

## GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

### MONTH OF DECEMBER-2021

#### List of Important Days

- December 01 - World AIDS Day. (Theme - "End inequalities. End AIDS")
- December 01 - Nagaland is celebrating its 59th Statehood Day.
- December 02 - International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.
- December 02 - World Computer Literacy Day.
- December 02 - National Pollution Control Day.
- December 03 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities. (Theme - "Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.")
- December 04 - International Day of Banks.
- December 04 - Indian Navy Day. (Theme - "Swarnim Vijay Varsh")
- December 07 - Armed Forces Flag Day.
- December 07 - International Civil Aviation Day. (Theme - "Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development")
- December 09 - International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime.
- December 09 - International Anti-Corruption Day. (Theme - "Your right, your role: say no to corruption")
- December 10 - Human Rights Day. (Theme - "EQUALITY - Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights")
- December 11 - International Mountain Day.
- December 12 - International Day of Neutrality.
- December 12 - International Universal Health Coverage Day. (Theme - "Leave No One's Health Behind: Invest in health systems for all.")
- December 14 - National Energy Conservation day.
- December 18 - World Arabic Language Day. (Theme - "The Arabic Language and Civilizational Communication")
- December 18 - National Minorities Rights Day.
- December 18 - International Migrants Day. (Theme - "Harnessing the potential of human mobility")
- December 20 - International Human Solidarity Day.
- December 20-25 - Good Governance Week. (Theme - "Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur")
- December 23 - Indian National Farmer's Day.
- December 24 - National Consumer Day. (Theme - "Tackling Plastic Pollution")
- December 25 - Good Governance Day. (Sushasan Divas)

### Reserve Bank of India

- Reserve Bank of India, in consultation with the Department of Financial Services, the Ministry of Finance, has decided to make the **Scheduled payments banks** and scheduled small finance banks (SFBs) eligible to conduct **Government agency business**.

### State Bank of India

- **State Bank of India** will acquire up to 9.95 per cent stake in India International Clearing Corporation (IFSC) Ltd subject to a maximum investment of Rs 34.03 crore.
  - The Clearing Corporation is a GIFT City (Gandhinagar, Gujarat) based Market Infrastructure Institution (MII).

### Other Banks

- **India1 Payments** has crossed a milestone on deploying **10000 white-label ATMs**, which was called as "India1ATMs".
- Private sector lender, **Federal Bank** has launched a feature-rich savings bank product for **women**.
  - The savings scheme is called **Mahila Mitra Plus** and provides a curated set of features, designed to make financial planning and investments easy for women.
- **IDFC FIRST Bank** announced the launch of **FIRST Private Infinite**, the country's first-ever **standalone metal debit card**, in partnership with **Visa**.
- **Paytm Payments Bank** has been given the **scheduled bank** status by the Reserve Bank of India.
- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has launched a solution for digital banking payments, named **bob World Wave**.
- **Bank of Baroda** has announced it has won the **#1** position in overall **digital transactions** amongst large banks for FY20-21.
- **Axis Bank** has become the **second-largest** merchant-acquiring bank in the country, leapfrogging two spaces during 2021 by installing over two lakh **card-swipe machines** during the year.
- **IndusInd Bank** has announced the launch of '**green fixed deposits**', whereby the deposit proceeds will be used to finance projects and firms supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### Central Government

- Union Cabinet approved the **Ken-Betwa River interlinking** project, ahead of elections to major North Indian states.
  - Ken-Betwa River Interlinking project is worth Rs 44,605-crore project.

### States

- **Kerala Tourism** launched the '**STREET**' project to promote and take tourism deep into the interiors and rural hinterland of Kerala.
  - STREET - Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism hubs.
- **Uttar Pradesh** Cabinet has approved the **Atma Nirbhar Krishak** development scheme for boosting the **agriculture** sector.
- In **Madhya Pradesh**, the first **drone fair** in the country was organized at **Gwalior**.
  - Gwalior Drone Mela was organized jointly by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Government of India, the Government of **Madhya Pradesh**, and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).
- **Police Commissioner of Delhi, Rakesh Asthana** has launched an e-learning platform '**Unnati**', under the Delhi Police's flagship scheme '**YUVA**' at the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Auditorium, New Delhi.

- The **Tamil Nadu** government announced **Thamizh Thaa Vaazhthu** as the state song on 17 Dec 2021, requiring everyone to stand when it is sung on occasions.
- M.K. Stalin, the Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu**, has launched the 'Meendum Manjappai' scheme to encourage people to use cloth bags instead of plastic bags.
- The State of **Telangana** has become India's first state to compete **100 per cent 1st dose Covid-19** vaccination.

### Defence and National Security

- **US** military personnel and **Bangladesh Navy (BN)** began the 27th annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) **maritime exercise** virtually from 1 December in the Bay of Bengal.
- The 11th edition of Exercise **EKUVERIN-21** between **India** and **Maldives** held at Kadhdhoo Island, **Maldives**.
  - Ekuverin means "Friends" in the Dhivehi language.
- India successfully test-fired the air version of the **BrahMos** supersonic cruise missile from the integrated test range of Chandipur, off the coast of **Odisha**.
  - The air version of the missile was test-fired from supersonic fighter aircraft **Sukhoi 30 MK-I**.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) and **Indian Air Force** on December 11, 2021, flight tested the indigenously developed and designed Stand-Off Anti-tank (**SANT**) Missile from Pokhran Range.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) successfully tested the new generation nuclear capable ballistic missile '**Agni P**'.
  - Agni P was launched from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of **Odisha**.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) has successfully conducted a flight test of Indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (**HEAT**) '**Abhyas**' from Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off **Odisha coast**.

### Schemes/Initiatives

- Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated **Earth Station of Doordarshan Kendra at Gorakhpur**.
  - Three FM stations of All India Radio were also inaugurated virtually on the occasion.
- **Jharkhand** Chief Minister, Hemant Soren has launched a web portal named '**Hamar Apan Budget**' and a mobile application prepared by the state finance Department from the Chief Minister's residential office in Ranchi.
- National Commission for Women (**NCW**) launched a pan-India capacity building programme called "**She is a Changemaker**" on December 7, 2021.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the phase 1 of **Kashi Vishwanath Dham** on December 13, 2021.
- Chief Minister of **Odisha** Naveen Patnaik inaugurated **T-Setu** over River **Mahanadi**.
  - T-Setu is **Odisha's longest bridge**, constructed over Mahanadi River in Cuttack district.
- **Tamil Nadu** government has launched the Chief Minister (CM) Dashboard monitoring system, "**CM Dashboard Tamil Nadu 360**" in **Chennai**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay down the foundation of **Renukaji Dam Project** in **Himachal Pradesh**.
  - It is a Rs 6,700-crore project on the Giri river in Sirmaur district.
- Under the National Blockchain Project, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched blockchain-based **digital degrees** at the 54th Convocation Ceremony of **IIT Kanpur**.

- Later Prime Minister also inaugurated the completed section of the Kanpur Metro Rail Project and the Bina-Panki Multiproduct Pipeline Project.
- **World's longest Metro Line** was opened in **China's Shanghai Province**.
  - With this, the total length of metro network in Shanghai has extended to 831 km.

#### Summit/Conference

- Russian President Vladimir Putin visited India on December 6, 2021 to participate in the 21st **India - Russia Annual summit** with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

#### Agreement/Deal/Signed

- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed an agreement with **Usha International Limited (UIL)** for **empowering women** entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance.
- **Walmart** and its subsidiary **Flipkart** have signed an MoU with the Department of **Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises**, Government of **Madhya Pradesh** to create an ecosystem of capacity building for MSMEs in Madhya Pradesh.
- **India** and **European Union (EU)** have agreed to step up their **Clean Energy and Climate Partnership**.
- **Paytm**, a leading digital ecosystem for consumers and merchants has partnered with Amazon Web Services (**AWS**) to offer **Paytm Startup Toolkit** with exclusive payment services to early-stage Indian startups.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed an MoU with **Kendriya Sainik Board** to support and educate the children of war veterans, ex-servicemen, and war widows.
- **Federal Bank** has entered into a **Bancassurance** partnership with **Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd** as a corporate agent to provide health insurance products for the Bank's 8.90 million customers across India.
- The **Indian Space Research Organization** has signed an agreement with Chinese smart devices maker **Oppo's** Indian arm to strengthen the research and development of the **NavIC messaging service**.
  - Oppo India has its manufacturing unit in Noida and an R&D centre in Hyderabad.
- India's **TVS Motor** Company will develop **electric vehicles (EV)** with **BMW's motorcycle** brand in India, joining a host of Indian automakers that have sought to expand their clean mobility offering.
- The Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) has signed **six agreements** with four countries for launching foreign satellites during 2021-2023.
  - About 132 million Euros would be earned through the launching of these foreign satellites on a commercial basis.
- **India** and **Vietnam** signed a letter of intent for enhanced cooperation in the **postal sector**.
- The Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies (**KUFOS**) has been chosen to join a research project under a **NASA-ISRO collaborative programme**.
  - It will be launched in January 2023.
- **Paytm Payments Bank** has partnered with **MoneyGram**, a peer-to-peer remittance company to enable international fund transfer directly to Paytm Wallet.
- **IndusInd Bank** has partnered with the **National Payments Corporation** to offer real-time cross-border remittances to India using UPI IDs, for its Money Transfer Operator (**MTO**) partners.
- **HDFC Life** signed a **bancassurance** (Bank-Insurance) agreement with **South Indian Bank** to enable customers of the South Indian Bank to avail HDFC Life's life insurance products and services to the customers of South Indian Bank.

- **HDFC Bank** has signed an MoU with **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** to offer banking services to over 4.7 crore customers of IPPB in semi-urban and rural areas.
- **Indipaisa** has signed a partnership agreement with **NSDL Payments Bank** to launch Financial Technology (**Fintech**) solutions targeting India's 63 million Small & Mid-sized Enterprise (**SME**) sector.

#### Meet/Visit

- **India, Iran and Uzbekistan** held talks on joint use of the **Chabahar Port**.

#### Bills

- **Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill, 2021** was passed by Lok Sabha on December 1, 2021, that aims at establishing a national board and the state boards for the regulation and supervision of ART (Assisted Reproductive Technology) clinics and ART banks for the ethical and safe practice of ART services.
- The Rajya Sabha passed the **Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill, 2020** and the **Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2020** in the absence of Opposition on December 8, 2021.
  - The bill has excluded single men, live-in couples, and the LGBTQ community.
- Parliament passes **HC & SC Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 2021** was passed with the Rajya Sabha returning it to the Lok Sabha following the discussion.

#### Fund

- The Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) has approved a **\$500 million** loan to the Government of **India** to help improve the quality of the country's **school education** and mitigate the impact of the Covid-19) pandemic on students' learning.
- Central government has signed **two loan** agreements with **ADB** for Projects in the state of **Uttarakhand** and **Tamil Nadu**.
  - The loan agreement of Rs 2,074 crore will be used for – affordable **housing project** in Tamil Nadu and water sanitation programme in Uttarakhand.
- State Governments and Union Territories have utilized only **56%** of the **total budgets** released under Poshan Abhiyan or **Nutrition Mission** in the earlier 3 years.
- Union Cabinet approved a Rs 76,000-crore production linked incentive (**PLI**) scheme for boosting **semiconductor** and display manufacturing in India.
  - With this, the total amount of production linked incentive (PLI) announced for the electronics sector increase to Rs 2.30 lakh crore.
- The Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) is set to provide **USD 350 million** loan for improving access to **urban services** across **India**.

#### Economy

- The Centre for Economics and Business Research (**CEBR**) from the United Kingdom has predicted that the **Indian economy** will become the world's **third-largest** by the year **2031**.
  - In the year **2022**, India is set to regain its **sixth** position in World Economic League Table (WELT) from France, as per CEBR.

#### Companies/Industry

- **Bharti Airtel** and **Invest India**, National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency jointly launched '**Airtel India Startup Innovation Challenge**' for Startups to develop solutions in 5G, IoT.
- A leading private general insurer in India, **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** has started its '**Care4Hockey**' Campaign to elevate field Hockey's recognition in India.
  - The company has partnered with Padma Shri (2020) **Rani Rampal**, Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain, who will be the face of the campaign.

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of Air India, **Air India SATS Airport** and **Air India Express** by **Talace**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Sons.
- **Docprime tech** has launched India's first health locker integrated with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (**ABDM**).

### Space

- **NASA** launched its new Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (**LCRD**) on 7 December from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.
- NASA-turned-SpaceX flight surgeon, **Anil Menon** is among the 10 latest trainee astronauts who will join the 2021 class of the American space agency as it plans for the **first human missions** to the **moon** in more than 50 years.
- **China** successfully launched a new group of satellites **Shijian-6 05** into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China for space exploration and new technology tests.
  - The satellites were launched by a **Long March-4B rocket** which marked the 400th mission of Long March series carrier rockets.
- **NASA's** \$10 billion telescopes **James Webb Space Telescope** designed to capture the first glimpse of the universe just shortly after the Big Bang is targeted for blastoff from the European Space Agency's Kourou, French Guiana.
- A new **Chinese** Earth observation satellite named "**Ziyuan-1 02E**" was launched into space by China.
  - It also launched a smaller satellite, which will be used for teaching geography at a school in Beijing.
  - Both the satellites took off from the Taiyuan Launch Center in Sjanxi Province, aboard the Long March 4C rocket.

### Energy/Gas/Oil

- The nation will have **nine nuclear reactors** by **2024** and a new nuclear project, the first in northern India, will come up 150 kms away from Delhi in Gorakhpur of Haryana, the government informed the Rajya Sabha.
- The Government of **India** has granted 'In-Principle' approval to set up **six Nuclear Power Reactors** of 1,650 MW each in technical cooperation with **France**.
  - The approval to the nuclear power reactors has been accorded to a site in **Maharashtra's** Jaitapur.

### Education

- **Cambridge Dictionary** names '**perseverance**' **Word of the Year 2021**.

