

## GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

### MONTH OF FEBRUARY-2022

#### List of Important Days

- February 01 - Indian Coast Guard is celebrating its 46th Raising Day.
- February 02 - World Wetlands Day. (Theme - "Wetlands Action for People and Nature")
- February 01 to 07 - World Interfaith Harmony Week.
- February 04 - World Cancer Day. (Theme - "Close the Care Gap")
- February 04 - International Day of Human Fraternity.
- February 06 - International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female. (Theme - "Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation")
- February 08 (second day of the second week of February) - Safer Internet Day 2022. (Theme - "Together for a better internet")
- February 10 - World Pulses Day 2022. (Theme - "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems")
- February 10 - National Deworming Day.
- February 13 - World Radio Day 2022.
- February 13 - National Women's Day of India 2022.
- February 14 (Second Monday of February) - International Epilepsy Day 2022.
- February 14 to 18 - RBI to observe Financial Literacy week 2022. (Theme - "Go Digital, Go Secure")
- February 19 - 7th Soil Health Card Day.
- February 20 - World Day of Social Justice. (Theme - "Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment")
- February 21 - International Mother Language Day. (Theme - "Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities")
- February 24 - Central Excise Day.
- February 27 - 3rd India Protein Day. (Theme - "Food Futurism")
- February 27 - World NGO Day.
- February 27 - Polio National Immunization Day 2022. (also known as "Polio Ravivar")
- February 28 - National Science Day. (Theme - "Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future")
- February 28 - Rare Disease Day (RDD).

#### Reserve Bank of India

- Reserve Bank of India has imposed several **restrictions** on **Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank Ltd**, Lucknow, including a cap of Rs 1 lakh on withdrawals.
  - The restrictions came into force from the closure of business hours on January 28, 2022.
  - The restrictions would remain in force for six months and are subject to review.
- The Reserve Bank of India has **cancelled** the **license** of **Independence Co-operative Bank Ltd.**, Nashik, Maharashtra w.e.f February 03, 2022.
- The largest buyer, the **Central Bank of Thailand**, bought 90 metric tonnes of gold while **RBI** bought 77.5 metric tonnes taking its total gold reserve to 754.1 tonnes at the end of December 2021.

- When it comes to gold buying, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) emerged as the **second-largest** buyer of yellow metal among the world's Central Banks in 2021.

### Other Banks

- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** and **Patanjali Ayurved Limited (PAL)** have launched co-branded **contactless credit cards** in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Private sector lender, **Yes Bank** has launched an '**Agri Infinity**' programme for digital financing solutions in the food and agriculture sector ecosystem by mentoring entrepreneurial ventures in this field.

### Central Government

- The government of **India** (GoI) has approved the **renaming** of **3 places** in **Madhya Pradesh**, Hoshangabad Nagar as "**Narmadapuram**", Shivpuri as "**Kundeshwar Dham**" and Babai as "**Makhan Nagar**".
- The Government of **India** has done a conversion **switch transaction** of its securities with the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) for an amount of 1,19,701 crores (face value).

### States

- Social activists have built a **temple for Mahatma Gandhi** and freedom fighters' **Smrithi Vanam** at the Municipal Park in **Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh** to inculcate patriotism among the youth by remembering the sacrifices of freedom fighters.
  - Mahatma Gandhi statue was unveiled along with Smritivanam on the eve of Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary in Srikakulam City.
  - Srikakulam, also called Chicacole, the North Eastern District in AP is known for temple tourism.
- **Chief Electoral Officer's** office of **Punjab** unveiled its election mascot, "**Shera**" (Lion). It aims to increase voter awareness, participation and promote ethical voting in the Punjab Assembly polls that is scheduled on 20 February 2022.
  - It is promoted under the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) project of the Election Commission of India (ECI).
- Chief Minister of **Gujarat**, Bhupendra Patel has announced a new IT/ITeS policy for the next five years.
  - This policy will provide financial incentives up to Rs 200 crore to the entities willing to incur capital expenditures.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** has become the first Union Territory to integrate with the National Single Window System (NSWS) which marks a major leap in Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) in the UT.
- The **Delhi** Cabinet has approved setting up India's first of its kind **electronic-waste eco-park**.
  - It has also agreed to devise '**Delhi Film Policy 2022**', as a thrust to promote tourism.

### Place in the News

- **New Development Bank (NDB)** will become the first multilateral agency to **open an office** in the Gujarat International Finance Tech City (**Gift**).

### Defence and National Security

- **North Korea** successfully tested its **Hwasong-12** intermediate-range ballistic missile from the Jagang Province area.
  - This was the first nuclear-capable missile testing undertaken by the country since 2017.
- The Indian Navy's brand-new submarine, the fifth of the six French-designed Scorpene-class submarines named "**Vagir**", sailed out on its first sea sortie and will now undergo rigorous trials before it is delivered to the Navy later this year.

- **Indian army** has conducted a first-of-its-kind **Hackathon** named “**Sainya Ranakshetram**”.
  - The hackathon was conducted in the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE), Mhow under the overall guidance of the Shimla-based Army Training Command (ARTRAC), one of the seven commands of the Indian Army.
- The **air forces of Bangladesh** and the **United States** will conduct a joint tactical airlift exercise ‘**Cope South 22**’.
  - The six days exercise has been sponsored by Pacific Air Forces (PACAF). The bilateral exercise will be held at Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) Kurmitola Cantonment, **Dhaka**; and Operating Location-Alpha, Sylhet, Bangladesh.
- The third edition of the joint military exercise “**EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022**” between **India and Japan** will be conducted from 27 February to 10 March 2022, at Belagavi (Belgaum), **Karnataka**.
- The Indian Air Force (**IAF**) has decided not to send its aircraft in the multilateral air exercise ‘**Cobra Warrior-22**’ in the **United Kingdom**, due to the deepening crisis in Ukraine, arising out of the Russian military attack in that country.

### Schemes/Initiatives

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the **Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation** on the occasion of the 92nd birth anniversary of the Indian classical vocalist.
  - The Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation has been founded by Pandit Jasraj’s son Shaarang Dev Pandit, and his daughter, Durga Jasraj.
- **Ministry of Defence** had launched the Services e-Health Assistance and Tele consultation (**SeHAT**) medical tele consultation service for all entitled armed forces personnel and their families in May 2021.
  - To add further to this initiative, the **Home Delivery or Self Pickup of Medicines** to patients seeking consultation on SeHAT will be started w.e.f February 01, 2022.
- The **Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean energy** was launched at **IIT Dharwad**.
  - The center is to be supported by CSR funds. CSR is Corporate Social Responsibility. The CSR funds are to come from HHSIF.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated to the nation 216-feet tall ‘**Statue of Equality in Hyderabad**’ to commemorate the 11th-century Bhakti saint Ramanujacharya.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the **International Crops Research Institute** for the Semi-Arid Tropics (**ICRISAT**) in Patancheru, **Hyderabad**.
  - During the occasion, PM also inaugurated two research facilities of ICRISAT, which were Climate Change Research Facility on Plant Protection and Rapid Generation Advancement Facility.
- **West Bengal** government has launched an open-air classroom programme **Paray Shikshalaya** (Neighbourhood Schools) for primary and pre-primary students.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister, **Ashok Gehlot** and BCCI President **Sourav Ganguly** laid the foundation stone of the **world’s third-largest cricket stadium** in **Jaipur**.
  - The International Cricket Stadium in Jaipur will be the second-largest cricket stadium in India and the third-largest in the world.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has launched the ‘**JIVA programme**’ to promote **natural farming** under its existing watershed and wadi programmes in 11 states.
- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the **Durbar Hall** at **Raj Bhavan**, situated at Malabar Hill, **Mumbai**.

- Under the **Saubhagya scheme**, **Rajasthan** has the maximum number of households electrified through the solar-based standalone system.
  - In hill states of **Himachal Pradesh** and **Sikkim** and the Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir** had nil beneficiaries under the initiative.

#### Summit/Conference

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has addressed 30th **National Commission for Women Foundation Day programme** on January 31, 2022, via video conference.
  - Theme - 'She The Change Maker'.

