in **Bengaluru**, Karnataka.
- **442.** Recently, RBI has launched a new SupTech initiative named "\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reserve Bank's Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System" to make the supervisory processes more robust.

#### **Answer:** DAKSH

**443.** Captain Ibrahim Traore has been appointed as the new President of which country?

#### Answer: Burkina Faso

**444.** In which place WEG Industries Private Limited has commissioned India's first state-of-art 4.20-MW wind turbine generator?

# Answer: Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu

**445.** Recently, India has become the world's largest producer and consumer of sugar. What is the rank of India in terms of the export of sugar?

#### **Answer:** Second

**446.** Carolyn R. Bertozzi, Morten Meldal, and K. Barry Sharpless have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2022 for the development of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer: Click chemistry and Bioorthogonal chemistry

447. Who has become the new MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance?

#### **Answer:** Kishore Kumar Poludasu

- SBI General Insurance has tied up with **Gupshup** to enhance its insurance buying option on WhatsApp.
- **448.** World Cotton Day (WCD) is observed annually on 7th October. The theme of WCD 2022 is

#### Answer: Weaving a better future for Cotton

449. Who has been named 'National Icon' by the Election Commission of India (ECI)?

## Answer: Pankaj Tripathi

**450.** Roxy Mathew Koll has been awarded the 2022 Devendra Lal Memorial Medal for his outstanding research in which field?

#### **Answer:** Earth & Space Sciences

**451.** The first-ever International Finance Facility for Education (**IFFEd**) has been launched during the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) with an initial funding of

## **Answer:** USD 2 billion

**452.** How much amount has been approved by the Government of India (GoI) for the installation of 25,000 mobile towers in 500 days?

# Answer: Rs.26,000 crore

The financial support for the project will be provided by Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) and it will be implemented by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL).

Important Appointments of October						
Post/Designation Person State/Country/Organization Remark						
Secretary	Sunil Barthwal	Department of Commerce				
		(India)				

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Vice-President	A. K. Anil Kumar	International Astronautical Federation (IAF)	
Chairman	N.S. Rajan	Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)	
Vice-Chairman	Saugata Gupta	Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)	
Director-General (DG)	Sujoy Lal Thaosen	Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	
DG	Anish Dayal Singh	Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Akash Tripathi	MyGov India	
Deputy Election Commissioner	Ajay Bhadoo	Election Commission of India (ECI)	
Additional CEO	Basant Garg	National Health Authority (NHA)	
Joint Secretary	Lochan Sehra	Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), Ahmedabad	
Joint Secretary	Franklin L Khobung and Pankaj Yadav	Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (India)	
Joint Secretary	Indu C Nair	Department of Commerce	
Joint Secretary	Rahul Sharma	Ministry of AYUSH	
Joint Secretary	Ajay Yadav	Cabinet Secretariat	
Joint Secretary	Gurmeet Singh Chawla and Mugdha Sinha	Ministry of Culture	
Joint Secretary	Ajay Kumar	Department of Defence	
Joint Secretary	Manoj Kumar Sahoo	Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation	
Joint Secretary	D Senthil Pandiyan	Ministry of Earth Sciences	
Joint Secretary	Hanish Chhabra and Surbhi Jain	Department of Economic Affairs	
Joint Secretary	Satyajit Mishra	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change	

Joint Secretary	Mukesh Kumar Bansal	Department of Financial Services	
Joint Secretary	T J Kavitha	Department of Food & Public	
Joint Secretary	Sachin Mittal and	Distribution  Department of Health &	
Joint Secretary	Manashvi Kumar	Family Welfare	
Joint Secretary	Hanif Qureshi	Ministry of Heavy Industries	
Joint Secretary	Ravi Kumar Arora and Deepak Agarwal	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	
Joint Secretary	Rahul Jain	Department of Investment &	
Loint Cocrotany	Dunach Kumar	Public Asset Management	
Joint Secretary	Rupesh Kumar Thakur and Nandita Gupta	Ministry of Labour & Employment	
Joint Secretary	Farida Mahmood Naik	Ministry of Mines	
Joint Secretary	Ajay Yadav	Ministry of New & Renewable Energy	
Joint Secretary	Rajat Kumar	Department of Personnel & Training	
Regional Director	Priyanka Basu Ingty	Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Kolkata	
Joint Secretary	Mohammad Afzal	Ministry of Power	
Joint Secretary	Amit Shukla	Department of Rural Development	
Joint Secretary	Indira Murthy	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	
Director General Ordnance (C&S)	Sanjeev Kishore	Directorate of Ordnance (Coordination & Services), Kolkata	
Governor (Additional charge)	B.D. Mishra	Meghalaya	He is also serving as the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh.
Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)	Sandeep Kumar Gupta	GAIL (India) Limited	He has replaced Manoj Jain.
MD & CEO	Kishore Kumar Poludasu	SBI General Insurance	

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MD & CEO	Prashant Kumar		Yes	Bank			
Chairman	A Balasubramanian			f Mutual Funds a (AMFI)			
Vice-Chairman	Radhika Gupta			f Mutual Funds a (AMFI)			
CEO	Mohit Bhatia			ia Investment rivate Limited			
Ambassador	Sibi George		Ja	pan			
Head	Dinesh Kumar Sharma			rities Prevention A) Tribunal			
Commander	Samantha Cristoforetti (Italy)	International Space Station (ISS)		· ·			
Whole Time Member	Ananth Kumar Gopalakrishnan	Securiti		xchange Board ia (SEBI)			
President	Abdul Latif Rashid		Ir	raq			
Non-Executive independent director	K.G. Mohan	Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)					
CEO	Deependra Singh Rathore	Payt	m Pay	ments Bank			
Independent Chairman	Atanu Chakraborty		Y	ubi			
Head (India)	Navin Wadhwani	JP M	organ	Chase & Co.			
MD	Bhushan Akshikar	GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited			will succeed Sridhar /enkatesh.		
Prime Minister	Ulf Kristersson		Sw	eden			
President	Roger Binny	Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)			has replaced urav Ganguly.		
President	Ravi Kumar S	Cognizant Americas					
Chief Justice of India	Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud	Š	Supreme Court		th Ju	will succeed e current CJI ustice Uday Imesh Lalit.	
CEO	Arun Bansal	Adaı	•	ort Holdings nited			

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President	Mapanna	Indian National Congress	He has replaced
	Mallikarjun Kharge	(INC)	Sonia Gandhi.
Non-Executive	G Mahalingam and	Infrastructure Leasing &	
Directors	Deepak Mohanty	Financial Services (IL&FS)	
Controller General of	Bharati Das	Government of India	
Accounts (CGA)			
Special Rapporteur	Dr K.P. Ashwini	United Nations Human Rights	
		Council (UNHRC)	
CMD	Pradeep Singh	India Trade Promotion	
	Kharola	Organization (ITPO)	
Chairman	Jaxay Shah	Quality Council of India (QCI)	He has
			succeeded Adil
			Zainulbhai.
MD & CEO	Sandeep Bakhshi	ICICI Bank	
MD & CEO	Girish Kousgi	PNB Housing Finance Limited	He has
			succeeded
			Hardayal Prasad.
Chairman	Shefali Juneja	Air Transport Committee of	
		the International Civil	
		Aviation Organization (ICAO)	
Chairman	A.K. Goel	Indian Bank's Association	
		(IBA)	
Prime Minister	Rishi Sunak	United Kingdom	He has
			succeeded Liz
			Truss.

**453.** The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Central Bank of \_\_\_\_\_ have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch the RuPay Debit Card.

## **Answer:** Oman

• **NPCI** has tied up with **Zaggle**, a Software as a Service (SaaS) FinTech company, to issue contactless credit cards on the RuPay network.

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Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to upgrade school infrastructure in rural schools in

**461.** As per the latest news, NABARD has sanctioned **Rs 221.99 crore** under the Rural

<b>Answer</b> :	Punjab
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**462.** \_\_\_\_\_ has launched 'HomeVantage Current Account (HVCA)' to the Indian students aspiring to study in the United Kingdom (UK).