### Transport/Cars/Scooters

- **Varanasi**, a city in Uttar Pradesh is all set to become the first Indian city to start **ropeway service** as a mode of **public transport** in order to ease the traffic congestion.
  - The proposed ropeway will be constructed between **Cantt Railway Station** (Varanasi Junction) to **Church Square** (Godauliya) covering an aerial distance of 3.45 km.
  - India will be the third country in the world after Bolivia and Mexico to use a ropeway for public transport.

### Festival

- The biggest cultural extravaganza of **Nagaland**, the 22nd edition of the **Hornbill Festival** has kicked off with colorful renditions of traditional music, dances, and contemporary in one roof at Naga Heritage village Kisama.

- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Launched the 7th edition of the **India International Science Festival** at Panaji, **Goa**.
  - Theme - 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' - "Celebrating Creativity, Science, Technology, and Innovation for a prosperous India."
- In **Madhya Pradesh**, the 97th edition of the **World Sangeet Tansen festival** started in **Gwalior**.
  - A five-day World Sangeet Tansen festival starts from **December 25 to December 30** in the city.
  - The stage of the program has been constructed on the **theme of the Siddhanath temple** situated in Omkareshwar.

#### Media /I.T / Telecommunication

- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the **Department of Telecommunications** operating under the Ministry of Communications conducted a **Joint Cyber Drill 2021**.
  - The cyber drill was conducted for the Critical Network Infrastructure operators of India.

#### Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- Lt Gen **Manoj Kumar Mago** has taken over as the **Commandant of National Defence College (NDC)**, New Delhi.
- The **Haryana** Government appointed the senior IAS Officer **Sanjeev Kaushal** as the new **Chief Secretary** of Haryana.
  - Sanjeev Kaushal has replaced **Vijai Vardhan** who retired on September 30, 2021.
- The former Finance Minister of Sweden, **Eva Magdalena Andersson** from the Social Democratic Party (SDP) won her 2nd election and became the 1st **female Prime Minister (PM)** of **Sweden**.
- The **Arunachal Pradesh (AP)** Government has signed Bollywood actor **Sanjay Dutt** as the **brand ambassador** and award-winning filmmaker and branding expert **Rahul Mitra** as **brand advisor** of the occasion of their **golden jubilee celebrations**, marking the 50th year of the naming of the state.
- IIT Madras (IIT-M) incubated startup, **GUVI** has signed Indian Women's cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** as its **brand ambassador**.
- The Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), **Gita Gopinath** will take up a new role as the **First Deputy Managing Director** of IMF.
  - She will replace the First Deputy Managing Director **Geoffrey Okamoto** who plans on leaving the IMF early in 2022.
- **Sambit Patra** has been appointed as the **chairman** of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
  - IAS officer, **G. Kamala Vardhana Rao** will hold the post of **managing director** of ITDC.
- **Pradip Shah**, the founder of IndAsia Fund Advisors, has been appointed chairman of the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL).
- The Centre has appointed **Alka Upadhyaya** as chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- IPO-bound hospitality unicorn Oyo Hotels and Homes (**Oyo**) has appointed **Rajnish Kumar**, former Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) as **Strategic Group Advisor**.
- **Unix**, an Indian Mobile Accessories manufacturing brand, has signed Indian Cricket Fast Bowler, **Jasprit Bumrah** as its **Brand Ambassador** to increase the visibility of their products.
- The President of **Gambia**, **Adama Barrow**, won the second term as President during Gambia's presidential election by achieving over 53% votes from 50 of 53 constituencies.
- Bangalore based innovative, fast-growing fintech, **Kinara Capital** signed the Indian cricketer **Ravindra Jadeja**, as its official **brand ambassador** on the occasion of the company's 10th anniversary.

- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (**FICCI**) announced that **Sanjiv Mehta**, the Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), will be appointed as its **President**.
  - Mehta, presently the Senior Vice President of FICCI, will be succeeding media industry veteran **Uday Shankar**.
- The Board of Directors of **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** appointed **Ittira Davis** as the MD and CEO of the bank.
- Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed **Catherine Russell** as the head of UN children's agency **UNICEF**.
  - Catherine Russell is an assistant to US President Joe Biden.
- **Arvind Kumar** has joined as **Director General of Software Technology Parks** of India.
  - Software Technology Parks of India is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology Government of India.
- Army Chief General **M.M. Naravane** has assumed the charge as the **chairman** of the **Chiefs of Staff Committee** that comprises the three service chiefs.
- **Mohit Jain** of The Economic Times has been elected **President** of The **Indian Newspaper Society** for the year 2021-22.
- The **RBL Bank** board has appointed **Rajeev Ahuja**, who's currently working as the Executive Director at the bank, as interim Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the bank with immediate effect, subject to the regulatory and other approvals.
  - The board of directors at its meeting has accepted the request of **Vishwavir Ahuja**, Managing Director and CEO of the bank, to proceed on leave with immediate effect.
- Finance Industry Development Council (**FIDC**) has announced fresh appointments to its board of directors.
  - **Kamlesh Gandhi**, CMD of MAS Financial Services has been appointed as Co-Chairman, FIDC in addition to **Umesh Revankar**, CEO and MD of Shriram Transport Finance Group.
  - **Sanjay Chamria** has resigned as the Co-Chairman and Director, FIDC.
- **India Yamaha Motor (IYM) Pvt Ltd.** has announced that **Eishin Chihana** has taken charge of the Group's India operations as its new **Chairman**.
  - He has replaced **Motofumi Shitara**.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **Atul Kumar Goel**, MD & CEO of UCO Bank, as MD & CEO of **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** with effect from February 1 next year.
  - Goel will replace **Mallikarjuna Rao**, incumbent MD & CEO of PNB.
- Senior diplomat **Anupam Ray** has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the **UN Conference** on Disarmament in **Geneva**.
  - Ray will succeed Pankaj Sharma.
  - Sharma, a 1991-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Mexico.
- **Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan** has been reappointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (**ESFBL**) for three years (from July 23, 2022, to July 22, 2025), by the Board of Directors (BoD).
- Diplomat **Vikram Misri** has been appointed as **deputy national security adviser** in the national Security Council secretariat.

#### Deaths

- The renowned National Award-winning choreographer and actor, **Shiva Shankar Master** passed away in Hyderabad, Telangana.



- The renowned Telugu film lyricist and Padma Shri awardee, 'Sirivennela' Chembolu **Seetharama Sastry** passed away.
- Renowned scholar and national professor of Bangladesh Professor, **Rafiqul Islam** passed away.
- Former Governor of Tamil Nadu and former Chief Minister of the unified State of Andhra Pradesh, **Konijeti Rosaiah** (89-years) passed away.
- Veteran journalist **Vinod Dua** passed away recently.
- Padma Bhushan Dr **Mamballaikalathil Sarada Menon**, India's 1st woman Psychiatrist and the longest-serving head of the Institute of Mental Health has passed away.
- The Indian Air Force has confirmed that General **Bipin Rawat** and his wife **Madhulika Rawat** are among the 13 people who have died in the unfortunate crash of the Indian Airforce Helicopter Mi-17V5 between Coimbatore and Sullur in Nilgiris district of **Tamil Nadu** on December 8, 2021.
- World's oldest Test Cricketer, former English legend, **Eileen Ash** passed away at the age of 110.
- American gothic-fiction writer **Anne Rice**, best known for The Vampire Chronicles novel series, passed away.
- Group Captain **Varun Singh**, who was rescued after the helicopter crash that killed Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and 12 others, has passed away.
- Archbishop **Desmond Tutu**, a veteran of South Africa's struggle against the white minority rule and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, passed away.
- **E.O. Wilson** (Father of Biodiversity), the former Harvard University biologist and Pulitzer Prize winner whose study of ants and human behavior made him one of the world's most influential scientists and prompted his calls for action to protect millions of species on the planet, has passed away.
  - To protect Earth earned him the nickname "Darwin's natural heir".

#### Awards/Honours

- A biography titled '**Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism**', authored by **Dinyar Patel** and published by Harvard University Press selected as the winner of the 4th **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF (New India Foundation) Book Prize 2021**.
- Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, **V Praveen Rao** wins the 7th **Dr M S Swaminathan Award** for the period 2017-19.
- **Himachal Pradesh Police** has conducted the '**President's Colour Award**' ceremony at Shimla's historic Ridge Ground.
  - Director-General of Police Sanjay Kundu received the award on the behalf of state police.
- Legendary Indian athlete, **Anju Bobby George** has been bestowed with the **Woman of the Year Award** by **World Athletics** for grooming talent in the country and for her advocacy of gender equality.
- Union Commerce and Industry Minister, **Piyush Goyal** has inaugurated the 40th edition of the **India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2021** at Pragati Maidan in **Delhi**.
  - It was organized by the India Trade Promotion Organization with 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' as the theme and to further promote the idea of 'Vocal for Local'.
  - **Bihar** is the **partner** state for the 40th IITF and the **focus states** are **Uttar Pradesh** and **Jharkhand**.
- On the occasion of Assam Divas, the state government of **Assam** has decided to accolade renowned industrialist **Ratan Tata** with the '**Asom Bhaibav**' award, the highest civilian state award for his contribution to cancer care in the state.

- **Nizamuddin Revival Project**, India's project on the holistic urban revitalization of the historic Nizamuddin Basti community, in **New Delhi** has won the **UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2021**.
- **Denmark's Viktor Axelsen** and **China's Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying** were named **Male and Female player of the year 2021** respectively by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- Indian-American mathematician, **Nikhil Srivastava**, who teaches at the University of California, Berkeley along with **Adam Marcus** and **Daniel Spielman** were awarded the First **Ciprian Foias Prize** in Operator Theory by the American Mathematical Society (AMS).
- Assamese poet **Nilmani Phookan Jr** won the 56th **Jnanpith Award** and Konkani novelist **Damodar Mauzo** won the 57th **Jnanpith Award**.
  - The country's highest literary award, the Jnanpith is bestowed on writers for "their outstanding contribution to literature".
- Finance Minister(FM) of India, **Nirmala Sitharaman** has ranked **37th** on the Forbes' list of the World's **100 Most Powerful Women 2021** or 18th Edition of Forbes' list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women.
  - India's seventh woman billionaire and the wealthiest self-made billionaire, **Falguni Nayar**, founder and CEO, Nykaa was ranked **88th** on the list.
  - Only 4 Indian Women ranked in Forbes 2021 World's 100 Most Powerful Women List.
- The Royal Institute of British Architects (**RIBA**) has announced that Indian architect **Balkrishna Doshi** will be the recipient of the 2022 **Royal Gold Medal**.
- India's **Harnaaz Sandhu** has been crowned **Miss Universe 2021**.
  - Punjab-based Harnaaz represented India at the 70th Miss Universe 2021, held in Eilat, **Israel**.
- **Karnataka Bank** has been conferred with **two DigiDhan awards** instituted by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
  - The awards were given during **Digital payment Utsav in New Delhi**.
- Indian Mathematician **Neena Gupta** has received the 2021 **DST-ICTP-IMU Ramanujan Prize** for Young Mathematicians from Developing Countries for her outstanding work in affine algebraic geometry and commutative algebra.
- **Azim Premji**, founder chairman of Wipro Limited and founder of Azim Premji Foundation is this year's recipient of the 10th annual **Dr Ida S. Scudder Humanitarian Oration**, jointly established by Christian Medical College Vellore (CMC) and the U.S.-based Vellore CMC Foundation.
- **DBS Bank** India's persistent efforts to drive digital transformation for its customers have been awarded at the **ET BFSI Excellence Awards 2021**.
- The prestigious TIME magazine has named **Elon Musk**, the CEO of Tesla, as the "**2021 Person of the Year**."
- **Australia** opener **David Warner** and West Indies all-rounder **Hayley Matthews** have been voted the **ICC Players of the Month** for November.
- **Bhutan** has honoured **PM Modi** with its highest civilian award, **Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo**.
- The Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) has decided to honour former Indian Cricketer and cricket commentator **Sunil Manohar Gavaskar** with its prestigious '**SJFI Medal 2021**' at SJFI Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Guwahati, **Assam**.
- World's most decorated gymnast **Simone Biles** was named **Time magazine's 2021 Athlete of the Year**.
- Aditya Birla Group's chairman, **Kumar Mangalam Birla** has received the **Global Entrepreneur of the Year Award- Business Transformation** from The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) based out of Silicon Valley.

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has ranked **8th** on the list of the world's **top 20 most admired men**, in a survey carried out by data analytics company YouGov.
  - According to the survey were include Sachin Tendulkar, Shah Rukh Khan, Amitabh Bachchan and Virat Kohli.
  - The list also includes the most admired Indian women of 2021 has Priyanka Chopra, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Sudha Murty.
- **Anukruti Upadhyay** has won the **Sushila Devi Award 2021** for the **Best Book of Fiction** for her novel, **Kintsugi**, which was published by the Fourth Estate imprint.
- **Viral Sudhirbhai Desai**, an industrialist from Surat, who is popularly known as the Greenman or green man of Gujarat has been honoured with the **Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award 2021**.
- **HDFC Bank** has been named under '**Most Innovative Best Practice**' at the coveted Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) **Digital Transformation Award 2021** or CII DX Award 2021.
- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (**PETA**) India has named Bollywood star **Alia Bhatt** its 2021 **Person of the Year**.
- The All India Co-ordinated Research Project (**AICRP**) on poultry breeding, **Mannuthy**, under the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University (**KVASU**), bagged the **national breed conservation award** for 2021.
- The **Redink Awards** for Excellence in Journalism 2021 were presented on December 29, 2021, by Mumbai Press Club with the Chief Justice of India **NV Ramana** as a Chief Guest at the virtual event.
  - Photojournalist **Danish Siddiqui**, who died during an assignment in Afghanistan in July 2021, was posthumously awarded as the '**Journalist of the Year**' by the Mumbai Press Club.