#### Agreement/Deal/Signed

- State Bank of India (**SBI**) has launched a dedicated centralized processing cell named '**Surya Shakti Cell**' with the objective of strengthening the existing financing arrangement for solar power projects.
  - SBI has collaborated with **Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd.** (a Tata Power Company) for financing solar power projects. The cell has been set up in the Ballard Estate in Mumbai.
- **Vedanta Ltd** has tied up a facility of Rs 8,000 crores (replacement facility) with **Union Bank of India** at 7.75% to take over the majority of the syndicated facility after discussions with lenders.
- The State Bank of India (**SBI**) has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indira Gandhi Centre for the Arts (**IGNCA**) and National Culture Fund (**NCF**) of the Ministry of Culture, for Development of Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design (**ABCD**) at L1 Barrack, Red Fort, in Delhi.
  - The main objective of Project ABCD is to highlight, promote and celebrate the products that have the Geographical Indication sign to give a boost to Economic Value Addition to GI products from India.
- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company** has signed an agreement with Cars24 Financial Services Private Limited (**CARS24 Financial Services**) to provide motor insurance services to used car buyers.
- Life Insurance Corporation (**LIC**) has tied up with **Policybazaar** to digitally offer a wide range of Life Insurance and investment products to its customers across India.
- **ICICI Lombard General Insurance** has partnered with **Airtel Payments Bank** to offer **cyber insurance** to customers of the bank.
- **Amazon India** signed an MoU with Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (**KSRLPS**) to support the **growth of women entrepreneurs**.
  - Amazon India will launch '**Sanjeevini-KSRLPS**' in its platform and extend benefits of the 'Saheli' Programme to train and empower thousands of rural women entrepreneurs and also provide online access to a wider market for their products.
- A global IT Services, and Technology Solutions Company, **Sonata Software** has announced its partnership with **Microsoft** for its launch of '**Microsoft Cloud for Retail**'.
- **Kerala** Government has signed an MoU with the Social Alpha's Energy Lab - "Clean Energy International Incubation Centre (**CEIIC**)" to support innovative and clean energy technology programmes in Kerala.
  - The Government of Kerala signed this agreement through Kerala Development & Innovation Strategy Council (**KDISC**) and Energy Management Centre (**EMC**).
- The Government of **Telangana** and the **British Council**, an international organization for educational opportunities and cultural exchange, have signed a 3-year MoU to renew the partnership in education, English and arts.
- **RBL Bank** has partnered with **Creditas Solutions** for its '**Neo Collections**' platform.

- **Paisabazaar.com**, a digital platform for consumer credit, has partnered with **RBL Bank Limited** to offer '**Paisa on Demand**' (PoD), a credit card that will be exclusively available on the Paisabazaar platform.
- **Twitter Inc** has partnered with **Paytm's payment gateway** to improve the support for its '**Tips**' feature in India.
- Global banking group **Standard Chartered** has partnered with the International Air Transport Association (**IATA**) to launch a **payment platform** for the **airline** industry in India.

### Fund

- Export-Import Bank of India (**Exim Bank**) on behalf of the government of India, extended a line of credit of **\$500 million** to the government of the socialist republic of **Sri Lanka** for financing the purchase of petroleum products.
- According to the data official released by the Asian Development Bank (**ADB**), it provided a record **USD 4.6 billion** in sovereign **lending** to **India** in 2021.
- The Union Cabinet has approved a **1500 crore** rupee investment in **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited**.
- The Government of **India**, the State Governments of **Karnataka** and **Odisha** and the **World Bank** have signed a **\$115 million** (INR 869 crore) Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) Programme.

### Economy

- Union Finance Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** is presenting the **Union Budget 2022** for the 4th time in a row.
  - A Made in India tablet has replaced the traditional 'Bahi Khata' as Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman leaves the Finance Ministry's office to go to the Parliament to present the Budget.
  - The Economic Survey 2021-22 was released on 31st January 2022 by the Chief Economic Advisor of India, **V Anantha Nageswaran**.
  - The government sees the Indian economy growing at **8-8.5 per cent** in the financial year 2022-23 (FY23).

### Companies/Industry

- Tata Group company, **Tata Steel Long Products Ltd's (TSLP)** has acquired Odisha-based **Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL)** for Rs 12,100 crore.
- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (**HPCL**) has marked its foray into the non-fuel retailing sector by inaugurating its **Retail Store** under the brand name **HaPpyShop**, to make available the products of daily need to its customers at their convenience.
  - The first retail store was launched by HPCL in September 2021 in Mumbai at Company's Retail Outlet located at Nepean Sea Road.
  - In addition to this, HPCL has launched the platform in a purely online format by opening the Online Store at **Madurai**.
  - HPCL is also marketing branded packaged drinking water at its Retail Outlets across the country under the name '**Paani@Club HP**'.
- **Sony Group Corp.** is purchasing **Bungie Inc.**, the U.S. video game developer behind the popular Destiny and Halo franchises, for \$3.6 billion to bolster its stable of game-making studios.
- **Razorpay** has expanded into South-East Asia with the acquisition of a majority stake in a Malaysian fintech firm **Curlec**, valuing the company between \$19-20 million.
- **Instagram** has announced the launch of '**Take a Break**' in all countries, including India, to empower people to make informed decisions about the way they are spending their time.

- This feature will be promoted in India through a campaign, in partnership with 'We The Young', called 'Break Zaroori Hai'.
- **Jio Platforms** has picked up a **25% stake** in US-based deep-tech startup company **TWO Platforms** for \$15 million.
- **Dabur India** has become the first Indian consumer goods company to become completely **plastic waste neutral**.
- **JPMorgan** has become the world's first bank to set up **shop** in the **metaverse**.
  - The largest bank in the US has opened a lounge in the blockchain-based world Decentraland.
- State Bank of India (**SBI**), Punjab National Bank (**PNB**), Bank of Baroda (**BoB**), Union Bank of India (**UBI**), **Canara Bank**, and Bank of Maharashtra (**BoM**) have announced their subscription to the shares of India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (**IDRCL**).
  - Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and Public FIs will hold a maximum of 49% in stake of IDRCL while the remaining stake will be with private-sector lenders.
- **Bharti Airtel** has decided to acquire an additional 4.7 per cent stake in **Indus Towers** from Vodafone Group, the company announced.

### Stock Market

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) on February 11, 2022 barred **Reliance Home Finance** Ltd, Anil Ambani and three other individuals from the securities market for siphoning off funds from the company.
  - The three other individuals who have been barred from it include **Ravindra Sudhakar, Amit Bapna** and **Pinkesh R Shah**.

### Space

- Scientists from the Ahmedabad-based Space Applications Centre and Physical lab recently demonstrated **Quantum Entanglement** during a breakthrough towards satellite-based quantum communication.
- Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) has decommissioned the **INSAT-4B**, an Indian communications satellite that forms part of the Indian National Satellite System.
- The Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) successfully launched earth observation satellite **EOS-04** along with two other smaller passenger satellites aboard Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle on February 14, 2022 from the first launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in **Andhra Pradesh**.

### Science and Technology

- The Indian Institute of Science (**IISc**), **Bengaluru**, has installed and commissioned **Param Pravega**, one of the most powerful supercomputers in India.
  - The supercomputer has been designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
  - It has been developed under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), a joint initiative of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and implemented by C-DAC and IISc.

### Health/Diseases/Drugs

- **Canada** became the first country in the world that has authorized the use of a **plant-based COVID-19 vaccine**.
  - The two-dose vaccine of **Medicago Inc.** (a biopharma company owned by Mitsubishi Chemical and Philip Morris), can be given to adults who are aged between 18 to 64, but little data is available on the shots received by people aged 65 and above.

## Energy/Gas/Oil

- India's first commercial-scale biomass-based **hydrogen plant** will come up at the **Khandwa** district of **Madhya Pradesh**.
  - The plant is being put up by a joint venture of Watomo Energies Ltd and Biezel Green Energy with an investment of Rs 24 crore.

## Transport/Cars/Scooters

- **Gujarat's** Business hub **Surat** is all set to be India's **1st Bullet Train Station** as per the details shared by the Ministry of Railways.
- Ministry of **Railways** has approved to set up a **state-of-art wrestling academy** in Indian Railways, at Kishanganj, **Delhi**.
- The Cochin International Airport Limited (**CIAL**) is set to commission a **12 MWp solar power plant** on March 6 near Payyannur in **Kannur** district of Kerala.

## Films and Film Festival

- A Telugu short film '**Street Student**' by Akula Sandeep depicting the story of a street urchin with a strong message on right to education has bagged the first prize in a competition organized by the **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)**.
- **Ranveer Singh** received the award for **Best Actor** for '83', **Kriti Sanon** won the **Best Actress** award for her role in 'Mimi'.
  - **Ken Gosho** received the DPIFF 2022 **Best Director** award for 'State of Siege: Temple Attack' and **Best Film** award went to '**Shershaah**'.
  - DPIFF 2022 **Film of the Year** award went to '**Pushpa**'.

## Festival

- **Spituk Gustor Festival**, a two-day annual celebration of Ladakhi culture and traditional heritage celebrated on 30th & 31st January 2022 in **Leh** and **Ladakh** Union Territory.
- The three days long **Torgya Festival** of the Monpa tribal community of **Arunachal Pradesh** is celebrated at Tawang Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh.
  - The main attraction of the festival is the 'Sha-na Cham', the ritual dance performed by monks to showcase the Choe-Gyal Yap & Yum Tsa-Munde deity.
- The ancient festival of **Kanchoth** is annually celebrated, mainly by the Nag followers, during the Shukla Paksha of Magh month which usually falls in January or February.
  - The festival is celebrated with religious fervour across the Chenab valley region of **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**.
- The **45th International Kolkata Book Fair** will start from February 28 and will go on till March 13.
  - The focal **theme country** this year is **Bangladesh**.
- The renowned **Jaisalmer Desert Festival**, also known as **Maru Mahotsav** of the Golden City started from 13 to 16 February 2022 at Pokaran village in Jaisalmer, **Rajasthan**.

