

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

MONTH OF APRIL-2022

List of Important Days

- April 01 - Utkal Divas, Utakala Dibasha, or Odisha Day.
- April 02 - International Children's Book Day (ICBD). (Canada's chosen theme - "Stories are wings that let you soar every day,")
- April 02 - World Autism Awareness Day. (Theme - "Inclusive Quality Education for All.")
- April 04 - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. (Theme - "Safe Ground, Safe Steps, Safe Home.")
- April 05 - 59th National Maritime Day. (Theme - "Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19")
- April 05 - International Day of Conscience.
- April 06 - International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDF). (Theme - "Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport")
- April 07 - International Day of Reflection.
- April 07 - World Health Day. (Theme - "Our Planet, Our Health")
- April 09 - Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) celebrates Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas).
- April 11 - National Safe Motherhood Day.
- April 11 - World Parkinson's Day. (Theme - "Integrated Healthcare.")
- April 12 - International Day of Human Space Mission.
- April 13 - International Turban Day.
- April 13 - Indian Army commemorates Siachen.
- April 17 - World Hemophilia Day.
- April 18 - World Heritage Day.
- April 19 - World Liver Day.
- April 20 - Chinese Language Day.
- April 21 - National Civil Services Day.
- April 21 - World Creativity and Innovation Day. (Theme - "Collaboration")
- April 22 - World Earth Day. (also known as International Mother Earth Day) (Theme - "Invest in our Planet.")
- April 23 - World Book and Copyright Day.
- April 23 - United Nations commemorates English Day.
- April 24 - April 30 - World Immunization Week. (Theme - "Long Life for All.")
- April 25 - World Malaria Day. (Theme - "Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives")
- April 25 - International Delegates Day.
- April 26 - World Intellectual Property Day. (Theme - "IP and Youth creating for a Better Future")
- April 28 - World Day for Workplace Safety and Health. (Theme - "Participation And Social Dialogue In Creating A Positive Safety And Health Culture.")
- April 28 (fourth Thursday in April) - International Girls in ICT Day. (Theme - "Access and safety.")
- April 29 - International Dance Day.
- April 30 (final Saturday of April) - World Veterinary Day. (Theme - "Strengthening Veterinary Resilience")

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- The RBI has extended the **deadline** for **banks** to adopt lockable cassettes that can be exchanged while cash refilling in their **ATMs**.
- The Reserve Bank decreased **state** and union territory Ways and Means Advances (**WMA**) to **Rs 47,010 crore** from Rs 51,560 crore, citing an improvement in the economic situation.
- The six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously opted to maintain the repo rate at 4%.
 - GDP growth projection has been cut to 7.2 percent.
 - Repo Rate: 4.00%
 - Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35%
 - Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 4.25%
 - Bank Rate: 4.25%
 - CRR: 4%
 - SLR: 18.00%
- The Reserve Bank of India reported that **IDBI Bank** and **Axis Bank** were **fined** Rs 93 lakh for many breaches, including KYC rules.

Other Banks

- The **VAULT program** has been launched by **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company**.
 - It is India's first digital consumer engagement and rewards program centered on an industry.
- **ICICI Bank** would own 97 percent of **ONDC** after purchasing 10,00,000 equity shares with a face value of Rs 100 apiece.
- **Citigroup** has stated that **Axis Bank** will acquire Citibank's India consumer division in an all-cash agreement for USD 1.6 billion (Rs 12,325 crores).
- HDFC Ltd. and HDFC Bank Ltd.'s boards of directors adopted a composite scheme to **merge HDFC Investments Ltd.** and **HDFC Holdings Ltd** with and into HDFC Ltd.
- **Union Bank of India** has introduced **UnionNXT**, a super-app, and **SMBHAV**, a digital transformation initiative.
- For **cheque** payments of **Rs 10 lakh** and above, **Punjab National Bank** has adopted the Positive Pay System (**PPS**), which is now mandatory.
- **Punjab National Bank**, India's second-largest bank, celebrated its **128th Foundation Day** on April 12.
- **Bank of Baroda** has introduced "**BOB World Gold**," a new feature for seniors and the elderly on its bob World mobile banking platform.

Central Government

- The Union Cabinet, led by PM Narendra Modi, has approved a 3 percent to **34 percent** increase in **Dearness Allowance (DA)** for Central Government employees and **Dearness Relief (DR)** for pensioners.

States

- The **Vinaya Samarasya Yojana** was launched by the Karnataka government as a public awareness campaign against caste **discrimination** in the state's gram panchayats.
- The **Maharashtra** government has implemented a scheme that allows inmates to receive **personal loans** to Prisoners from banks of up to Rs. 50,000 to help their families better their living conditions and cover legal bills.
- The police in **Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh**, have set up three '**She Auto**' stations, the first of their type in the state, to provide secure transportation to women and girls students.

- **Haryana** Agriculture Minister J P Dalal launched the **Mukha Mantri Bagwani Bima Yojana webpage**, which has a Rs 10 crore starting fund.
- Yogi Adityanath, CM of Uttar Pradesh, will launch the '**School Chalo Abhiyan**' to ensure that all state elementary and upper primary schools are **fully enrolled**.
- After school hours, the **Delhi** government has established **Hobby Hubs** for government schools in the city to promote extracurricular activities.
- Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy of **Andhra Pradesh** inaugurated **13 new districts** in the state through a video conference in Tadepalli, Guntur district.
- The Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu** M K Stalin has unveiled the '**Kaaval Uthavi**' app, which allows civilians to request police help in an emergency.
- A **Cooperative bank for milk** producers has been established in **Karnataka**.
- Pushkar Singh Dhama, the Chief Minister of **Uttarakhand**, has launched a mobile anti-corruption app called **1064 Anti-Corruption Mobile App**.
- The **Uttarakhand** government plans to implement the '**Him Prahari**' Scheme, which is aimed at **ex-servicemen** and **young people**.
- MK Stalin, the Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu**, announced in the Assembly that **BR Ambedkar's birthday** (April 14) would be honored as 'Samathuva Naal' (**Equality Day**).
- The Additional Director General of Police for Ladakh, SS Khandare, has inaugurated **Ethosh Digital's** first IT Training and Services Center in **Leh**.
- The 40th edition of "**Hunar Haat**," a platform to nurture, conserve, and encourage indigenous artists and craftsmen, will be inaugurated by Union Minister Anurag Thakur, held in **Mumbai**.
- The 'Social Awareness and Action to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully' (**SAANS**) Campaign has been launched by **Karnataka's** Minister of Health and Medical Education, Keshava Reddy Sudhakar.
- The **Tamil Nadu** government has declared **December 18th Minorities Rights Day** every year.
- **Jamtara** in Jharkhand is now the only district in the country with **community libraries** in every **gram panchayat**.
- **Agra**, Uttar Pradesh, is the country's first city to install vacuum-based **sewer systems**.

Defence and National Security

- General **MM Naravane**, Chief of the Army Staff, presented the renowned President's Colours to **two battalions** of the Dogra Regiment, namely 20 DOGRA and 21 DOGRA, during an extraordinary Color Presentation Parade conducted at the Dogra Regimental Centre in Faizabad (UP).
- In the **Arabian Sea**, the 20th iteration of the '**VARUNA**' Bilateral Naval Exercise between the **Indian** Navy and the **French** Navy is underway.
- The India Boat & Marine Show (**IBMS**) was held for the fourth time at Bolgatty Palace in **Kochi, Kerala**.
- On April 2, 2022, the **Indian Air Force** held a colloquium at Air Force Station, Hakimpet, to commemorate **Chetak Helicopter's 60** years of distinguished service in the IAF.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) successfully flight tested the "Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet" (**SFDR**) booster off the coast of Odisha at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur.
- The **DRDO** and the **Indian Army** flight-tested a new version of the **Pinaka** rocket system at the **Pokhran** firing ranges.

- In **Pokhran**, India successfully tested the anti-tank guided missile **Helina**.
- The **Indian Coast Guard** has received **two Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopters Mark-III** from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) (ICG).
- The **Indian Army's Trishakti Corps** recently undertaken **KRIPAN SHAKTI**, a Combined Fire Power drill, at the Teesta Field Firing Ranges (TFFR), near Siliguri, **West Bengal**.
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launched the **eighth** edition of the two-day National Level Pollution Response Exercise, '**NATPOLREX-VIII**,' off the shore of Mormugao **Goa**.
- The **Locked Shields 2022** is organized by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence in Tallinn, Estonia, abbreviated as CCDCOE.

Committees/Commissions

- The International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) Council Standing Committee on **Administration and Management** has appointed an Indian official **Ms. Aprajita Sharma** as vice-chairperson, giving India a leadership role.
- The government has established a **Semicon India advisory committee**, which will comprise senior government personnel.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**Sebi**) has established **two expert groups** to investigate **sponsors' and trustees'** roles, duties, and activities at asset management firms (AMCs).
- The expert committee to supervise compensatory afforestation and other mitigating measures for the **Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor Expressway project** has been reformed by the Supreme Court of India.
- **AP Abdullahkutty** was elected chairperson of the **Haj Committee** of India, and two women, **Munnawari Begum** and **Mafuja Khatun** were elected vice-chairpersons for the first time.

Schemes/Initiatives

- **NV Ramana**, the Chief Justice of India, inaugurated the 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records' (**FASTER**), a digital platform that allows the Supreme Court to convey interim orders, stay orders, and bail orders the necessary authorities via a secure electronic channel.
- Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi has launched a website called '**Temple 360**.'
- Union Environment Minister Launches Awareness Mascot '**Prakriti**' & Green Initiatives for Effective Plastic Waste Management.
- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (**DAHD**) of the Indian government has launched a pilot project in **Uttarakhand** called the **One Health Support Unit** to execute the One Health Framework.
- The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, or **PMMY** completes **seven** years.
- The Airport Authority of India (**AAI**) has created the "**AVSAR**" project to promote women's, artisans', and craftsmen's talent and give them reasonable possibilities.
- **Sarbananda Sonowal**, the Union Minister of AYUSH, has opened a two-day scientific convention in **New Delhi** titled "**Homoeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness**."
- The five-day **Madhavpur Ghed Fair** in Madhavpur Ghed, Porbandar, **Gujarat**, was opened by India's President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind.
- The **Seema Darshan Project** was inaugurated by Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah in Nadabet on the Indo-Pak border in **Gujarat's** Banaskantha District.
- Shri **Manoj Joshi**, Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, announced the expansion of the **SVANidhi se Samridhhi** program to 126 cities in 14 states and union territories.

- Narendra Modi, India's Prime Minister, revealed a **108-foot statue** of **Lord Hanuman Ji** in Morbi, **Gujarat**.
- Jammu and Kashmir's **Samba** district becomes the first Indian district to achieve **100%** of households under the **ABPMJAY- SEHAT** scheme.

Summit/Conference

- **Bhupender Yadav** is the chairman of the 20th **NTCA** in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
 - NTCA - National Tiger Conservation Authority.
- The **Army Commanders' Conference**, an apex-level gathering, has begun in **New Delhi**. The conference acts as an institutional arena for high-level debate.
- According to **Debashis Mitra**, head of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), **India** will host the 21st **World Congress of Accountants** (WCOA).

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **Manipur's** state government has inked an MoU with **Samsung** Data System India Pvt Ltd to establish a world-class "**Sports Digital Experience Centre**."
- **Google Play** has introduced '**Tap to Pay for UPI**,' a new feature that extends the Tap to Pay simplicity to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- The **Netherlands'** climate change mitigation and adaptation collaboration with **India** would bring together innovative solutions developed in the Netherlands with India's experience in providing **water**, sanitation, and hygiene to many people for global application.
- **Kwik.ID** has partnered with the **Central Bank Of India** to provide digital Know Your Customers (KYC) and eKYC on its network all over India.
- **India** and **Australia** inked an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (**IndAus ECTA**), hailed as a watershed moment and one of the world's most prominent economic doors to open.
- Prime Ministers **Narendra Modi** and **Sher Bahadur Deuba** met in New Delhi, where they launched several projects and signed **four significant agreements** in various disciplines.
- The **SBI** and the Border Security Force (**BSF**) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide financial security solutions to BSF soldiers through the Central Armed Police Salary Package (**CAPSP**) Scheme.
- **Jio-bp** and **TVS Motor Company** have agreed to investigate the creation of a comprehensive public **EV charging infrastructure** in India.
- **NTPC** and **GGL** (Gujarat Gas Limited) signed an Agreement to combine Green Hydrogen into Natural Gas.
- **Amazon** signed agreements with **3 Companies** to launch their **Satellite Internet**.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) and Israel Aerospace Industries (**IAI**) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to convert civil passenger aircraft to Multi-Mission Tanker Transport (**MMTT**) aircraft in **India**.
- **Arya.ag**, an integrated grain commerce platform, has voluntarily entered the **United Nations Global Compact India**.
- For technological collaboration, the Unique Identification Authority of India (**UIDAI**), **MeitY**, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Remote Sensing Centre (**NRSC**), **ISRO**, Hyderabad.
- The **Prime Ministers' Museum** has chosen **Paytm** as its official digital payment partner.
 - Its payment gateway and EDC (Electronic Data Capture) equipment are available.