#### Sports/Game

- Mercedes driver **Lewis Hamilton** (Britain) won the inaugural edition of the **Saudi Arabian Grand Prix (GP)**, by surpassing Max Verstappen (Netherlands) in the event held at the 30-kilometre (18.6-mile) coastal resort area in Jeddah, **Saudi Arabia**.
- The **Davis Cup 2021** was won by the **Russian Tennis Federation** by a 2-0 lead over Croatia in the Davis Cup final in **Madrid**.
- Indian Shuttler and 2-time Olympic medalist **PV Sindhu**, world's number 7, won the **silver** at the 2021 Badminton World Federation (**BWF**) World Tour Finals, officially known as the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2021.
- **Rohit Sharma** has been named as the **new captain** of the Indian **ODI** and **T20I** teams.
  - He will be succeeding Virat Kohli, who had announced his decision to step down as the T20 captain in September 2021.
- **Sanket Mahadev Sargar** won the gold medal in Men's 55 kg snatch category at the ongoing **Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021**.
  - Sargar has also qualified for the upcoming 2022 Commonwealth Games in **Birmingham**.
- **Canada** will join the **United States**, the United Kingdom and **Australia** diplomatic **boycott** of the **Beijing Winter Olympics** over human rights concerns.
- **India** claimed **41 medals** (12 Gold, 15 Silver, 14 Bronze) at the 4th Asian Youth Para Games (**AYPG**), Asia's biggest event held at Riffa city, **Bahrain**.
  - The 5th edition of the Asian Youth Para Games 2025 will be hosted by Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- **Manipur** successfully fended their **Senior Women's National Football Championship** crown after a dramatic penalty shootout altered Railways within the final at the EMS Stadium in Kozhikode, **Kerala**, on 9 December.

- Red Bull's 24-year-old Dutch driver **Max Verstappen** won **Abu Dhabi Grand Prix**, the last race of the season, to win the Formula One 2021 world championship.
- Indian weightlifter **Ajay Singh** won a **gold** medal in men's 81kg category at ongoing **Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021** in **Tashkent**.
- Reigning world chess champion **Magnus Carlsen** of **Norway** defended his title and won the **FIDE World Championship** in **Dubai**.
- **India** won a total of **six medals**, including two gold and 4 silver medals in the **Asian Rowing Championship** in **Thailand**.
  - Senior rower **Arvind Singh** bagged a gold in the lightweight Men's single sculls event while his compatriots won three silver medals.
- **Pankaj Advani** successfully defended his **National Billiards Title** by winning his 11th tournament in Bhopal, **Madhya Pradesh**.
  - He won after defeating his PSPB teammate Dhruv Sitwala in a 5-2 game final.
- **Himachal Pradesh** won the **Vijay Hazare Trophy** for the first time by defeating **Tamil Nadu** in the final by 11 runs (VJD Method).
  - The Vijay Hazare Trophy 2021 Happened at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in **Jaipur**.
- **Nitesh Kumar** won doubled gold at the 4th **Para-Badminton National Championship**, which concluded in Bhubaneswar, **Odisha**.
  - Haryana's Nitesh along with his partner **Tarun Dhillon** defeated World No. 1 Paralympic Games gold medallist Pramod Bhagat and Manoj Sarkar in straight sets in the Men's doubles finals to win the gold.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has crowned the winners of the 11th **Junior National Men's Hockey Championship** following a 3-1 victory over Chandigarh in the final at Kovilpatti, **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Jasprit Bumrah** has achieved the milestone of picking **100 wickets** away from home in 22 Test matches.
- **Mohammed Shami** became just the 11th Indian bowler to claim **200 wickets** in Test cricket in just 55 test matches.

## Report

- Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) has announced the Worldwide **Cost of Living Index 2021**.
  - According to the Index, **Tel Aviv**, Israel has become the **most expensive city** in the world to live in 2021, pushing **Paris**, France and **Singapore** jointly to occupy the **second** spot with **Zurich** and **Hong Kong** at the **fourth** and **fifth** spots respectively.
- World Cooperative Monitor report 2021 - The Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has been ranked '**number one Cooperative**' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world.
- **Gujarat** has left behind **Maharashtra** to become the country's **leading manufacturing hub**, according to data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- According to Lowy Institute **Asia Power Index 2021**, **India** has ranked **4th** most powerful country in the Asia-Pacific region for comprehensive power out of 26 countries.
- France-based World Inequality Lab published its report titled "**World Inequality Report 2022**".
- Chairman of Reliance Industries, **Mukesh Ambani**, and his wife **Nita Ambani** have **topped** the list of **power couples** according To the Indian Institute of Human Brands **IIHB Survey**.
  - **Ranveer Singh** and **Deepika Padukone** were indexed at Number **2** for best on characteristics like fun, charming, distinctive, different, and made for each other.
  - **Virat Kohli** and **Anushka Sharma** occupied **third** place on high quality, outdoorsy, authentic, and best brands.

- According to the 9th edition of **India Skills Report (ISR) 2022**, released by Wheebox, **Maharashtra** has retained the **top** position in the list of states with the highest poll of employable talent followed by **Uttar Pradesh** and **Kerala**.
  - Theme of ISR 2022 – ‘Rebuilding and Reengineering the Future of Work’.
- **Fortune India** released the list of most powerful women in India 2021 in which Union Minister, Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** ranked **1st**.
  - She is followed by Reliance Foundation Chairperson and Goodwill Ambassador **Nita Ambani** in **2nd** position, and **Soumya Swaminathan**, Chief Scientist, World Health Organization (WHO) at **3rd**.
- IMD World Competitive Centres World Talent Ranking Report - The Ranking is structured to support three factors – Investment and development, Appeal and Readiness, and Readiness of skilled labour.
  - In the report, Europe has dominated the Ranking in 2021. **Switzerland** has retained its **top** spot.
- Winter Session of the Parliament, Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, informed the Rajya Sabha on the state of **Electric Vehicles (EV)** in India.
  - As per the data, India has a total of 870,141 registered EVs, with **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** holding the **top** spot with 255,700 registered EVs.
  - UP is followed by **Delhi** (125,347), **Karnataka** (72,544), **Bihar** (58,014) and **Maharashtra** (52,506) in successive positions.
- The Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister recently released a report on the ‘Index on **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy**’.
  - On one hand, in the ‘large states category’, **West Bengal** has topped the charts while **Bihar** is on the **bottom**, **Kerala** can be seen on a **top** spot in the ‘small states category’.
- **Spam call** rates in **India** have spiked again, with the country moving up in global rankings from 9th position to **4th position** owing to a significant increase in sales and telemarketing calls in 2021, according to the latest insights by callerID, spam detection and blocking company, Truecaller.
- Niti Aayog released the fourth edition of its state **health index** for 2019-20 on December 27, 2021.
  - The report, titled “Healthy States, Progressive India”.
  - **Kerala** retained its top rank on the health index among the larger states while **Uttar Pradesh** was the **worst**.
  - **Mizoram** topped the health index among smaller states while **Nagaland** was ranked at the bottom.
  - Among union territories, **Dadra and Nagar Haveli** and **Daman and Diu** was ranked at the **top** and **Andaman & Nicobar** was ranked at the **bottom**.
- The **Good Governance Index 2021** was released by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah on December 25, 2021.
  - In Good Governance Index 2021, **Gujarat and Delhi** have bagged a **top** spot in the composite ranking.
  - According to index **Uttar Pradesh** registers an 8.9% improvement in Good Governance Index indicators from 2019 to 2021.
- **IIT Madras** has bagged the **first** position in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (**ARIIA**) 2021, for the third consecutive year, under the category of CFTIs/ Central Universities/ Institute of National Importance (Technical).
  - Seven IITs are on the top-10 list.
  - IIT-Madras is followed by IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, and IIT Roorkee.
  - The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru bagged the sixth position in the category.

#### General - National

- **India** and **Bangladesh** have decided to celebrate **December 6**, the day on which India formally recognized Bangladesh, as “**Maitri Diwas**” (Friendship Day).

- **India** has joined '**G20 Troika**' and will work closely with **Indonesia** and **Italy** to ensure consistency and continuity of G20's agenda.
- India observes **December 6** as **Mahaparinirvan Divas** every year to mark the death anniversary of **Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar**, who fought for the economic and social empowerment of Dalits in the country.
- The **Kazhuveli** wetland situated in Villupuram district of **Tamil Nadu** has been declared as the 16th **Bird Sanctuary** by Surpiya Sahu, Environment and Forest Secretary, at the Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change.
- The **Haiderpur Wetland** abutting the Madhya Ganga barrage, about 10 km from Bijnor in western Uttar Pradesh, has been recognized under the 1971 **Ramsar Convention** on Wetlands.
  - Uttar Pradesh is now home to 9 Ramsar wetlands.
- Ministry of Environment, Forest, and global climate change (MoEF&CC) proclaimed **Askot Wildlife Sanctuary** as **Eco-sensitive Zone**.

### General - International

- **Barbados** has become the **World's newest republic**, around 400 years after it became a British colony.
- Prime Minister of **Australia Scott Morrison** announced that, Australia will **not send** officials to February's **Winter Olympics in Beijing**.
  - With this move, Australia has joined a **US diplomatic boycott** of the Winter Olympics Games.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has granted **Observer Status** to the **International Solar Alliance**.
  - The news was announced by India's Permanent Ambassador to the UN, **T S Tirumurti** on December 9, 2021.
- In the first, **Dubai** has become the very first government in the world to turn **100% paperless**.
- The **United Arab Emirates** has announced to change its existing five-day **workweek** to a **four-and-a-half day** starting January 1, becoming the world's first country to make the employee-friendly transition as part of its efforts to improve productivity and work-life balance.
- **Myanmar's** shadow government has allowed the use of world's largest **crypto currency** called **Tether**.
  - Tether Crypto currency will be used as an official currency.
- **Malta** has become the first country in European Union to **legalise cannabis** at home and for personal use.
- United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced to **end the censorship** in **cinematic releases**.
  - As per latest announcement, government will not cut sensitive scenes which offend the Islamic sentiments.
  - Administration have also introduced a new 'above 21 years of age' category for viewers.
- **Egypt** added as the **fourth** new member of **BRICS New Development Bank**.
  - Bangladesh, UAE, and Uruguay joined BRICS New Development Bank in September 2021.

### Books and Authors

<b>Book's Name</b>	<b>Author's Name</b>
• Raj Kapoor: The Master At Work	Rahul Rawail
• Rewinding of First 25 years of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology	S S Oberoi

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## TO THE POINTS: DECEMBER-2021

- The Union government has formed a five-member committee to monitor the Central Vista Redevelopment Plan. **Ratan P Watal** is the Chairman of the Committee.
- Prasar Bharati has entered into a MoU with **IIT Kanpur** for digital terrestrial broadcasting consistent with emerging standards such as 5G broadcast.
- **Indonesia, South Africa and UK** are the partner countries in the first edition of the InInfinity Forum.
- The Parliament has passed the **Farm Laws Repeal Bill 2021** as Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha are approving it on Day 1 of Winter Session.
- The Government has approved the strategic disinvestment of **Central Electronics Limited** for ₹ 210 crore.
- NITI Aayog has released report on Online Dispute Resolution policy for speedy access to justice. The report is made by a committee chaired by **Justice A K Sikri**.
- **120 Crore** has been provided under Production Linked Incentive for Indian manufacturers of drone and drone components.
- The 4th Foreign Office Consultations between India and Uruguay has held at Montevideo. **Riva Ganguly** is led the Indian delegation in the meeting.
- **South Korea** has set to get the world's first floating city by 2025.
- Asian Paints has signed a MOU with **Gujarat** for the expansion of manufacturing capacity at its Ankleshwar facility at a total investment of about ₹ 960 crore.
- **Nagaland** Police has officially launched the 'Call your Cop' mobile App for citizens.
- **ICT Academy** has partnered with UiPath to take the UiPath Academic Alliance programme to over 1,000 partner institutions across India.
- The Reserve Bank of India has appointed P.N. Raghunath as an Additional Director of **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**.
- Agriwise Finserv Limited has entered into a co-lending agreement with **Central Bank of India** for agri-loan disbursement.
- **1 Crore** has been imposed as a monetary penalty on Union Bank of India for non-compliance relating to fraud classification and reporting and sale of stressed assets.
- The Government of India has implemented an interest subvention scheme, under a short term crop loans of up to Rs.3.00 lakh is provided to farmers. The rate of interest for the scheme is 7%.
- **Bajaj Finserv** has kicked off the second phase of 'Savdhaan Rahein. Safe Rahein'. a public awareness campaign focusing on Life Insurance Frauds.
- **Parag Agrawal** has been appointed as new CEO of Twitter.
- Admiral R. Hari Kumar has assumed charge as the **25th** Chief of the Naval Staff.
- Petr Fiala has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of **Czech Republic**.
- **Prasoon Joshi** has been honoured with the 'Indian Film Personality of the Year' award at the 52nd International Film Festival of India.
- Sascan Meditech start-up has been adjudged as the winner of Startup India Grand Challenge 2021 in the medical device category. The start-up is based on **Kerala**.
- **Maldives's** Navy has participated in the first-ever Colombo Security Conclave with Indian Navy and Sri Lanka Navy.

- The Reserve Bank of India has granted approval to Life Insurance Corporation of India, to raise its stake in **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.
- A new book titled, “The Ambuja Story: How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company” has been authored by **Narotam Sekhsaria**.
- Indian tennis player **Prajnesh Gunneswaran** has won his maiden Challenger level singles title in the ATP Challenger tournament in Manama, Bahrain.
- **Saurav Ghosal** has become the first Indian to win the 2021 Malaysian Open Squash Championships title.
- National Award-winning choreographer & actor Sivasankar passed away. He had won the National Award for his work in Magadheera in **2008**.
- Frank Williams Passed away recently. He was the founder of Formula One team **Williams Racing**.
- Theme of World AIDS Day, observed across the world on 1st December - **End inequalities. End AIDS and End Pandemics**.
- **21.52 crore** loan amount has been extended to women borrowers by Member Lending Institutions under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana.
- **NITI Aayog** has organized national workshop on Natural Farming as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The Central Government has formed a three-member committee to review the criteria for reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections category. **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** is the head of the committee.
- According to the global trade update report issued by UNCTAD, The Global trade is expected to reach about **\$28 trillion** in 2021.
- **Assam** has launched Micro Finance Incentive and Relief Scheme-2021 to women in the state.
- The Ministry of Electronics & IT, Government of Andhra Pradesh has partnered with **NASSCOM** to launch ‘Centre of Excellence of IoT and AI’ in Visakhapatnam.
- **Rajasthan** has received Drinking water supply schemes worth Rs 1,816 Crore in the State-level Scheme Sanctioning Committee meeting.
- The Reserve Bank of India has constituted a three-member Advisory Committee to assist the **Administrator of Reliance Capital**.
- **Max Life Insurance** has enhanced its ‘Buy Now, Pay at Approval’ facility to wider modes of online transactions.
- According to the government data, GDP of the country has grown by **8.4** percent for the second quarter of the current fiscal.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd has signed a MoU with **Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited** for Green Energy collaborations.
- **Russia’s** Navy has successfully test-fired a prospective hypersonic missile Zircon cruise missile in the White Sea.
- **Punjab National Bank** would invest as a promoter in Open Network for Digital Commerce by picking up over 9 percent stake in the company.
- China has successfully launched a new communications satellite named **Zhongxing-1D** in Long March-3B carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.
- The Department of Bio-Technology and National Brain Research Centre of Haryana has developed the world’s first Multimodal Brain Imaging Data and Analytics called **SWADESH**.