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

- In **Honduras**, the Freedom and Refoundation Party (Libre) member **Xiomara Castro** has been sworn in as the first female President of the country.
  - The 62-year-old Castro replaces President **Juan Orlando Hernández**, as 56th President of Honduras.
- The Prime Minister of **Portugal**, **Antonio Costo** has been **re-elected** after his centre-left Socialist Party secured a landslide victory in the 2022 Portuguese legislative election.

- Lieutenant General **GAV Reddy** has been appointed as the new **head** of the **Defence Intelligence Agency**.
  - General Reddy would be succeeding Lt Gen **KJS Dhillon**.
- **Dr. Madan Mohan Tripathi** has joined as Director-General of the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT).
- Senior scientist **GA Srinivasa Murthy** has been appointed **director** of Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) of the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) in **Hyderabad**.
- The former secretary, Department of Sports, **Ravi Mittal** has been appointed as the Chairman of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), as per the notification issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) chief, **Jens Stoltenberg** will take over as **Norway's central bank Governor** at the end of the year.
- The Government of **India** has appointed **Sonali Singh** to hold the additional charge of the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, with effect from February 01, 2022.
  - She has been appointed in place of **Dipak Dash**, who superannuated on January 31, 2022.
- The low-cost Indian airline, **IndiGo** has appointed its co-founder and promoter **Rahul Bhatia** as the Managing Director (MD) of the company with immediate effect. Ronojoy Dutta is the CEO of the Indigo.
- The government of India has appointed **JNU** (Jawaharlal Nehru University) Vice-Chancellor, **M Jagadesh Kumar** as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).
  - The post of the UGC Chairman was vacant since December 07, 2021, after Prof **D P Singh** resigned upon attaining 65 years of age.
- Professor **Dinesh Prasad Saklani** has been appointed as the new Director of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
  - He has replaced **Hrushikesh Senapaty**, who finished his term a year ago.
- Scientist and launch vehicle specialist, **Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair** took charge as the director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).
- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhami has appointed Bollywood actor **Akshay Kumar** as the brand **ambassador of Uttarakhand** ahead of the 2022 Assembly Elections.
- The board of **Tata Sons Pvt Ltd** has approved the re-appointment of **N Chandrasekaran** as the Executive Chairman of the company for the second five years term.
- **Tata Sons** announced on February 14, 2022 that **Ilker Ayci** has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of **Air India**.
- IPS officer **Kala Ramachandran** has been appointed as the first woman police commissioner of Gurugram.
  - Kala Ramachandran took charge of the position on February 15th from outgoing police chief **KK Rao** who has been transferred to Centre for Police Training and Research at Bhondsi near Gurgaon.
- Retired Vice Admiral, **G Ashok Kumar** has been appointed as India's first **national maritime security** coordinator by the government.
- **A23**, the gaming application owned by Head Digital Works, an online skill gaming company, has named in Bollywood actor **Shah Rukh Khan** as its brand ambassador.
- Table Tennis player, **Manika Batra** was named as the **brand ambassador of Adidas**.



- Industrial Development Bank of India (**IDBI Bank**) has informed the stock exchanges that its board has approved the reappointment of **Rakesh Sharma** as the managing director and chief executive officer of the bank for a period of three years, effective March 19, 2022.
- Former ICICI Banker, **Madhabi Puri Buch** has been appointed as the new Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) chairman, replacing **Ajay Tyagi**.

#### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- In April, 2022, General **Manoj Mukund Naravane** will be retiring from the post of 27th chief of the Indian Army.

#### Deaths

- Senior advocate and Additional Solicitor General (ASG), **Rupinder Singh Suri** has passed away.
- Actor and filmmaker **Amitabh Dayal** has passed away after suffering a heart attack at the age of 51.
- Prominent film personality **Ramesh Deo**, known for playing a diverse range of roles, in Marathi and Hindi movies, passed away due to a heart attack.
- Legendary singer **Lata Mangeshkar** has passed away at the age of 92 after suffering a multi-organ failure.
- Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, **Chandupatla Janga Reddy** has passed away in Hyderabad following health issues.
- Former Greek President **Christos Sartzetakis** has passed away at the age of 92 years due to respiratory failure in Athens, Greece.
- Padma Shri awardee and social worker, **Ibrahim Sutar** has passed away in Karnataka following a cardiac arrest.
  - Fondly referred to as the “Kabir of Kannada”, Sutar was known for his work towards spreading social and communal harmony.
- Noted industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Auto, **Rahul Bajaj**, has passed away, due to pneumonia and a heart problem.
- Legendary Bengali singer, **Sandhya Mukherjee** has passed away at the age of 90 years due to cardiac arrest. Her full name was Geetashree Sandhya Mukhopadhyay.
- Popular Malayalam actor and comedian **Kottayam Pradeep** passed away on February 17, 2022 after suffering a heart attack. He was 61.
- **Channaveera Kanavi**, an iconic poet and writer in the Kannada language, has passed away.
- Senior journalist, **Ravish Tiwari** has passed away. He was the national bureau chief of Indian Express.
- The former India footballer **Surajit Sengupta**, who played as a midfielder, has passed away due to COVID-19 complications.
- Andhra Pradesh Information and Technology and Industries Minister **Mekapati Gautham Reddy** passed away in the morning on February 21, 2022 after suffering a heart attack.

#### Awards/Honours

- Indian men’s hockey player **PR Sreejesh** has won the **World Games Athlete of the Year** award for 2021.
  - He is the second Indian after Rani Rampal to win this award.
  - **Alberto Ginés López** of Spain and wushu player **Michele Giordano** of Italy are the runner-ups. In the FIH Stars Awards in October, Sreejesh was named the goalkeeper of the year for 2021.

- New Zealand cricketer, **Daryl Mitchell** has been named the winner of the International Cricket Council (ICC) **Spirit of Cricket Award 2021**.
- Tokyo Olympics gold medallist, **Neeraj Chopra** has been nominated for the prestigious 2022 Laureus **World Breakthrough of the Year Award**.
  - The other 5 nominees are Daniil Medvedev (Australian Open runner-up), Emma Raducanu (British tennis star), Pedri (Barcelona and Spain footballer), Yulimar Rojas (Venezuelan athlete) and Ariarne Titmus (Australian swimmer).
- **Karnataka Bank** has been awarded the digital transformation award, '**DX 2021 Awards**', in recognition of the "innovative" best practice 'KBL VIKAAS', by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for Best Practice in Digital Transformation.
- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, **Nitin Gadkari** will be facilitated for the first time with the 18th late **Madhavrao Limaye award** in the category of Karyakram Khaasdar (Efficient Member of Parliament) for the year 2020-21.
- **Atal Tunnel** has been officially certified as '**World's Longest Highway Tunnel** above 10,000 Feet' by the **World Book of Records**.
  - Atal tunnel is a Highway tunnel built under Rohtang Pass in eastern Pir Panjal Himalayan range on Leh-Manali Highway.
- **RailTel** has won the **ICAI Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting** for the year 2020-21 in the Public Sector Entities Category.
  - The company was named winner in the category "plaque".
- In the 15th Edition of **ESPNcricinfo Awards**, India's wicketkeeper-batsman, **Rishabh Pant** wins the '**Test Batting**' award by scoring 89 not out, helped India to win the Border Gavaskar Trophy 2021 by (2-1) and shattered Australia's unbeaten record at Gabba after 32 years.
- **Sandeep Bakhshi** has been named the **Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21**.
  - He is the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank.
  - The winner was chosen by a jury of 5 members chaired by former Reserve Bank of India deputy governor S S Mundra.
- Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma conferred the state's highest civilian award "**Assam Baibhav**" upon eminent Indian industrialist **Ratan Tata** on February 16, 2022 at a function held in Taj Wellington Mews in Kolaba, **Mumbai**.
- **Karnataka Bank** has bagged three awards at the 17th Annual Banking Technology Conference and Awards: 2020-21 Next-Gen Banking, instituted by Indian Banks' Association (IBA).
  - The bank has won the awards under categories: **Best Technology Bank of the Year; Best Fintech Adoption; and Best Use of AI/ML & Data Analytics** – all runner-ups.
- Microsoft founder and philanthropist, **Bill Gates** has been conferred with **Hilal-e-Pakistan**, the second-highest civilian honour in the country, for his efforts to help eradicate polio in **Pakistan**.

### Sports/Game

- Chennai Super Kings (CSK), has become the country's first **sports Unicorn** with its **market cap** having touched a high of **Rs 7,600 crores** and its share in the grey market trading in the Rs 210-225 price band.
- World Champion Grand Master **Magnus Carlsen** has secured his victory in **Wijk Aan Zee** (Netherlands) with a round to spare.
  - The world champion defeated **GM Fabiano Caruana** and now leads the 2022 Tata Steel Chess Tournament by a full point.
- Indian teenager **Unnati Hooda** beat compatriot Smit Toshniwal, to claim the **women's singles** title at the 2022 **Odisha Open** badminton tournament.
  - In **men's singles**, India's 21-year-old **Kiran George** beat Priyanshu Rajawat to emerge as the winner.