Answer: ICICI Bank UK PLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of ICICI Bank)

**463.** Which health insurance company has launched '**ACTIV FIT'**, a comprehensive health insurance plan for young and healthy adults?

Answer: Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Limited (ABHICL)

**464.** To educate Indians on the benefits of life insurance as a product category, a campaign named **'Insure India'** has been launched by which company?

Answer: HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited

**465.** JSW Cement has raised Rs 400 crore (USD 50 million) as its first sustainability-linked loan from which lender?

Answer: MUFG Bank India

**466.** As per UNCTAD Annual Trade and Development Report 2022, India's GDP growth is expected to decline to in 2022 from 8.2 percent in 2021.

Answer: 5.7 percent

**467.** The Indian Air Force (IAF) has recently inducted the first indigenously-developed multirole Light Combat Helicopters (**LCH**) named '\_\_\_\_\_', into its 143 Helicopter Unit at the Jodhpur Air Force Station, Rajasthan.

Answer: Prachand

Prachand is designed and developed by **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** in collaboration with French engine-maker Safran.

468. Which Indian city has won the Fast mover city award in the Swachh Survekshan 2022?

<mark>Answer:</mark> Shivamogga, Karnataka

500 + Current Affairs 469. Which three States of India have performed best among the large states category in the Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2022? Answer: Telangana, Haryana, and Tamil Nadu **470.** The Government of \_\_\_\_\_ has launched a new scheme titled 'Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Parks (MGRIP)' to develop 'gauthans' (cow shelters) as rural industrial parks for livelihood generation. **Answer:** Chhattisgarh 471. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone and dedicated various development projects worth over Rs.7200 crore in Ambaji in **Answer:** Gujarat 472. Bayer CropScience Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) to create how many specialized Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)? **Answer:** 50 473. Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has commissioned the world's largest Wind-Solar Hybrid Power Plant of 600 MW capacity in \_\_\_\_\_\_, Rajasthan.

## **Answer:** Jaisalmer

- Jakson Green Private Limited (JGPL), a venture of Jakson Group, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Rajasthan to invest **Rs.22,400 crore** to set up a green hydrogen and green ammonia project.
- **474.** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched a multi-phase '\_\_\_\_\_' to disrupt, degrade and dismantle drug trafficking networks.

## **Answer:** Operation Garuda

475. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first app to go live on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

#### Answer: Paytm Mall

**476.** Which lender has opened an Analytical Centre of Excellence (ACoE), developed in association with Ernst and Young (EY)?

#### **Answer:** Karnataka Bank

**477.** The book titled *"Tagore and Gandhi: Walking Alone, Walking Together"* has won the PFC-VoW Book Award 2022 in the English non-fiction category. Who is the author of the book?

#### Answer: Rudrangshu Mukherjee

**478.** Dr A. K. Anil Kumar has been elected as the Vice President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF). Headquarters of IAF is based in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Answer:** Paris, France

**479.** Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the world's first Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) terminal in which place?

#### Answer: Bhavnagar, Gujarat

**480.** The Government of Haryana will develop the world's largest jungle safari park (10,000 acre) in which range?

# Answer: Aravalli range

**481.** As per the news, India has collaborated with \_\_\_\_\_\_ to do research and innovation in the area of zero-emission vehicles (ZEV), and to boost the development of EV (Electric Vehicle) industry.

## Answer: California

**482.** The Government of India (GoI), \_\_\_\_\_\_, and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have launched a **USD 1 billion** fund to provide guarantees against loan default to lenders financing the purchase of electric two- and three-wheelers.

#### Answer: World Bank

**483.** Recently, the Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Google to ease search in which language?

#### Answer: Sanskrit

**484.** The biography of Lata Mangeshkar titled "Lata: A Life in Music" has been authored by

#### **Answer:** Ira Pande

**485.** According to the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2022, India has improved its position to \_\_\_\_\_ in 2022 from 46 in 2021.

#### **Answer:** 40

Global Innovation Index (GII) 2022 has been topped by **Switzerland**, followed by the USA& Sweden.

**486.** Who has been appointed as the next Chief of Defense Staff (CDS)?

#### Answer: Lt. General Anil Chauhan

**487.** Which lender, in collaboration with HDFC ERGO and Atradius, has provided Trade Credit Insurance - Accounts Receivable solution to Tata Metaliks?

#### Answer: DBS Bank India

**488.** Who has won the 'Changemaker Award' at the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Action Awards 2022?

Answer: Srishti Bakshi (Women's rights activist and founder of CrossBow Miles Movement)

489. Mohammed bin Salman has been named the Prime Minister of which country?

## Answer: Saudi Arabia

**490.** Which company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UAE-based Lulu International Exchange to work as its collection partner?

## Answer: Muthoot Finance

**491.** \_\_\_\_\_ will launch the **'Carbon Calculator'** feature, which offers consumers an estimated carbon footprint for each of their purchases, for Indian consumers.

#### **Answer:** Mastercard

**492.** Samsung India has inked a pact with which lender to launch a Visa-powered credit card?

#### **Answer:** Axis Bank

**493.** Recently, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced a USD \_\_\_\_\_ billion funds to fight the food security crisis in the Asia Pacific.

#### **Answer:** USD 14 billion

494. "Khushiyon ka Tyohaar", an annual festival campaign, has been launched by which lender?

#### Answer: Bank of Baroda

495. Yubi has tied up with which lender to enable higher credit access to the priority sector?

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

- SBI has announced the adoption of **30 remote villages** across India under the fourth phase of the **'SBI Gram Seva'** program. The bank will adopt remote villages across Aspirational Districts in Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal.
- SBI has introduced its **Next-Gen Contact Centre Service** to deliver superior customer experience, drive business outcomes, and support strategic focus areas.
- SBI has surpassed **Rs.6 trillion** in Assets Under Management (**AUM**) under the Home Loan segment.
- **496.** Who has been honored with the 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke Award?

## Answer: Asha Parekh

**497.** The Central Government has recently launched the **'JALDOOT App'** to enable monitoring of ground water tables across the country. The App is jointly developed by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer: Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj

498. Which is the first oil marketing company in India to produce and market "AVGAS 100 LL"?

#### Answer: Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL)

**499.** The Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility (ICMF) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been inaugurated in which place?

#### Answer: Bengaluru, Karnataka

**500.** Who has won the Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award at the Asian Achievers Award 2022?

# Answer: Suella Braverman (UK Home Secretary)

501. Giorgia Meloni has become the first woman Prime Minister of which country?

#### **Answer:** Italy

**502.** As per the "India Tourism Statistics 2022" report, Maharashtra has emerged as the top destination for foreign tourists in 2021. Which other state has also topped?

# <mark>Answer:</mark> Tamil Nadu

503. Name the state that has published India's first encyclopedia on tribal communities.

## **Answer:** Odisha

**504.** Which company has collaborated with Amp Energy to set up its first solar power projects in India?

## Answer: Amazon

Amazon will establish three solar power projects with a capacity of **420 megawatt (MW)** in **Rajasthan**.