- The **57th** Border Security Force Raising Day has been observed on December 01.
- The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery has been observed on **December 01**.
- **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the InInfinity Forum, a leadership Forum on FinTech.
- **Flipkart** has signed an MOU with Ministry of Rural Development Under National Rural Livelihood Mission.
- A Tribes India Conclave has been organized by TRIFED with **Ministry of External Affairs**.
- **India** has set to develop jet engines for aircrafts like Light Combat Aircraft in association with the International Engine House.
- According to the annual Worldwide Cost of Living index released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, **Tel Aviv** has become the world's most expensive city to live in 2021.
- A team of international researchers from Canada, Colombia, and Germany has discovered a new extinct marine reptile. **Kyhytysukasachicarium** is the scientific name of the reptile.
- **Anju Bobby George** has been honoured with the Woman of the Year Award by World Athletics.
- Sirivennela Seetharama Sastry passed away recently. He was the famous lyricist of **Telugu**.
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities has been observed on **December 3**.
- The Ministry of Power has organized a 'Bijli Utsav' in Sonapur village of **Assam**.
- **Fifth** edition of International Ambedkar Conclave has been inaugurated by Ram Nath Kovind.
- The Ministry of Culture has implemented the Scheme of Financial Assistance. The Scheme is implemented for the development of **Buddhist Culture & Tibetan Culture**.
- **IIIT Hyderabad** incubation centre has bagged ₹ 5 crore grant from Start-up India.
- **USA** has passed a bill to fund the government through mid-February, averting the risk of a shutdown.
- Ride-hailing company Ola would launch its first electric car in **2023**.
- **India** has joined the G20 Troika with Indonesia and Italy.
- **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated & laid the foundation stone of multiple projects worth around Rs 18,000 crore in Dehradun.
- The 2-day Regional Conference on 'Replication of Good Governance Practices' is set to be held in **Bhubaneswar**.
- The central government has signed a \$ 250 million loan with **Asian Development Bank** to support the National Industrial Corridor Development Program.
- **State Bank of India** has signed a master agreement with Adani Capital for co-lending to farmers.
- DBS has revised India's FY23 growth forecast to **7.0%** from 6 per cent earlier.
- **Paytm** has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Directorate of General Training to train youngsters in fintech.
- **Gita Gopinath** has been appointed as International Monetary Fund's First Deputy Managing Director.
- **Sanjiv Puri** has been named the 'Impact Person of the Year 2020'.
- **India** and International Telecommunication Union have commenced India-ITU Joint Cyber drill 2021.
- **CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum** has developed bio-jet fuel, formally approved for use on military aircraft of the Indian Air Force.

- **Bangladesh and USA** has participated in the annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) maritime exercise.
- According to the 10th Annual World Cooperative Monitor report, **The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited** has been ranked 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperative.
- India has defeated Belgium to enter semi-finals in the Junior Hockey World Cup. The Junior Men's Hockey World Cup held in **Odisha**.
- Indian Navy Day has been observed annually on 4 December. The day was chosen to commemorate the launch of **Operation Trident** against Pakistan during the Indo-Pakistan War in 1971.
- The Centre has set to launch **SRESHTA** scheme to work for socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes students.
- The **59th** Nagaland Statehood Day has been observed at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza.
- **OECD** has decreased India's growth forecast to 9.4% for FY22 from 9.7% estimated in September 2021.
- Sanjeev Kaushal has been appointed as the state's new chief secretary of **Haryana**.
- **Pradip Shah** has been appointed as the chairman of National Asset Reconstruction Company.
- **Ratan Tata** has been conferred with the highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav' by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- V Praveen Rao has been selected for the Dr M S Swaminathan Award for the period 2017-19. He is a Vice-Chancellor of **PJTSAU**.
- Minister **Mahendra Nath Pandey** would be the Chief Guest at the Round Table Conference to Promote Electric Vehicles at Goa.
- **Rs 471.41 crore** is the contract amount signed by Bharat Dynamics Limited with the Indian Army for the refurbishment of IGLA-1M missiles.
- Indian Army has received the new Heron Drones from **Israel** for the Deployment in Ladakh.
- Rafiqul Islam passed away at the age of 87. He was a renowned **Scholar, Professor, Writer, & Activist**.
- The International Day of Banks has been observed on **December 4**.
- The World Soil Day has been observed annually on 5 December. Theme - **Halt soil salinization, enhance soil production**.
- The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2021 has introduced in the Lok Sabha. It was introduced to rectify an error in **Section 27** of the Act.
- The first-ever India Russia 22 Ministerial Dialogue held in **New Delhi**.
- **S Jaishankar** has addressed the 5th Indian Ocean Conference in Abu Dhabi.
- Rajnath Singh has attended the MSME Conclave in New Delhi. The conclave was organized by **Ministry of Defence and Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers**.
- National Cadet Corps has conducting 'Azadi ki Vijay Shrankhla aur Sanskritiyon ka Mahasangam' event in **New Delhi**.
- India has celebrated 75 years of independence with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. **Kali Rajan Rajagopal** won the Drug Discovery Hackathon.
- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has celebrated its 64th Founding Day. **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs** is the parent agency of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

- The Union Minister G Kishan Reddy has inaugurated the tourist facilitation center and public utilities and changing room on **Colva Beach**.
- Startup Hub has celebrated the Iconic week of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” with its Tech-Startup Summit under **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**.
- The President Ram Nath Kovind has awarded the President’s Standard to **Killer Squadron** at a ceremonial parade held at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- The 11th edition of Exercise EKUVERIN has conducted at Kadhdhoo Island. **Maldives** was participated with India in this exercise.
- The Ministry of AYUSH has decided to construct fifteen AYUSH Dispensaries, seven 10 bedded hospitals and fifty Health and Wellness Centres in **Manipur**.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has become the first state in the country to vaccinate its entire eligible population.
- **Maharashtra** has received 1,666.64 Crore under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission has rolled out the Project RE-HAB (Reducing Elephant-Human Attacks using Bees) in **Assam** after Karnataka.
- Drinking water supply schemes of Rs 267.66 Crore have been approved for **Uttarakhand** under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- **Oppo** has signed MOU with IIT Delhi to offer scholarships covering academics expenses for the shortlisted students.
- **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Solar Energy Corporation of India for development of renewable energy projects.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd has signed a MOU with **THDC India Ltd** for Green Energy collaborations.
- **National Medicinal Plants Board** has signed a MoU for extending joint collaborative efforts to promote the production of quality planting material of medicinal plants.
- **State Bank of India** has listed its USD 650-million green bonds simultaneously on the India International Exchange and the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.
- **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated the Innovation Pavilion set up at the Navy House on the occasion of Navy Day.
- **Tripura** is the first state in the country to introduce a Ban Adhikar app.
- The new butterfly species *Zographetus dzonguensis* has found in **Sikkim**.
- A New Book Titled 1971: Charge of the Gorkhas and Other Stories has been authored by **Rachna Bisht Rawat**.
- **Ajaz Patel** has become third bowler to take 10 wickets in an innings.
- **Ananya Bansal** has won the country’s first silver medal in shot put in the F-20 category at the Asia Youth Paralympic Games.
- Konijeti Rosaiah passed away recently. He was the Former Chief Minister of **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Vinod Dua passed away recently. He was a famous **Journalist**.
- **The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (Amendment) Bill, 2021** has been passed by the Lok Sabha recently.
- **Rs. 5,116 crores** is approximate loss incurred by Airports in India in the financial year 2020-21.

- **Scheduled Commercial Banks** has recovered an amount of Rs 90 crore from financial frauds in last 5 years.
- **Bangladesh** has invited India for recommitting two countries towards further strengthening the long-standing dynamic partnership.
- **IIT Madras** has entered into an agreement with Tata Power to collaborate in research and development, consultancy, policy advocacy, advisory, training, and commercialization of technologies and solutions.
- First indigenously built survey Vessel **Sandhayak** launched by Indian Navy and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd.
- The Vice President has released the book, titled 'Public Service Ethics' written by Prabhat Kumar. Prabhat Kumar is a former Governor of **Jharkhand**.
- The Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has launched a book, 'The Midway Battle: Modi's Roller-coaster Second Term'. **Gautam Chintamani** is the author of the book.
- **Lewis Hamilton** has won the inaugural Saudi Arabian Grand Prix at Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Saudi Arabia.
- Argentina has defeated Germany in the FIH Men's junior Hockey World Cup 2021 final. The Men's junior Hockey World Cup is held in **Odisha**.
- Sarada Menon passed away at the age of 98. She was a first woman **Psychiatrist** of India.
- **N V Ramana** has proposed the creation of a National Judicial Infrastructure Authority of India.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched **ASEEM** portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities.
- Olaf Scholz has been nominated as the next Chancellor of **Germany**.
- **Four** agreements have signed between India and Russia after the first 2 Plus 2 dialogues between defense and foreign ministers.
- **British Airways** has become the first airline to use sustainable aviation fuel produced on a commercial scale.
- **169.60 Crore** amount has been allocated by the Government of India for Jal Jeevan Mission in Meghalaya.
- The Government of India has released 402.24 Crore for **Punjab** to implement Jal Jeevan Mission.
- **Yes Bank** has launched credit cards on the RuPay platform to offer RuPay branded credit cards to its customers.
- Karnataka Bank Ltd has signed a memorandum of understanding with **Toyota Kirloskar** to introduce financing options for its customers.
- **Ajith Kumar** has been appointed as the head of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd Kochi Refinery.
- Sanjiv Mehta has been appointed as the next President of **FICCI**.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **UNDP** to strengthen the waste management sector in India.
- Innovations in Technology Dissemination component of National Agricultural Technology Project has been implemented in **Seven** states.
- The National Development Council has adopted a resolution to launch a Food Security Mission to increase the wheat production by **8 million tonnes**.
- The PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated three mega projects worth **Rs. 9,600 crore** in Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh.

- PANEX-21, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise has planned to be held at **Pune**.
- The Permanent Mission of India, the Centre for Trade and Investment Law and **CTEI** have signed a tripartite MOU.
- **Ministry of Civil Aviation** along with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has mandated the contactless self-declaration at Air Suvidha Portal.
- The report titled "Waste-wise Cities: Best practices in municipal solid waste management," has been released by **NITI Aayog**.
- NASA has selected Indian origin physician **Anil Menon** for future missions along with nine others astronauts.
- India and **Japan** has evolved for bigger missions between the two countries at the Science and Technology Seminar.
- **\$125 million loan** amount has been signed by the Asian Development Bank to improve access to safe and affordable drinking water supply in Dehradun and Nainital cities.
- The Asian Development Bank has signed a \$150 million loan to **Tamil Nadu** for providing access to inclusive, resilient, and sustainable housing for the urban poor.
- Rajasthan plans to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household of the State by **2024**.
- For selling general insurance products Liberty General Insurance has signed with **Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank**.
- **Flipkart** has partnered with ICICI Bank to offer an instant and digital overdraft facility to individual sellers and businesses registered on the e-commerce platform.
- **State Bank of India** has signed a memorandum of understanding with Kendriya Sainik Board to support and educate the children of war veterans, ex-servicemen, and war widows.
- As per Recent Monetary Policy Committee by the Reserve Bank of India, Marginal Standing Facility ratio - **4.25%**.
- **Sunil Arora** has been invited to join the Board of Advisers for International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance.
- US Polo Association has been appointed **Arjun Rampal** as its brand ambassador.
- The 11th edition of Exercise EKUVERIN between India and Maldives would be conducted at **Kadhdhoo Island**.
- According to the report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited ranked **42** in the Combined Arms Sales in 2020.
- In the BWF World Tour Finals, Indian shuttler **PV Sindhu** has settled for a silver medal after being defeated by South Korea's an Se-young.
- Indian men's squash team has won the silver medal at the 20th Asian Squash Championship in **Malaysia**.
- The Russian Tennis Federation has won the Davis Cup after beating Croatia 2-0 in the final in **Madrid**.
- India has defeated **New Zealand** by 372 runs in the second test at Mumbai to win the two-match series 1-0.
- International Anti-Corruption Day has been observed globally on **09 December**.
- The Parliament has passed the APT Bill, 2021 after the approval of Rajya Sabha. ATP - **Assisted Reproductive Technology**.