- National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and the **IIT Guwahati** have teamed up to design and build a highly energy-efficient **CO2 collection system** from power plants.
- **GE Aviation**, a global pioneer in aviation engines and technology development, has teamed up with Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (**TIDCO**) to establish an Emerging Technologies Centre of Excellence (**CoE**).
- **Nexo**, a London-based crypto currency lender, has teamed up with **Mastercard**, the world's largest payments company, to produce the world's first "**crypto-backed**" payment card.
- **Prasar Bharati** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Argentina's** public broadcaster, Radio Television Argentina (**RTA**), to collaborate in broadcasting.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between **Kerala** and the **Netherlands** for the **Cosmos Malabaricus** project.
- **Netflix India** has launched a short video series named '**Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya**' in partnership with the **Information and Broadcasting Ministry**.
- Tata Consultancy Services (**TCS**) has expanded its strategic collaboration with **SBI Cards and Payments Services Ltd** to support the digital transformation of SBI Cards.
- Customers of **Airtel Payments Bank** can now open a fixed deposit (FD) accounts with **IndusInd Bank**.
 - On the Airtel Thanks app, customers may open FDs ranging from Rs 500 to Rs 190,000.
- **L&T** has struck a deal with **IIT Bombay** to collaborate on **Green Hydrogen** research and development.
- A satellite launch agreement has been inked between **One Web**, a Bharti group firm, and **New Space India Limited**, the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organization.
- **Google** and the **Telangana** government have inked a memorandum of understanding to deliver the benefits of the digital economy to the state's **young and female entrepreneurs**.

Meet/Visit

- The 20th **Joint Staff Meeting** between **India** and **France** focused on new ideas within the existing bilateral defense cooperation system, held in **Paris**.

Fund

- The **Gujarat** government's **Mission School of Excellence** initiative, which aims to improve **education quality** in the state, will receive a loan worth Rs 7,500 crore from the **World Bank** and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (**AIIB**).
- The Government of **India's** Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has given USD 72,124 to the **UNESCO Fund** for the **Elimination of Doping in Sport 2022**.

Economy

- India's **GDP** is expected to expand by **7.4%** in the fiscal year 2022-23, according to **FICCI** (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) (FY23).
- In **March**, the **highest** ever **GST** was collected, which is very positive for the economy.
 - The GST collection hit a new high of Rs 1,42,095 crore, surpassing the previous high of Rs 1,40,986 crore achieved in January 2022.
- South Asian economies are expected to grow at a collective rate of 7% in 2022, according to the **Asian Development Bank**, with **India's** most significant economy rising at **7.5%** this fiscal year before increasing to 8% the following year.
- The International Monetary Fund (**IMF**) has lowered **India's GDP** growth prediction for FY23 to **8.2%**.

- Due to increased electricity prices and rising edible oil prices, **India's wholesale price index (WPI)** based inflation **surged to 14.55 percent** in March.

Companies/Industry

- In India, **Microsoft** introduced a new digital and inclusive platform for startup creators. The platform is known as the '**Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub**.'
- The **Tata Group** will unveil **Neu**, its much-anticipated super app, on April 7.
 - The Tata Group's primary goal is to grow its digital segment to compete with market giants like Amazon, Flipkart, and JioMart from the Reliance Group.
- HP acquires **Poly** to become full-service hybrid work ecosystem provider.
- In **Bengaluru**, Karnataka, IT giant **Infosys** and premier industrial technology business **Rolls-Royce** have launched a combined "**aerospace engineering and digital innovation facility**."
- In intra-day trading, **Reliance Industries Limited** has become the first Indian business to reach a market valuation of **Rs 19 lakh crore**.
- **PencilKey**, a National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) compatible RuPay contactless keychain, was developed by **Pencilton**, a teen-focused finance firm.

Exports/Imports

- For the first time in the financial year 2021-22, **India's agricultural exports topped** the USD 50 billion level (FY22).
- **Indonesia** has **halted** agricultural imports from **India**, citing New Delhi officials' refusal to register laboratories that assess food safety.

Taxation/Trade

- **India's trade imbalance** surged by **87.5 percent** to \$192.41 billion in 2021-22, up from \$102.63 billion the previous year, according to government data.

Space

- On SpaceX's Transporter-4 flight, **Pixxel**, a space data startup, launched its first fully operational satellite, **TD-2**.
- **China** successfully launched **Gaofen-3 03**, a new Earth observation satellite, from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center aboard a **Long March-4C** rocket.

Science and Technology

- The Indian Institute of Technology, **Madras**, has introduced India's first **Polycentric Prosthetic Knee**, which aims to improve the lives of thousands of amputees above the knee.

Environment

- In the **Philippines**, Tropical Storm **Megi** caused devastation, killing at least 167 people in major disasters.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- **IndiGo** is the first airline in Asia to use the **GAGAN navigation system** to land its aircraft.

Films and Film Festival

- **Deepika Padukone** will be a jury member at the **Cannes Film Festival** this year.

Festival

- **Sarhul** is a New Year's event observed by tribal groups in **Jharkhand** as part of the local Sarna religion.

- Lieutenant Governor **Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan** officially opened the **Puducherry** first-ever **Beach Festival I Sea PONDY-2022** in the presence of Chief Minister N. Rangasamy.

Media /I.T / Telecommunication

- In **Nagpur**, Maharashtra, India's first-ever **radio channel** for the **visually impaired**, dubbed '**Radio Aksh**,' was inaugurated.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- **Vishwas Patel** has been re-elected as Chairman of the Payments Council of India (**PCI**) for the second time in 2022; he was first elected to the position in 2018.
- **Mahesh Verma**, the Vice-Chancellor of Indraprastha University, has been named the next chairperson of **NABH** (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers).
- From April 1, 2022, **Dr. S Raju** has been named Director-General of the Geological Survey of India (**GSI**).
- The **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation** has named **Vikas Kumar** its new Managing Director (**DMRC**).
- The new campaign for **PharmEasy**, a consumer healthcare "**super app**," features Bollywood superstar **Aamir Khan** as its brand ambassador.
- **Viktor Orban**, **Hungary's Prime Minister**, achieved a landslide victory in the country's general elections for 2022, giving him a fourth consecutive term in office.
- **Arunabha Ghosh** (India) has been named a High-Level Expert Group on Non-State Entities' **Net-Zero Emissions Commitments** by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.
- IFS **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** has been named India's next **Foreign Secretary** by the Indian government.
- Vice Chief Lieutenant General **Manoj Pande** is likely to succeed Army Chief General M.M. Naravane, widely seen as the **next Chief of Defense Staff**.
- **Murli M Natarajan's** tenure as managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of **DCB Bank** has been re-appointed for another two years by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- President of **Serbia Aleksandar Vučić** has been re-elected. Vucic was predicted to win by pollster groups CeSID and Ipsos.
- **Shehbaz Sharif**, **Pakistan's** opposition leader, was chosen unopposed as the country's 23rd **Prime Minister** in a vote in the National Assembly.
- Dr. **Manoj Soni**, member of the Union Public Service Commission (**UPSC**), has been named **head** of the country's top government recruitment agency (**UPSC**).
- **Karnataka** named **Robin Uthappa** as brand ambassador for **Brain Health Initiative**.
- **Vikram Dev Dutt's** nomination as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India Asset Holding (**AIAHL**).
- **Satya Easwaran** has been named the Country Head for India at **Wipro**.
- **Bimal Kothari** has been selected as the new Chairman of the India Pulses and Grains Association (**IPGA**), the whole body representing India's pulses commerce and industry.
- President Alassane Ouattara has re-appointed **Patrick Achi** as **Prime Minister** of the **Ivory Coast**.
- In the **Slovenian Prime Minister** election, **Robert Golob** defeated three-time Prime Minister Janez Jana.
- **Aditya Birla Capital** has named **Vishakha Mulye** as its new Chief Executive Officer.
- **Krishnan Ramanujam** has been named Chairperson of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (**Nasscom**) for 2022-2023.

- **Bruce de Broize** has been named MD and CEO of Future Generali India Life Insurance by Generali Asia (FGILI).
- **Vijay Sampla**, a BJP leader and former Union minister, has been named chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC).

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- **Rajiv Kumar**, the Vice-Chairperson of the government-run organization Niti Aayog, has resigned due to a government order.

Deaths

- Awarded the Pulitzer Prize, **Richard Howard**, an American poet, died at 92.
- **Shiv Kumar Subramaniam**, an actor, and screenwriter, best known for his roles in the serials Mukti Bandhan and Meenakshi Sundareshwar, has passed away.
- **Prafulla Kar**, a well-known Odia vocalist, and music director, died of age-related diseases.
- **Mwai Kibaki**, Kenya's former president, died at 90.
- **M. Vijayan**, the DAE Homi Bhabha Professor of structural biology at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), died in Bengaluru.
- **Binapani Mohanty**, an eminent Odisha writer and Padma Shri awardee (2020), died at 85.
- **James Dringwell Rymbai**, the former Chief Minister of Meghalaya, died at 88.
- **Salim Ghose**, a film and television actor, died in Mumbai after having a heart arrest.

Awards/Honours

- **Mirabai Chanu**, a weightlifting champion and an Olympic silver medalist, was named the **BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021** for the 3rd time.
- 'Jingkieng Jri, or **Living Root Bridge**' has been added to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's tentative list of **World Heritage Sites** (UNESCO).
- Trevor Noah hosted the 64th **Annual Grammy Awards**, presented for the first time at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.
 - **Jon Batiste** had the most nominations, with eleven, and the most prizes, with five.
 - Album Of The Year - 'We Are' by Jon Batiste
- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission has named **HDFC Bank Limited** the **Best Performing Bank** in Self Help Group (SHG) Linkage (DAY-NRLM).
- Prof **Ramdarash Mishra**, a noted poet and litterateur will get the prestigious **Saraswati Samman** in 2021.
- **Aarefa Johari**, a Mumbai-based journalist, received the Chameli Devi Jain Award for **Outstanding Woman Media Person 2021**.
- **Falguni Shah**, an Indian-American singer, earned a **Grammy Award** for **Best Children's Album** for her album **A Colorful World**.
- Kamloops Residential School, a shot by **Canadian** photographer **Amber Bracken**, has won the **World Press Photo of the Year** award for 2022.
- The Digital CX Awards 2022 went to 'Indus Merchant Solutions,' a mobile app for **IndusInd Bank** merchants, for '**Outstanding Digital CX - SME Payments**.'
- **Kangra Tea** from **Himachal Pradesh** will soon receive a Geographical Indication Tag (GI Tag) from the European Commission.
- M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President, honored **43** prominent artists with the **Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship** and **Sangeet Natak Awards** for 2018.

- This year's **O.Henry prize** went to veteran **Bengali** novelist **Amar Mitra** for a short story he penned 45 years ago.
- He won the award for his short tale '**Gaonburo**'.
- Dr. **Himanta Biswa Sarma**, the Chief Minister of Assam, presented **Nilamani Phookan**, one of Assam's most known poets, with the country's highest literary prize, the **56th Jnanpith** for the year 2021.
- **Mumbai** and **Hyderabad** have been named the **2021 Tree Cities** of the World by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Arbor Day Foundation.
- The 2021 **AIMA Managing India Awards** were delivered by Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways (AIMA).
 - **Shoojit Sircar** received the **Director Of The Year** award for Sardar Udham in the film category.
- To create a best-in-class Enterprise Payments Hub, **IndusInd Bank** received the global '**Celent Model Bank**' award in 'Payments System Transformation' (EPH).
- For the first time, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation presented **five people** with the John F. Kennedy Profile in **Courage Award 2022**.
 - The Ukrainian President, **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**, is titled after his bravery in defending the Ukrainian people during the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
 - The other award members are: United States (US) Representative: Liz Cheney, Michigan Secretary of State: Jocelyn Benson, Arizona Representative: Russell "Rusty" Bowers, Fulton County, Georgia, elections worker: Wandrea "Shaye" Moss
- According to the Ministry of Culture, India entered the **Guinness Book** of World Records by simultaneously **flying 78,220 flags** at the Veer Kunwar Singh Vijayotsav.
- Sir **David Attenborough**, an English natural history presenter and biologist has been designated the recipient of the **Champions of the Earth Award 2021** by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- **Max Verstappen** of Formula One has been crowned **Laureus Sportsman of the Year** for 2022, while Jamaican Olympic sprinter **Elaine Thompson-Herah** has been chosen as **Sportswoman**.
- The Planning Department of **Meghalaya**, part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture, has been recognized with a prestigious **UN Award**.
- The **Atal Tunnel**, built by the Border Roads Organization (BRO) in Rohtang, Himachal Pradesh, got the Indian Building Congress (IBC) '**Best Infrastructure Project**' award in New Delhi.