- Amazon India has launched 'AmazeWIT Circles', a dedicated networking virtual event to educate women and prepare them for careers in technology.
- **505.** World Tourism Day is observed annually on 27th September. The theme of World Tourism Day 2022 is \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: "Rethinking Tourism"

506. Which lender has launched the 'Ethical Hacking Lab'?

#### **Answer:** Union Bank of India

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
International Coffee Day	1st October		The day was first
			observed in 2015.
National Voluntary Blood	1st October		
Donation Day			
World Vegetarian Day	1st October		
Vegetarian Awareness	1st October to		
Month	1st November		
International Day of Older	1st October	Resilience of Older	
Persons		Persons in a	
		Changing World	
National Pension System	1st October		The day was first
Diwas			observed in 2021.
National Wildlife Week	2nd to 8th		The year 2022 marks
	October		the 68th National
			Wildlife Week.
World Day for Farmed	2nd October		
Animals (WDFA)			
International Day of Non-	2nd October		The year 2022 marks
Violence			the 153rd birth
			anniversary of
			Mahatma Gandhi.
World Habitat Day	First Monday	Mind the Gap. Leave	
	of October	No One and Place	
	(3rd October	Behind	
	2022)		
World Space Week	4th to 10th	Space and	
	October	Sustainability	
World Animal Day	4th October	Shared Planet	

International Day of Girl Child	11th October	Our time is now— Our Rights, Our Future	The day was first observed in 2012.
World Arthritis Day	12th October	It's in your hands, take action	
World Sloth Bear Day	12th October		IUCN Red List status of Sloth Bear is 'Vulnerable'.
International Day for Disaster Reduction	13th October	Early Warning	
World Sight Day	Second Thursday of October (13th October)	Love Your Eyes	
International E-Waste Day	14th October	Recycle it all, no matter how small	The day was first observed in 2018.
World Standard Day	14th October	Shared Vision For a Better World	The day was first observed in 1970.
World Egg Day	Second Friday of October (14th October 2022)	Eggs for a better life	
World Student's Day	15th October		The day commemorate the birth anniversary of the former president of India, Late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
International Day of Rural Women	15th October	Rural women confront the global cost-of-living crisis	The day was first observed in 2008.
Global Handwashing Day	15th October	Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene	The day was first observed in 2008.
World Food Day	16th October	Leave NO ONE Behind	The day was first observed in 1981.
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	17th October	Dignity For All in Practice	
World Trauma Day	17th October		The day was created in New Delhi in 2011.

International Animation Day	28th October		
World Stroke Day	29th October		
International Internet Day	29th October		
International Open Access Week	Last week of October (24th to 30th October 2022)	Open for Climate Justice	
National Unity Day	31st October		The day commemorates the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This year marks the 147th birth anniversary of him.
World Savings Day (World Thrift Day)	31st October	Saving prepares you for the future	In India, due to the death of the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on 31st October 1984, the World Savings Day is observed on 30th October.
World Cities Day	31st October	Better City, Better Life: Act Local to Go Global	The day was first observed in 2014.
Vigilance Awareness Week	31st October to 6th November 2022	Corruption Free India For A Developed Nation	The week is observed across India by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

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<b>507.</b> The Indian Army	and the Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment (DGRE)
have jointly installe	d the <b>Avalanche Monitoring Radar</b> , first of its kind in India, at an altitude
of 15,000 feet in	

#### **Answer:** North Sikkim

**508.** World Pharmacists Day is observed annually on which date?

## **Answer:** 25th September

- **Theme 2022:** "Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world"
- 509. Which organization has joined hands with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) India for 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022' to combat under-nutrition in India?

#### **Answer:** Vitamin Angels India

510. The Government of India (GoI) has recently launched a Scheme "Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2022-23" under which financial assistance will be provided to the State Governments in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ interest-free loan for capital investment projects.

## **Answer:** 50 years

- An amount of **Rs.1 lakh crore** has been allocated for the scheme.
- **511.** The World Bank has approved a **USD 350 million loan** to improve the quality and access of public healthcare services, with a special focus on adolescent girls and disease surveillance in which state?

## **Answer:** Gujarat

**512.** Who has been elected as the new President of Hockey India (HI)?

Answer: Dilip Tirkey (Odisha)

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<b>513.</b> The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has reappointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD&CEO) of the company for a period of 5 years, with effect from 8th January 2023 to 7th January 2028.					
<mark>Answer:</mark> Dilip Asbe					
	India (Gol) has launched an li ed '' with 10,000 words		dictionary		
<mark>Answer:</mark> Sign Learn					
<b>515.</b> Which is the first Inc	dian bank to receive Reserve I ee trade?	3ank of India's (RBl's) appr	oval to open a		
<mark>Answer:</mark> UCO Bank		(C)			
<b>516.</b> Scientists of which c named 'Maya'?	country have successfully crea	ited the world's first clone	d Arctic Wolf		
<mark>Answer:</mark> China					
	een appointed as the first Cha ia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri L		Oil Alliance		
Answer: Atul Chatury	redi				
	India (Gol) has accorded the sectors.				
<mark>Answer:</mark> Maharatna					
REC Limited has	become the <b>12th</b> company t	o join Maharatna CPSE clu	b.		

**519.** To boost exports of medical devices, the Government of India (GoI) has approved the setting up of an **Exports Promotion Council (EPC)** for Medical Devices under the aegis of the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP). The headquarters of EPC will be located in which city of India?

# Answer: Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA), Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh

- Regional offices of EPC will be in Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and Hyderabad (Telangana).
- **520.** NPCI International Payment Limited (NIPL) has tied up with which company to enable merchants in India with Unified Payment Interface (UPI) ID to make & accept cross-border payments?

## Answer: TerraPay

**521.** As per the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022, who has become India's richest selfmade woman?

## Answer: Falguni Nayar (Founder & CEO of Nykaa)

- **Gautam Adani** and family has topped the list with an estimated wealth of Rs.10,94,400 crore. He is followed by Mukesh Ambani and family (Rs.7,94,700 crore), and Cyrus Poonawalla and family (Rs.2,05,400 crore).
- **Kaivalya Vohra**, co-founder of Zepto, a Bengaluru-based grocery delivery application, has become the 'youngest self-made rich individual'.
- **Neha Narkhede**, an Indian-American, has become the *'youngest self-made woman entrepreneur'* on the list.
- **522.** Which is the first life insurance company in India to have a foreign shareholding of 74 percent?

## **Answer:** Ageas Federal Life Insurance

**523.** Who has been appointed as the Director-General of the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)?

## Answer: Bharat Lal

**524.** To establish electric two-wheeler charging infrastructure in India, which company has collaborated with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)?

#### Answer: Hero MotoCorp

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of Understanding (Mol	U) with the National Cadet Corps	me (UNEP) has signed a Memorandun s (NCC) to deal with the issue of urners Plastic Challenge programme'.
Answer: Plastic Pollu	tion	
<b>526.</b> India's first 'Dugong	Conservation Reserve' has been	notified in which region?
Answer: Palk Bay (Ta	mil Nadu)	
Farmers Welfare (MoA Infrastructure Fund ( <b>A</b> l	FW), has jointly launched a <b>"</b> <b>IF</b> ) scheme, Pradhan Mantri Micr Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada	along with Ministry of Agriculture and" between the Agriculture ro Food Enterprises Upgradation Yojana ( <b>PMKSY</b> ) to support Food
Answer: Convergence	e Portal	
		rketing practices of pharmaceutical dia (Gol) under the chairmanship of
<mark>Answer:</mark> V.K. Paul		
Understanding (MoU)	nts Department (DAD) has recent with and, to o Pension Administration (Raksha)	onboard them as Service Centers
Answer: Bank of Baro	oda and HDFC Bank	
<b>530.</b> Rohit Sharma and R insurance company?	itika Sajdeh have been roped in	as Brand Ambassadors of which
Answer: Max Life Ins	urance	
•	nched two Diving Support Vesse ra Pradesh. The two vessels have	ls (DSVs), <b>'Nipun' and 'Nistar'</b> , in been manufactured by
Answer: Hindustan S	hipyard Limited (HSL)	

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532. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das, has launched "UPI Lite" for small-value transactions at the 3rd Global Fintech Fest 2022 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The upper limit of a UPI Lite payment transaction is \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: Rs.200/-

#### **UPI Lite:**

- It is an on-device wallet.
- The total limit of the UPI Lite digital payment mode on the wallet on a device would be Rs.2,000 at any point in time.
- In Phase-I, UPI Lite will process transactions in near offline mode, i.e., debit (payments) can be made without Internet connection and credits into the account will be done online.
- UPI Lite feature has been enabled on the BHIM app.
- Customers of eight banks will be able to use UPI Lite digital payment system. These are Canara Bank, HDFC Bank, Indian Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Punjab National Bank, State Bank of India (SBI), Union Bank of India and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank.
- 533. Name the lender that has recently partnered with the NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL), and Lulu Exchange (UAE) to enable Utility Bill Payment System services for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) diaspora.