- **The Lok Sabha** has passed the High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 2021 by voice vote.
- National Energy Conservation Week has been celebrated on **8-14 December 2021**.
- Ram Nath Kovind has presented the President's Standard to **22nd** edition of Missile Vessel Squadron of the Indian Navy in Mumbai.
- Total cost assessed for Ken-Betwa link project is **Rs.44,605 crore** at 2020-21 price levels by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Narendra Modi** has approved the proposal of the Department of Rural Development for continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin beyond March 2021.
- **6th** edition of the India Water Impact Summit has been organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga along with Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies.
- **IFSCA** has launched the FinTech Hackathon "Sprint04: Market-Tech".
- Government of India has released **120 Crore** for Manipur under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- According to Fitch Ratings, GDP of India is **8.4%** for the financial year 2022-23.
- Reliance BP Mobility Limited has entered into a MoU with **Mahindra Group** for exploring the creation of EV products.
- **Damodar Mauzo** has been conferred with 57th Gyanpitha award for the year 2022.
- **Reliance** has signed a \$736 million equivalent green loan agreement with five banks to fund its acquisition of Norwegian solar panel manufacturer REC Solar Holdings.
- Bramhos missile has been successfully test fired in **Paradip** test range.
- The DRDO has successfully tested the vertical launch short range surface-to-air missile from an integrated test range of **Odisha's** coast.
- According to a report by Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2021, India has secured **Fourth** spot as the most powerful country in Asia.
- According to the Forbes 100 most powerful women in the world, Nirmala Sitharaman has secured **37th** rank.
- At the ongoing Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021, Sanket Mahadev Sargar has won the gold medal in the Men's **55 kg** snatch category.
- India's first Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, passed away in a helicopter crash near Coonoor. It is in **Tamil Nadu**.
- Former cricketer Eileen Ash, the world's oldest Test cricketer described as a 'pioneer' of the sport, passed away. He was from **England**.
- Padma Shri awardee Nanda Kishore Nanda Prusty passed away. He belonged to **Education**.
- **UNGA** has declared December 10 as the Human Rights Day.
- The Power Ministry has been celebrating the Energy Conservation Week from 8th to 14th December under **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi would visit Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh to inaugurate the Saryu Nahar National Project. This project involves in interlinking of **Five** rivers.
- Under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 4,371 Urban Local Bodies have been certified Open Defecation Free. **4372** Urban Local Bodies are totally available.
- The G20 International Seminar hosted in Bali by the G20 Presidency of Indonesia. Theme of G20's for the year - **Recover Together, Recover Stronger**.

- Digital on boarding and training is an integral part of PM Street Atma Nirbhar Nidhi Scheme. This Scheme is especially for **Street Vendors**.
- The Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas has informed, the Government has set a target to raise the share of natural gas in energy mix to 15% in **2030**.
- The Education Ministry has launched a mobile app called Bhasha Sangam in order to help people acquire basic conversation ability in languages other than one's mother tongue. Application consists **22** Indian languages.
- **7th** edition of International Science Festival of India would kick start in Panjim, Goa.
- The Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the 'Meghalayan Age' store in **New Delhi**.
- **1000** Atal Tinkering Laboratories would be established by the NITI Aayog in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir by the end of this financial year.
- The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region have sanctioned a project for construction of Outdoor Stadium in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **Federal Bank** has partnered with Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd as a corporate agent to provide health insurance products.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to increase its stake in IndusInd Bank to upto **9.99%**.
- **Karnataka Bank** has been conferred with two DigiDhan awards instituted by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- **Reliance** is the country's most valuable company according to the Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 companies list.
- **Bank of Baroda** has signed a memorandum of understanding with Centrum Housing Finance for sourcing and financing housing loan borrowers under co-lending model.
- **Paytm Payments Bank** has received a status of Scheduled Bank from RBI.
- WhiteHat Jr has announced its collaboration with **Microsoft** to provide students and teachers access to personalized and immersive learning experiences with Minecraft.
- Samunnati Foundation has partnered with **IIT Madras** Incubation Cell to encourage innovative technologies in agriculture.
- **Bharti Airtel** has launched 'India Startup Innovation Challenge' in partnership with Invest India to demonstrate differentiated solutions areas like 5G.
- **Nilendu Chakraborty** has been appointed as an independent director of Brightcom Group.
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga along with the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies has organized **6th** edition of the India Water Impact Summit.
- **NASA** has launched its new X-ray Mission to unlock the secrets of extreme cosmic objects.
- Hypersonic weapon prototype **Hycore** unveiled recently by the South Korean Defense Ministry.
- **Iran** has topped the Asian Youth Para Games held in Riffa city.
- Suresh Jadhav passed away at the age of 72. He was an Executive Director of **SII**.
- UNICEF Day has been observed every year on **December 11**.
- The United Nations General Assembly has granted an Observer Status to **International Solar Alliance**.
- **Catherine Russell** has been appointed as the next executive Director of the UN Children's Fund.
- **Architect** Balkrishna Doshi would be awarded the 'Royal Gold Medal 2022'.

- **Neena Gupta** has been awarded '2021 DST-ICTP-IMU Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians.
- Harnaaz Sandhu has been crowned the Miss Universe 2021 at Universe Dome in **Israel**.
- **Narendra Modi** has attended the closed-door session of the first Summit for Democracy.
- Defence Research and Development Organization has successfully tested Pinaka (Pinaka-ER) Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher System in **Rajasthan**.
- **DRDO** and Indian Air Force has flight-tested the Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT) Missile from Pokhran firing ranges of Rajasthan.
- **Mridula Ramesh** has authored a new Book Titled, 'Watershed: How We Destroyed India's Water and How We Can Save It'.
- Fide world Championship has been held in **Dubai**.
- **WHO** has promoted the Universal Health Coverage Day, celebrated annually on December 12.
- National Energy Conservation Day has been observed on **December 14**.
- The Rajya Sabha has amended the **Delhi Special Police Establishment** (Amendment) Bill 2021.
- **Mansukh Mandaviya** has chaired the India Global Forum Healthcare Roundtable held in Dubai.
- **Ministry of Tourism** has organized webinar on 'Jyotirlingam Temples of Maharashtra'.
- Haiderpur Wetland of Western Uttar Pradesh has been recognized as the **47th** Ramsar site of India.
- **Narendra Modi** has addressed a function on "Depositors First: Guaranteed Time-bound Deposit Insurance Payment up to Rs. 5 Lakh" in New Delhi.
- The Union Government has set to organize the first of its kind innovation week to encourage Startup ecosystem in India. This event will be organized by **DPIIT**.
- National Helpline launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment against atrocities on SCs/STs. National Helpline Number – **14566**.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.
- Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 and **AMRUT 2.0** would make the city's garbage free and water secure during the mission period of five years (2021-2026).
- Minister for Ports Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the River Cruise Services in **Marmugao Port, Goa**.
- The Central Government has approved Rs. 604 Crore to **Jammu and Kashmir** under the Jal Jeevan Mission.
- **Life Insurance Corporation** has launched the individual savings life insurance plan called "Dhan Rekha".
- **Radha Unni** has been appointed as the independent director of the South Indian Bank.
- India's Harnaaz Sandhu has been crowned as the Miss Universe 2021 title. She was the **Third** Indian to win the title of Miss Universe.
- **Elon Musk** has been named as the Time Magazine's "Person of the year 2021".
- **Adani Green Energy Limited** has signed a power purchase agreement with SECI to supply 4,667 MW of green power.
- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited** has collaborated with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre for Green Hydrogen production.



- **Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail** has signed the licensing agreement to sell Reebok products.
- The Second edition of 'Animal Husbandry Startup Grand Challenge' has been launched on National Milk Day of India. National Milk day observed on **November 26**.
- Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog along with **Denmark** has announced the second edition of water innovation challenges to address the global water woes.
- **Tamil Nadu** has signed a Record of Discussions with the Japan International Cooperation Agency to strengthen the health sector.
- India has successfully test-fired Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo (SMART) in **Balasore, Odisha**.
- **China** has launched a group of satellites named "Shijian-6 05".
- According to the 2021 Global Health Security Index, India ranked **66** Spot in the Global Health Security Index.
- **Max Verstappen** has won the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2021.
- Chandeeep Singh has bagged a silver medal at the Para World Taekwondo Championships 2021. The event held in **Istanbul, Turkey**.
- **Arvind Singh** has won the gold medal in the men's lightweight single sculls at the Asian Rowing Championships 2021.
- Anne Rice passed away recently. She was a renowned **Actress**.
- The exhibition on 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' has been organized by the Regional Outreach Bureau along with **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.
- The North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited has introduced the 'AtmanirbharHastshilpkar' scheme to support **Artisans** in the Northeast region.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the function on: "Depositors First-Guaranteed Time-bound Deposit Insurance Payment up to **Rs. 5 Lakh** rupees".
- **Ministry of Defence** has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Teacher Education in Gandhinagar to facilitate the training of teachers at Sainik schools.
- Doordarshan would host the international finals of Robocon 2022 in August next year. **China** hosted the ABU Robocon 2021.
- Digital Platform **Lokpal Online** has been inaugurated by Chairperson of Lokpal India Pinaki Chandra Ghose for Management of Complaints.
- **Bharti Foundation** has partnered with NITI Aayog to launch the 'Convoke 2021-22'.
- The **8th** India - Slovenia Foreign Office Consultations has held virtually.
- **UAE** has set to wrap up the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with India.
- Government of India received **Rs. 19 Crore** from Cotton Corporation of India Limited.
- **India** has co-chaired the Steering Leadership meeting of the Global Methane Initiative (GMI) 2021.
- India's pharmaceutical exports to Pakistan have increased from 129.32 million US dollars in 2016-17 to **152.32 million** US dollars in 2020-21.
- According to the CEO of NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant, India's fintech industry is expected to be valued at over \$150 billion by **2025**.
- **India Post Payments Bank** has partnered with National Payments Corporation of India Bharat BillPay to facilitate cash-based assisted bill payments at the doorstep of customers.
- **Gautam Raghavan** has been appointed as the head of the White House Office.

- **NTPC** has awarded with India's first Green Hydrogen based Energy Storage Project called, "Standalone Fuel-Cell based Micro-grid with hydrogen production using electrolyser".
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, Indian Banks' Association, and **State Bank of India** has organized a one-day workshop, in hybrid mode, titled "Committee of Creditors: An Institution of Public Faith".
- The Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has chaired India Global Forum Healthcare Roundtable in **Dubai**.
- **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has invited all the stakeholders on the draft 'Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Care and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2021'.
- Recently **\$720 million** Defence deal has been signed between Australia and South Korea.
- Under Jal Jeevan Mission, Rs 56.7 Crore has been approved to **Uttarakhand**.
- The first drone fair in the country has been organized in **Gwalior**, Madhya Pradesh.
- According to the Commerce and Industry Ministry data, the Wholesale price inflation has risen by **14.23%** in the month of November.
- **Mining** sector's Index has been risen by 11.4 percent in the month of October.
- As per the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation data, The retail inflation has risen to 4.48 % in October from **4.35%** in September.
- The Reserve Bank of India has decided to impose a prompt corrective action (PCA) framework for troubled **NBFC**.
- **IndiGo** Airline has launched the travel credit card 'Ka-ching' in partnership with Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- **₹ 110 crore** interest paid by Vodafone Idea to IDFC First Bank while repaying a debt of ₹ 1,500 crore.
- **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** has signed an MOU with the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying to support India's food security and economic development agendas.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has formulated a scheme called "SMILE".
- **5000** farmers were attended the valedictory session of the National Summit on Agro and Food Processing in Anand, Gujarat virtually.
- **SMALLCAP** World Fund, Inc has increased its stake to 5.1863 per cent through open market in **IIFL Finance** Company.
- The Endangered Bryde's Whale carcass has been found in Ganjam District of **Odisha**.
- According to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, The destruction of wetlands has leading to the decline of **Dragonflies**.
- Shashi Tharoor has launched his book, 'Pride, Prejudice and Punditry' in Hyderabad. This is his **23rd** book.
- David Warner and Hayley Matthews have been voted as the ICC Players of the Month for November 2021. Hayley Matthews plays for **West Indies**.
- India has been celebrating Vijay Diwas on December 16 of every year to commemorate its victory over **Pakistan** during the 1971 war.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved an incentive scheme to promote **BHIM-UPI & RuPay Debit card** transactions in the country.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the Republic of India and **Poland**.

- The Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the comprehensive program for the development of **Semiconductors** and display ecosystem in the country.
- **Rs.93,068 crore** is an outlay approved by the cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for 2021-26.
- **Ram Nath Kovind** is on a three-day state visit to Bangladesh from December 15 to 17, 2021, his first state visit since the outbreak of the COVID pandemic.
- **Durga Puja** festival has been inscribed on the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of UNESCO's 2003 Convention on Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.
- Odisha has signed an agreement with **United Nations Capital Development Fund** to launch "Mission Shakti Living Lab" for the financial empowerment of women.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Maa Umiya Dham Development Project in **Gujarat**.
- The Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the exhibition of defence products of **BEL** in Kotdwar, Uttarakhand through virtual medium.
- **AU Small Finance Bank** has partnered with Pine Labs to avail of Equated Monthly Installments offers at the point of sale to the bank's credit cardholders.
- According to the Reserve Bank of India, **Scheduled Small Finance Banks & Scheduled Payment Banks** would be eligible to conduct Government agency business.
- **State Bank of India** has renewed its Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Army to offer benefits to all serving as well as retired Army Personnel.
- **Tata Motors** has partnered with Bandhan Bank to sign retail finance MoU, offering finance options to all its passenger vehicle customers.
- **Axis Bank** is integrating different digitization initiatives by government bodies and service providers to extend an end-to-end service to business clients.
- **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** has signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding with Financial Intelligence Unit-India for data exchange between the two organizations.
- Minister **Virendra Kumar** has launched 'Samajik Adhikarita Shivar' for distribution of aids and assistive devices to 'Divyangjan' under the ADIP Scheme.
- Length of the Six Lane Ganga Expressway is **594 Km**, built at a cost of over Rs 36,200 crore in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Gujarat** has organized the National Conclave on Natural Farming.
- The Ministry of Information Technology has conducted **25th** Chief Information Security Officers Deep Dive Training program under Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative.
- The Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated the National Parliamentary Conference on **Tuberculosis** among Women.
- **Ministry of Rural Development** has launched the Management Information System portal for rankings of States and Union Territories in Land Acquisition Projects.
- The Ministry of External Affairs would organize the second lecture on **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- Indian company **Ashok Leyland** has partnered with Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment to develop and manufacture the 600hp indigenous engine for combat vehicles.
- **124** indigenous satellites would be launched by the ISRO into the Earth's orbit along with foreign satellites during 2021-2023.