Sports/Game

- Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, and TC Gehlot, Governor of **Karnataka**, unveiled the **Khelo India University Games 2021** logo, jersey, mascot, and anthem (KIUG 2021).
- **Adidas** has unveiled **Al Rihla**, the Official Match Ball for the **FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022**. It's the 14th World Cup ball for Adidas.
- **Iga Swiatek** of Poland won the 2022 **Miami Open** tennis tournament by defeating Naomi Osaka of Japan in the final match, 6-4, 6-0.
- On April 3, 2022, at Hagley Oval in Christchurch, New Zealand, **Australia** defeated England by 71 runs in the finals to win their seventh **Women's World Cup**.
 - **Alyssa Healy** was titled Player of the Tournament.
 - With 21 wickets, England's **Sophie Ecclestone** was the tournament's best wicket-taker.
- **Meghalaya** will host the **83rd National Table Tennis Championship 2022**, held at the SAI Indoor Training Centre, NEHU in Shillong.
- **Riya Jadon**, 13, won the **DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship** after a close battle with her older sister Lavanya Jadon.

- The Formula One (F1) 2022 **Australian Grand Prix** was won by **Charles Leclerc**.
- **Dipika Pallikal Karthik** and **Saurav Ghosal**, the second-seeded Indian combination, won the mixed doubles title at the 2022 **WSF World Doubles Squash Championship** in Glasgow, **Scotland**.
- At the **Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament 2022**, the 15-member Indian boxing contingent finished their campaign.
 - India bags 10 medals with 3 Gold at Thailand Open Boxing Tournament 2022.
- Pakistan captain **Babar Azam** and Australia's run-machine **Rachael Haynes** have been awarded the **ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month** for March 2022, respectively, by the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- At the **Danish Open swimming tournament** in Copenhagen, Denmark, top Indian swimmer **Sajan Prakash** won **gold** in the men's 200m butterfly.
- **Haryana** won the 12th **Senior Men's National Hockey Championship** after defeating Tamil Nadu 3-1 in a shootout after the final was tied 1-1 after regulation time.
- In Castile-La Mancha, **Spain**, Indian Grandmaster **Dommaraju Gukesh** won the 48th **La Roda International Open chess tournament**.
- India captain **Rohit Sharma** and bowler **Jasprit Bumrah** have been chosen among the "**Five Cricketers of the Year**" for 2022 by Wisden Almanack.
- The **Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix** in **Italy** was won by Formula One champion **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull).

Report

- The overall **unemployment** rate in India fell to **7.6%** in March 2022, according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).
- **Chandrapur**, Maharashtra was the **third hottest city** in the world, according to the El Dorado weather website, with a temperature of 43.2 degrees Celsius.
- Hurun Research Institute's list of Hurun **Richest Self-Made Women** In The World 2022 is released.
 - Top 3: Wu Yajun (Co-founder of Longfor), Fan Hongwei (Chairman/President, Hengli Petrochemical Co Ltd), Wang Laichun (Luxshare Precision Industry).
 - **Indian Women** on the List: 10 - Falguni Nayar (CEO of Nykaa), 25- Radha Vembu (Co-founder of Zoho Corporation), 26- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (Founder of Biocon Limited and Biocon Biologics).
- **Forbes** has released the list of the **world's billionaires** for 2022.
 - With a net worth of \$219 billion, **Elon Musk** leads the Forbes billionaires list, followed by Amazon CEO **Jeff Bezos**, who has \$171 billion.
 - On the global list, **Ambani** came in **10th** place, slightly ahead of fellow businessman and **Adani** Group founder Gautam Adani.
 - According to Forbes' Billionaires List 2022, **Savitri Jindal**, the chairman of the Jindal Group, is the richest woman in India,
- Quacquarelli Symonds announced the 12th edition of the **QS World University Rankings** by Subject 2022.
 - The only Indian institutes to rank among the top 100 in the Engineering and Technology category are the Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**)-**Bombay** at 65th and the Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**)-**Delhi** at 72nd.
- The State Energy and Climate Index (**SECI**) Round I has been launched by **NITI Aayog**.
 - Top 3 (Larger States Category): Gujarat, Kerala, Punjab
 - Top 3 (Smaller States Category): Goa, Tripura, Manipur
 - Top 3 (Union Territories): Chandigarh, Delhi, Daman & Diu/Dadra & Nagar Haveli

- According to a World Bank's Policy Research Working Paper, **India's** excessive **poverty rate** has **decreased** from 22.5 percent in 2011 to **10.2 percent** in 2019.
- According to a paper titled "Trends in World Military Expenditure Report 2021" by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (**SIPRI**), a think tank based in Sweden.
 - **India's military spending** is the **third-largest** in the world, behind the **United States** and **China**.

General - National

- The Ministry of **Ayush** is organizing an excellent program for unveiling the **Common Yoga Protocol** in Red Fort, **Delhi**.
- The South-Central Railway (SCR)'s "**One Station, One Product**" promotion has been launched at **six** major stations across its six divisions.
- **India** has been elected to the **Commission on Science and Technology for Development**, one of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- The National Agriculture Market (**e-NAM**), a pan-India electronic commerce network, is celebrating its **sixth** anniversary.
- The Border Roads Organization will construct the **world's highest tunnel** at **Shinku La Pass**, according to BRO Director General Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhary.
 - That Connects **Himachal Pradesh to Ladakh**.
- The **World Health Organization** opened its Global Centre for **Traditional Medicine** in Gujarat to combine historical methods with modern research to unlock the potential of traditional medicine.
- The **Swaminarayan Akshardham temple** complex in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, has unveiled India's first **movable solar roofing system**.
 - India's 1st Portable Solar Rooftop System opened in Gandhinagar.
- India's 1st **carbon-neutral panchayat** in Village **Palli**, Jammu and Kashmir.
- The **ITPO**, in collaboration with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, is presenting **Asia's largest international food and hospitality show**.

General - International

- The **world's largest electric cruise ship** has returned to dock in Yichang, Hubei Province, **China**, after completing its maiden voyage up and down the Yangtze River.
- The Director-General of **UNESCO** has nominated **Guadalajara, Mexico**, as the **World Book Capital** for 2022.
- The **United States** has placed **India, China, Russia**, and four other countries on its yearly "**Priority Watch List**" for intellectual property protection and enforcement.

Books and Authors

Book's Name	Author's Name
• Queen of Fire	Devika Rangachari
• Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises	Dr. Sreeram Chaulia
• Decoding Indian Babudom	Ashwini Shrivastava
• The Maverick Effect	Harish Mehta
• Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI	Vinod Rai
• The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution	Rajesh Talwar

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TO THE POINTS: APRIL-2022

- The Transgender Day of Visibility, an international awareness day has been observed on **March 31**.
- **International Day of Drug Checking** has been celebrated on 31st March every year since 2017.
- The Government of India has approved over Rs 433 crores Legacy Waste Remediation proposal for **Maharashtra**.
- The Union Cabinet headed by Narendra Modi has approved over **Rs 6062 crore**, World Bank assisted programme on Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance.
- The Cabinet Committee on Security has approved the procurement of **15 LCH** Light Combat Helicopters Limited Series from HAL for Indian Air Force.
- The Government has approved the release of additional instalment of **3%** of DA to Central Government employees and DR to pensioner from 1 January 2022.
- According to the Coal and Mine Ministry Centre has launched an auction of **122** Coal and Lignite mines.
- The Home Ministry's High-Level Committee has approved an additional Central assistance of over Rs 1,887 crores to **5 States**.
- The Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank has planned to launch a scheme to offer personal loans for prisoner's upto Rs. **Rs 50,000**.
- **Google Pay** has recently tied up with Pine Labs to Launch 'Tap To Pay' Feature For UPI.
- **Central Bank of India** has recently tied up with Kwik.ID to digitize customer on boarding.
- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company** has recently launched the rewards programme named VAULT.
- Payments Council of India has recently re-elected **Vishwas Patel** as its Chair Person.
- IFS officer Renu Singh has been recently appointed as the Director of **Forest Research Institute**.
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization has recently extended the Stoltenberg's term as Secretary-General till **2023**.
- The Chief of Army staff General MM Naravane has recently presented prestigious 'President's Colours' to two battalions of **Dogra Regiment**.
- UAE-based Multinational conglomerate LuLu Group International has tied up with **Tamil Nadu** to invest Rs 3,500 crore.
- Assam & **Meghalaya** has signed an agreement to resolve five-decade-old border dispute in 6 locations.
- A Bilateral Naval Exercise 'VARUNA -2022 has begun in Arabian Sea. This Exercise takes place between India and **France**.
- Indian Ocean Naval Symposium Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22) has conducted at Goa. The exercise witnessed the participation of **15 members** out of the 25 member nations of IONS.
- **Virat Kohli** has topped in the Duff & Phelps Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021.
- Miguel Van Damme passed away. He belonged to **Football**.
- Odisha Day or Utkal Divas has been celebrated on 1st April 2022. Odisha got its own identity as a separate state on **1936**.

- The National Dairy Development Board has collaborated with the National Bee Board and organized National Conclave on Production of **Bees Wax**.
- According to the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, it has approved the construction of **2,42,000 houses** under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
- DTH service **DD Free Dish** has recently become the largest DTH platform with reach of over 43 million households.
- The Prime Minister Modi has attended virtual summit of 5th BIMSTEC. **Sri Lanka** is the current chair Holder.
- The Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has recently presented the state budget with an outlay of **Rs 24, 467 crore** for the financial Year 2022-23.
- **HDFC BANK** has tied up with Shoppers Stop and has recently Launched Co-Branded Credit Cards.
- The Deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar would end on March 31st. Person not linked shall pay the fine amount of **Rs. 1000** as per the government circular.
- The Government of India has planned to sell upto **1.5% stake** in ONGC via offer for sale (OFS) for Rs 3000 crores.
- **IDBI Bank** has planned to sell its stake in life insurance joint venture with Age as Insurance International.
- Robert Abela has been sworn in as the Prime Minister of **Malta** for the second term.
- **Wilfried Brutsaert** has won the Stockholm Water Prize for the year 2022 for his innovative advertisement.
- Indian aerospace and Defense Company and Ministry of Defence **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** has signed a contract worth Rs. 3,102 Cr for supply of Advanced Electronic Warfare.
- India and **Australia** has signed an agreement to collaborate in lithium and cobalt identification projects.
- Indian Navy's 2nd P-81 Air Squadron INAS 316 has commissioned at INS Hansa. This Hansa Naval air base is located in **Goa**.
- China's new Long March-6 rocket has recently mad its maiden flight. The weight of this modified version of the Long March-6 is **530 tons**.
- As per the report SIDBI has acquired **7.84 %** stake in Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to facilitate market access to MSMEs.
- **Mirabai Chanu** has bagged the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award 2021.
- BB Gurung passed away recently. He was the Chief Minister of **Sikkim**.
- An International Children's Book Day has been celebrated every year on **April 02** by the International Board on Books for Young People.
- The World Autism Awareness Day has been annually observed on April 2. Theme of the World Autism Awareness Day 2022 - **Inclusive Quality Education for All**.
- **National Commission for Women** has recently launched the Anti-Human Trafficking Cell to improve effectiveness in tackling cases of human trafficking.
- **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative** has recently developed nanotechnology-based Nano Urea (Liquid).

- The National Medicinal Plants Board has prepared a draft scheme for the promotion of Medicinal Plant Cultivation. A token amount of **Rs. 25 core** is allocated under Pradhan Mantri VRIKSH-AYUSH Yojana.
- As per the report, Government of India has recently extended the existing Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) from March 31, 2022 till **September 30, 2022**.
- Nabet India has partnered with **PNB Housing Finance Ltd** for a unique employment generation program for women.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has imposed a penalty worth Rs 25 lakh on **5 entities** for non-genuine trades.
- The Asian Development Bank has tied up with HSBC India to set up **\$100 million USD** partial guarantee programme for microfinance institutions (MFIs).
- Financial services company **Finmapp** has got license from Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority and IRDAI to sell National Pension Scheme insurance.
- As per the recent report by the Reserve Bank of India, it has extended the timelines for banks to use lockable cassettes in ATMs till **March 2023**.
- **Aprajita Sharrma** has been appointed as the Vice-chairperson of International Telecommunication Union's Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management.
- As per the Geological Survey of India **Dr.S. Raju** has been taking charge as Director General of Geological Survey of India.
- An Indian Climate Expert Arunabha Ghosh has been appointed to high-level expert group on **Net-Zero Emissions commitments**.
- **Mahindra Manulife Mutual Fund** has been appointed Anthony Heredia as their Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- Indian Organization **Bharat Dynamics Limited** and Tawazun Economic Council, United Arab Emirates, have exchanged Memorandum of Understanding to explore new business opportunities.
- **Adidas** has unveiled an Official Al Rihla FIFA World Cup Ball for Qatar 2022.
- The Weightlifter Ann Mariya M T has won gold medal in **87 kg category** in the National weightlifting championships in Bhubaneswar.
- **Meghalaya** has all set to host 83rd National Table Tennis Championship 2022.
- Anurag Thakur has launched logo, mascot jersey & anthem of Khelo India University Games 2021. It is going to take place at **Bangalore, Karnataka**.
- The International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action has been observed on **April 04**.
- The Ministry of Culture has launched a website named **Temple 360** in an event organized by Ministry of Culture at IGNCA.
- **4th edition** of India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS) has concluded in Kochi in Kerala by Kochi-based Cruz Expo.
- As per Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy date India's unemployment rate has fallen to **7.6%** in March from 8.1% in Feb 2022.