## Answer: Federal Bank

- With this partnership, Federal Bank and Lulu Exchange has become the **first** to accept BBPS (Bharat Bill Payment System) cross-border bill payments.
- **534.** Which organization has been designated as the nodal agency for the 'Capacity Building of First Time MSE Exporters' (CBFTE) component of the International Cooperation (IC) Scheme by the Ministry of MSME?

Answer: Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC)

535. Recently, India's Presidency of the prestigious Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD) has been extended for one more year. The Secretariat of AIBD is located in .

Answer: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

5.	36. The Israel embassy in India in collaboration with Khushi Foundation has launched a
	special project "" to promote women's empowerment, menstrual hygiene, and
	awareness in Arthala, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

#### **Answer:** Saaras

537. To launch Save Energy Mission, which lender has collaborated with IIT Madras?

#### Answer: Kotak Mahindra Bank

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched a special type of Everyday Savings Account (Daily Savings Account) to help customers in spending and saving every day.
- **NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL)**, the wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has collaborated with **Kotak Mahindra Bank** to enable customers to pay credit card dues on the Bharat BillPay platform.
- **538.** Recently, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has lowered India's GDP Growth forecast for FY23 by what percent?

Answer: 0.2 percent (i.e. from 7.2 percent to 7 percent)

## Other growth projections for India's growth in FY23:

SBI: 6.8%

Goldman Sachs: 7%

• Citigroup: 6.7%

Moody's: 7.7%

• Fitch: 7%

• India Ratings: 6.9%

539. Which Indian personality has won the Goalkeepers Global Goals Award in 2022?

#### Answer: Radhika Batra

 Zahra Joya of Afghanistan, Vanessa Nakate of Uganda and EU chief Ursula von der Leyen of Germany have also been honored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with the 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards for their extraordinary work towards achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **540.** The Union Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the **SCALE App** to provide a one-stop solution for the skilling, learning, assessment, and employment needs of the leather sector. What is the full form of 'SCALE'?

#### Answer: Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees

- The SCALE App is developed by the **Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC)**.
- 541. International NFT Day is observed annually on which date?

#### Answer: 20th September

- NFT stands for Non-Fungible Token.
- The term was coined by Dapper Labs Chief Technology Officer **Dete Shirley** in the form of the ERC-721 standard on 20th September 2017, marking its existence.
- The process of creating an NFT is known as 'minting'.
- **542.** Who has received the "Priyadarshni Academy Smita Patil Memorial Award 2022" for Best Actress?

**Answer:** Alia Bhatt

**543.** 'Chhello Show', a \_\_\_\_\_ film, has recently become India's official entry for Oscars 2023.

#### Answer: Gujarati film

- 'Chhello Show' is directed by Pan Nalin and is produced by Siddharth Roy Kapur.
- **544.** The theme of International Day of Peace 2022 is \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Answer:** End racism. Build peace

- International Day of Peace is observed annually across the globe on 21st September.
- **545.** Exercise Parvat Prahar has been conducted in which plateau?

Answer: Ladakh Plateau

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<b>546.</b> The Institute for Development & Research in Banking Technology ( <b>IDRBT</b> ), a unit of, is the first in the world to build a network based on Long Range Radio ( <b>LoRa</b> ) technology.						
Aı	Answer: Reserve Bank of India (RBI)					
<b>547.</b> Recently, SBI Foundation and WWF India have collaborated to generate fine-scale information on species at a transboundary level and engage in safeguarding key habitats in the Khangchendzonga landscape of Sikkim and West Bengal.						
Answer: Red Panda (IUCN Status: Endangered)						
<b>548.</b> How much loan has been approved by the World Bank (WB) for Punjab to improve finance and service delivery?						
Answer: USD 150 million						
<b>549.</b> INS Ajay, an Abhay class anti-submarine warfare corvette of Naval Command, has recently been decommissioned after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation.						
Aı	Answer: Western Naval Command					
<b>550.</b> A Letter of Intent (LoI) has been issued by the West Bengal government to Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) for the development of a greenfield deep sea port at						
Answer: Tajpur						
551.		has become	India's first Swachh Sujal Prac	desh.		
Answer: Andaman and Nicobar Islands						
552.	<b>552.</b> The 22nd Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit has been held in					
Answer: Samarkand (Uzbekistan)						
	India will host the SCO Summit in 2023.					

Answer: CSB Bank

**560.** A hackathon named 'KRITAGYA 3.0' has been launched with an aim to \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: To promote speed breeding for crop improvement

- 'KRITAGYA 3.0' has been launched by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**) along with its National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) and Crop Science Division.
- 561. India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' has been built on which river?

#### **Answer:** Falgu River

**562.** Vietnam has topped the 2022 Global Crypto Adoption Index for the second consecutive year. What is the rank of India in this index?

#### Answer: Fourth

**563.** Reliance General Insurance has collaborated with which digital payments and financial services company to offer Reliance Health Gain policy, a customizable health cover?

#### Answer: Paytm

has been ranked 63rd on the Best Workplaces in Asia 2022 and becomes the only bank in India to be listed by Great Place to Work, the global authority on workplace culture.

#### **Answer:** Federal Bank

**565.** Vanessa Nakate, a climate activist from \_\_\_\_\_\_, has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

## Answer: Uganda

**566.** Who has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndusInd Bank for a period of 3 years?

## Answer: Sumant Kathpalia

**567.** The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is observed annually on 16th September. What is the theme of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2022?

**571.** Canara HSBC Life Insurance has launched "\_\_\_\_\_", an individual, non-linked, non-participating, savings and protection life insurance plan in digital platform.

**Answer:** iSelect Guaranteed Future

**572.** A term insurance plan "Click2Protect Super" has been introduced by which insurance company?

Answer: HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited

• **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company** has collaborated with **Google Cloud** to develop a technology platform that will aid in the digitization of insurance purchasing and servicing in India.

573. The 6th edition of Japan India Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22) has been held in \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: Bay of Bengal

• **INS Sahyadri**, a multi-purpose stealth frigate and Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvettes **INS Kadmatt** and **INS Kavaratti** have represented the Indian Navy in JIMEX 22.

**574.** Who has been appointed as the new MD of Common Service Centre Special Purpose Vehicle (CSC SPV)?

#### Answer: Sanjay Kumar Rakesh

**575.** To introduce an Al-powered Digital Voice Agent, which of the following has collaborated with Skit.ai?

#### **Answer:** ICICI Lombard General Insurance

**576.** The Ministry of Finance has constituted a six-member expert committee to suggest measures to boost Venture Capital and Private Equity (VC/PE) investments. The committee will be chaired by \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Answer: M. Damodaran (Former Chairman of SEBI)

**577.** \_\_\_\_\_ has become the 3rd lender in India to cross the market cap of Rs.5 trillion?

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

- **HDFC Bank**, India's largest private lender holds first rank in this list, with a market cap of Rs.8.38 trillion, followed by **ICICI Bank**, which has a market cap of Rs.6.33 trillion.
- 578. Which city will become India's First 'Smart City' with 'Smart Addresses'?

# Answer: Indore (Madhya Pradesh)

**579.** MeitY Startup Hub has collaborated with Meta to launch "\_\_\_\_\_" to support the growth of Extended Reality technology startups across India.

## Answer: XR Startup Program

**580.** The National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) will be built at which site of the Indus Valley Civilization?

## Answer: Lothal (Gujarat)

**581.** "Open Door", a home buyer ecosystem, has been launched by Square Yards in association with which lender?

#### Answer: Axis Bank

582. Hughes Communications has recently launched India's first HTS broadband internet service to link remote areas. What does 'HTS' stand for?

# Answer: 'High Throughput Satellite'

- Hughes will use the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)'s Geosynchronous Satellite (GSAT)-11 and GSAT-29 satellites to offer the service.
- Initially, the service will begin with internet speeds between **2-10Mbps**.