- The **2022 Winter Olympics** has kicked off on February 04, 2022, in **Beijing, China** and will continue till February 20, 2022.
  - The **Opening Ceremony** was held at Beijing's National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest.
  - However, **India** had announced the diplomatic level **boycott** of the Beijing Winter Olympics opening and closing ceremony.
  - Emblem for the 2022 Winter Olympics: "Winter Dream".
  - Moto for the 2022 Winter Olympics: Bing Dwen Dwen.
  - The official slogan for the 2022 Winter Olympics: "Together for a Shared Future".
- **India** defeated **England** by four wickets to clinch a record-extending **fifth title** at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua.
- International Olympic Committee (**IOC**) has approved a proposal to include **Surfing, Skateboarding** and **Sport Climbing** for the **2028 Summer Olympics Games** that will be organized in **Los Angeles, United States**.
- **China PR** (People's Republic) defeated **South Korea** (Korea Republic), to win the **AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022** final title at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai.
  - This is the record-extending 9th AFC Women's Asian Cup title won by China.
  - India is hosting the 20th edition of the football AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 from January 20, 2022, to February 06, 2022.
- **Haryana** team defeated the Indian Railway, to win the **Men's title in Senior National Volleyball Championship 2021-22**.
  - Similarly, in the **women's** category, the **Kerala** team defeated the Indian Railway, to lift the trophy.
  - The 70th Senior National Volleyball (Men & Women) Championship 2021-22 was held at the Biju Patnaik Indoor Stadium, KIIT Deemed to be University, **Bhubaneswar**.
- English club, **Chelsea** has defeated Brazilian club Palmeiras, to win the **2021 FIFA Club World Cup final**.
  - The final was held at Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium, **Abu Dhabi**.
- **Mumbai**, India will host the **International Olympic Committee** session in **2023**.
  - The IOC Session for 2023 will be held at Jio World Convention Centre, **Mumbai**.
  - In 2022, the IOC session was held in Beijing, China.
- Indian weightlifter and 2020 Tokyo Olympics silver-medallist, **Mirabai Chanu** has won the **gold** medal in the 55kg weight category at the **Singapore Weightlifting International 2022** on February 25, 2022.
- In tennis, **Rafael Nadal** (Spain) beat British number one Cameron Norrie to win the singles title of **Mexican Open 2022** (also known as Acapulco title).
  - **Men's double** title winners are Feliciano Lopez (Spain) and Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece).

#### 43. Report

- South Korean electronics manufacturing giant, **Samsung** Electronics surpassed U.S chipmaker **Intel** to become the **world's leading chipmaker** by revenue in 2021, according to a report released by research firm Counterpoint Technology Market Research.
  - Memory vendors continued to lead the industry with **SK Hynix** and **Micron** taking the **third** and **fourth** positions, followed by IC design vendors, including **Qualcomm** and **NVIDIA**.
- Domestic rating agency **CRISIL** has estimated India's FY23 real **GDP** growth at **7.8 per cent** as compared with the 8.5 per cent projected in the Economic Survey.
  - Estimating the growth to slow to 7.8 per cent in FY23 from the 9.2 per cent in FY22.

- As per a brand valuation report released by **Brand Finance**, **Life Insurance Corporation** has been ranked at **10th** in the list of insurance brands globally.
  - LIC is the only Indian insurance company in the top 10 list.
  - Of the top 10, as many as 5 are Chinese insurance companies, with by **Ping An Insurance** emerging as the **world's most valuable insurance brand**, despite recording a 26 per cent drop in brand value.
- The **United States** was **India's top trading partner** in the calendar year 2021 with a trade of \$112.3 billion.
  - The US is followed by **China** on **second**.
  - India's list of top ten trading partners also includes the UAE, Saudi Arab, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore, Iraq, Indonesia and South Korea.
- The **unemployment rate** in **India** in January 2022 **fell** sharply to **6.57%**, according to the data from the economic think-tank, the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).
- Salesforce, a leading player in Customer Relationship Management (CRM), published the **Global Digital Skills Index 2022** which highlights the growing global digital skills crisis and the need for action.
  - **India** has scored 63 out of 100, leads the digital skills readiness, and has the **highest readiness index** among the 19 countries.
- The **India Press Freedom Report 2021** was recently released by the Rights and Risks Analysis Group.
  - **Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh** and **Tripura** topped the list of States and Union Territories where journalists and media houses were targeted in 2021.
- Adani Group founder and billionaire **Gautam Adani** has become **Asia's richest person**, ranks 10th among the wealthiest people of the world, as per Bloomberg Billionaires Index on February 8, 2022.
  - Adani overtook Reliance Chairman **Mukesh Ambani** to be ranked among the top 10 wealthiest persons of the world. Mukesh Ambani is ranked 11th with \$87.9B, as per the Bloomberg index.
- **India** has ranked **46th** position in the 2021 **Democracy Index's** global ranking, according to **The Economist Intelligence Unit**.
  - With the highest score of 9.75, **Norway** topped the Democracy Index 2021 by Economist Intelligence.
  - Our neighbour **Pakistan** has been placed further below in the hybrid regime with a rank of 104.
- As per the TomTom **Traffic Index Ranking 2021**, **Mumbai** has been ranked at **5th**, **Bengaluru** at **10th** in terms of the **most congested cities** in the world in 2021.
  - **Delhi** and **Pune** ranked **11th** and **21st** among 404 cities across 58 countries, according to TomTom Traffic Index's global top 25 lists.
  - **Istanbul, Turkey** has been declared as the **most congested city** in the world as per the ranking. while **Moscow** came in **second**.
- The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (**GEM**) 2021/2022 report, unveiled at the Dubai Expo, **India** is among the **top five** easiest places to start a **new business**.
  - It was topped by **Saudi Arabia** and followed by **Netherlands & Sweden**.
- The US Green Building Council (**USGBC**) has released the 9th annual ranking of top 10 countries outside of the United States (US) for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (**LEED**) in 2021 in which **India** ranked **3rd** with 146.
  - It has been **topped** by **China** with 1,077 LEED projects certified in 2021, which is followed by **Canada** at **2nd** position with 205 projects.

- According to the latest **Hurun India Wealth Report 2021**, the number of **dollar-millionaire households** in India increased by **11 per cent** to 4,58,000 households in 2021, as compared to 2020.
- **India** has improved its overall **IP score** from 38.4 per cent to **38.6 per cent**, and the country is ranked **43** out of 55 countries on the **International Intellectual Property Index 2022**.
  - This index was released by the Global Innovation Policy Center of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
  - Top 5: United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Sweden, and France.

### General - National

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the **UPI ecosystem** (comprising of leading banks and fintechs) have announced the **UPI Safety and Awareness initiative**, to create awareness amongst consumers.
  - Under this initiative, NPCI and the UPI ecosystem will observe **February 1-7** as '**UPI Safety and Awareness Week**' and the whole of **February** as '**UPI Safety and Awareness Month**'.
- The first **geological park of India** will be built in **Lamheta, Jabalpur** in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- According to Economic Survey, the government is setting up the National Land Monetisation Corporation (NLMC) to carry out the monetization of the land and other non-core assets.
  - The initial authorized share capital of NLMC will be Rs.5000 crores and subscribed share capital of ₹150 crores.
- The **Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary** near Jamnagar in Gujarat and **Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary** in Uttar Pradesh have been listed as Wetlands of International Importance by the **Ramsar Convention**.
  - With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in India goes up to 49.
- The **Aravalli Biodiversity Park** in Gurugram, Haryana, has been declared as India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site.
  - The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) gives OECM tag to those areas that are not protected but support rich biodiversity.
- The **tableau of Uttar Pradesh** has been picked as the **best tableau** among the 12 States/UTs which participated in the Republic Day parade on January 26, 2022.
  - The theme of the tableau of Uttar Pradesh was 'One District One Product and Kashi Vishwanath Dham'.
  - The **second** place went to **Karnataka** for its tableau based on 'cradle of traditional handicrafts' while the **third** position went to **Meghalaya** for its tableau based on 'Meghalaya's 50 years of Statehood and its tribute to women-led cooperative societies & SHGs'.
- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-Hyderabad) has launched the beta version of '**Swarajability**', a job portal powered by **artificial intelligence** that helps people with **disabilities** acquire relevant skills and find jobs.
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has **cancelled** the "**Khadi Certification**" of its oldest Khadi Institution named Mumbai Khadi & Village Industries Association (MKVIA).
  - This MKVIA was running the popular "Khadi Emporium" at Metropolitan Insurance House, Mumbai since 1954.
- **India** has agreed to provide a grant to **Sri Lanka** to implement a '**Unitary Digital Identity framework**', apparently modelled on the **Aadhaar card**.