- According to the annual flagship report titled, “State of World Population 2022 Seeing the Unseen: The case for action in the neglected crisis of unintended pregnancy” has been released by **UNFPA**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** have recently inaugurated 13 New District in India.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** state Biodiversity Board (APSB) in collaboration with WWF India has developed the state biodiversity strategy and action plan.
- The Reserve Bank of India has recently fixed the Ways and Means Advances for states at **Rs 47,010 crore** in view of improvement in the pandemic situation.
- Redeemption Digital Technology Private Limited has soft-launched India’s **1st** KYC-compliant crypto token – Redeemption.
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India** has launched “Manthan”- ideathon to promote innovation in the Securities Market.
- MG Motor India has launched MG e-Pay: Industry’s 1st End-to-End Online Auto Finance Platform.
- **Ergos** company has launched “GrainBank Loyalty Cards for Farmers”.
- The United Nations Human Rights Council has appointed Tuvalu negotiator **Dr Ian Fry** as climate change expert for the first time.
- Viktor Orban has won fourth successive term as the Prime Minister for **Hungary**.
- **HDFC BANK** has adjudged as the best performing bank in Self Help Groups (SHG linkage by National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)).
- **Leh** city Administration has signed a tripartite agreement to develop Hanley as Dark Sky Sanctuary.
- As per Commerce and Industry Ministry India & **Australia** has signed economic cooperation and trade pact to boost the economy.
- As per the Defence Ministry Indian Air Force has celebrated 60 years of Helicopter named **Chetak**.
- The Chief Justice of India NV Ramana has launched ‘**FASTER**’ – Software for electronic delivery of orders.
- According to statistics presented in the Lok Sabha **Uttar Pradesh** has overtaken the West Bengal as Leading Producer of Vegetables.
- As per the Hurun Richest self-made women billionaires in the world 2022, Nykaa’s Falguni Nayar has ranked **10th** in this report.
- Space – technology startup **Pixxel** has launched India’s first private commercial imaging satellite Shakuntala to space by SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket.
- Australia has defeated **England** to win the ICC Women’s World Cup 2022.
- **Iga Swiatek** has won the 2022 Miami Open tennis tournament by defeating Naomi Osaka of Japan.
- A New book “Crunch Time: Narendra Modi’s National Security Crises” has written by **Sreeram Chaulia**.
- The National Maritime Day has been annually observed on April 5, 2022. Theme - **Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19**.

- The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has arrested 1,459 touts and blocked 366 IRCTC agent IDs and 6,751 personal IDs under **Operation Upalabdh**.
- **Flipkart** has launched a foundation for the growth of rural area and women.
- **Bangladesh** has signed a deal with Adani group for Indian Economic Zone.
- As per the FICCI Economic Outlook Survey, India's GDP growth rate for FY23 is **7.4%**.
- **Aegon Life Insurance** has partnered with Ahalia Finforex to offer insurance cover to unserved segment.
- As per the report, HDFC would merge with HDFC Bank to create **3rd** most valuable company in the country.
- Recently **State Bank of India** has signed MoU with Border Security Force to offer special benefits through Central Armed Police Salary Package Scheme.
- **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** has recently appointed as the India's new Foreign Secretary.
- As per the report Vikas Kumar has taken charge as 3rd Managing Director (MD) of **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation**.
- This year 2022 has been marked **64th** edition of Annual Grammy Awards held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Indian Journalist **Aarefa Johari** has won the Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Media person 2021.
- **Assam** Cabinet has approved a MoU with French agency for biodiversity conservation.
- The Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has launched **Six** new rare Chemical Reference Materials to strengthen anti-doping Testing.
- **Minister of Information & Broadcasting** has recently launched the Broadcast Seva Portal in New Delhi.
- The Centre has sanctioned **Rs 3.65 crores** for international exposure trips of Indian Athletics, Yachting teams.
- **Carlos Alcaraz** has won the Men's Single title in 2022 Miami Open Tennis Tournament.
- The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a digital payment architecture rolled out by **National Payments Corporation of India**.
- The General Assembly of the United Nations has observed the International Day of Conscience on **April 05**.
- **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has declared April 06 as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.
- The environment ministry has announced the launch of **Prakriti** green initiative for effective plastic waste management.
- According to data released by the Union Finance Ministry on February 2022 Goods and Services Tax has hit all time high of **Rs 1.42 lakh crore**.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has launched the 'School Chalo Abhiyan' in a bid to ensure 100 per cent enrolment in schools.
- **Karnataka** has recently launched the cooperative bank for milk producer's initiative.
- Consumer healthcare app Pharm Easy has been appointed **Aamir Khan** as the brand ambassador.

- Aleksandar Vucic has been appointed as the president of **Serbia**.
- India-Nepal has signed four agreements & launched multiple projects. Nepal is **105th** member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- Manipur government has signed MoU with **Samsung** and Abhitech to set up sports digital Experience Centre.
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has signed MoU with **Jammu & Kashmir** to promote commerce stream of education.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has launched an application named **Kaaval Uthavi app** to help seek police assistance during any emergency.
- Information technology company **HP** has acquired Poly with the goal of becoming a full-service hybrid work ecosystem provider.
- According to the economic data **Axis BANK** has bought Citibank India's consumer businesses for \$1.6 billion.
- According to India Debt Resolution Company Ltd the Stakes of Canara Bank, SBI, PNB and Union Bank has reduced to **5%** each.
- **75th** Edition of National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy would take place on April 16 in Kerala.
- Dharmendra Pradhan has released a book titled Birsa Munda Janjatiya Nayak. He is the current minister of **Ministry of Education and Skill Development**.
- A new book titled, "Queen of Fire" has been authored by **Devika Rangachari**.
- **Assessor** is a local government official who estimates the value of real property within a city, town, or village's boundaries.
- The World Health Day has been observed on April 7. Theme - **Our Planet, Our Health**.
- The Union Jal Shakti Minister has recently launched **Digital Dashboard** for District Ganga Committees Performance Monitoring System.
- The International Monetary Fund has lauded India Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana. This scheme is related to **Food subsidy**.
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated the Air Force Commanders Conference AFCC at Air Headquarters in New Delhi.
- As per the recent report by the Government of India, Stand Up India scheme has completed its **6th year** as on 5th April 2022.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has launched Udyam Kranti Yojana scheme to give loan up to Rs 50L with subsidized interest rate for self-employment.
- **Punjab** has decided to provide digital J-Forms to the farmers across the state from April 1, 2022.
- As per the Asian Development Bank the projected GDP growth rate of the Indian economy for the financial year FY23 is **7.5%**.
- As per the data released by Central Government, India's trade deficit has rose to **87.50%** to \$192.41 billion in FY22.
- The Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has nominated **Gulzar Ahmed** as the caretaker of Prime Minister.

- The Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of Murali M. Natrajan as the MD & CEO of **DCB Bank** for two years.
- Famous poet & litterateur **Ramdarash Mishra** has been selected for the Saraswati Samman 2021.
- As per the report released by the Central Government, India has aided the construction of wastewater treatment plant in **Nepal**.
- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** and Israel Aerospace has tied up to turn civil aircraft into mid-air refuellers.
- The Union Bank has launched Union NXT Super App & digital transformation called **SAMBHAV**.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has handed over the first set of **Gaganyaan** hardware to the Indian Space Research Organization.
- As per the recent report released by the Bloomberg Billionaire Index, **Gautam Adani** has become the richest man in India.
- As per the Forbes' 36th annual ranking of the world's richest people list **Elon Musk** has topped Forbes list.
- **India** has beaten Malaysia to register third consecutive victory in FIH Women's Junior World Cup in South Africa.
- A New book titled "Decoding Indian Babudom" has been authored by **Ashwini Shrivastava**.
- Every year International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Rwandan Genocide has been observed on **April 7**.
- **Ashwini Vaishnav** would chair the advisory committee on the countries semiconductor mission formed recently.
- **Ministry of Ayush** has recently organized the World Health Day including a demonstration of the Common Yoga Protocol, to be organized in the backdrop of the Red Fort.
- Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying has launched a pilot project to implement the One Health Framework by the One Health Support Unit in **Uttarakhand**.
- **Arya.ag** Company has recently partnered with United Nations International Compact India to assist UN SDGs.
- **AVSAR** initiative has recently launched by the Airport Authority of India to encourage local women-led SHGs by providing them with the right opportunities.
- Recently the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has constituted a Task Force for the Promotion of an **AVGC sector**.
- **Nepal** has received permission to export an additional 325 MW of electricity to the energy market in India.
- The most popular tribal festival, Sarhul has been observed every year in **Jharkhand**.
- **ICICI Direct** has recently partnered with Cover Stack to cross-sell Insurance Products on their platforms.
- Recently the World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank have provided a loan of Rs 7,500 crore to **Gujarat** state's School of Excellence project.
- According to the Ministry of Finance, India's trade deficit has rose by **87.5 percent** in 2021-22.

- Recently Tata Steel Foundation has signed a MoU with **Jharkhand** to set up the Industrial Training Institute at Chandil.
- Recently **9th** edition of the India Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise has commenced at Special Forces Training School, Bakloh.
- **Amazon** has recently signed agreements with three companies to deploy the majority of its Project Kuiper satellites.
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology** has been awarded as the best university as per the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022.
- **Meena Nayar & Himmat Singh Shekhawat** has recently authored the book titled “Tiger of Drass, Capt. Anuj Nayar, 23, Kargil Hero”.
- Recently a team of scientists has discovered a star of 17,000 light-years away from the Earth. It looks like **Jupiter**.
- As per the 1st bi-monthly Monetary Policy of 2022-23, RBI has reduced the Country’s economic growth projection for the current fiscal to 7.2 percent from **7.8 percent**.
- As per the 1st bi-monthly Monetary Policy of 2022-23, Reverse repo rate is **3.35 percent**.
- The Central Reserve Police Force has been observed as Valour Day on 9th of April. This year 2022 marks **57th** edition of the Valour Day (ShauryaDiwas).
- According to the Ministry of Sports, It has released a financial outlay of **USD 72,124** to the UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping.
- As per the report released by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it has approved the extension of Atal Innovation Mission till **March 2023**.
- **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana** launched by the PM Modi has celebrated its 7th year anniversary on April 9th.
- **National Commission for Women** has recently launched an Anti-Human Trafficking Cell to improve effectiveness in tackling cases.
- As mentioned in the Newspaper, recently India’s first case of XE variant of coronavirus disease has reported from **Mumbai**.
- **Maharashtra** Power Generation Company and National Thermal Power Corporation has set up ultra-mega 2500-MW solar power park.
- The Reserve Bank of India’s Monetary Policy Repo rate has kept unchanged at 4%. The GDP growth projected by RBI for the Financial year FY23 is **7.2%**.
- The Reserve Bank of India has recently imposed monetary penalties of Rs 93 lakh on Axis Bank and Rs 90 lakh on **IDBI Bank**.
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India** has set up two separate panels to review ownership norms of Sponsor & Trustees.
- As per the data released by Central Government, India’s trade deficit has rose to **87.50%** to \$192.41 billion in FY22.
- “Picture of Dresses on Crosses” has won 2022 World Press Photo of the Year. It is captured by **Amber Jacken**.
- **IFSCA** has signed MoU with GVFL Limited (formerly Gujarat Venture Finance Limited) for Strengthening the FinTech Ecosystem in GIFT IFSC.