583. 'Centre-State Science Conclave' has been held in \_

#### **Answer:** Ahmedabad (Gujarat)

584. What is the name of a CSR project introduced by the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) in collaboration with the Indian Army to coach and mentor less-privileged girl students in Kargil?

#### Answer: 'Kargil Ignited Minds'

**585.** Who is the author of book titled "Crimson Spring"?

## **Answer:** Navtej Sarna

586. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first bank in India to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG), in association with National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL).

## Answer: HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank has entered into a long-term partnership with the London Stock Exchange group's **Refinitiv** to facilitate digital transformation, and innovation programmes across the whole business in India.
- **587.** DBS has recently launched "DBS BetterWorld" to demonstrate the utility of Metaverse in collaboration with \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer:	The Sandbox
	IIIC DAIIGNOA

**588.** Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) has launched the third Stealth Frigate of Project 17A named '\_\_\_\_\_\_'.

#### Answer: Taragiri

- Taragiri is named after a hill range in Himalayas located at Garhwal, Uttarakhand.
- It is built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (**MDL**) and is designed by the Indian Navy's in-house design organisation viz. **Bureau of Naval Design**.
- 589. Who has been honoured with the 31st Vyas Samman Award for the play 'Mahabali'?

  Answer: Asgar Wajahat
- **590.** The Government of Odisha has launched a Rs 270 crore rainwater harvesting scheme '\_\_\_\_\_' to improve the groundwater table.

# **Answer:** 'Community Harnessing and Harvesting Rainwater Artificially from Terrace to Aquifer' (CHHATA)

**591.** Max Life Insurance has launched a 3-in1 market linked solution called '\_\_\_\_\_' that provides health and enhanced life cover, along with market-linked investment returns.

# **Answer:** Smart Flexi Protect Solution

**592.** Braj Basi Lal has passed away recently. He was a renowned \_\_\_\_\_\_.

# **Answer:** Archeologist

- Awards: Padma Bhushan in 2000 and Padma Vibhushan in 2021
- **593.** Which state of India has received the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'?

# <mark>Answer:</mark> West Bengal

**594.** Name the lender that has become the first Public Sector Bank (PSB) to go live with the new Direct Tax Collection System-Tax Information Network (TIN 2.0).

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Answer: Bank of Ind	ia (Bol)	
	nched a 'Rainbow Savings Acco lly or inclusive labour culture.	ount' for the transgender community to
Answer: ESAF Small	Finance Bank	
	nal-level committee for draftir onstituted under the chairmar	ng a new National Cooperation Policynship of
Answer: Suresh Prak	ohu	
	cessfully designed and condu	ndia and, in collaboration with cted a Cyber Security Exercise, a virtual
Answer: United King	gdom (UK)	
<b>598.</b> International Literac of ILD 2022?	cy Day (ILD) is observed annua	ally on 8th September. What is the theme
Answer: "Transform	ing Literacy Learning Space	s"

**599.** What is the total outlay for the 'Prime Minister Schools for Rising India' (PM-SHRI Schools) scheme?

Answer: Rs. 27,360 crore

- PM-SHRI is a **centrally sponsored scheme** for upgradation and development of 14500 Schools across the country.
- The scheme will be implemented with a total project cost of **Rs.27,360 crore** for five years (2022-23 to 2026-27), of which the central share will be **Rs 18,128 crore**.

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# Answer: e-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport – India)

**605.** Which country's Volker Turk has been appointed as the next UN High Commissioner for Human Rights?

# <mark>Answer:</mark> Austria

**606.** 'Rajpath', stretching from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, has now been renamed as

#### Answer: Kartavya Path

- The entire stretch and the area from the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose statue at India Gate to the Rashtrapati Bhawan will be known as "Kartavya Path".
- During the British rule, Rajpath was known as **'Kingsway'**, named after King George V. It was built as a ceremonial boulevard by Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker, the architects of New Delhi, in around 1920.
- **607.** The Indian cities, Nilambur and Thrissur in \_\_\_\_\_, and Warangal in \_\_\_\_\_ have become India's first entrants in the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC).

#### Answer: Kerala; Telangana

- 77 cities from 44 countries across the globe have joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities in 2022. With this, the total number of cities within the UNESCO GNLC is **294**.
- **608.** Which State/UT of India has secured the first rank in terms of the number of disposal and entry of cases through the e-Prosecution portal, which is managed by the Central Government of India under its Digital India Mission?

# Answer: Uttar Pradesh

**609.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has selected \_\_\_\_\_ (in partnership with Crunchfish AB) and Precision Biometric India Private Limited for the Test Phase of the 'On Tap' application facility for the theme 'Retail Payments' under RBI's Regulatory Sandbox (RS).

# Answer: HDFC Bank

**610.** Who has won an Emmy Award for narration in the Netflix documentary "Our Great National Parks"?

# Answer: Barack Obama

617. NHPC Limited has named its Director (Technical) \_\_\_\_\_ as the new Chairman &

Managing Director (CMD) for a period of three months.

**Answer:** Yamuna Kumar Chaubey

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**618.** As per the latest Bloomberg report, which has cited GDP figures from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India has become the world's fifth-largest economy after surpassing which country?

# Answer: United Kingdom (UK)

• Top 4 world economies: USA (1st), China (2nd), Japan (3rd), and Germany (4th).

	Important Appointments of September				
Post/Designation	Person	State/Country/Organization	Remark		
Treasurer	Anurag Sharma	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)			
Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Santosh lyer	Mercedes-Benz India	He will replace Martin Schwenk from 1st January 2023.		
Ambassador	Nagesh Singh	Thailand	He will replace the incumbent ambassador Suchitra Durai.		
Director General (DG)	Vasudha Gupta	News Services Division (All India Radio (AIR))			
Chief Secretary	Paban Kumar Borthakur	Assam			
Prime Minister (PM)	Ana Brnabic	Serbia			
President	Kalyan Chaubey	All India Football Federation (AIFF)	He has replaced Praful Patel.		
Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)	Yamuna Kumar Chaubey	NHPC Limited	He has succeeded Abhay Kumar Singh.		
CEO	Laxman Narasimhan	Starbucks	He will replace Howard Schultz with effect from 1st October 2022.		

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			Corpora	ate Ad	dvisory Gr	oup	
				(ISA	CAG)		
	Director- General	Rajendra Kumar	Employe	ees' S	tate Insur	ance	
				Corpo	oration		
	Additional Secretary	T Natarajan	Departi	ment	of Econo	mic	
			Affairs (N	Minis	try of Fina	nce)	
	Additional Secretary	V Hekali Zhimomi	Departn	ment	of Health	and	
			Fa	amily	Welfare		
	Adviser	Ashish Srivastava	Inter State Council Secretariat				
			(Ministr	ry of I	Home Affa	airs)	
	Additional Secretary	Jaideep Kumar	Ministry o	of He	alth and F	amily	
	and Financial Adviser	Mishra		We	lfare		
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Varun Berry

Rajneet Kohli

Giorgia Meloni

Bandaru Wilsonbabu

Vijay Jasuja

Lt General Anil

Chauhan

**Additional Secretary** 

and Financial Adviser

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Additional Secretary

and Financial Adviser CEO

**Executive Vice-**

Chairman and Managing Director

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Prime Minister

Ambassador

Non-Executive
Independent Director
Chief of Defence Staff

(CDS)

He has

succeeded Rama Vedashree.

First Woman PM of Italy

He has succeeded Abhay Kumar.

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	Attorney General for India (AG)	R Venkataramani	Go	vernm	nent of India	He has become the 15th Attorney General of India (AG).
	Prime Minister	Mohammed bin Salman		Saud	li Arabia	
	Managing Director	Nand Kishore			ure Leasing & al Services	

**619.** Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a pilot project for the digitization of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) in Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The partner banks of this project are \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### Answer: Federal Bank and Union Bank of India

- This project is developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in association with RBI.
- **620.** Which of the following lender has collaborated with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support and promote Supply Chain Finance (SCF) solutions in India?