### General - International

- **Dubai** firm, **THE JET ZeroEmission** announced the launch of the World's first hydrogen-powered flying boat '**THE JET**' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- **China** is celebrating the **Spring Festival**, it's the most important annual festival as it entered the Lunar new "**Year of the Tiger**".
  - The Year of the Tiger has begun from February 1, 2022, and will end on January 21, 2023.

- **Israel** becomes the first-ever country to allow **drone flights** in **civilian airspace**.
- **Nepal** will be the first country to adopt **India's UPI system**, which will play a pivotal role in transforming the digital economy of the neighbouring country, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

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- Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War Samuel Moyn
- Dignity in a Digital Age: Making Tech Work for All of Us Ro Khanna
- A Nation To Protect Priyam Gandhi Mody
- Virzu Studios in association with **MIDAS Deals Pvt Ltd** has released the motion poster of its upcoming graphic novel, **Atharva – The Origin**.
  - Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been portrayed as the superhero Atharva in this graphic novel.

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### TO THE POINTS: FEBRUARY-2022

- Indian Government has mandate the storage of **ISD**, **satphone**, **conference calls**, **messages details** for **Two years**.
- Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited set up the new 'bank note printing lines' in **Dewas and Nashik**.
- Union Government has expected **\$5.5billion** investments in the ethanol sector by **2025**.
- **NASSCOM** released this report of Assets under management for Environmental, Social and Governance funds has increased by 2.5 times in FY21.
- Indian Government did a **₹ 1.20 lakh crore** conversion transaction for G-Secs and Oil Bonds aggregating to mature at a later date.
- India would require a **Second** green revolution focussed on the agriculture-water-energy nexus.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed restrictions on Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank Limited for **6 months**.
- **ADVIK Hi-Tech** has partnered with H2X Global Limited for the production of critical components for hydrogen vehicles and hydrogen-powered products.
- The Union Government has extended the tenure of Life Insurance Corporation of India's Chairperson M.R. Kumar by **March 2023**.

- **Kiran Bedi** is the author of the book titled “Book ‘Fearless Governance’”.
- **Unnati Hooda** has become the youngest winner of the women’s singles title in the Odisha Open badminton tournament.
- **Argentina** has defeated Chile to clinch their sixth straight Women’s Pan American Cup title.
- Rafael Nadal has defeated **Daniil Medvedev** to win the Men’s Singles title in the 2022 Australian Open.
- Recently Padma Shri awardee Baba Iqbal Singh passed away. He was a renowned **Social Worker**.
- Former Member of Parliament S.K.Paramasivan passed away recently. He belonged to **Tamil Nadu**.
- The Indian Coast Guard has been celebrated their **33rd** Raising Day on February 1, 2022.
- The Union Government has approved **Tata Steel** as the strategic buyer for Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd.
- The Finance Ministry has approved additional borrowing permission of **7,309 crore** rupees to Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh for undertaking the reforms in the power sector.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the 30th National Commission for Women Foundation Day programme. Theme of this programme - **She the Change Maker**.
- **Technology Development Board** has organized the prestigious National Tech Excellence Award for Women 2022.
- The Union Government has approved Seven Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Parks with an investment of **4,500 crores**.
- India and Russia bilateral consultations on UNSC related issues has took place in **New Delhi**.
- Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy held in **IIT Dharwad**.
- GST revenue **1.38 lakh crore** has collected for January 2022.
- As per Consumer Price Index-Combined report, **5.2%** retail inflation for India in 2021-22 (April-December) measured.
- **Lt Gen Manoj Pande** has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Army Staff.
- Sergio Mattarella has been re-elected the second term as the President of **Italy**.
- **Antonio Costa** has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of Portugal.
- Tata Steel arm has bought government stake in Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd for **Rs 12,100 crore**.
- **Kerala** researchers have identified two new species of fungi from the genus Ganoderma.
- **Manoj Sinha** has released a book titled “Prakrtik, Vaidik avem Jaivik Kheti- Graameen Udyamita Ka Naya Swaroop”.
- India has defeated **China** to win the bronze medal in the Women’s Hockey Asia Cup 2022.
- Ben Cooper has announced his retirement from international cricket. He played for **The Netherlands**.
- On February 2, 2022 the World Wetlands Day has been observed. Theme - **Wetlands Action for People and Nature**.
- The total outlay of the Union Budget 2022-23 envisage is **Rs. 39.45 lakh**.
- **Rajnath Singh** has decided to convert the Experimental Scheme for Induction of Women Fighter Pilots in the Indian Air Force into a permanent scheme.

- The European Union and **India** have held their second maritime security dialogue in a virtual format.
- **Oman** has called on Rajnath Singh to enhance defence cooperation between the two countries in New Delhi.
- The Army Chief MM Naravane has discussed bilateral defence cooperation with **Australia's** Army Chief.
- The exports of marine products has registered a growth of **35** per cent during April to December in 2021.
- NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC Limited, has acquired **5** percent equity stake in Power Exchange of India Limited.
- **North Korea** has fired a Hwasong-12 mid-range ballistic missile from the Jagang Province area.
- The Class of 2006: Sneak Peek into the Misadventures of the Great Indian Engineering Life has written by **Akash Kansal**.
- 2022 Asian Games would take place in **China**.
- **Magnus Carlsen** has won the Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022 in the Masters section.
- Rupinder Singh Suri passed away. His profession – **Advocate**.
- The World Interfaith Harmony Week has been observed during the first week of **February 1-7**.
- **Ministry of External Affairs** has organised an outreach programme on Export Controls focusing on start-ups in various sectors of the economy.
- The Competition Commission of India has imposed a penalty on **Tyre** manufacturers and their Association for indulging in cartelization.
- The Government of India in its Union Budget for FY 2022-23 has increased the capital outlay for **Border Roads Organisation** by a record 40 percent.
- The Government has implemented various schemes for the development of the **Power** loom Sector, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks.
- **Punjab National Bank** along with Patanjali Ayurved Limited have launched co-branded contactless credit cards in link with NPCI.
- CRISIL India has estimated the GDP growth for FY23 at **7.8%**.
- Dukaan has partnered with Simpl to provide Buy Now, Pay Later services to merchants. Dukaan is a **Bangalore** based startup.
- Games 24x7 has appointed **Hrithik Roshan** as the brand ambassador of Rummy Circle.
- Lt Gen GAV Reddy has appointed as new chief of Defense Intelligence Agency. He replaced **KJS Dhillon**.
- **P. R. Sreejesh** has become first Indian man to win World Games Athlete of the Year Award.
- China has honored PLA Galwan Commander as its Winter Olympics Torchbearer. Winter Olympics is going to take place in **Beijing**, China.
- All-Rounder Daryl Mitchell has won the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award 2021. He belongs to **New Zealand**.
- Indian Navy has Flight Tested Rafale-Marine Fighter Jet for Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant in **Goa**.
- LIC has become the world's **10th** most valuable insurance brand according to Brand Finance.
- The Government has approved the continuation of Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations with an outlay of **Rs. 1575** crore.



- The World Cancer Day has been observed annually on February 4. Theme - **Close the Care Gap.**
- The 'International Day of Human Fraternity' has been celebrated on **4th February.**
- The Prime Minister has kick started 50th Anniversary Celebrations of ICRISAT and inaugurated two research facilities at **Hyderabad, Telangana.**
- DD Sports channel would not telecast live the opening and closing ceremonies of the Winter Olympics being held in Beijing, China. **Shashi Sekhar Vempati** is the CEO of Prasar Bharati.
- SEBI has restructured its four member high-power advisory committee on settlement orders and compounding of offences. **Jai Narayan Patel** is the head of the committee.
- **Edelweiss General Insurance** has launched an AI Voice Bot to enable intimate insurance motor claims in a convenient and seamless manner.
- RBI has noticed a few misleading advertisements of unauthorized ETPs offering forex trading facilities to Indian residents. ETP - **Electronic Trading Platform.**
- The Government has appointed former civil servant **Ravi Mittal** as new chairperson of IBBI.
- Former RBI governor **Urjit Patel** has resigned as the independent director of Britannia Industries Limited.
- **Neeraj Chopra** from India has been selected as one of the six Nominees for the 2022 Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year Award.
- The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the license of Independence Co-operative Bank Ltd., located at **Nashik, Maharashtra.**
- **Bharat Dynamics Limited** has signed a contract for the supply of Konkurs-M Anti-Tank Missiles to Indian Army.
- **State Bank of India** has signed a MoU along with NCF-IGNCA for Development of Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design at Red Fort, Delhi.
- The Exim Bank has signed \$500-million loan agreement with **Sri Lanka** to purchase petroleum products.
- Indian Navy's **5th** Submarine of Project 75, Yard 11879 Kalvari class has commenced the Sea Trials.
- SpaceX has launched U.S. Intelligence Satellite named **NROL - 87** into space by a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.
- **Indian Institute of Science** commissions has become one of India's most powerful supercomputers - Param Pravega.
- **Ministry of Civil Aviation** tableau has named as the best ministry tableau for Republic Day 2022.
- India's unemployment rate has declined to 6.57% in January. **Telangana** was recorded the lowest unemployment rate in January.
- **Rs.2,710.65 Crore** is the budget allocated for Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram Scheme for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- Khadi Emporium has banned by KVIC for Selling Fake Khadi Products. KVIC comes under **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.**
- Rahul Gandhi has launched a welfare scheme for landless laborers in **Chhattisgarh.**
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India** has made partnership with Policybazaar for digital distribution of life insurance products.
- **Uttar Pradesh** Tableau has been selected as the Best State Tableau of Republic Day Parade 2022.