- DRDO has successfully flight-tested the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology off Odisha coast. Its high projected range is **350 Kilometer Range**.
- **China** has successfully launched its new satellite Gaofen-3 03 for Earth observation from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center.
- Golf player **Riya Jadon** has won 11th DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship.
- **Vinod Rai** has written the book named 'Not Just a Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI'.
- Hindi novelist and short story writer Geetanjali Shree's novel named **Tomb Of Sand** has shortlisted for the International Booker Prize.
- The World Homeopathy Day has been observed annually on **April 10**.
- The South-Central Railway has launched 'One station One Product' initiative at **6 major stations in India**.
- The Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has recently released **Third** positive indigenisation list in New Delhi to develop India as defence manufacturing hub.
- The Ayush Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated scientific convention on Homoeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness in **Delhi**.
- The Union Minister Bhupender Yadav has chaired the 20th National Tiger Conservation Authority meet in **Pakke Tiger Reserves**.
- In order to help small farmers **Asian Development Bank** and Louis Dreyfus Company BV have signed a loan of up to \$100 million.
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank has launched a new deposit scheme - Vikas Siri Sampat-1111. **₹ 10,000** is the minimum deposit amount for this scheme.
- Oil India Limited and **IIT Guwahati** has signed an incubation agreement with Ohm Clean Tech Private Limited for promoting Hydrogen mobility solutions in North eastern India.
- UIDAI, MeitY & **Indian Space Research Organization** has signed a MoU to develop Bhuvan-Aadhar portal.
- According to the Defence Ministry India has successfully test-fired missile system named **Pinaka Mk-I**.
- The Government of India has reserved **25%** of defence procurement budget for domestic private industry.
- **Uttarakhand** Chief Minister has launched anti - corruption mobile app developed by state vigilance department.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras has launched India's 1st indigenously developed prosthetic knee named **Kadam**.
- **SpaceX** has successfully launched the first all-private crew of space tourists to the International Space Station, as part of Axiom Space's Ax-1 mission.
- As per the QS World University Rankings 2022, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur has ranked **37** in 2022.
- **Charles Leclerc** has won the F1 Australian Grand Prix 2022.
- Dipika Pallikal Karthik and Saurav Ghosal have won the first-ever gold medal at World Doubles Squash championships. It held in **Scotland**.
- India has Bagged 10 medals with **3 gold** in Thailand Open Boxing Tournament 2022.

- Every year the International Day of Human Space Flight has been observed globally on **April 12** by the United Nations (UN).
- The National Safe Motherhood Day has observed annually on April 11. **Kasturba Gandhi Birthday** is observed as the National Safe Motherhood Day.
- The World Parkinson's Day has been observed on April 11. Theme - **Integrated healthcare.**
- President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated a five-day Madhavpur Ghed Fair in **Gujarat.**
- The Prime Minister Modi has virtually addressed **14th** edition of Foundation Day of Umiya Mata Temple.
- The Government of India has launched the Broadcast Seva platform to increase transparency. This Portal is developed by **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.**
- **Ecuador** has become the first Country in the world to recognize Animal Legal Rights.
- **Tata AIA Life Insurance Company** has recently tied up with Common Services Centers for making insurance accessible to rural India.
- **Harshvardhan Shringla** has been recently appointed as the India's G20 Chief Coordinator.
- Dr Manoj Soni has been appointed as the chairman of **Union Public Service Commission.**
- Author **Amar Mitra** has won the Prestigious 2022 O. Henry Prize for short stories.
- The Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has conferred Sangeet Natak Akademi and **Lalit Kala Akademi Fellowships and Awards.**
- DRDO & Indian Army has successfully flight-tested anti-tank guided missile named **Helina** in Pokhran Range.
- **Pakistan** army has successfully conducted test flight of ballistic missile Shaheen-III.
- Babar Azam and women cricket player **Rachael Haynes** has named as the ICC Players of The Month for March 2022.
- Shiv Kumar Subramaniam passed away recently. He belonged to **Cinema.**
- The International Turban Day has been observed on April 13. The 2022 Turban Day marks **553rd** birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.
- The Siachen Warriors has celebrated the 37th Siachen Day on **13th April 2021** to honour the soldiers of the Indian army guarded the Siachen Glacier.
- Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs has launched the Amrit Samagam .It is related to **Ministry of Culture and Tourism.**
- According to the Commerce Ministry the number of patent filings has increased from 42,763 to **66,440** in FY22.
- According to a study conducted by the Indian Institute of Science Micro plastics found in **Cauvery** River has been identified as one of the major reasons for deformities in fish.
- **United Nations Development Programme** and Adaptation Innovation Marketplace (AIM) has announces \$2.2 million in climate action grants for innovators.
- According to the Global Wind Report for 2022 Global wind energy sector has needed four-fold higher growth to meet Net Zero goal. Target year for India's Net Zero goal is **2050.**
- The Asian Development Bank has recently approved \$2 Million Loan to Support Urban Development in **Nagaland.**

- As per the report released by the Government of India, Country's gold imports has increased by **33.34%** to Rs 46.14 billion in 2021-22.
- Shehbaz Sharif has been elected as the Prime Minister of **Pakistan**.
- As per the List of top 10 busiest airports report released by the Airports Council International (ACI) World, **ATLANTA GA** airport topped the list.
- **National Mineral Development Corporation** has won SKOCH Awards 2022 at 80th SKOCH Summit 2022.
- Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam has signed MoU with **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** and Railway Energy Management Company Limited to develop renewable projects for Indian Railways.
- As per the report titled, State Energy and Climate Index Round 1 report released by Niti Aayog **Gujarat** has topped the list in Larger States Category.
- 1st Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery Tournament held in **Jamshedpur**, Jharkhand.
- **Ravichandran Ashwin** has become the 1st player to get retired out in IPL History.
- **Guwahathi** is called as the gateway of north east India.
- Ambedkar Jayanti has been observed on 14 April. This year 2022 marks **131st Birth Anniversary** of Dr Ambedkar.
- Every year of **14th April** has been observed as the World Chagas Disease Day.
- **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** has recently launched the Street vendor program SVANidhi se Samridhi' program in additional 126 cities across 14 States/ UTS.
- **Indian Council for Cultural Relations** has Launched India Alumni Portal for Foreign Students in New Delhi.
- The United Nations Development Programme has declared a Grant of **\$2.2 Million** in Climate Action for Innovators for 22 local innovators across 19 countries, including India.
- As per the recent report, Community museum has been inaugurated in Gya – Sasoma villages of **Leh** district.
- Him Prahari scheme for ex-servicemen and youngsters is the scheme launched by **Uttarakhand**.
- **Asian Development Bank** has sanctioned an amount of \$76.25 million or Rs 551 crore for three specific projects under Agartala Smart City Project.
- The Asian Development Bank has recently approved \$2 Million Loan to Support Urban Development in **Nagaland**.
- The World Trade Organization has slashed global trade growth forecast to **3.0%** in 2022 from 4.7% due to the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war.
- Falguni Nayar has won the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2021. She is the founder of **Nykaa**.
- The Odisha Government has signed a MoU with **Bharat Petroleum** for developing renewable energy plant & green hydrogen plant.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has launched 3 Indigenous "ITS" Solutions for Indian Traffic Management. ITS - **Intelligent Transportation Systems**.
- **Netherlands** has won FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2022.

- As per the report released by the Australian Government, Victoria has set to host the Commonwealth Games across cities in **2026**.
- Webb Ellis Cup is related to **Rugby**.
- Every year, the **World Art Day** has been observed on 15 April globally.
- Recently **Himachal Pradesh** has observed its foundation day on April 15.
- Recently the Central Government has completed asset monetization worth Rs 96,000 crore during FY22. Government's target is **Rs 88,000 Crore**.
- The Prime Minister has recently inaugurated the "Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya" in New Delhi. It covers the contributions of **14** former Prime Ministers of the country.
- As per the National Statistical Office (NSO) data, the retail inflation rate of India in March 2022 is **6.95 percent**.
- **ICICI Bank** recently signed a MoU to promote the special economic zone to Indian as well as global businesses.
- **Prem Rawat** has recently authored the book titled "Hear Yourself" for the Indian subcontinent in Mumbai.
- **Iqbal Singh Lalpura** has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities for a period of 3 years.
- Recently Mahesh Verma has been appointed as the new chairman of **National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare providers**.
- Recently **Mumbai and Hyderabad** have been jointly recognized as 2021 Tree City of the World by Food and Agriculture Organization.
- **Nigeria** has recently signed a contract with HAL for imparting Phase-II flying training on Chetak Helicopter for its six officers of Army Aviation.
- **Thailand** has recently partnered with Telangana for promoting bilateral trade and investment through greater cooperation in the areas of SMEs and startups.
- "NEFT is a nation wise payment system facilitating one to one funds transfer through STP". STP - **Straight through Processing**.
- Mithun Manjunath has won the silver in the Men's single of the Orleans Masters 2022. He is related to **Badminton**.
- **India** would host the Street Child Cricket World Cup in 2023.
- Recently R Praggnanandhaa has won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament by defeating **D. Gukesh**.
- **Punjab National Bank** recently launched Card-less Cash Withdrawal and Virtual Debit Card on its 128th foundation day.
- The World Voice Day has been observed on **April 16**.
- Every year, Save the Elephant Day has been celebrated on **April 16**, aiming to raise awareness regarding the dangers elephants.
- The Union Government has crossed its asset monetization worth Rs. **Rs 96,000 crore** for FY22, surpassing the target of Rs.88,000 crore.
- **IIT Guwahati** has collaborated with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) to develop energy efficient tech to capture CO2.

- India has elected to **4** UN Economic and Social Council bodies (UN ECOSOC).
- Rajnath Singh and Jaishankar have arrived US to attend **4th** edition of India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue.
- Mashreq NEO has tied up with **Federal Bank** to facilitate NR Account opening for Indians in UAE.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched a digital platform for business banking. Name of that platform - **Kotak FYN**.
- **8.0%** is the projected India's GDP Growth by the World Bank for the Financial Year 2022-23.
- **Jay Shah** has been appointed as the Member Board Representative of ICC Cricket Committee.
- **Vice President** has presented the International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021.
- **Narendra Modi** has recently awarded with inaugural Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award.
- The Indian Air Force has signed an MOU with **IIT Madras** to accelerate indigenization efforts for Atma Nirbhar Bharat.
- Iron Beam is the New Laser Missile Defense System developed by **Israel**.
- 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup has set to take place in **Odisha**, India.
- **Tamil Nadu** has beaten Punjab in the National basketball championship final to win this year 2022 title.
- **Tim Southee** has won the Sir Richard Hadlee medal at the 2022 New Zealand Cricket Awards.
- World Federation of Hemophilia (WHF) was observed on **April 17**.
- The World Heritage Day has been observed on April 18. Theme - **Heritage and Climate**.
- The Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs and Sports has inaugurated the 40th edition of Hunar Haat in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** has launched SVANidhi se Samridhi phase II for 28 lakh street vendors.
- **NITI Aayog** has launched the National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP).
- India's 1st Internet Radio has named as **Radio Aksh** for Visually Challenged persons launched in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Recently India-France Joint Staff talk has held in Paris. This year 2022 marks **20th Edition** of India-France Joint Staff talk.
- **PhonePe** has partnered with Extreme IX to reduce latency during transactions.
- According to the Government of India, Centre has infused ₹ 5,000 crore into **3** state-run insurance companies.
- Electrical goods major Llyod has appointed **Sourav Ganguly** as the brand ambassador for Eastern Indian markets.
- Renowned Indian economist **Prabhat Patnaik** has been selected for the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2022.
- As per the report Six Memorandum of Understanding has signed on second day of waterways conclave 2022. This waterways conclave took place in **Assam**.
- The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation has signed MoU with **Chamba** district administration in Himachal Pradesh to develop green hydrogen project.

- The Trishakti Corps has conducted Exercise Kripan Shakti, an Integrated Fire Power exercise at Teesta Field Firing Ranges in **West Bengal**.
- Indian Army has inducted domestically developed specialist vehicles in Pune. Its special features developed by **Tata Advanced System Limited (TASL)**.
- **Neptune** is the name of the Ukraine's homemade cruise missile, targets a range of 300 km.
- **Sajan Prakash** has won the gold medal in the men's 200m butterfly event at the Danish Open 2022.
- Hamish Bennett has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He belongs to **New Zealand**.
- Recently Manju Singh passed away. She belonged to **Cinema**.
- **Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary** has a highest density of rhinoceros in India.
- The World Liver Day has been celebrated on **April 19**.
- The Government of India has extended the **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance Scheme** for a further period of 180 days.
- California-based Multinational Company Ethosh Digital has opened its first IT Training & Services centre in **Leh, Ladakh**.
- The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways has launched e-DAR portal to speed up accident compensation claims. e-DAR - **e-Detailed Accident Report**.
- As per the report released by Border Roads Organization, the World's Highest Tunnel recently constructed with **16,580 feet**.
- The Government has amended the Foreign Exchange Management Act rules to allow **20%** foreign direct investment (FDI) in LIC.
- RBI has certified **121 Finance** company as NBFC (Non Banking Financial Company) -factor after Revised Registration of Factors Regulations.
- Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas has got extension for one more year as a chairman in **Atomic Energy Commission** of India.
- The President Abdrabbuh Hadi has stepped down as the President of **Yeman**.
- **Manoj Pande** has been appointed as the India's next Chief of Army Staff.
- **IndusInd Bank** has Bagged Global Celent Model Bank Award for Its Enterprise Payments Hub Initiative.
- **UDAN** scheme has selected for Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration.
- As per the report released by the World Bank, the Extreme Poverty in India has declined by **12.3%** between 2011-2019.
- A New satellite to observe air pollution, greenhouse gases named Zhongxing-6D has been launched by **China**.
- **Haryana** has won the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship held in Bhopal.
- A New Children's Book titled, "The Boy Who Wrote a constitution" has been authored by **Rajesh Talwar**.
- Famous personality in Odisha Prafulla Kar passed away. He belonged to **Music**.
- **20th April** has been celebrated as the United Nations Chinese Language Day.