#### Answer: IndusInd Bank

- IndusInd Bank has launched a state-of-the-art digital portal for SCF -'earlyCredit' to enable 24\*7 seamless processing of SCF transactions for corporates, suppliers & dealers.
- **621.** Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Daimler Truck AG (Daimler Truck), has joined hands with \_\_\_\_\_\_ to develop future mobility solutions.

# Answer: Indian Institute of Technology, Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC)

**622.** Who has been named the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of global coffee giant Starbucks?

# Answer: Laxman Narasimhan

**623.** India's first Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) fuelled Green Truck has been launched by Blue Energy Motors at which place?

Answer:	Chakan	in	Pune.	Maharashtra
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**624.** \_\_\_\_\_ has launched the first cashback-focused credit card in India.

# **Answer:** SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited (SBI Card)

- SBI Card has launched the **'CASHBACK SBI CARD'**, the industry's first and most comprehensive cashback credit card in India, to boost online spending.
- 625. To bridge the skill gap in the taxation space, PwC has tied up with which company?

#### Answer: Coursera

**626.** Former Indian goalkeeper \_\_\_\_\_ from West Bengal has been elected as the new President of All India Football Federation (AIFF).

# **Answer:** Kalyan Chaubey

**627.** Ana Brnabic has recently been nominated to serve another term as Prime Minister of which country?

# Answer: Serbia

**628.** "VentuRISE", a global start-up challenge, has been launched by which state/UT?

# <mark>Answer:</mark> Karnataka

**629.** The Ministry of Women and Child Development is observing the \_\_\_\_\_ Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 from 1st to 30th September 2022.

# Answer: Fifth

- The year 2022 aims to trigger Poshan Maah through Gram Panchayats as Poshan Panchayats with key focus on "Mahila aur Swasthya" and "Bacha aur Shiksha".
- **630.** Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has commissioned India's first indigenous aircraft carrier '\_\_\_\_\_' in Kochi, Kerala.

# Answer: INS Vikrant

- INS Vikrant is designed by the Indian Navy's in-house **Warship Design Bureau (WDB)** and built by **Cochin Shipyard Limited**.
- **631.** Who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of the News Services Division of All India Radio (AIR)?

### **Answer:** Vasudha Gupta

**632.** The Cyber Security Exercise "\_\_\_\_\_" has recently been conducted by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) in collaboration with the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore.

# Answer: Synergy

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
World Coconut Day	2nd	Growing Coconut for	
	September	a Better Future and	
		Life	
Rashtriya Poshan Maah	1st to 30th		In 2022, the key
	September		focus is on "Mahila
	2022		aur Swasthya" and
			"Bacha aur Shiksha".
National Nutrition Week	1st to 7th	World of Flavors	
	September		
	2022		
International Vulture	First Saturday		
Awareness Day	of September		
	(3rd		
	September 2022)		
National Teachers' Day	5th September		The day
			commemorates the
			birth anniversary of
			Dr Sarvepalli
			Radhakrishnan, who
			was the second
			President of India
			and a well-renowned
			educationist.

International Day of Charity	5th September		The day commemorates the death anniversary of Mother Teresa. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.
International Day of Clean Air for blue skies	7th September	The Air We Share	The day was first observed in 2020.
International Literacy Day	8th September	Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces	
World Physiotherapy Day	8th September	Osteoarthritis and the Role of Physiotherapists	
International Day to Protect Education from Attack	9th September		
World Electrical Vehicle(EV)  Day	9th September		The day was first observed in 2020.
Himalaya Day	9th September	Himalayas will be safe only when the interests of its residents are protected	The day is observed annually in the state of Uttarakhand since 2015.
World Suicide Prevention  Day	10th September	Creating hope through action	
National Forest Martyrs Day	11th September	J	The day is observed to commemorate the anniversary of the Khejarli Trees Massacre in 1730.
United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation	12th September		
International Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) Awareness Month	1st to 30th September		
Hindi Diwas	14th September		The day was first observed in 1953.
National Engineer's Day	15th September		The day commemorates the

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			birth anniversary of Sir Moksha Gundam Visvesvaraya, the first Civil Engineer in India.
International Day of	15th	Protecting Press	
Democracy	September	Freedom for	
		Democracy	
World Lymphoma	15th	·	
Awareness Day	September		
International Day for the	16th	Montreal	
Preservation of the Ozone	September	Protocol@35: Global	
Layer	ээргэн зэг	cooperation	
Layer		protecting life on	
		earth	
World Patient Safety Day	17th	Medication Safety	
World Patient Safety Day		Medication Safety	
International Coastal	September	Composting Doople	The devices first
International Coastal	3rd Saturday	Connecting People	The day was first
Cleanup Day	of September	For A Trash Free	observed in 1986.
	(17th	Coastline	
	September		
	2022)		
International Red Panda	3rd Saturday		IUCN status of Red
Day	of September		Panda: "Endangered"
	(17th		
	September		
	2022)		
World Bamboo Day	18th		The day was first
	September		observed in 2009.
International Equal Pay	18th		The day was first
Day	September		observed in 2020.
World Water Monitoring	18th		
Day	September		
International World	19th		The day was first
Snakebite Awareness Day	September		observed in 2018.
International Week of Deaf	19th to 25th	Building Inclusive	
People	September	Communities for All	
International NFT Day	20th		
	September		

World Alzheimer's Day	21st		The theme for World
World Alzheimer 3 Day	September		Alzheimer's Month
	September		in September 2022 is
			"Know dementia,
laterational Day of Days	24 - 4	Ford and to a D. Hall	know Alzheimer's".
International Day of Peace	21st	End racism. Build	The day was first
	September	peace	observed in 1982.
World Rose Day	22nd		The day is dedicated
	September		to cancer patients.
World Rhino Day	22nd	Five Rhino Species	
	September	Forever	
World Car Free Day	22nd		
	September		
International Day of Sign	23rd	Sign Languages	
Languages	September	Unite Us!	
World Lung Day	25th	Lung Health for All	
	September		
World Pharmacists Day	25th	Pharmacy united in	The day was first
,	September	action for a healthier	observed in 2010.
		world	
Antyodaya Diwas	25th		The day
3, 1 - 3, 1	September		commemorate the
			birth anniversary of
			Indian leader Pandit
			Deendayal
			Upadhyaya. The year
			2022 marks the
			106th birth
			anniversary of him.
International Daughter's	Fourth Sunday		diffiversary of filli.
International Daughter's	of September		
Day	(25th		
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	September		
International Devices the	2022)		The day was first
International Day for the	26th		The day was first
Total Elimination of	September		observed in 2014.
Nuclear Weapons	06:1		TI
World Contraception Day	26th		The day was first
	September		observed in 2007.

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World Environment He	ealth 26th	Str	engthe	ening	
Day	September	Env	ironm	ental	
		Healtl	h Syste	ems for	
		the im	pleme	entation	
		of the	e Susta	ainable	
		Devel	opmer	nt Goals	
World Tourism Day	/ 27th	Rethir	nking 1	Γourism	
	September				
World Rabies Day	28th	Rabies	s: One	Health,	The day was first
	September	Ze	ro De	aths	observed in 2007.
International Day fo	or 28th	Artifici	al inte	lligence,	
Universal Access to	September	e-gov	/ernan	ice and	
Information		á	access	to	
		in	forma	tion	
World Heart Day	29th	Use H	eart fo	or Every	
	September		Hear	t	
International Day o	f 29th				The day was first
Awareness of Food Lo	oss September				observed in 2020.
and Waste					
World Maritime Day	y Last Thursday	New te	chnol	ogies for	The day was first
	of September	gree	ner sh	ipping	observed in 1978.
	(29th				
	September				
	2022)				
International Translat	ion 30th	A W	orld w	ithout	The day was first
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**633.** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd has collaborated with IME India to expand its money remittance services between \_\_\_\_\_.

# **Answer:** Indo-Nepal corridor

**634.** Which state/UT police force has become the first in the country to make the collection of forensic evidence mandatory in crimes punishable by more than six years?