- A MoU has signed between two-wheeler maker **Ather Energy** and Electric Supply Companies of Karnataka for setting up 1,000 fast charging stations across the state.
- The Ministry of Finance has released PDRD Grant of 9,871 crore rupees to **17 States** in India.
- To celebrate India's success at Olympics and Para Olympics 2021 the Public Works Department of Delhi has decided to dedicate a long stretch in **North Delhi**.
- A short biography titled, "Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra" has penned by **Navdeep Singh Gill**.
- MS Dhoni would be seen as a superhero and warrior leader in an upcoming mega-budget graphic novel Atharva - The Origin. The graphic novel is authored by **Ramesh Thamilmani**.
- A Very Famous personality Ramesh Deo passed away. He belongs to **Actor**.
- The International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation has been observed on **February 6**.
- The Prime Minister has dedicated the 'Statue of Equality' in **Hyderabad**.
- The Prime Minister has inaugurated two research facilities in **Hyderabad**.
- Under SBM-U 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0, plan preparation has begun to make cities with **Garbage Free** and water secure.
- The Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has flagged off Fintech Open Summit. This summit was organized by **NITI Aayog** in collaboration with PhonePe, AWS and EY.
- Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme has approved for continuation with an outlay of **Rs. 1700 Crore**.
- The Foundation stone has laid for new border athaat in Bangladesh-India border. In India the border haat lies on **Tripura**.
- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance** has tied up with CARS24 Financial Services Private Limited to provide motor insurance services.
- The Asian Development Bank has approved a Loan worth of **\$4.6 Billion** to India in 2021 as sovereign lending.
- The Government of India has done a conversion transaction with the Reserve Bank of India for an amount of **₹ 1,19,701 crore**.
- **Sonali Singh** has been appointed as the Controller General of Accounts as an additional charge.
- The Vice-Chancellor of JNU M Jagadesh Kumar has been appointed as the Chairman Of **University Grants Commission**.
- Indian Airlines **Indigo** has been appointed co-founder Rahul Bhatia as its Managing Director.
- PESB has picked BK Tyagi as the next Chairman and Managing Director of Shipping Corporation of India. He replaced **H.K Joshi**.
- **Karnataka Bank** has awarded with Digital Transformation Award by Confederation of Indian Industry.
- **SIDBI** has signed a MoU with CDAC to strengthen Cyber Security capabilities & allied sectors.
- NASA has planned to "deorbit" the International Space Station and crash it into the Pacific Ocean by **2031**.
- The Google has unveiled a new device for teachers, students. The name of the device - **Chromebook**.
- According to the Salesforce Global Digital Skills Index, among 19 countries, **63** is the score of India in highest digital readiness out of 100.

- In the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup, India has lifted a fifth title after beating **England**.
- Legendary singer **Lata Mangeshkar** passed away at the age of 92.
- Chandupatla Janga Reddy passed away recently. He was a well-known **Politician**.
- Recently Christos Sartzetakis passed away. He was the former president of **Greece**.
- Indradhanush **4.0** has been launched by Mansukh Mandaviyavirtually in presence of health officials of States and Union Territories.
- **NITI Aayog** and USAID has collaborated to Accelerate Health Innovation and Entrepreneurship in India.
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has released a total of Rs 87.65 Crore till date for development of National Sports University in **Manipur**.
- One Khelo India State Centre of Excellence has sanctioned to **Maharashtra** during last three years.
- The Ministry of Culture has set to organize first of its kind Global Summit on 'Reimagining Museums in India. This summit is organized in partnership with **Bloomberg**.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana Rs. 3.22 lakh crore has been sanctioned against target of **Rs. 3.50 lakh crore** in FY 2020-21.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has partnered with **Airtel Payments Bank** to offer Cyber Insurance.
- Bollywood star **Akshay Kumar** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand.
- The Government has appointed **Dinesh Prasad Saklani**, as its new Director of NCERT.
- Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit has been appointed as the first woman vice-chancellor of **Jawaharlal Nehru University**.
- Footwear maker **Bata India** has on-boarded Bollywood actor Disha Patani as their brand ambassador.
- **Amazon India** has signed a MoU to turn rural women into entrepreneurs in Karnataka.
- **Kerala & Social Alpha** have signed a MoU for developing start-up ecosystem.
- **ISRO** Scientists has demonstrated hack-proof quantum communication.
- Sri Lankan Suranga Lakmal has announced his retirement. He belongs to **Cricket**.
- China has won AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 Football Tournament by defeating **South Korea**.
- Ibrahim Sutar died at the age of 82. He was a well-known **Social Worker**.
- At present **49** Ramsar Sites are there in India.
- The Reserve Bank of India would observe February 14 to 18, 2022 as the Financial Literacy week 2022. Theme - **Go Digital, Go Secure**.
- India has Targeted 1.2 Billion Ton Coal Production by **2023-24**.
- The Centre has allocated **8** LMT food grains to all States/UTs under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme.
- The NITI Aayog has announced 5 most improved aspirational districts in Agriculture, Water Resources sector. **Malkangiri** district is topped in the list.
- **West Bengal** has Started Open-air Classroom 'Paray Shikshalaya'.
- The Reserve Bank of India has extended restrictions on Karnataka's Millath Co-Operative Bank under **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

- The PM CARES Fund Corpus has Tripled to **Rs 10,990 Cr** in FY 2020-21.
- **Unnikrishnan Nair** has been appointed as the director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Center.
- Medi Buddy has been appointed **Amitabh Bachchan** as its Official Brand Ambassador.
- Union minister **Nitin Jairam Gadkari** has to receive Late Madhavrao Limaye Karyak sham Khaasdar award.
- The UNEP has signed MoU with **Maharashtra** for implementing climate change actions.
- Gautam Adani has overtook Mukesh Ambani to become Asia's richest person as per **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**.
- Praveen Kumar Sobti died at the age of 74. He was a well-known **Actor**.
- Headquarters of Shivalik Small Finance bank - **Uttar Pradesh**.
- The World Pulses Day has been celebrated on **February 10**.
- The Minister of Power, R K Singh has launched **Powerthon – 2022** hackathon competition to find technology-driven solutions.
- The Prime Minister Modi has participated in the high level segment of One Ocean Summit. This summit is organized by **France**.
- **President Ram Nath Kovind** has opened Rashtrapati Bhavan's Annual "Udyanotsav".
- The AAI and Other Airport Developers have targeted a capital outlay of **Rs. 91000 crore** for the development of airport sector.
- The Government has set a target to raise the share of natural gas in energy mix to **15 %** by 2030.
- Power producer **ReNew Power** has commissioned Gujarat's first wind-solar hybrid project.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** has become the first to be integrated with National Single Window System.
- **RBL Bank** has partnered with Credits Solutions to automate collections.
- Rajasthan has signed MoUs/LoIs with major players in the renewable energy sector capturing investment of **Rs 3.05 lakh crore** under the Invest Rajasthan Campaign.
- **Cochin Shipyard Limited** has delivered the three Floating Border Out-Post vessels to the Border Security Force.
- **Reverse Repo Rate** is the rate at which the Reserve Bank of India borrows funds from the commercial banks in the country.
- IFRS - **International Financial Reporting Standards**.
- **Central Government** appoints the governor of Reserve Bank of India.
- Deendayal Port Trust located in **Gujarat**.
- The World Unani Day has been observed annually on **Hakim Ajmal Khan** birth anniversary.
- Theme of the 2022 International Day of Women and Girls in Science, observed every year on 11 February - **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Water Unites Us**.
- **750** is the current Seating Capacity of the reconstructed Darbar Hall of Raj Bhawan in Mumbai.
- National Centre in Carbon Capture and Utilization has been set up in **Bengaluru** recently.
- **Eco Circuit** has been identified as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme by the Ministry of Tourism.
- The virtual inaugural session of the European Film Market has been organised in **Berlin**.