- PM Modi has laid the foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in **Jamnagar, Gujarat**.
- Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centre Scheme has marked its **4th** year anniversary on 14th April 2022.
- **Supreme Court** has reconstituted expert committee for Delhi-Dehradun Corridor project.
- The Nation's first portable solar rooftop system has unveiled in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- **Telangana** has launched space-tech framework on metaverse.
- India's largest public lender State Bank of India has raised **USD 500 million** through IFSC Gift City branch.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed Rs 17.63 lakh monetary penalty on **Manappuram Finance** Company for non-compliance of KYC, PPI norms.
- Digit Insurance has appointed **Jasleen Kohli** as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the company.
- As per the report released by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation India's retail inflation spikes to **6.95%** in March 2022.
- India and **Maldives** has recently ink seven Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to implement community development projects.
- The Indian Air Force has successfully Test-fired **BrahMos** Missile from Su30-MkI Fighter Jet.
- The Defence Secretary has inaugurated two-day National Level Pollution Response Exercise NATPOLREX-VIII in **Goa**.
- The Computerized Registration of pesticide and the other for Plant Quarantine Management System are the two new portals launched by **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.
- **Jammu & Kashmir's** rural development and panchayati raj department has launched jan nigrani app to lodge their complaints.
- **SpaceX** has launched NROL-85 spy satellite.
- India's youngest Grandmaster Gukesh has won 48th La Roda International Open chess title. It held in **Spain**.
- Bama Belleck Cup is given to **Table Tennis**.
- Government of India has commemorated the National Civil Services Day on **April 21**.
- The World Creativity and Innovation Day has been observed on **21st April**.
- PM Modi has inaugurated the development projects worth Rs 22,000 crore in **Dahod, Gujarat**.
- According to Oil India Limited (OIL) India's first pure green hydrogen plant has commissioned in **Assam**.
- Mobile app for 2nd Khelo India University Games has been launched. It is going to take place in **Bangalore, Karnataka**.
- **Telangana** has scheduled to Get World's Largest Electric 3-Wheeler Factory.
- The World Bank has slashed the global growth forecast to **3.2%** for 2022 from 4.1%.
- According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), GDP forecast for India for Financial Year 2022-23 is **8.2%**.
- The Russian Central Bank has registered a New Payment System named **HELLO**.

- Patrick Achi has been re-appointed as the Prime Minister of **Coted'ivoire**.
- Senior IAS officer Naresh Kumar has been recently appointed as the Chief Secretary of **Delhi**.
- A 6th Scorpene submarine of Project-75 named **INS Vagsheer** has been launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- India's Harpreet Singh and Sachin Sahrawat has bagged bronze medals in Mongolia. They both are belongs to **Wrestling**.
- Cricket all-rounder Kieron Pollard has announced his retirement from international cricket. He belongs to **West Indies**.
- The International Mother Earth Day has been observed on April 22 every year. Theme - **Invest in Our Planet**.
- **NITI Aayog** and UNICEF India has signed the Statement of Intent on Development Goals (SDGs) with focus on children.
- The Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has recently inaugurated the nationwide meeting on agriculture for the 2022 **Kharif** campaign.
- The Prime Minister Modi has set to inaugurate the 7th edition of Raisina Dialogue on April 25. Chief Guest of this Dialogue is **Ursula von Der Leyen**.
- The Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has recently inaugurated **DefConnect 2.0**, organized by iDEX-DIO in New Delhi.
- As per the report Government Officials have to be trained in National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise (NCX India). It was started by **Ajit Doval**.
- **Surat** in Gujarat has set to be the host of the 3day long Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization conference.
- India would provide an additional \$500 million to **Sri Lanka** for the purchase of fuel.
- **Assam** has celebrated Rongali Bohag Bihu Festival from April 14 to April 16.
- **Tripura** has recently launched the new industrial investment promotion scheme for the next 5 Years.
- Fincluvation a joint initiative with Fintech Startup has set to co-create and innovate solutions for financial inclusion. It was launched by **India Post Payments Bank**.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has reconstituted its Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALERTS). It is headed by **Sunil Bajpai**.
- **Shanti Sethi** has been recently appointed as the Executive secretary and Defence advisor to Vice President Kamala Harris.
- **Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar** has been recently appointed as the next Director-General of military operations.
- Recently LV Vaidyanathan has been appointed as the chief executive officer of packaged consumer goods company **Procter & Gamble**.
- **Babita Singh** has been recently named as the Global Peace Ambassador for promoting Peace through Education, Sports, Art, Culture & Diplomacy.
- Professor Ajay Kumar Sood has been recently appointed as the Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India. He belongs to **Physics**.
- Indian - American defence expert **Vivek Lall** has all set to receive Entrepreneur Leadership Award for the year 2022.

- **Tripura** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with NIXI-CSC to set up International Data Centre.
- **Sikkim** state Disaster Management and Geological Survey of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Early Warning System based on Rainfall Threshold.
- **Russia** has test fired the world's most powerful' nuclear-capable missile named Sarmat missile.
- Indian Players **Rohit Sharma & Jasprit Bumrah** are among the Widens Five Cricketers of the Year 2022.
- The World Book and Copyright Day has been observed on **April 23** by UNESCO to promote reading.
- English Language and Spanish Language Day have been observed on **April 23**.
- As part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, NITI Aayog has set to organize a day-long national workshop on **Innovative Agriculture**.
- The Government of India has set target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras to **10,000** by March 2024.
- India Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Conference 2022 would be held on April 25. Theme of this conference - **Vision 2047: Transformative roadmap for the future**.
- PM Modi has recently inaugurated the development projects worth **Rs 22,000 crore** in Gujarat.
- **Apple** has recently announced the partnership for protection, conservation of mangroves in Maharashtra.
- As per the recent report by NPCI International Payments Ltd, BHIM UPI has goes live at NeoPay terminals in **United Arab Emirates**.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has issued **Rs 2.06 Crore** Recovery Notice to Former National Stock Exchange chief Ravi Narain.
- The Government of India has recently appointed **C Muhammed Faizi** as the member of Haj Committee of India.
- Sir David Atten borough has been bestowed as the champions of the Lifetime Achievement award 2021 by **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**.
- **IIT Delhi** has inked a MoU with Power System Operation Corporation Limited for Research on India's Power Sector.
- **NITI Aayog** has recently signed a pact with United Nations Children's Fund on SDGs focusing on children.
- Space start-up **One Web** has inked a pact with ISRO for satellite launches.
- IAF, Indian Navy has inked a pact with DRDO to acquire **CHAFF technology** to shield warships fighter aircrafts.
- John Paul passed away recently. He was a famous Screenwriter and producer in **Malayalam**.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS: APRIL-2022

MODEL QUESTIONS

List of Important Days

1. Which day is observed as the International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) all over the world?
(1) Last Wednesday of March (2) Last Thursday of March
(3) March 30 (4) March 31 (5) None of these
2. Which day is commemorated as International Children's Book Day (ICBD)?
(1) First Saturday of April (2) April 02 (3) First Friday of April
(4) April 01 (5) None of these
3. Which day is marked as the World Autism Awareness Day every year?
(1) 02 April (2) 31 March (3) 01 April (4) 30 March (5) None of these
4. What is the theme of the World Autism Awareness Day in 2022?
(1) Assistive Technologies, Active Participation
(2) Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World
(3) Inclusive Quality Education for All
(4) The transition of adulthood
(5) None of these
5. The United Nations' International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is celebrated every year on _____.
(1) 1st April (2) 2nd April (3) 3rd April (4) 4th April (5) None of these
6. In India, the National Maritime Day is observed on _____.
(1) 5 April (2) 4 April (3) 3 April (4) 2 April (5) None of these
7. What is the theme for World Health Day 2022?
(1) Building a fairer, healthier world for everyone
(2) Universal health coverage
(3) Support Nurses And Midwives
(4) Our Planet, Our Health
(5) None of these
8. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas) is observed on _____ every year.
(1) 8 April (2) 9 April (3) 10 April (4) 11 April (5) None of these
9. Which day is marked as the World Homeopathy Day?
(1) April 08 (2) April 09 (3) April 10 (4) April 11 (5) None of these
10. What is the theme of the 2022 World Homoeopathy Day?
(1) Enhancing the scope of Homoeopathy in public health
(2) Homeopathy- Roadmap for Integrative Medicine
(3) Linking education
(4) People's Choice for Wellness
(5) None of these

11. Every year, _____ is observed as World Parkinson's Day to raise awareness of Parkinson's disease, which is a progressive nervous system disorder.
 (1) April 15 (2) April 14 (3) April 13 (4) April 12 (5) April 11
12. National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD) is observed annually on _____ in India.
 (1) 8 April (2) 9 April (3) 10 April (4) 11 April (5) None of these
13. World Chagas Disease Day is observed on _____ to raise public awareness and visibility among people about Chagas Disease.
 (1) 11 April (2) 12 April (3) 13 April (4) 14 April (5) None of these
14. Himachal Day is observed on the 15th of April in Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh became the _____ state in India.
 (1) 16th (2) 17th (3) 18th (4) 19th (5) None of these
15. Which day is commemorated as the Save the Elephant Day?
 (1) April 15 (2) April 16 (3) April 14 (4) April 13 (5) None of these
16. The World Voice Day is observed annually on_____.
 (1) April 15 (2) April 16 (3) April 14 (4) April 13 (5) None of these
17. What is the theme of World Voice Day 2022?
 (1) One World Many Voices (2) Human voice (3) Lift Your Voice
 (4) Be Kind With Your Voice (5) None of these
18. World Hemophilia Day is observed every year on _____.
 (1) 19 April (2) 16 April (3) 18 April (4) 17 April (5) None of these
19. The World Creativity and Innovation Day is marked annually on which day?
 (1) 21 April (2) 19 April (3) 20 April (4) 18 April (5) None of these
20. Civil Services Day is observed in India on which day?
 (1) 19 April (2) 21 April (3) 20 April (4) 18 April (5) None of these
21. What is the theme of World Creativity and Innovation Day 2022?
 (1) Bring creativity and innovation
 (2) Creativity and innovation in problem-solving
 (3) Celebrating the Creative Economy for Sustainable Development
 (4) Collaboration
 (5) None of these
22. World Earth Day, also known as International Mother Earth Day, is celebrated every year on _____.
 (1) April 21 (2) April 22 (3) April 23 (4) April 24 (5) None of these
23. What is the theme of Earth Day or International Mother Earth Day 2022?
 (1) Invest in our planet (2) Restore our Earth (3) Climate action
 (4) Protect our species (5) None of these
24. The Tamil Nadu government has announced that every year Minorities Rights Day will be observed on _____ at the state level.
 (1) 18 Dec (2) 19 Dec (3) 20 Dec (4) 21 Dec (5) None of these

25. International Girls in ICT Day 2022 observed on which of the following date?
 (1) 25th April (2) 26th April (3) 27th April (4) 28th April (5) None of these
26. The annual World Day for Safety and Health at Work on _____ promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally.
 (1) 28 April (2) 27 April (3) 26 April (4) 25 April (5) None of these

Reserve Bank of India

27. RBI capped aggregate exposure of NBFCs which are in the upper layer toward one entity at _____% of capital base.
 (1) 5% (2) 10% (3) 15% (4) 20% (5) None of these
28. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs _____ on Manappuram Finance Limited for non-compliance of Know Your Customer.
 (1) Rs 10.50 lakh (2) Rs 17.63 lakh (3) Rs 52.56 lakh
 (4) Rs 90 lakh (5) None of these

State Bank of India

29. SBI has raised 3-year funds of _____ through a syndicated loan facility at "very fine pricing" through its IFSC Gift City branch.
 (1) \$ 100 million (2) \$ 150 million (3) \$ 250 million
 (4) \$ 300 million (5) \$ 500 million

Other Banks

30. After the merger of HDFC Ltd with HDFC Bank, what will be the share of public shareholders in the merged entity?
 (1) 100% (2) 41% (3) 55% (4) 75% (5) None of these
31. Name of the super-app launched by Union Bank of India.
 (1) UnionXT (2) UnionNX (3) UnionNXT
 (4) UnionX (5) None of these
32. Which Bank has launched a new deposit scheme named Vikas Siri Sampat-1111?
 (1) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
 (2) State Bank of India
 (3) Canara Bank
 (4) Kerala Gramin Bank
 (5) None of these
33. Punjab National Bank, India's second-largest bank has celebrated its _____ Foundation Day on April 12, 2022.
 (1) 125th (2) 126th (3) 127th
 (4) 128th (5) None of these
34. 'Fincluvation' is a financial inclusion initiative launched by which bank?
 (1) Paytm Payment Bank (2) NSDL Payment Bank (3) Jio Payment Bank
 (4) Airtel Payment Bank (5) India Post Payments Bank