#### **Answer:** Delhi Police

**635.** Reliance Industries will build India's first and one of the world's largest Carbon Fibre plants at which place?

#### **Answer:** Hazira (Gujarat)

**636.** National Nutrition Week is observed annually from 1st September to 7th September. What is the theme of the National Nutrition Week 2022?

#### Answer: 'World of Flavors'

**637.** Recently, Indian Railways have installed '\_\_\_\_' machines that convert water vapour in the air into potable water.

# **Answer:** Meghdoot

- The Meghdoot machines are currently installed at Dadar, Thane and other stations of Mumbai Division.
- **638.** The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) has released the 'Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100'. This roadmap guides the way for India to become a high-income country by 2047 through sector-specific and region-specific policies based on the '\_\_\_\_\_' principles.

# Answer: 4 S

- The '4 S' guiding principles redefine the approach to attaining prosperity by stressing the need for prosperity growth to be matched by social progress, to be shared across all regions within India, to be environmentally sustainable, and to be solid in the face of external shocks.
- **639.** Which Indian city will host the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023?

**Answer:** Indore, Madhya Pradesh

• Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is observed annually on 9th January to commemorate the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on **9th January 1915**.

**640.** To promote and facilitate "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_", a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) and Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC).

Answer: One Herb, One Standard

**641.** Recently, NHPC Limited has signed an Implementation Agreement with the Government of Himachal Pradesh for 500 megawatt (MW) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Hydroelectric project located in Chamba district, Himachal Pradesh.

<mark>Answer:</mark> Dugar

**642.** BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) and the Indian Army have launched \_\_\_\_\_\_, a cobranded RuPay credit card for the Indian Army personnel, in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

**Answer:** Yoddha

**643.** Who has been appointed to replace Naresh Yadav as the new MD & CEO of SBICAP Securities?

Answer: Deepak Kumar Lalla

**644.** Who is the author of "A NEW INDIA: Selected Writings 2014–19"?

Answer: Arun Jaitley

**645.** Which nation has introduced the first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains in the world?

**Answer:** Germany

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<b>646.</b> The Appointmen	nts Committee of the Cabinet has	approved the appointment of
as Secr	retary of the Department of Defe	nce Research and Development and
Chairman of the De	efence Research and Developme	nt Organisation (DRDO).
Answer: Dr Sar	nir V Kamat	
<b>647.</b> The Government	t of India (GoI) has recently appo	inted K.V. Subramanian as the Executive
Director for India ir	n which of the following organiza	tion?
Answer: Intern	national Monetary Fund (IMF)	
	, ,	
648. RailTel has collab	oorated with CloudExtel, a knowr	n Full Stack Network as a Service (NaaS)
Provider, to launch	India's first Shared sol	ution for congested locations.
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Answer: Radio	Access Network (RAN)	0'/
<b>649.</b> The Union Territ	ory of has become the	first amongst States/UTs to establish an
Atal Tinkering Lab (	(ATL) in partnership with the gove	ernment think tank NITI Aayog.
<mark>Answer:</mark> Jammւ	u & Kashmir	
<b>650.</b> Anang Tal Lake,	which has recently been declared	d a Monument of National Importance, is
located in which sta	ate/UT?	
Answer: Delhi		
<ul> <li>Anang Tal La</li> </ul>	ike was built by the founder King	of Delhi Anang Pal Tomar in 1052 AD.
·		g (JCM) between India and for
cooperation in the	field of MSMEs has been held in	New Delhi.
<mark>Answer:</mark> Mauı	ritius	
652 Which lender ha	s set to launch a campaign with k	Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) to
	i-1' smart card among subway co	
promote the Roch	Simare card difforing Submay Co	
Answer: Axis	Bank	

**653.** 'MoneyAndMe', an investor education, and awareness initiative, has been launched by which of the following mutual fund company?

#### Answer: PGIM India Mutual Fund

**654.** Tata Steel has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Punjab to set up a 0.75 million tonne per annum (MnTPA) long products steel plant with a scrap-based electric arc furnace (EAF) in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Answer:** Ludhiana

**655.** As per the latest data released by Benori Knowledge, India has become the \_\_\_\_\_ largest life insurer in the world by surpassing China and UK.

#### Answer: Tenth

- The life insurance penetration rate in India has grown to 3.2% in December 2021 from 2.8% in December 2019.
- **656.** The Temple of Vedic Planetarium, the world's largest religious monument, will be setup in which state?

# **Answer:** Mayapur in Nadia district of West Bengal

**657.** Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the iconic 'Atal Bridge' over the \_\_\_\_\_ in Ahmedabad city of Gujarat.

# **Answer:** River Sabarmati

**658.** Which of the following will administer the 'Millet Challenge', recently launched by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman?

# Answer: Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

**659.** India's first earthquake memorial, 'Smriti Van Memorial', has been inaugurated at which place?

# <mark>Answer:</mark> Bhuj (Gujarat)

Answer: Maha Dhanvarsha

**662.** BASIX Social Enterprise Group has launched an agritech platform BASIX Farmers' Market (BFM) in collaboration with \_\_\_\_\_\_ to integrate farmers into the digital economy.

Answer: Mastercard

**663.** According to the latest data by PGA Labs, the State Bank of India (SBI) has topped the debit card chart with 30% market share. Which lender has topped the credit card chart with 22% market share?

Answer: HDFC Bank

**664.** The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has recently implemented 'One Nation One Fertiliser' scheme. The scheme mandates all businesses to sell their products under '\_\_\_\_\_' brand.

**Answer:** Bharat

665. The National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) have signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the swift development of \_\_\_\_\_ under Bharatmala Pariyojana.

Answer: Multi Modal Logistics Park (MMLP)

**666.** With which insurance company the Union Health Ministry has collaborated to create digital health IDs under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission for all in India?

**Answer:** Edelweiss General Insurance

**667.** The National Health Authority (NHA) has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE),

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE), to deliver an inclusive and comprehensive health package for under the Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

# Answer: Transgender

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MOSJE) will fund Rs.5 lakh insurance cover per transgender beneficiary per annum.
- 668. "Mithila Makhana" from has been awarded a Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.

**Answer:** Bihar

669. The Union Government of India has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar from country by\_\_\_\_ .

#### Answer: 2023

- Kala-azar is a Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) caused by a parasite called Leishmania, which is transmitted through the bite of sand flies.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has set a target to eliminate Kala-azar by 2030.
- 670. The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has joined the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Account Aggregator (AA) network. As of 2022, how many public sector banks (PSBs) have joined the Account Aggregator (AA) network?

Answer: 12

671. NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the payments solutions provider PayXpert to introduce UPI payment and RuPay cards in which country?

Answer: United Kingdom (UK)

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**672.** Finance has launched '\_\_\_\_\_ Reward Programme', a two-year long programme aims to strengthen the relationship between customers and bring back inactive customers.

# **Answer:** Miligram

673. The Government of India (GoI) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a USD 96.3 million loan agreement to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in which state of India?

#### **Answer:** Himachal Pradesh

**674.** Which state of India will establish India's first Education Township on the idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit'?

#### Answer: Uttar Pradesh

675. Godrej Agrovet has signed three Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Assam, Manipur, and Tripura state governments for the development and promotion of \_\_\_\_\_ cultivation in the region.

#### **Answer:** Oil Palm

676. HDFC ERGO General Insurance has introduced " ", India's first electronic vehicle ecosystem to facilitate and accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles by addressing the needs of current and future EV owners.

# **Answer:** All things EV

677. Digantara will set up India's first commercial Space Situational Awareness (SSA) observatory in which region of India?