- Atal Innovation Mission NITI Aayog in collaboration with **UNDP** has launched the Community Innovator Fellowship.
- India has agreed to provide a grant to Sri Lanka to implement a 'Unitary Digital Identity framework' on **Aadhaar Card**.
- According to the report of the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, **6.91%** is the registered Economic growth in the Financial Year (FY) 2020-21 for Bangladesh.
- **Bali** island has been transformed into the dense mangrove thickets of Sunderbans by the Khaadi's Employment Drive recently.
- Recently the Reserve Bank of India has introduced the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) for investments by FPIs with an amount of ₹ **1,50,000** crore.
- As per the 6th and last MPC meeting for 2021-22, **4.25%** is the Revised Marginal Standing Facility Rate.
- As per the 6th and last MPC meeting for 2021-22 the capping under e-RUPI Prepaid Single Use Digital Payment Voucher has been increased to **Rs 1 lakh** per voucher.
- **Jens Stoltenberg** has been recently appointed as the Governor of Norges Bank.
- Recently Sanjay Malhotra has been appointed as the secretary in the Department of Financial Services. He is the former Chairman and Managing Director of **REC Limited**.
- Recently appointed Pradip Shah has succeeded **R. A. Shah** as the Chairman of the Board of Pfizer.
- The Atal Tunnel has officially been certified as the World's longest highway Tunnel above **10,000** Feet by the World Book of Records.
- **Telangana** has recently signed a MoU with the British Council to create opportunities for the youth.
- Recently the Jammu & Kashmir has signed a **Memorandum of Cooperation** with New Zealand for the transformation of the sheep farming sector in the Union territory.
- **IIT Hyderabad** has recently developed India's first AI-triggered Job Platform 'Swarajability' for Persons with Disabilities.
- Recently Scientists of ARCI have developed a method to produce **Hydrogen** with high purity from a methanol-water mixture.
- As per the report of the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, **3.17%** is the growth rate of the Agriculture sector of Bangladesh in 2019-20.
- As per TomTom's 2021 Traffic Index, **Istanbul** has been declared as the most congested city in the world.
- Recently the Sports Authority of India has established a Para Centre under its NCOE Scheme in **Gandhinagar**.
- **Sagarika Ghose** is the Author of the recently published book 'AtalBihari Vajpayee'.
- As per the 6th Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting, **17.2%** is the expected GDP growth rate for Q1 of FY 2022-23.
- A banking cheque having the date of issue more than three months in India is known as **Stale Cheque**.
- Every year February 13 has been observed as **World Radio Day** globally.
- Every year, the National Productivity Day has been observed on **February 12** by the National Productivity Council.

- Recently Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated a rail-cum-road-bridge over the River Ganga in **Munger** city.
- 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana', a national scheme of the Government of India has related to **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.
- According to R. K. Singh, India would replace diesel with renewable energy to achieve the target of zero diesel use in the agricultural sector by **2024**.
- Recently the Minister of Railway has confirmed to construct the state-of-art wrestling academy in Kishanganj at approximately **Rs. 30.76 crores**.
- Recently auctioned ten coal mines in five states with a combined coal reserves would approximately of **1716** million tonnes.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** has become first in the country to launch QR Code based mechanisms for certification and labelling of handmade carpets.
- Under the JIVA programme **Rs 50,000** amount per hectares would be invested by the NABARD.
- **Utkarsh Small Finance Bank** has recently signed a bancassurance agreement with Aditya Birla Health Insurance for distribution of health insurance products.
- **Abraham Koshy** has heading the advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund of SEBI prior to G. Mahalingam.
- According to Goldhub, **77.50** metric tonnes of gold has been purchased by the Reserve Bank of India in 2021.
- Recently the Reserve Bank of India has increased the capping on the e-RUPI prepaid digital vouchers to Rs 1 lakh from **Rs 10,000**.
- **The Rise and fall of Nations** book has been authored by Managing Director and Chairman of Rockefeller Capital Management, Ruchir Sharma.
- **Pankaj Tripathi** has been recently appointed as the brand ambassador of the Agri Tech platform, Krishi Network.
- Recently Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari has been appointed as the Chief Justice of **Madras** High Court.
- **N. Chandrasekaran** has been re-appointed as the executive chairman of Tata Sons Pvt. Ltd. for the next five years.
- **Chhatarpur** district has secured second position in NITI Aayog's list of 'Most Improved Aspirational Districts in Agriculture & Water Resources Sector' of December 2021.
- **146** buildings in India are LEED certified in the US Green Building Council (USGBC) annual list 2021.
- According to the EIU's Democracy Index 2021, India got **46th** rank with an overall score of 6.91.
- **Rajiv Kumar Bhatia** is the Author of the book 'India-Africa Relations: Changing Horizons'.
- Recently Nobel laureate, Luc Montagnier passed away. He was awarded the Nobel for cure of **AIDS**.
- The National Deworming day has been observed on **February 10** to raise awareness about the importance of deworming mainly for children from age 1 to19.
- Every year **February 13** has been celebrated as the National women's day and to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Sarojini Naidu**.
- The International Epilepsy Day has been observed every year on **Second Monday** of February across the world.

- FICCI's Committee against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy has taken the initiative in establishing Anti-Smuggling Day on **February 11**.
- The government of India has recently approved for the continuation of modernisation of police forces scheme with the financial outlay of **₹ 26,275 crore**.
- **Australia, France, United Arab Emirates, and Singapore** would be the part of first -ever Global Summit on 'Reimagining Museums in India'.
- The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of equity share capital of Sajjan India Limited by Sona Company Pt Ltd under **Section 31(1)** of the Competition Act, 2002.
- Recently Agricultural Products Export Development Authority has celebrated its **36th** Foundation Day.
- HDFC Ergo General Insurance has recently announced its partnership with **VISA** to offer curated insurance covers for card holders.
- Paisabazaar.com, a digital platform for consumer credit, has recently tied up with **RBL Bank** to offer 'Paisa on Demand' (PoD), a credit card.
- According to a Comscore report **Paytm** has continued to lead digital payments with over 45 per cent penetration in Fintech.
- The Constitutional Council has appointed **Paul Henri Sandaogo Damiba** as the new president of Burkina Faso.
- **Debashis Mitra** has been recently elected as the President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India for the year 2022-23.
- **S Kishore** has been recently appointed as the chairman of staff selection commission.
- **S. R. Narasimhan** has assumed additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of Power System Operation Corporation Limited.
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has recently given Award to **RailTel** for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year 2020-21 in the Public Sector Entities Category.
- The ministry of Defence has signed up a design and development contract with **Bangalore-based startup** to develop a High Altitude Pseudo Satellite.
- On Feb 11, 2022, India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Tourism cooperation in New Delhi with **Australia**.
- Saint-Gobain India and **IIT Madras** has entered into an MoU to develop a 100% Renewable Energy- Research Park.
- **ICGS Saksham** is the name of the 5th and final vessel delivered by the Goa Shipyard to the Indian Coast Guard.
- NASA has selected two science missions the Multi-slit Solar Explorer (MUSE) and Helio Swarm. Goal of the mission - **Improve our understanding of the dynamics of the sun, The sun-Earth connection, and Constantly changing space environment**.
- According to the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) 2021/2022, **India** is among the top five easiest places to start a new business unveiled at the Dubai Expo.
- Noted industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Auto, **Rahul Bajaj** passed away recently.
- Bank of Baroda would acquire Union Bank of India's **21%** stake in India First Life Insurance Company.
- The headquarters of Bank of Baroda is located in **Gujarat**.

- **Narendra Modi** has delivered the inaugural address at TERI's World Sustainable Development Summit.
- Punaura Dham has been included under PRASHAD Scheme by the Ministry of Tourism. This is proposed **Bihar** government.
- **World Health Organization** has reported COVID-19 Medical Waste Poses Threat to Environment & Health.
- Camp for free Assistive Devices distribution has organized for Divyangjan and Senior Citizens in **Tikamgarh**, Madhya Pradesh.
- The Government has banned **54** Chinese applications that posing threat to national security.
- The National Health Authority has announced the integration of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission with **Aarogya Setu** Application.
- The American cyber security firm Sentinel One has released a report on **Modified Elephant** that allegedly incriminating evidence on the personal devices.
- **Israel** has become the 1st Country to Allow Drones Flight in Civilian Airspace.
- The Central Bureau of Investigation has booked **ABG Shipyard** for defrauding 28 banks to the tune of Rs 22,842 crore.
- **Yes Bank** has launched Agri Infinity program to co-develop digital financial solutions for the food and agriculture ecosystem.
- **Ravi Chopra** has been recently resigned as the Chairman of Supreme Court appointed Char Dham Panel.
- IlkerAyci has been appointed as the Chief executive officer and Managing Director of **Air India**.
- Frank-Walter Steinmeier has been re-elected for second term as the president of **Germany**.
- India has signed a MoU to hand over **Wheat** to United Nations World Food Programme in Kandahar, Afghanistan.
- **National Skill Development Corporation** has collaborated with Common Services Centre for the delivery of services to accelerate skill development in Rural areas.
- India would show case its indigenously developed Tejas Light Combat Aircraft at **Singapore** Airshow.
- **Reliance Jio** network and SES have formed a joint venture for offering satellite-based broadband service in India.
- **ISRO** has successfully launched the Earth Observation Satellite with 2 co-passengers.
- The Bank of Baroda has to acquire **21%** of stake from Union Bank's stake in India First Life Insurance.
- **Axis Bank** has all set to buy Citigroup India retail banking business.
- The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has identified a New Carangid Species 'Scomberoidespelagicus' from Indian Coast. This fish is locally known as **Pola Vatta**.
- Rishabh Pant has won ESPN cricinfo 'Test Batting Award' 2021. **Kane Williamson** won the Captain of the year award.
- **Unnati Hooda** has become the youngest women in Indian to win Odisha Open badminton tournament.
- International Olympic Committee has approved 28 sports in the 2028 Summer Olympic Games. 2028 summer Olympics is going to be take place in **Los Angeles**.