Insurance

35. Which General Insurance Company launched India's first industry based digital customer engagement and rewards program "VAULT"?
- (1) TATA AIG (2) HDFC ERGO (3) ICICI Lombard
(4) Bajaj Allianz (5) None of these

States

36. Which state government has introduced a scheme that allows prisoners to obtain personal loans from banks of up to Rs 50,000?
- (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Gujarat (3) Himachal Pradesh
(4) Madhya Pradesh (5) Maharashtra
37. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated ____ new districts in the state.
- (1) 11 (2) 12 (3) 13 (4) 14 (5) None of these
38. Which state/UT government has launched a scheme to set up 'Hobby Hubs' in government schools to promote extra-curricular activities?
- (1) Chandigarh (2) Ladakh (3) Jammu and Kashmir
(4) Puducherry (5) Delhi
39. Which state government has launched the 'Kaaval Uthavi' app which helps citizens to seek police assistance during any emergency?
- (1) Karnataka (2) Telangana (3) Odisha (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
40. Which state government has launched 'Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana' to give loan up to Rs 50 lakh with subsidized interest rate for self-employment?
- (1) Gujarat (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Himachal Pradesh
(4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
41. Which state's Chief Minister has launched an anti-corruption mobile app named 1064 Anti-Corruption Mobile App?
- (1) Assam (2) Bihar (3) Andhra (4) Rajasthan (5) Uttarakhand
42. Which state's Kangra Tea will soon get a European Commission Geographical Indication Tag (GI Tag)?
- (1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Sikkim (3) Assam
(4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
43. Which state government will implement the 'Him Prahari' scheme for ex-servicemen and youngsters?
- (1) Nagaland (2) Sikkim (3) Uttarakhand (4) Manipur (5) None of these
44. Which state/UT has launched an app 'Jan Nigrani', intended to help people lodge their complaints related to various schemes online?
- (1) Arunachal Pradesh (2) Manipur (3) Daman & Diu
(4) Ladakh (5) Jammu & Kashmir
45. Which city has become the first city in India to have vacuum-based sewers?
- (1) Kanpur (2) Dhanbad (3) Ghaziabad (4) Agra (5) None of these

46. Which district has become the first district in India to cover 100% of households under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY)- SEHAT scheme?
(1) Reasi district, J&K (2) Jamtara district, Jharkhand
(3) Ukhrul district, Manipur (4) Ernakulam district, Kerala
(5) Samba district, Jammu

Defence and National Security

47. The first edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22) was held in which state?
(1) Gujarat (2) Goa (3) Kerala (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
48. Name of the Bilateral Naval Exercise between Indian Navy and French Navy.
(1) Nomadic Elephant (2) Yudh Abhyas (3) Vijay
(4) Varuna (5) None of these
49. The Indian Air Force organised a conclave at Air Force Station, Hakimpet to commemorate _____ of glorious service by Chetak Helicopter in IAF.
(1) 20 years (2) 50 years (3) 60 years (4) 25 years (5) None of these
50. 'Iron Beam' laser missile-defence system is world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser beam to destroy any airborne object. Which country has developed this system?
(1) Israel (2) Russia (3) France (4) United States (5) None of these
51. Indian Army's Trishakti Corps has organized an Integrated Fire Power exercise EX KRIPAN SHAKTI at Teesta Field Firing Ranges (TFFR) in _____.
(1) Gujarat (2) Karnataka (3) Odisha (4) Kerala (5) West Bengal
52. What is the name of the sixth and final submarine in the Scorpene class under Project 75, which has been launched by the Indian Navy recently?
(1) Karanj (2) Varsha (3) Vagir (4) Vela (5) Vagsheer

Committees/Commissions

53. Who has been elected as the chairperson of the Haj Committee of India?
(1) AP Abdullahkutty (2) Shaikh Jina Nabi (3) C Muhammed Faizi
(4) Mafuja Khatun (5) None of these

Schemes/Initiatives

54. Recently, the Minister of State for Culture & External Affairs launched the website 'Temple 360'. Who is the Minister of state for External Affairs in India?
(1) Narendra Singh Tomar (2) Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (3) Smriti Zubin Irani
(4) Pralhad Joshi (5) Meenakshi Lekhi
55. Which state has recently launched the portal of 'Mukhya Mantri Bagwani Bima Yojana' with an initial corpus of Rs 10 crore for the scheme?
(1) Maharashtra (2) West Bengal (3) Gujarat
(4) Madhya Pradesh (5) Haryana
56. Ministry of Environment has released a mascot and various initiatives for Plastic Waste Management (PWM). What is the name of the mascot?
(1) Parivesh (2) Vikalp (3) Prakriti (4) Kavach (5) None of these

57. Which Ministry has launched the 'SVANidhi se Samridhhi' program in addition to 126 cities across 14 States and UT?
 (1) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
 (2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 (3) Ministry of Finance
 (4) Ministry of Rural Development
 (5) None of these
58. PM Modi has recently inaugurated K K Patel Super Speciality Hospital in which of these place?
 (1) Malda (2) Pali (3) Faizabad (4) Bhuj (5) None of these
59. Under the 'Hanumanji Char Dham' project, PM Modi has unveiled the 108ft tall statute of Lord Hanuman Ji in West Direction of the country, in which city?
 (1) Patan (2) Bhavnagar (3) Morbi (4) Bhuj (5) None of these
60. The first Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centre was inaugurated on _____.
 (1) April 2018 (2) February 2019 (3) March 2019 (4) February 2020 (5) None of these
61. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently laid the foundation stone and inaugurated the various projects worth _____ rupees at a function organized at Dahod in Gujarat.
 (1) Rs 13,200 crores (2) Rs 22,000 crores (3) Rs 37,500 crores
 (4) Rs 48,000 crores (5) None of these
62. A mobile app 'Khelo India Uni Games 2021' has been launched for the 2nd edition of Khelo India University Games. 2nd edition of Khelo India University Games is being held in _____.
 (1) Jaipur, Rajasthan (2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
 (3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu (4) Bengaluru, Karnataka (5) None of these
63. Which state's Health and Medical Education Minister, K. Sudhakar has recently launched the 'Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully' (SAANS) campaign?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Gujarat (3) Odisha (4) Kerala (5) None of these

Summit/Conference

64. PM Modi virtually attended the 5th BIMSTEC Summit. Which country was the chair of BIMSTEC in this Summit?
 (1) Malaysia (2) Thailand (3) Sri Lanka (4) Nepal (5) None of these
65. The Conference Amrit Samagam was organised by which ministry as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations?
 (1) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 (2) Ministry of External Affairs
 (3) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 (4) Ministry of Culture
 (5) None of these
66. The '2+2' Ministerial dialogue between India and the United States in 2022, was which edition of the bilateral Dialogue?
 (1) 4th (2) 3rd (3) 5th (4) 6th (5) None of these
67. Where is the 3-day "Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization" conference being held?

(1) Pune (2) Surat (3) Ahmedabad (4) Mumbai (5) None of these

68. Which country will host 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA) 2022?

(1) Brazil (2) Russia (3) India (4) China (5) None of these

Agreement/Deal/Signed

69. Which bank has signed MoU with the Border Security Force (BSF) under the Central Armed Police Salary Package (CAPSP) Scheme?

(1) Punjab National Bank (2) ICICI Bank (3) HDFC Bank
(4) State Bank of India (5) None of these

70. Which state government has signed an MoU with NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre to establish an international standard Data Centre?

(1) Nagaland (2) Assam (3) Manipur (4) Tripura (5) None of these

71. Which bank has signed an MoU with the CBDT and CBIC for collection of Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes?

(1) Yes Bank (2) IDBI Bank (3) Axis Bank (4) Dhanlaxmi Bank (5) None of these

72. Prasar Bharati has signed an MoU with which country's Public Broadcaster 'RTA' for collaboration in the field of broadcasting?

(1) Brazil (2) Belgium (3) Mexico (4) Argentina (5) None of these

73. Which of the following has partnered with I&B Ministry to develop short videos highlighting role of women changemakers?

(1) SonyLIV (2) Disney+ Hotstar (3) Netflix
(4) Amazon Prime Video (5) None of these

74. Which company has expanded its strategic partnership with SBI Cards and Payments Services Ltd to power SBI Card's digital transformation?

(1) Infosys (2) Cognizant (3) Accenture
(4) Instagram (5) Tata Consultancy Services

75. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has signed a pact with which IIT to co-research and develop green hydrogen technology?

(1) IIT Bombay (2) IIT Kanpur (3) IIT Guwahati
(4) IIT Kharagpur (5) None of these

Fund

76. How much amount has been contributed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India towards the UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping in Sport in 2022?

(1) USD 62,124 (2) USD 72,124 (3) USD 82,124
(4) USD 92,124 (5) None of these

77. India will provide an additional _____ financial assistance to Sri Lanka to buy fuel as the latter is facing worst financial crisis.

(1) \$100 million (2) \$150 million (3) \$250 million
(4) \$300 million (5) \$500 million

Economy

78. Rating agency, Ind-Ra, has lowered the economic growth forecast rate of India's GDP in FY23 to what per cent?
(1) 7-7.2% (2) 7.5% (3) 7.7-7.9% (4) 7.6% (5) None of these
79. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) has estimated India's GDP to grow at _____ in the financial year 2022-23.
(1) 7.1 percent (2) 7.2 percent (3) 7.3 percent
(4) 7.4 percent (5) None of these
80. The Manila-based multi-lateral funding agency, Asian Development Bank (ADB) has projected the GDP growth rate of Indian economy _____ in FY23.
(1) 3.5 percent (2) 4.5 percent (3) 5.5 percent (4) 6.5 percent (5) 7.5 percent
81. What was the percentage rise in the trade deficit of India in FY22?
(1) 85.5 (2) 86.5 (3) 87.5 (4) 88.5 (5) None of these
82. What is the asset monetisation target set by Centre for FY23?
(1) 88,000 crore (2) 96,000 crore (3) 80,000 crore (4) 75,000 crore (5) None of these
83. Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation has risen to ____ in March 2022.
(1) 10.21% (2) 11.49% (3) 12.74% (4) 13.96% (5) 14.55%
84. World Bank has cut the global growth forecast for 2022 to _____% due to the impacts of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
(1) 1.5% (2) 2.7% (3) 3.2% (4) 4.4% (5) None of these

Companies/Industry

85. Startups Founders Hub platform has been launched by which organisation to empower startups in India?
(1) Infosys (2) HCL (3) IBM (4) Google (5) Microsoft
86. Which company has launched world's 1st crypto-backed payment card with Mastercard & DiPocket?
(1) Torque (2) Aave (3) Nuo (4) Nexo (5) None of these

Taxation/Trade

87. What is the Global trade growth estimate in 2022 as per WTO?
(1) 1 percent (2) 2 percent (3) 3 percent (4) 4 percent (5) None of these

Space

88. Which country successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite Gaofen-3 03 on April 07, 2022 from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre?
(1) India (2) USA (3) Japan (4) China (5) None of these

Energy/Gas/Oil

89. The first-ever pure Green Hydrogen plant in India has been unveiled in which state?
(1) Maharashtra (2) Assam (3) Telangana
(4) Sikkim (5) None of these

90. Biliti Electric Inc will establish the world's largest electric three-wheeler manufacturing facility in which of the following state?
(1) Karnataka (2) Odisha (3) Telangana (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these

Transport/Cars/Scooters

91. The Airport Authority of India (AAI) has launched an initiative "AVSAR" to encourage the talent of women, artisans and craftsmen and provide them with the right opportunities. Who is the present chairman of Airports Authority of India?
(1) Sanjeev Kumar (2) Vikram Dutta (3) Jyoti Sharma
(4) Arvind Singh (5) None of these

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

92. Who among the following has been re-elected as the Chairman of Payments Council of India (PCI) for the second time?
(1) S Somanath (2) Atul Keshap
(3) GA Srinivasa Murthy (4) Amir Subhani (5) Vishwas Patel
93. Who has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)?
(1) Gargi Bhattacharya (2) Pralay Mukherjee (3) H Rajaram
(4) Dr. S Raju (5) None of these
94. Recently, Vikas Kumar took charge as new Managing Director of _____.
(1) Digital India Corporation
(2) Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation
(3) Chennai Metro Rail Corporation
(4) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation
(5) None of these
95. Who among the following has been appointed to High-Level Expert Group on Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities?
(1) Arunabha Ghosh (2) Raj Subramaniam (3) CS Rajan
(4) Renu Singh (5) None of these
96. Who has been appointed as the first Special Rapporteur for human rights and climate change by UN?
(1) Dag Hammarskjöld (2) Trygve Lie (3) Kurt Waldheim
(4) U Thant (5) Dr Ian Fry
97. Hungarian Prime Minister _____ won a fourth successive term in office by a landslide victory in the country's general elections for 2022.
(1) Gordon Bajnai (2) Viktor Orban (3) Ferenc Gyurcsany
(4) Peter Medgyessy (5) None of these
98. Who has been named as the new Foreign Secretary of India to succeed incumbent Harsh Vardhan Shringla?
(1) Ram Karan Verma (2) Vinay Mohan Kwatra (3) Sanjay Kumar Panda
(4) Hemant H. Kotalwar (5) None of these

99. Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of DCB Bank?
 (1) Vipin Bisht (2) Sonal Tiwari (3) Vivek Sharma
 (4) Rohan Gupta (5) Murli M Natarajan
100. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairman of UPSC in April 2022?
 (1) Aprajita Sharma (2) M Natrajan (3) Vinod Rai
 (4) Manoj Soni (5) None of these
101. Pakistan's opposition leader, _____ has been elected unopposed as the 23rd Prime Minister of the country.
 (1) Syed Khurshid Ahmed Shah (2) Nawaz Sharif (3) Shehbaz Sharif
 (4) Nisar Ali Khan (5) None of these
102. Who has been appointed as ambassador for Karnataka's Brain Health Initiative?
 (1) Pankaj Tripathi (2) Jasprit Bumrah (3) Manoj Bajpayee
 (4) Robin Uthappa (5) None of these
103. Who has been appointed as USA Vice President Kamala Harris's Defence Adviser?
 (1) Prabhat Patnaik (2) Ketanji Brown Jackson (3) Amber Bracken
 (4) Bhushan Kumar (5) Shanti Sethi
104. Who among the following has been appointed as new managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Digit Insurance?
 (1) Mahesh Verma (2) Anthony Heredia (3) Arunabha Ghosh
 (4) Jasleen Kohli (5) None of these
105. Who has been re-appointed as Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)?
 (1) Patrick Achi (2) Alassane Ouattara (3) Gilbert Houngbo
 (4) Emma Terho (5) None of these
106. Recently, leading Physicist _____ was appointed as the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government Of India.
 (1) Raja Ramanna (2) Ranjeet Kumar (3) Homi Sethna
 (4) K Vijay Raghavan (5) Ajay Kumar Sood
107. Who has been named as the Asia Africa Consortium (AAC) - Global Peace Ambassador 2022 at the India International Conclave 2022 for promoting Peace through Education, Sports, Art, Culture & Diplomacy?
 (1) Atul Keshap (2) Vijay Shekhar Sharma (3) Vandana Katariya
 (4) Babita Singh (5) None of these
108. Who has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog?
 (1) Amitabh Kant (2) Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas (3) Arvind Panagariya
 (4) Suman Bery (5) None of these
109. Robert Golob has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?
 (1) Somalia (2) Denmark (3) Sweden (4) South Sudan (5) Slovenia
110. Who has been appointed as new chairperson of National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom)?
 (1) Rekha M.Menon (2) Debjani Ghosh (3) Dhivya Suryadevara
 (4) Krishnan Ramanujam (5) None of these

111. Bruce de Broize has been appointed as MD and CEO of which of the following company?
 (1) SBI Life Insurance Company
 (2) Future Generali India Life Insurance
 (3) Religare Health Insurance Company
 (4) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
 (5) None of these
112. Which of the following constitutional body has been appointed Vijay Sampla as its chairperson?
 (1) Finance Commission
 (2) Goods and Service Tax Council
 (3) National Commission for Scheduled Castes
 (4) Election Commission of India
 (5) None of these

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

113. Kieron Pollard announced retirement from International Cricket recently. He is an all-rounder of which of the following country?
 (1) West Indies (2) England (3) Australia (4) South Africa (5) None of these

Deaths

114. Miguel Van Damme, who has passed away was a sports person from Belgian. He was related to which sports?
 (1) Formula One Racing (2) Football (3) Golf
 (4) Hockey (5) None of these
115. Shiv Kumar Subramaniam passed away recently. He was a/an _____.
 (1) Journalist (2) Actor (3) Director (4) Economist (5) None of these
116. Manju Singh passed away recently. She was a/an _____.
 (1) Actor (2) Lyricist (3) Writer (4) Journalist (5) None of these

Awards/Honours

117. Name the poet and litterateur who will be awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2021, for his collection of poems 'Mein to Yahan Hun'.
 (1) Nageshwar Reddy (2) Ramdarash Mishra (3) Anukrti Upadhyay
 (4) Namita Gokhale (5) None of these
118. A photograph by Canadian photographer Amber Bracken titled " _____ " has won the 2022 World Press Photo of the Year award.
 (1) Kabul cinema (2) Nawarddeken people of West Arnhem Land
 (3) Lalo de Almeida (4) Kamloops Residential School (5) None of these
119. Which of the following novel has become the first Hindi language work of fiction to be shortlisted for the prestigious International Booker Prize?
 (1) A New Name: Septology VI-VII
 (2) Heaven
 (3) Tomb of Sand
 (4) Elena Knows
 (5) None of these

120. How many artists have been conferred with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Sangeet Natak Awards for the year 2018?
 (1) 55 (2) 43 (3) 37 (4) 49 (5) None of these
121. Which bank's app has won Digital CX Awards 2022 for 'Outstanding Digital CX - SME Payments'?
 (1) IndusInd Bank (2) Axis Bank (3) ICICI Bank
 (4) HDFC Bank (5) None of these
122. For which of the following works the veteran Bengali author Amar Mitra has won O.Henry prize 2022?
 (1) Durgeshnandini (2) Gaonburo (3) Ekushti Galpo
 (4) Kapalkundala (5) None of these
123. Who has been named as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021?
 (1) Harshil Mathur (2) Girish Mathrubootham (3) Vidit Aatrey
 (4) Sahil Barua (5) Falguni Nayyar
124. Who among the following has awarded the International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy, 2021?
 (1) Sapna Tripathi (2) Radhika Singhal (3) Prof. Vinod Sharma
 (4) Dr. Bhushan Kumar (5) None of these
125. New Zealand pace bowler _____ has been awarded the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal at the New Zealand Cricket (NZC) Awards.
 (1) Tim Southee (2) Trent Boult (3) Daryl Mitchell
 (4) Michael Bracewell (5) None of these
126. Name the Indian economist and political commentator who has been selected for the Malcom Adiseshiah Award 2022.
 (1) Nageshwar Reddy (2) Narinder Singh Kapany (3) Anukruti Upadhyay
 (4) Namita Gokhale (5) Prabhat Patnaik
127. Which scheme has been selected for Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020 under the Innovation (General) - Central category?
 (1) PM Mudra Yojna (2) PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (3) Smart Cities Mission
 (4) Stand Up India (5) UDAN scheme
128. Which bank has won global 'Celent Model Bank' Award under the category of 'Payments System Transformation' for building a best-in-class Enterprise Payments Hub (EPH)?
 (1) Bank of Baroda (2) State Bank of India (3) IndusInd Bank
 (4) HDFC Bank (5) None of these
129. Name the Indian-American Defence Expert, who has been selected for the 'Global Leader in Defence and Aviation Sector' category of the 6th Entrepreneur Leadership Awards 2022.
 (1) Jagdish Bhagwati (2) Basant Misra (3) Altaf Hussain Bhat
 (4) Babu Lal (5) Vivek Lall
130. UNEP has named who among the following as the recipient of the Champions of the Earth Award 2021 under the Lifetime Achievement category?
 (1) Volodymyr Zelenskyy (2) Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka
 (3) David Attenborough (4) Mia Mottley (5) None of these

Sports/Game

131. Which state will host the second edition of the Khelo India University Games 2021?
(1) Odisha (2) Karnataka (3) Uttarakhand (4) Assam (5) None of these
132. Which of the following team has won the 2022 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup?
(1) Australia (2) New Zealand (3) England (4) India (5) None of these
133. Who among the following has won the 2022 Miami Open tennis title?
(1) Steffi Graf (2) Martina Hingis (3) Naomi Osaka
(4) Martina Navratilova (5) Iga Swiatek
134. How many medals have been won by India at the 2022 Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament?
(1) 10 (2) 15 (3) 5 (4) 7 (5) None of these
135. Name the Indian duo who paired to win the gold medal in mixed double event of the 2022 WSF World Doubles Squash championship at Glasglow?
(1) Joshna Chinappa and Harinder Pal Sandhu
(2) Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal
(3) Joshna Chinappa and Ramit Tandon
(4) Dipika Pallikal and Mahesh Mangaonkar
(5) None of these
136. Who has won silver in Men's Singles at the Orléans Masters badminton tournament 2022 held in Orleans, France?
(1) Priyanshu Rajawat (2) Chirag Shetty (3) Subhankar Dey
(4) Subhankar Dey (5) Mithun Manjunath
137. Which of the following team won 71st Senior National Basketball Championship Men's?
(1) Karnataka (2) Haryana (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Punjab (5) Tamil Nadu
138. In which of the following state of India has unveiled the logo of the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup?
(1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Rajasthan (3) Punjab
(4) Odisha (5) None of these
139. Which of the following team won 71st Senior National Basketball Championship Women's?
(1) Telangana (2) Indian Railways (3) Punjab
(4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these

Report

140. Rate of unemployment in India in March 2022, as per the data by CMIE?
(1) 8.4 percent (2) 8.1 percent (3) 7.6 percent (4) 7.8 percent (5) None of these
141. Name the Indian cities which have been recognised as the '2021 Tree City of the World' by FAO?
(1) Indore and Hyderabad (2) Kolkata and Mumbai
(3) Mumbai and Hyderabad (4) Mumbai and Indore (5) None of these

142. Which airport has emerged as the world's busiest airport for 2021 as per the survey of Airports Council International (ACI) World?
(1) Hong Kong International Airport
(2) Guangzhou Bai Yun International Airport
(3) Shanghai Pudong International Airport
(4) Denver International Airport
(5) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
143. According to the World Bank report, extreme poverty in India is declined by _____ in 2019 as compared to 2011.
(1) 9.1% (2) 10.2% (3) 11.5% (4) 12.3% (5) None of these

General - National

144. As per the data of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, what was the number of patents filed in 2021-22?
(1) 42,763 (2) 66,440 (3) 19,796 (4) 30,074 (5) None of these
145. The Phase II of the 'SVANidhi se Samridhi' has been launched in how many cities?
(1) 129 (2) 122 (3) 126 (4) 121 (5) None of these
146. Which organization has released a draft battery swapping policy?
(1) National Development Council
(2) Invest India
(3) NITI Aayog
(4) Central Vigilance Commission
(5) None of these

General - International

147. Which country's Guadalajara City was named World Book Capital for the year 2022 by UNESCO?
(1) Guatemala (2) El Salvador (3) Spain (4) Argentina (5) Mexico

Books and Authors

148. Who is the author of the book 'Birsa Munda - Janjatiya Nayak'?
(1) Karuna Shankar Misra (2) Hiren Doshi (3) Devinder Banwet
(4) Ravi Das Jain (5) Prof. Alok Chakrawal
149. Name the author of the book 'Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI'.
(1) Ashish Singh (2) Shubham Arora (3) Soniya Verma
(4) Vinod Rai (5) None of these
150. Who is the author of the new book titled "The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution: A play for Children on Human Rights"?
(1) Navdeep Singh Gill (2) Mithilesh Tiwari (3) Rajesh Talwar
(4) Rajiv Bhatia (5) None of these

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Answers:

1-4, 2-2, 3-1, 4-3, 5-4, 6-1, 7-4, 8-2, 9-3, 10-4, 11-5, 12-4, 13-4, 14-3, 15-2, 16-2, 17-3, 18-4, 19-1, 20-2, 21-4, 22-2, 23-1, 24-1, 25-4, 26-1, 27-4, 28-2, 29-5, 30-1, 31-3, 32-1, 33-4, 34-5, 35-2, 36-5, 37-3, 38-5, 39-4, 40-4, 41-5, 42-1, 43-3, 44-5, 45-4, 46-5, 47-2, 48-4, 49-3, 50-1, 51-5, 52-5, 53-1, 54-5, 55-5, 56-3, 57-2, 58-4, 59-3, 60-1, 61-2, 62-4, 63-1, 64-3, 65-4, 66-1, 67-2, 68-3, 69-4, 70-4, 71-4, 72-4, 73-3, 74-5, 75-1, 76-2, 77-5, 78-1, 79-4, 80-5, 81-3, 82-2, 83-5, 84-3, 85-5, 86-4, 87-3, 88-4, 89-2, 90-3, 91-1, 92-5, 93-4, 94-4, 95-1, 96-5, 97-2, 98-2, 99-5, 100-4, 101-3, 102-4, 103-5, 104-4, 105-1, 106-5, 107-4, 108-4, 109-5, 110-4, 111-2, 112-3, 113-1, 114-2, 115-2, 116-1, 117-2, 118-4, 119-3, 120-2, 121-1, 122-2, 123-5, 124-4, 125-1, 126-5, 127-5, 128-3, 129-5, 130-3, 131-2, 132-1, 133-5, 134-1, 135-2, 136-5, 137-5, 138-4, 139-2, 140-3, 141-3, 142-5, 143-4, 144-2, 145-3, 146-3, 147-5, 148-5, 149-4, 150-3.

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