# **Answer:** Garhwal region (Uttarakhand)

Important Appointments of August					
Post/Designation	Person	State/Country/Organization	Remark		
Principal Director- General (DG)	Satyendra Prakash	Press Information Bureau (PIB)	He has succeeded Jaideep Bhatnagar.		
Principal Director- General (DG)	Manish Desai	Central Bureau of Communication			

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	President	Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)		ional Chess tion (FIDE)	He has been re- elected for a second term.
	Deputy President	Viswanathan Anand		ional Chess tion (FIDE)	
	Cabinet Secretary	Rajiv Gauba	Government of India		He has been given 1-year extension.
	Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Inderjit Camotra	Unity Small Finance Bank		
	President	Gustavo Petro	Col	lombia	
	Prime Minister	James Marape	Papua New Guinea		
	Non-official directors	Satish Kashinath Marathe, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Revathy Iyer, and Sachin Chaturvedi	Reserve Bar	nk of India (RBI)	
	Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer	Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Ríos (Argentina)	Observer Gr	itions Military oup in India and (UNMOGIP)	
	CEO	Piyush Goyal		TGRID itelligence Grid)	
	CMD	Ashok K K Meena	•	oration of India (FCI)	
	Director	Archana Varma	National Water Mission		
	MD	Gitanjali Gupta	· ·	rative Marketing ent Federation	
	President	William Ruto	K	enya	

Executive Secretary

MD & CEO

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United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)

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	Whole-Time Member (WTM)	Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan			and Exchange India (SEBI)		
_	678. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a "" target on the occasion of 76th Independence Day to make India a developed nation in the next 25 years, when India will celebrate 100th Independence Day.						
	<mark>Answer:</mark> Panch Pr	an					
	<ul><li>Erase all traces</li><li>Unity &amp; Solidar</li></ul>	bed India.  dia's heritage and legac  of servitude  ity  ns, which include the Pi		nister	and Chief Ministe	rs (CMs), as they	
	<b>679.</b> The Central govern Development (NaBFII (2022-2027).	nment and the board of D) has appointed					
	<mark>Answer:</mark> Rajkiran	Rai G					
	<b>680.</b> Food Corporation which lender to provi	of India (FCI) has signed de the "Ultima Salary P				ding (MoU) with	
	<mark>Answer:</mark> Axis Ban	k					
	<ul> <li>Axis Bank has tied up with SpiceJet airline to launch a co-branded credit card.</li> <li>Axis Bank has been awarded the 'Asian Bank of the Year Award' at the IFR Asia Awards 2021.</li> <li>Axis Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Assam Rifles and NIEDO to establish a Centre of Excellence, Wellness in Nagaland.</li> </ul>						
	<b>681. Mandla</b> , a district fully 'functionally liter		ribal-do	minat	ed region has bec	ome <i>India's first</i>	

<mark>Answer:</mark> Madhya Pradesh

**689.** ExxonMobil Corporation has signed a Heads of Agreement (HoA) with \_\_\_\_\_ for deepwater exploration of oil & gas on the East and West coasts of India.

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#### Answer: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

**690.** Union Home Minister inaugurated the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) during the NSS Conference 2022. This system has been developed by

#### Answer: National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

**691.** India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus has been inaugurated at which place?

#### Answer: Pune, Maharashtra

**692.** Scientists of which country have developed the world's first synthetic embryo without sperm?

#### Answer: Israel

**693.** 'Goodfellows', a start-up for senior citizens, has been unveiled by who among the following?

#### Answer: Ratan Tata

**694.** BYD India, a manufacturer of new energy vehicles, has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which lender to provide finance to dealers?

#### **Answer:** HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank has opened its first all-women branch at Kozhikode in North Kerala region.
- HDFC Bank has launched the industry-first 30-minute 'Xpress Car Loans'.
- London-based Santander UK has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ICICI Bank to facilitate the banking requirements of corporates operating across both countries.
- **HDFC Bank** has tied up with **Retailio**, India's largest B2B pharma marketplace, to launch a new range of co-branded credit cards.
- **HDFC Securities** has launched a Robo-advisory platform for all mutual fund investments named **'HDFC Money'**.
- **HDFC Limited** has partnered with Accenture to digitally transform its lending business.

- **HDFC Bank** has signed an MoU with a leading early-stage venture capital firm, **100X.VC** to support start-ups.
- 695. Union Minister of State (MoS), Ministry of Earth Science (MoES) Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched India's first Saline Water Lantern. What is the name of the lantern?

**Answer:** Roshni

696. "Putin: His Life and Times", a biography of the Russian President Vladimir Putin, has been authored by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Philip Short

697. Which edition of the India International Seafood Show (IISS) will be held in Kolkata?

Answer: 23rd

698. The Golden Joint connecting two ends of the overarch deck of the world's highest railway bridge over **River Chenab** has been inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_ district of **Jammu & Kashmir**.

Answer: Reasi

699. Which financial services company has won the 'Best Growth Performance Award' at the 22nd edition of Dun & Bradstreet of 'India's Top 500 Companies' corporate awards?

**Answer:** Muthoot Finance

**700.** Name the first Indian company to be listed on 'Forbes Cloud 100 List 2022' of the top 100 private cloud companies in the world.

Answer: RazorPay

701. "Udarashakti" is a bilateral air force exercise between India and which country?

**Answer:** Malaysia

The **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish its first international marketing and sales office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**702.** Who is the first Indian to win a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022?

Answer: Mirabai Chanu

**703.** Rakesh Jhunjhunwala has passed away recently. He was a renowned \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Investor

**704.** Which of the following has topped among the Indian Universities in the Academic sector in the Nature Index 2022?

Answer: University of Hyderabad

**705.** India's first Manufacturing Index Fund has been launched by which company?

**Answer:** Navi Mutual Fund

- Edelweiss Mutual Fund, an Asset Management Company (AMC), has launched "Edelweiss Gold and Silver Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) Fund of Fund (FoF)".
- **706.** To provide free education to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students of government schools in private schools, the government of Haryana has introduced which one of the following schemes?

**Answer:** Cheerag (Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant)

**707.** Name the ministry that has joined hands with Microsoft and the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) to enhance the functional computer literacy of Civil servants of India.

Answer: Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

**708.** What is the theme of International Youth Day 2022?

**Answer:** Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages

Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark
World Lung Cancer Day	1st August		

Muslim Women's Rights Day	1st August		
World Breastfeeding Week	1st to 7th	Step up for	
	August	breastfeeding:	
		Educate and Support	
Hiroshima Day	6th August		The year 2022 marks
			the 77th anniversary
			of Hiroshima Day.
National Handloom Day	7th August		The day was first
			observed in 2015.
National Javelin Day	7th August		
ASEAN Day	8 <sup>th</sup> August	Stronger Together	
Nagasaki Day	9 <sup>th</sup> August		
International Day of the	9 <sup>th</sup> August	The Role of	
World's Indigenous		Indigenous Women in	
Peoples		the Preservation and	
		Transmission of	
		Traditional Knowledge	
World Lion Day	10 <sup>th</sup> August		The day was first
			observed in 2013.
World Biofuel Day	10 <sup>th</sup> August	Biofuels towards a	The day was first
		Carbon Neutral World	observed in 2015.
World Elephant Day	12 <sup>th</sup> August		
International Youth Day	12 <sup>th</sup> August	Intergenerational	
		Solidarity: Creating a	
		World for All Ages	
World Sanskrit Day	12 <sup>th</sup> August		The day is observed
	(2022)		annually on the
			occasion of
			Shraavana Poornima.
International Lefthanders	13 <sup>th</sup> August		The day was first
Day			observed in 1976.
World Organ Donation Day	13 <sup>th</sup> August		
Partition Horrors	14 <sup>th</sup> August		
Remembrance Day			
Independence Day of India	15 <sup>th</sup> August		
Important Day	Date/Month	Theme for 2022	Remark

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International Day against	29th August		The day was first
Nuclear Tests			observed in 2010.
National Sports Day	29th August		The day
			commemorate the
			birth anniversary of
			Hockey Wizard Major
			Dhyan Chand.
National Small Industry	30th August		
Day			
International Day of the	30th August		The day was first
Victims of Enforced			observed in 2011.
Disappearances			
International Whale Shark	30th August	The Future of Sharks:	
Day		Guardians of Our Seas	
International Day for	31st August		The day was first
People of African Descent			observed in 2021.

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