- A Bilateral meeting between India along with **Vietnam** has scheduled to strengthen Telecommunications and Postal Sector.
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the seventh edition of India International Science Festival in **Panaji**.
- All-India Mayors' Conference has chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi. Theme - **New Urban India**.
- **Haryana** has started the Khel Nursery Scheme to promote sports in the state.
- **AIIB** has approved \$150 million for 'Chennai City Partnership: Sustainable Urban Services Programme' to improve the quality and financial sustainability in Chennai.
- **Union Bank of India** has partnered with Home First Finance Company India Ltd to offer home loans to customers.
- **PhonePe** has announced tokenized cards on all three major payment networks – Visa, Mastercard and Rupay.
- **Balaji Rao** has been appointed as the new country manager of Mandiant for India and SAARC Markets.
- **Arvind Kumar** has been appointed as the director-general of the Software Technology Parks of India.
- **MM Naravane** has been appointed as the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee after the death of the Chief of Defense Staff Gen Bipin Rawat in the IAF helicopter crash.
- **₹ 400 crore** has been invested by Tata Steel and Angul Sukinda Railway to meet the logistic needs of its Kalinganagar Steel plant.
- Indian Ocean Rim Association, Indian Council for World Affairs and **Ministry of External Affairs** has hosted the 8th Edition of the Indian Ocean Dialogue virtually.
- Under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana, **Tamil Nadu** has ranked second with 5, 35,615 new employees.
- **Venkaiah Naidu** has released the book, 'Gandhitopi Governor' at Upa Rashtrapati Nivas, New Delhi.
- A Book titled, "Rewinding of First 25 years of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology" has been authored by **S.S. Oberoi**.
- The Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated the first edition of Khelo India U21 Women's Hockey League in **New Delhi**.
- **148** Athletes have been identified by the central government under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) at a meeting of the Mission Olympic Cell.
- International Day to End Violence against Sex Workers has been observed on **December 17**.
- The World Arabic Language Day has been observed on 18 December. Theme - **Arabic Language, a bridge between civilisations**.
- India has been observing the National Minorities Day on December 18. The Ministry of Minority Affairs was established on **January 26, 2006**.
- The International Migrants Day has been observed on **December 18**.
- The government would introduce an amendment to the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act of **2006**.
- India along with **USA** has announced new programme titled 'Technology-based Energy Solutions: Innovations for Net Zero' to tackle climate & clean energy challenges.

- As part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Rural Development would launch the overdraft facility of **Rs.5000** amount to verified women SHG members under DAY-NRLM.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has launched **LogiXtics** the Unified Logistics Interface Platform's Hackathon.
- The Russian president Vladimir Putin has pledged to attend the **2022 Winter Olympics** in Beijing.
- The North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council has organized a Two-Day Youth Conclave organized by Chandra Prabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies in **Assam**.
- The Sports and Youth Affairs Minister of **Haryana** has started 'Khel Nursery Scheme 2022-23' to promote sports in the state.
- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** has become the first Indian insurance company to sign the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment.
- **IFSC** has sets up committee for creating a Framework for transfer of stressed loans from domestic lenders to permitted financial institutions in IFSC.
- **NPCI** has joined hands with brands and aggregators to introduce a tokenisation facility supported by Tokenisation System.
- **Unsoo Kim** has been appointed as the new Managing Director Hyundai Motor India.
- The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturer's executive committee has elected **Vinod Aggarwal** as its new Vice President for the current year 2021-22.
- **Seven** times Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton has received his knighthood from Prince Charles at Windsor Castle for his services to motorsport at Windsor Castle, London.
- On the occasion of **114th** edition National Day of Bhutan, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with the highest civilian award of Bhutan, Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo or Order of the Druk Gyalpo.
- The Indus Entrepreneurs based out of Silicon Valley has awarded the Global Entrepreneur of the Year Award- Business Transformation to Mr Kumar Mangalam Birla in a ceremony at **Dubai**.
- Tata Motors, has signed a MoU with **Maharashtra** to support setting up a registered vehicle scrapping facility.
- The Gymnast Simone Biles has been chosen as the TIME magazine's 2021 Athlete of the Year. He is from **USA**.
- On Dec 17, 2021, **HAL** has secured an order for manufacturing, HEAT System known as ABHYAS from the Aeronautical Development Establishment, awing of DRDO.
- **Shantanu Gupta** has authored a Book Titled, "The Monk Who Transformed Uttar Pradesh: How Yogi Adityanath Changed UP Waala Bhaiya".
- Goa Liberation Day was observed on **December 19**.
- **International Human Solidarity Day** has been observed on December 20.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in the Goa Liberation Dayat Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Stadium in **Taligao**.
- **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated Centre of Excellence in Land Survey in National Institute of Defence Estates Management.
- Rajnath Singh has GIS Based Automatic Water Supply System for citizens of Cantonment Board under eChhawani portal. eChhawani portal is designed by **BEL**.
- The Good Governance Week has been celebrated from **20** December to **25** December as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration.

- As per data analytics company You Gov, **Malala Yousafzai** has ranked 9th in the List of Top 20 Most Admired Women 2021.
- **Rs 10,180 Crore** has been allocated for the state of Rajasthan under Jal Jeevan Mission in 2021-22.
- The Central Silk Board has signed an MOU with **Assam's** Forest and Environment Department for Bodoland Textile and Silk Mission.
- **Piyush Goyal** has inaugurated the Packaged Drinking Water Test Facility at National Test House Ghaziabad.
- **45%** of growth has been registered by the Central Public Sector Enterprises in Capital Expenditure Investment over previous year.
- According to the members of the CII National Council, the Indian economy tends to grow at a rate of 9-10 per cent. President of CII - **T V Narendran**.
- **SEBI** has banned futures and options trading in a host of agriculture commodities and its derivatives for a period of one year.
- **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** has announced the launch of its unique 'Health Prime' rider.
- **SAIL** has been awarded with the prestigious Golden Peacock Environment Management Award for the year 2021.
- The Chief Minister of Jharkhand Hemant Soren has launched the scheme titled **SAHAY**.
- The DRDO has successfully test-fired the new generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni Prime in **Odisha** coast.
- **500 kg** is the capacity of Controlled Aerial Delivery System, conducted a flight demonstration by Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment.
- A book titled, "India's Ancient Legacy of Wellness" has been authored by Dr Rekha Chaudhari. The book is launched in the presence of **Maharashtra's** governor.
- R.L. Jalappa passed away at the age of 96. He was a Veteran **Indian National Congress** leader.
- **Kidambi Srikanta** has become the first Indian male shuttler to win silver in men's singles event at the BWF World Championships 2021.
- India has been celebrating 75 years of Independence as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Theme - **Role of Technology, Entrepreneurship and Harnessing Energy in Achieving Self-reliance for Sustainable Development**.
- In Jaunpur, Nitin Gadkari has laid the foundation stone for 3 national highway projects. Total outlay - **Rs.1123crore**.
- **Competition Commission of India** has approved the acquisition of shareholding in Air India Limited, Air India Express Limited and Air India SATS Airport Services Private Limited by Talace Private Ltd.
- The CCI has approved the acquisition of up to **16.94%** percent equity share capital of IRB Infrastructure Developers Limited by Bricklayers Investment Pte.Ltd.
- The CCI has approved the acquisition of controlling stake in Forbes Enviro Solutions Limited by Lunolux Limited under **Section 31(1)** of the Competition Act, 2002.
- NITI Aayog has signed a Statement of Intent with United Nations World Food Program. It declared 2023 as **International Year of Millets**.
- The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank has signed a \$112 million loan to set up a skill university in **Assam**.

- The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank has signed **\$350 million** policy based loan to improve access to urban services in India.
- The Government of India along with **ADB** has signed a \$150 million loan to provide access to sustainable housing for the urban poor in Tamil Nadu.
- **Karnataka Gramin Bank** has signed a MoU with Care Health Insurance Ltd.
- The Cloud Computing Innovation Council of India has been appointed **Piyush Somani** as its President.
- **Mohit Jain** has been elected as the president of the Indian Newspaper Society at its 82nd Annual General Meeting.
- Rishab Pant has been appointed as the brand ambassador of **Uttarakhand**.
- **Gabriel Boric** has won the Chile's presidential election.
- **Avani Lekhara** has won the "Best Female Debut" honor at the 2021 Paralympic.
- **Prasar Bharti** and Indian Council for Cultural Relations has signed an MOU for promoting Indian culture.
- **ISRO** would be launching SSLV in 1st quarter of 2022 with private participation.
- SpaceX rocket has carried 52 Star link internet satellites into orbit from **California**.
- Truecaller has launched its **Fifth** edition of the annual report titled 2021 Global Spam & Scam Report.
- December 22 has been celebrated as the National Mathematics Day in India to honour Srinivasa Ramanujan. This year marks **134** anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- PANEX-21, a multi-national – multi-agency exercise has been organized at **Pune** from 20-22 Dec 2021.
- The Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare has inaugurated the National Oxygen Stewardship Program of the Union Health Ministry at **AIIMS New Delhi**.
- **Atal Innovation Mission** along with NITI Aayog has launched the Vernacular Innovation Program to Empower Innovators.
- Mansukh Mandaviya and Bhupendra Patel has jointly inaugurated the pre-event of 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2022. Theme - **Holistic Healthcare focused on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices**.
- **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade** has set to organize a National Workshop to brainstorm on Next Phase of Reforms for reducing compliance burden.
- **Amit Shah** has chaired the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs on the topic "Cyber Crime: Threats, Challenges and Response".
- AIM, NITI Aayog along with **United Nations Capital Development Fund** has announced the first AgriTech cohort under South-South Innovation platform.
- Mastercard and **Google Pay** has partnered for tokenization for card-based payments through Mastercard credit and debit cards.
- **Rupen Jhaveri** has been appointed as the Group president of Piramal Enterprises.
- DRDO scientist Atul Dinkar Rane has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of **BrahMos Aerospace**.
- **PV Sindhu** has been appointed as a member of the Badminton World Federation's Athletes' Commission.

- **Divya Hegde** has won the United Nations Women's Award For Leadership Commitment.
- Emma Raducanu has won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2021. She belongs to **Tennis**.
- **Bank of Baroda** has achieved top position in Digital Payments for 2020-21.
- Mapmy India, MoRTH and **IIT Madras** has signed an MOU to Make Road Travel Safer.
- Skill Lync has partnered with Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zoneto launch **Medical Technology** master's course.
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited has acquired **4.93%** Equity Stake in Indian Gas Exchange.
- The State Bank of India has acquired the minority stake in **JSW Cement** Company for Rs 100 crore.
- The Home Minister Amit Shah has released a book titled **Sahakar Sandarbha** at VAMNICOM Pune.
- **Hansini Mathan Rajan** from India has won 2021 ITTF Hopes and Challenge Tournament.
- Former SC Judge Justice GT Nanavati Passed away. He belonged to **Gujarat**.
- Richard Rogers, a British-Italian Pritzker Prize-winner passed away. He was related to **Architecture**.
- Narendra Modi has approved an agreement between Competition Commission of India with **Mauritius's** Competition Commission to strengthen law and policy.
- India's Kidambi Srikanth has moved to **Fourth** spots to enter top 10 places in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings.
- Hunar Haat has been inaugurated by Bhupender Yadav and Meenakshi Lekhi in **New Delhi**.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed **2nd** edition of National Committee meeting on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in New Delhi.
- Paytm Payments Bank and **Money Gram** have entered into a partnership to enable customers to send money in real-time to a Paytm Wallet user in India.
- **Harjinder Singh** has been appointed as the Chef de Mission of the country's contingent for the upcoming 2022 Winter Olympics.
- Pradeepta Kumar Mishra has been appointed as the India's next ambassador to **China**.
- **IIT Roorkee** has been awarded the top position under the most innovative research institute category by the Confederation of Indian Industry.
- **Wipro** Limited has signed an agreement to acquire Austin and Edgile.
- **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** has organized a technical conference to disseminate knowledge on the planning, design, implementation, operation and maintenance of 24x7 water supply system.
- The first set of indigenously developed next-generation Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle (AERV) has inducted into the Corps of Engineers of the Indian Army at **Pune**.
- The Indian Air Force has started deploying its S-400 air defence missile system in **Punjab's** sector.
- The University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies of **Kerala** has been chosen to join a research project backed by the Space Application Centre of ISRO.
- **Pakistan** has been successfully test-fired a version of its indigenously developed Babur cruise missile 1B.
- Indigenously developed missile **Pralya** has been successfully test fired by the DRDO.
- National Consumer Rights Day has been celebrated on **December 24**.



- 5 kilogram food grains have been provided to per person per month free of cost under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana.
- **Arjun Munda** has launched 'TRIFED Van Dhan'a Pictorial Chronicle of Tribal grit and enterprise.
- The Government of India and the German Development Bank KfW has signed agreements worth **Euro 2 million** amount grant for Energy Reform Programme in Madhya Pradesh.
- The Minister of State of Electronics and Information Technology, Law and justice and CEO of NIXI has inaugurated the 7 new internet exchange nodes in multiple cities of **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated and laid foundation stone of National Highway projects of 240 Km worth **Rs. 9119 crore** in Uttar Pradesh.
- The Government of India and the European Investment Bank has signed a Finance Contract for first tranche loan of Euro 250 million for **Agra metro** Rail Project.
- REC Limited has entered into an agreement with KfW Development Bank for availing ODA term loan of **USD 169.5 million** under Indo-German Bilateral Partnership.
- Blockchain platform Belfrics BT has signed an MoU with **Chennai** Football Club and KPR for sports persons and club management.
- Private sector IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance has been appointed **H O Suri** as the new managing director and Chief Executive Officer.
- **Sanjaya Kumar Mishra** has been appointed as acting the chief justice of Uttarakhand.
- **Federal Bank** along with Vayana Network has awarded the 'Most Effective Bank-Fintech Partnership: Agile and Adaptable' at the IBSi-Global Fintech Innovation Awards 2021.
- The Indian Army has launched a contemporary messaging application named **ASIGMA**.
- **Rajnath Singh** has launched indigenous Multi-terrain Artillery Gun 155 - BR in the presence of Army Chief.
- The security of the Offshore Development Area in Krishna Godavari Basin on the East Coast of India has been reviewed during **Prasthan** exercise.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization has successfully tested indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target Abhyas from Integrated Test Range at the coast of **Odisha**.
- **Naredra Singh Tomar** has released the book titled 'Spices Statistics at a Glance 2021'.
- Indian men's hockey team has won the bronze medal at Asian Champions Trophy 2021 after beating **Pakistan**.

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## MODEL QUESTIONS

### List of Important Days

1. The Good Governance day has been observed on which of the following date?  
(1) December 22 (2) December 23 (3) December 24 (4) December 25 (5) None of these

### Reserve Bank of India

2. What was the growth projected by RBI in its monetary policy 2021 for FY21?  
(1) 8.8% (2) 8.5% (3) 9.1% (4) 9.5% (5) None of these
3. Which organization allowed Payments Banks, SFBs to conduct Govt agency business?  
(1) NASSCOM (2) RBI (3) Niti Aayog (4) IRDA (5) None of these

### State Bank of India

4. Recently which card was launched by SBI card for fitness and health enthusiasts?  
(1) Pulse (2) Health (3) Recover (4) Run (5) None of these

### Other Banks

5. Which bank has launched a feature-rich savings bank product for women Mahila Mitra Plus?  
(1) SBI (2) Federal Bank (3) IDBI bank (4) ICICI Bank (5) None of these
6. Which bank has launched android app for differently-abled employees named PRIDE CRMD?  
(1) PNB (2) SBI (3) ICICI (4) UBI (5) None of these
7. Recently which bank got approval as scheduled commercial bank from RBI?  
(1) Paytm Payments Bank (2) Idea Payments Bank (3) Fino Payments Bank  
(4) Fincare Payments Bank (5) None of these
8. Which bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Centrum Housing Finance (CHFL) for sourcing and financing housing loan borrowers under co-lending model?  
(1) IDBI Bank (2) SBI (3) Bank of Baroda  
(4) Central Bank of India (5) None of these
9. Which company has been categorized to public category from promoter category shareholder in Axis Bank?  
(1) Oriental Insurance Company (2) NIACL (3) UIICL  
(4) LIC (5) None of these

### Insurance

10. Recently LIC gets RBI's nod to increase stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank to what percent?  
(1) 10.50% (2) 7.9% (3) 8.50% (4) 9.99% (5) None of these
11. Which company has unveiled Health Prime rider, an additional coverage that can be availed with its health insurance and personal accident policies?  
(1) Max Bupa (2) LIC (3) IDBI Federal  
(4) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (5) None of these

### Central Government

12. The government has estimated a saving of over how much amount in fiscal 2020-21 with the help of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism?  
(1) ₹ 55000 cr (2) ₹ 20000 cr (3) ₹ 35000 cr (4) ₹ 44000 cr (5) None of these

13. Recently Cabinet has approved an incentive scheme for promotion of which Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions?  
 (1) Visa (2) Rupay (3) OneCard (4) MasterCard (5) None of these
14. Recently Govt gives approval for how many plastic parks to consolidate, synergize capacities of domestic plastic processing industry?  
 (1) 20 (2) 15 (3) 12 (4) 10 (5) None of these

### States

15. Which city became first Indian city to start ropeway service in public transportation?  
 (1) Mumbai (2) Varanasi (3) Nashik (4) Pune (5) None of these
16. The First-ever Aharbal festival held in which state?  
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Jammu and Kashmir (3) Karnataka  
 (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
17. Which state government launched Business Blasters' TV Show to Help School Children Pitch Start-up Ideas to Investors?  
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Maharashtra  
 (4) Delhi (5) None of these
18. Which state celebrated its 59th Statehood day on December 1, 2021?  
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Maharashtra (3) Nagaland  
 (4) Assam (5) None of these
19. The 22nd edition of Hornbill Festival held in which state?  
 (1) Nagaland (2) Assam (3) Manipur (4) Meghalaya (5) None of these
20. Which state launched the 'Milk Price Incentive Scheme' which will benefit around 53,000 people in the state?  
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Bihar  
 (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
21. Which state launched Atma Nirbhar Krishak Development Scheme?  
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh  
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
22. NITI Aayog to set up how many Atal Tinkering Labs in Jammu and Kashmir?  
 (1) 1100 (2) 1050 (3) 1000 (4) 1250 (5) None of these
23. Which state constituted 'Samanya Varg Aayog' to address grievances of 'general category'?  
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Himachal Pradesh  
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
24. Which state government has started Khel Nursery Scheme to promote sports in the state?  
 (1) Haryana (2) Jammu and Kashmir (3) Himachal Pradesh  
 (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
25. Which state launched a Sports Action toward Harnessing Aspiration of Youth (SAHAY) scheme?  
 (1) Jharkhand (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Uttarakhand  
 (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
26. Which state government announced 'Tamil Thaa Vaazhthu,'?  
 (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Telangana  
 (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these

27. Which state government has created three new districts namely Tseminyu, Nuiland and Chumukedima?  
 (1) Assam (2) Nagaland (3) Tripura (4) Telangana (5) None of these
28. Which state government launched air health service to fly specialists to four districts to address the needs of people?  
 (1) Kerala (2) Maharashtra (3) TamilNadu (4) Odisha (5) None of these
29. Recently which state launched Free Smartphone Yojna?  
 (1) Bihar (2) Utrakkhand (3) Madhya Pradesh (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
30. Which state extended Raitha Vidya Nidhi Scheme for Girl Students of Classes 8, 9?  
 (1) Kerala (2) TamilNadu (3) Madhya Pradesh  
 (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
31. Which state launched 'Meendum Manjappai' scheme?  
 (1) Kerala (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Telangana (4) TamilNadu (5) None of these
32. Which state stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission?  
 (1) Kerala (2) Goa (3) Telangana (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these

### Defence and National Security

33. Recently India, Sri Lanka and which other country participated in the first-ever Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Focused Operation to enhance maritime security?  
 (1) Pakistan (2) Bangladesh (3) Maldives (4) Myanmar (5) None of these
34. Which country joined bilateral maritime exercise CARAT with USA?  
 (1) Bangladesh (2) Myanmar (3) Maldives (4) India (5) None of these
35. As per defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Government's aim is to achieve defence export target of how much amount by 2024-25?  
 (1) ₹ 25000 cr (2) ₹ 20000 cr (3) ₹ 40000 cr (4) ₹ 35000 cr (5) None of these
36. The 11th edition of Exercise EKVURIN between India and which other country?  
 (1) Maldives (2) Myanmar (3) Thailand (4) Seychelles (5) None of these
37. Which city to host joint military exercise with BIMSTEC countries?  
 (1) Hyderabad (2) Pune (3) Lucknow (4) New Delhi (5) None of these

### Committees/Commissions

38. Who will head the committee that has been formed by the government to Revisit Criteria for EWS Quota?  
 (1) Ajay Pandey (2) Namita Seth (3) Saurav Joshi  
 (4) Mahesh Jain (5) None of these

### Schemes/Initiatives

39. Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan released a commemorative postage stamp on the Mahindra group to mark how many years of the company?  
 (1) 65 (2) 75 (3) 80 (4) 85 (5) None of these
40. The union housing & urban affairs ministry has extended the timeline for the implementation of the Smart Cities Mission to which year?  
 (1) May 2025 (2) December 2024 (3) May 2022 (4) June 2023 (5) None of these

41. Which scheme was launched by Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr Virendra Kumar for socio economic upliftment of SC students?  
 (1) SRESHTA (2) APURVA (3) SWAMTIV (4) PMSWAI (5) None of these
42. Recently Centre initiated Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India. At present, it covers how many languages?  
 (1) 121 (2) 95 (3) 117 (4) 110 (5) None of these
43. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in which city?  
 (1) Gorakhpur (2) Varanasi (3) Lucknow (4) Kanpur (5) None of these
44. Recently North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) has introduced 'Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar' scheme to support artisans in the Northeast region. How much amount of credit assistance was provided to 17 artisans each?  
 (1) ₹ 3 lakh (2) ₹ 1.5 lakh (3) ₹ 2 lakh (4) ₹ 1 lakh (5) None of these
45. PM Modi inaugurated Saryu Canal project in which state?  
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Uttarakhand  
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
46. PM Modi inaugurated Kashi Vishwanath Dham in which city?  
 (1) Varanasi (2) Kanpur (3) Lucknow (4) Gorakhpur (5) None of these
47. PM Modi laid foundation stone of MaaUmiya Dham Development Project in which state?  
 (1) Gujarat (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh  
 (4) Himachal Pradesh (5) None of these
48. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has laid the foundation stone of SAINYA DHAM in which city?  
 (1) NewDelhi (2) Lucknow (3) Dehradun (4) Shimla (5) None of these
49. Who unveiled an India Post special day cover and a commemorative stamp marking the golden jubilee of India's victory during the 1971 Indo-Pak War, in New Delhi?  
 (1) Smriti Irani (2) Narendra Modi (3) Amit Shah (4) Rajnath Singh (5) None of these
50. India's first International Arbitration and Mediation Centre opened in which city?  
 (1) Chennai (2) Hyderabad (3) NewDelhi (4) Lucknow (5) None of these

#### Summit/Conference

51. Who inaugurated the leadership Forum on Financial Technology (FinTech) via virtual conference?  
 (1) Narendra Modi (2) Amit Shah (3) Jitendra Singh  
 (4) Rajnath Singh (5) None of these

#### Agreement/Deal/Signed

52. Which e commerce company signed MoU with Skill Development Ministry to train youngsters in fintech?  
 (1) Paytm (2) Mobikwik (3) Unicorn (4) Freecharge (5) None of these
53. Recently India, European Union agreed to enhance clean energy and climate partnership till which year?  
 (1) 2025 (2) 2024 (3) 2023 (4) 2022 (5) None of these

54. Which bank has partnered with Flipkart to offer an instant and completely digital overdraft (OD) facility of up to ₹ 25 lakh to individual sellers and businesses registered on the e-commerce platform?  
 (1) ICICI Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) IDBI Bank  
 (4) UCO Bank (5) None of these
55. Which bank in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and its manufacturing partner Sessaasai, has announced the launch of RuPay On-the-Go contactless wearable keychain for its debit card customers?  
 (1) IDBI Bank (2) City Union Bank (3) ICICI Bank  
 (4) DBS Bank (5) None of these
56. Which bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Liberty General Insurance for selling general insurance products?  
 (1) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank  
 (2) Aryavrat Bank  
 (3) Baroda UP Bank  
 (4) Pratham Bank  
 (5) None of these
57. Which bank has tied up with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch its first credit card on card payment network RuPay?  
 (1) Bank of Maharashtra (2) Bank of India (3) IDBI Bank  
 (4) SBI (5) None of these
58. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which institute to facilitate training to teachers of Sainik Schools?  
 (1) IIT Jammu (2) IIM Ahmedabad (3) IITE Gandhinagar  
 (4) IIT Kanpur (5) None of these
59. Which airline has signed an agreement with Dehradun-based Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP) to manufacture and deploy sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) globally?  
 (1) Air Asia (2) Spice Jet (3) Indigo  
 (4) Air India (5) None of these
60. Which state government signed LoU with UNDP to improve employment opportunities for youth?  
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Karnataka (3) Uttar Pradesh  
 (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
61. NITI Aayog in partnership with which company launched Convoke 2021-22?  
 (1) Aryan Foundation (2) Aasha Groups (3) Espieing Foundation  
 (4) Bharti Foundation (5) None of these
62. Which state government joined hands with UNCDF to drive economic empowerment of women?  
 (1) Odisha (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Himachal Pradesh  
 (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
63. Which bank tied up with Swift to digitise trade banking?  
 (1) ICICI Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) RBL Bank  
 (4) Axis Bank (5) None of these

64. Which bank has tied up with Cholamandalam MS General Insurance to launch a women-centric health insurance policy Chola Sarva Shakti?  
 (1) Jana SFB (2) ESAF (3) Equitas SFB  
 (4) Paytm Payments Bank (5) None of these
65. Recently Cabinet has approved the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between India and which country?  
 (1) Poland (2) Switzerland (3) USA (4) France (5) None of these
66. Which country has signed a Letter of Intent with India to establish partnership in Digital Media?  
 (1) South Korea (2) Thailand (3) Vietnam (4) Bhutan (5) None of these
67. Which company has partnered with AU Small Finance Bank, the country's largest small finance bank for EMI offers?  
 (1) Paytm (2) One Card (3) LazyPay (4) Pine Labs (5) None of these
68. Samunnati has entered into a co-lending agreement with which bank to expand credit accessibility for farmer producer organizations (FPOs) across the country?  
 (1) Bank of Baroda (2) DBS Bank (3) RBL Bank  
 (4) IndusInd Bank (5) None of these
69. Which bank has entered into a partnership with Home First Finance Company India Ltd (HomeFirst) to offer home loans to customers at competitive interest rates?  
 (1) RBL Bank (2) IDBI Bank (3) Union Bank of India  
 (4) ICICI Bank (5) None of these
70. Which organization signed a Statement of Intent with United Nations World Food Program for the mainstreaming of millets?  
 (1) BPCL (2) IOCL (3) NASSCOM (4) NITI Aayog (5) None of these
71. Which Organization has entered into an agreement with United Nations World Food Program (WFP) to address issues related to inclusion of millets in government programmes?  
 (1) UNEP (2) NITI Aayog (3) NASSCOM (4) WHO (5) None of these
72. Which organization with collaboration with UNCDF rolled out first AgriTech Challenge cohort?  
 (1) UNO (2) NASSCOM (3) UNDEP (4) NITI Aayog (5) None of these
73. Which bank signed co lending agreement with U Gro Capital to disburse MSME loans?  
 (1) Central Bank of India (2) Bank of Baroda (3) IDBI Bank  
 (4) SBI (5) None of these
74. Recently Paytm Payments bank partnered with which company to offer international remittance directly to Paytm Wallet?  
 (1) Moneygram (2) Payzapp (3) PayPal  
 (4) Visa (5) None of these
75. Recently Govt signed 140 mn euro loan agreement with KfW for energy sector reforms in which state?  
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Haryana  
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
76. Which organization has signed the enhanced multilateral memorandum of understanding (EMMoU) of the International Organization of Securities Commissions?  
 (1) RBI (2) NASSCOM (3) IRDA (4) SEBI (5) None of these

77. With which bank, HDFC life signed a ban assurance deal that will enable customers of the bank to avail a range of life insurance products of the insurer?
- (1) South Indian Bank (2) Karnataka Bank (3) ICICI Bank  
(4) HDFC Bank (5) None of these

#### Meet/Visit

78. Recently Sergey Lavrov arrived in New Delhi for his official visit. He is the Minister of Foreign Affairs of which country?
- (1) Russia (2) Seychelles (3) France (4) UK (5) None of these

#### Fund

79. Recently, The State-level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC) has approved drinking water supply schemes worth one thousand 816 Crore rupees for which state?
- (1) Haryana (2) Rajasthan (3) Uttar Pradesh  
(4) Bihar (5) None of these
80. How much amount was approved by Jal Shakti Ministry for Uttarakhand under Jal Jeevan Mission?
- (1) ₹ 250 cr (2) ₹ 107 cr (3) ₹ 267 cr (4) ₹ 310 cr (5) None of these
81. How much loan was approved by Asian Development Bank to the Government of India to help improve the quality of the country's school education?
- (1) \$500 million (2) \$650 million (3) \$600 million  
(4) \$700 million (5) None of these
82. How much grant was approved by JFPR for urban primary healthcare usage across India to Asian Development Bank?
- (1) ₹ 15 cr (2) ₹ 20 cr (3) ₹ 25 cr (4) ₹ 10cr (5) None of these
83. Recently how much amount was transferred to farmers directly under PM- KISAN scheme as per Agriculture Minister?
- (1) ₹ 2,20,000 cr (2) ₹ 1,20,000 cr (3) ₹ 1,00,000 cr  
(4) ₹ 1,60,000 cr (5) None of these
84. How much amount was approved for Ken-Betwa interlinking project?
- (1) ₹ 25638 cr (2) ₹ 35799 cr (3) ₹ 40367 cr (4) ₹ 44605 cr (5) None of these
85. How much amount will be spent in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for 2021-26?
- (1) ₹ 81000 cr (2) ₹ 85000 cr (3) ₹ 77000 cr (4) ₹ 93000 cr (5) None of these
86. PM Narendra Modi launched development projects worth how much amount on Goa Liberation Day?
- (1) ₹ 550 cr (2) ₹ 750 cr (3) ₹ 700 cr (4) ₹ 650 cr (5) None of these
87. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi transferred how much amount to bank accounts of self help groups to benefit around 16 lakh women?
- (1) ₹ 1000 cr (2) ₹ 900 cr (3) ₹ 950 cr (4) ₹ 790 cr (5) None of these
88. Recently which country committed \$100b for investment and infrastructure creation in India?
- (1) Russia (2) UK (3) USA (4) UAE (5) None of these



89. How much amount of loan was signed between India and European Investment Bank for Agra a metro Rail Project?  
 (1) 250 million (2) 300 million (3) 400 million  
 (4) 500 million (5) None of these
90. How much amount was released by the government for Uttarakhand to expedite the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission?  
 (1) ₹ 290.50 cr (2) ₹ 300.10 cr (3) ₹ 350 cr (4) ₹ 360.95 cr (5) None of these
91. The government has approved the Production Linked Incentive, PLI Scheme for Textiles, with an approved outlay of how much amount over a five-year period?  
 (1) ₹ 11477 cr (2) ₹ 12567 cr (3) ₹ 11060 cr (4) ₹ 10683 cr (5) None of these

### Economy

92. As per finance ministry, real GDP in second quarter of this financial year grown by how much percent?  
 (1) 8.4% (2) 8.8% (3) 7.1% (4) 7.5% (5) None of these
93. As per government report, AYUSH market has grown at how much percent in 2014-20 to reach 18 billion dollars?  
 (1) 19% (2) 14% (3) 15% (4) 17% (5) None of these
94. As per government data, how many percent growth in the volume of digital transactions were registered in the country during the last three years?  
 (1) 88% (2) 85% (3) 90% (4) 95% (5) None of these

### Companies/Industry

95. Which company has launched Portfolio Management Services (PMS) Marketplace for HNI (High Net worth Individuals) investors?  
 (1) Freecharge (2) Paytm Money (3) Mobikwik  
 (4) Payzapp (5) None of these
96. Which has become the first certified tokenization service for National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to support the tokenization of RuPay cards?  
 (1) Payphi (2) WazirX (3) Ethereum (4) Doge (5) None of these
97. Which company launched '#Care4Hockey' campaign?  
 (1) Bajaj Allianz (2) Max Bupa (3) IDBI Federal  
 (4) HDFC Ergo (5) None of these
98. Which platform announced the Digital Payments Utsav - a pilot program that is going to adopt 500 villages in Karnataka and Maharashtra in an effort to "accelerate financial inclusion"?  
 (1) Mobikwik (2) WhatsApp (3) Paytm  
 (4) Freecharge (5) None of these
99. Which company become the first payments platform to tokenize cards on Visa, Mastercard and Rupay card networks?  
 (1) PhonePe (2) Paytm (3) Mobikwik (4) Payzapp (5) None of these

### Taxation/Trade

100. Recently Govt's advance tax collection risen by how much percent to Rs 4.60 lakh crore in FY22?  
 (1) 48% (2) 45% (3) 54% (4) 58% (5) None of these

## Space

101. India with which other country is exploring the possibility of cooperation in the outer space domain?  
(1) UK (2) China (3) USA (4) France (5) None of these

## Health/Diseases/Drugs

102. Recently Central Drugs Standard Control Organization has given approval to how many vaccines for emergency use in situations?  
(1) 4 (2) 1 (3) 3 (4) 2 (5) None of these

## Energy/Gas/Oil

103. As per government data, India reached how much percent target of power from non-fossil fuel?  
(1) 40% (2) 42% (3) 45% (4) 51% (5) None of these

104. India's first Green Hydrogen Microgrid Projects to be set up in which state?  
(1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Uttarakhand  
(4) Bihar (5) None of these

105. Recently Govt. grants in-principle nod to Jaitapur site for how many nuclear power reactors?  
(1) 6 (2) 8 (3) 10 (4) 12 (5) None of these

## Environment

106. Recently ITBP named a mountain in Eastern as 'Norbu Wangdu Peak'. What is the height of the mountain?  
(1) 4500 m (2) 5000 m (3) 5500 m (4) 6000 m (5) None of these

## Education

107. Which word was chosen as word of the year 2021 by Merriam Webster?  
(1) Atmnirbhar (2) Dose (3) Corona (4) Vaccine (5) None of these

108. Which word was announced Word of the Year 2021 by Cambridge Dictionary?  
(1) Mutation (2) Pandemic (3) Vaccine (4) Perseverance (5) None of these

## Transport/Cars/Scooters

109. The Indian Railways is constructing the world's tallest bridge pier in which state?  
(1) Manipur (2) Assam (3) Meghalaya (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these

110. Recently the government has accorded in-principle approval for setting up how many Greenfield Airports across the country?  
(1) 21 (2) 25 (3) 17 (4) 15 (5) None of these

111. What is the tagline of Akasa Air which was recently revealed?  
(1) Inspired by the Sky (2) Sky and Limits (3) No limit to Fly  
(4) Reach the heights (5) None of these

## Festival

112. The Cherry Blossom Festival 2021 was celebrated in which state?  
(1) Assam (2) Maharashtra (3) Meghalaya (4) Sikkim (5) None of these

113. Which state declared the Shri Krishan Balram Rath Yatra as "state festival"?  
(1) Punjab (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Telangana (4) TamilNadu (5) None of these

114. Recently which state inaugurated the River Festival 2021?  
(1) Uttarakhand (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Puducherry  
(4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these

115. In which state, World Sangeet Tansen festival was organised?  
(1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Bihar  
(4) Uttrakhand (5) None of these

#### Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

116. Who was appointed as new managing director and chief executive officer Of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank?  
(1) Ittira Davis (2) Martin PS (3) Maghreb Hayden  
(4) Rakesh Singh (5) None of these

117. Who was named as the Professional Squash Association's (PSA) men's president?  
(1) Saurav Ghosal (2) Ali Farag (3) Mukesh Ranjan  
(4) Sameer Pathak (5) None of these

#### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

118. Recently David Lloyd announced retirement from Commentary. He belongs to which nation?  
(1) England (2) South Africa (3) Australia (4) New Zealand (5) None of these

#### Sports/Game

119. Who shot an impressive 250 in the final to bag back-to-back men's 10m air rifle national championship crowns at the MP Shooting academy range in Bhopal?  
(1) Abhijeet Sawant (2) Shubhendu Misra (3) Anshu Singh  
(4) Divyansh Singh Parmar (5) None of these

120. In Asian Champions Trophy, which country defeated Pakistan to win consolation bronze?  
(1) India (2) Sri Lanka (3) Nepal (4) Australia (5) None of these

121. Which mascot was chosen to Be Mascot for First Ever Kerala Olympic Games?  
(1) Neeraj (2) Aditya (3) Saurav (4) Akshay (5) None of these

#### Report

122. As per report, which states lead the capital expenditure chart of states in the first half of 2021-22?  
(1) Telangana and Punjab (2) Telangana and Kerala  
(3) Kerala and Maharashtra (4) Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka (5) None of these
123. According to the latest World Inequality Report 2022, the top 10% holds how much percent of national income in India?  
(1) 57% (2) 61% (3) 59% (4) 65% (5) None of these
124. As per Asian Power Index for 2021, India was ranked at what position as powerful country of Asia?  
(1) 5th (2) 1st (3) 2nd (4) 4th (5) None of these
125. According to India Skills Report 2022, which state retained top spot among states for most employable talent in 2022?  
(1) WestBengal (2) Maharashtra (3) Uttar Pradesh  
(4) Kerala (5) None of these

126. As per Centre for Science and Environment report, which city is Most Polluted City in North India?  
 (1) New Delhi (2) Noida (3) Ghaziabad (4) Lucknow (5) None of these
127. Which state topped the chart in the 'large states' category on the 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy'?  
 (1) West Bengal (2) Bihar (3) Uttar Pradesh  
 (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
128. According to Mercom India Rooftop Solar Market Report Q3 2021, India's Rooftop Solar Addition Triples to how much in Jan-Sep 2021?  
 (1) 3.0 GW (2) 2.5 GW (3) 1.5 GW (4) 1.3 GW (5) None of these
129. In the latest report published by the World Anti-Doping Agency, which country topped the list in world's biggest doping violators?  
 (1) Russia (2) Iran (3) India (4) UAE (5) None of these
130. According to the data compiled by Hurun Research Institute, what is the rank of India in highest number of unicorns in 2021?  
 (1) 3rd (2) 4th (3) 5th (4) 1st (5) None of these
131. Which state tops the list with highest number of accounts in PM Jan Dhan Yojana?  
 (1) Bihar (2) Uttrakhand (3) Madhya Pradesh  
 (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
132. As per report, which vaccine Likely to Be Only Covid Vaccine Available for Children of 15-18 Years?  
 (1) Covaxin (2) Covishield (3) Covax (4) Sputnik (5) None of these
133. Which state Tops NITI Aayog's Health Index in Terms of Incremental Change?  
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Haryana (3) Uttrakhand  
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
134. Which state topped the Good Governance Index 2021?  
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Maharashtra  
 (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
135. As per women and child development ministry, Sex Ratio at birth improved at National level, from 918 in 2014-15 to how much in 2020-21?  
 (1) 930 (2) 935 (3) 937 (4) 942 (5) None of these

#### General - National

136. Recently which country joined G20's Troika with Indonesia and Italy?  
 (1) Israel (2) South Africa (3) India (4) Maldives (5) None of these
137. Which country assumed the Chairmanship of Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (RATS-SCO) in 2021?  
 (1) China (2) Russia (3) India (4) Nepal (5) None of these
138. Which country has been re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council after elections were held at its Assembly in London for the 2022-23 biennium?  
 (1) India (2) Austria (3) China (4) Bhutan (5) None of these

139. The Centre has decided to raise the legal age of marriage of women from 18 to how many years?  
 (1) 21 (2) 23 (3) 22 (4) 25 (5) None of these
140. As per Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary!how many villages were declared as Sampoorna Sukanya Gram under Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana campaign till March 2021?  
 (1) 15700 (2) 15628 (3) 17890 (4) 19535 (5) None of these
141. The four-day agriculture exhibition 'Agrovision' was held in which city?  
 (1) NewDelhi (2) Mumbai (3) Pune (4) Nagpur (5) None of these
142. Centre extended Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till which year?  
 (1) April 2022 (2) March 2022 (3) May 2022 (4) December 2022 (5) None of these

### General - International

143. Which country to get world's first floating city by 2025?  
 (1) Sweden (2) North Korea (3) Seychelles (4) South Korea (5) None of these
144. Which country launched Its First USD 6 Billion Cross-border BRI Train with Laos?  
 (1) Maldives (2) China (3) South Korea (4) North Korea (5) None of these
145. Which country has promised to end child marriage by 2030 in line with the African Union's campaign to end child marriages in the continent?  
 (1) South Sudan (2) South Africa (3) Botswana  
 (4) Kenya (5) None of these
146. Which country has been elected as the following Chair of the Group of 77 for the yr 2022?  
 (1) India (2) Pakistan (3) China (4) Sri Lanka (5) None of these
147. Which organisation was given observer status by United Nation General Assembly?  
 (1) International Solar Alliance (2) NASSCOM (3) Niti Aayog  
 (4) Solar Energy Corporation of India (5) None of these
148. Which country became first country to transition to 4-and-half day work week?  
 (1) France (2) UAE (3) South Sudan (4) Japan (5) None of these
149. Which city has become the world's first government to turn 100% paperless?  
 (1) New Delhi (2) London (3) Washington (4) Dubai (5) None of these

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