- Mithali Raj has secured Second Rank in ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings. **Alyssa Healy** is topped the list.
- China has defended the choice of **Qi Fabao** as the Olympics torchbearer in 2022 Beijing winter Olympics.
- Daryl Mitchell has won ICC's 'Spirit of Cricket' award. He belongs to **New Zealand**.
- A book titled, 'India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution' has been authored by J Sai Deepak. This book is published by **Bloomsbury India**.
- A book titled 'How to Prevent the Next Pandemic' has been authored by **Bill Gates**.
- Christos Sartzetakis died at the age of 92. He is the former president of **Greece**.
- The International Childhood Cancer Day has been observed on **15th February** every year.
- The Government has launched the scheme for economic empowerment for DNTs in New Delhi. DNTs - **De-Notified Tribes**.
- Jal Jeevan Mission has achieved a Milestone of Providing Tap Water to **9 Crore** Rural Homes.
- Arjun Ram Meghwal has launched the Career Counselling Workshop. It is named **Pramarsh 2022**.
- NITI Aayog in association with **PhonePe** has launched the Fintech Open Hackathon.
- The Cabinet has approved the preparations for India's G20 Presidency and staffing of the G20 Secretariat. India will hold the G20 summit in **2023**.
- The booklet name **Transformative Reforms towards Housing for All** released during the 58th meeting of Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Commit under PMAY(U).
- The Delhi Tourism has facilitated Mughal Garden visits via application. **Dekho Meri Dilli** is the name of the application.
- Jaisalmer Desert Festival, a famous festival in **Pokaran village** of Rajasthan has begun.
- **PayU** has announced its integration with Big Commerce to boost SMB digitalization.
- **KVB Bank** & UNANU Technologies has tied-up for digital freight finance to fund transport contractors.
- DMI Finance has set to provide digital personal loans to Google Pay users. The programme will disburse up to Rs. **Rs 1 lakh** per loan.
- **Central Board of Secondary Education** has been appointed Vineet Joshi as its new chairman.
- **Sandeep Bakhshi** has won the Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21.
- LKP Securities Ltd has entered into an arrangement with **HDFC Bank** to offer a special 3-in-1 online account.
- **Gujarat** has signed a MoU with QX Global group for the holistic development of the IT in the state.
- Vedanta has signed a memorandum of understanding with Foxconn to **Semi Conductors** manufacture in India.
- **Indian Army** would conduct its First Hackathon Sainya Ranakshetram.
- **3rd** edition of India-Maldives Defence Cooperation Dialogue held recently in Maldives.
- **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited** has bagged an order to supply compact heat exchanger sets for Tejas aircraft.
- Strict anti-doxxing policies have been recently launched by social media giant **Meta**.
- The Ministry of Finance has granted **Rs 1154.90 crore** to Urban Local Bodies of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, and Sikkim.

- Heather Knight has been voted as ICC Women Players of the Month for January. She belongs to **England** cricket team.
- Rafael Nadal has won Australian Open Tennis 2022 held at Melbourne, Australia. This is his **21st** Grand Slam title.
- **Keegan Petersen** has won the ICC Men's Players of the Month for January.
- Bappi Lahiri passed away at a Mumbai hospital. He was a **Music Composer**.
- Sandhya Mukherjee passed away at 91. She was a well-known **Singer**.
- **Ashleigh Barty** has won women singles in Australian Open Tennis 2022 held at Melbourne, Australia.
- **4.00 %** is the current Cash Reserve Ratio of RBI's 6th and the last Monetary Policy Committee.
- Current interest rate of Kisan Vikas Patra is **6.9%**.
- The Power Minister has intended to ensure uninterrupted 24x7 power supply to all households. **Raj Kumar Singh** is the present Power Minister.
- The Government has approved New India Literacy Programme for Financial Years 2022 to **2027**.
- The Government has approved the continuation of Capacity Development Scheme till March 2026. It approved during **15th** Finance Commission.
- The Secretary, MoHUA has chaired Labharthiyon Se Rubaroo initiative in a virtual interaction held in **New Delhi**.
- India has set to showcase its Agriculture and Food Processing prowess at EXPO2020. EXPO2020 takes place at **Dubai** in UAE.
- India's leadership in Energy Transition program under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav held at **New Delhi**.
- Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh has launched a new scheme Kunsnyoms. This special scheme is for **Differently - Abled Persons**.
- The RBI has extended timeline for NBFCs to adhere new NPA recognition norms. This timeline is extended till **September 30**.
- The Standard Chartered Bank has launched its interest-only home loan facility. This is applicable on loans ranging between **₹ 35 lakh to ₹ 3.5 crore**.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India has launched waste to wealth creation programme in **West Bengal**.
- **Manoj Tiwari** has been recently appointed as the Khadi brand ambassador for Bihar.
- Debashish Chakravarty has assumed full charge as the chief secretary of **Maharashtra**.
- Gaming app A23 has signed **Shah Rukh Khan** as its brand ambassador.
- **Bank of Baroda** has signed a MoU with Assam Rifles to provide 'Central Forces Salary Package'.
- **Edelweiss Asset Management** Company has launched Mutual Fund investing app 'eInvest'.
- The World Health Organization has launched **Quit Tobacco** app to help people kick the cigarette butt.
- SpaceX Engineer **Anna Menon** would be the part of Polaris Dawn mission.
- Navars Edutech has launched 100 satellite constellations in collaboration with **Skyroot Aerospace** in the next 5 years.

- Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre has lifted 15th CEC Cup Men's Ice Hockey Championship 2022. This Championship held in **Ladakh**.
- The Sports Authority of India has extended the employment offer to 398 coaches, to prepare for Olympic 2024 and 2028 in **21** disciplines.
- A new book titled "Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War" has authored by **Samuel Moyn**.
- Veteran poet Nadoja Chennaveera Kanavi passed away. He belonged to **Kannada**.
- **Ministry of Power** has chaired the Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meeting of his ministry on the topic "Dues of GENCOs and required financial discipline in DISCOM and States" in New Delhi.
- The External Affairs Ministry has been celebrated 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Iconic Week from **21 to 27 of February**.
- The Government has approved the continuation of the Capacity Development Scheme till **31st of March, 2026**.
- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** has organized "Women in Renewable Energy: Call for Action" under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated 51 National Highway Projects with an investment of Rs. 21,559 Crore in **Vijaywada**, Andhra Pradesh.
- Darkathon -2022 has been organized by **Narcotics Control Bureau** in India.
- FAITH has released India tourism vision document envisaging goals and benchmarks for tourism till **2035**.
- **Bangladesh - US** conduct Air exercise - Cope South 22.
- **Delhi Police** has become the first security force in India to introduce 'Smart Card Arms License'.
- **Twitter** has partnered with Paytm to boost 'Tips' feature in India.
- NPCI International & Gateway Payment Service and Manam Infotech has joined hands to deploy UPI solution in **Nepal**.
- **IndusInd Bank** has recently facilitated digital transactions on National Agriculture Market (eNAM).
- **Kotak Mahindra bank** has tied with Ezetap for integrated PoS solutions.
- **SEBI** has changed Separation of roles of Chairperson and MD to 'voluntary' from 'mandatory'.
- Wealth-tech company **Fisdom** has partnered with Bank of Maharashtra to offer wealth management services.
- Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance has launched a scheme named **Flexi Edge** to enable the customers with the ability to prioritize their long-term savings.
- **Ashok Kumar** has been appointed as the India's first National Maritime Security Coordinator.
- **South Indian Bank** has received 6 IBA awards, including Best Technology Bank of the Year.
- Wholesale price index inflation has decreased to **12.96%** in January from 13.56% in previous month.
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India has signed MoU with **Bihar** to promote MSME sector.
- **United Nations Development Programme** has launched new Digital Strategy towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

- The Haryana Men's Team & Kerala Women's Team has won 70th Senior National Volleyball Championship 2021-22 held in **Biju Patnaik Indoor Stadium**.
- Chelsea has defeated **Palmeiras** team to win 2021 FIFA Club World Cup Champions.
- Every year the World Day of Social Justice has been observed on **February 20**.
- Every year, the World Pangolin Day has been celebrated on the third Saturday of February. This year marked **11th** edition.
- **Rs. 4808.19 crore** is the State Share in the expenditure of the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme.
- Recently inaugurated Gobar-Dhan (Bio-CNG) Plant in Indore has expected to produce around **17,000** kilograms per day of CNG.
- **Kenya's** former Prime Minister has visited India for treatment of his daughter's eyesight through Ayurvedic.
- As per the recent green hydrogen policy **5 million** is the target production of Green hydrogen by 2030.
- As per the updated annual Global Trade report of UNCTAD, **28.5 Trillion** is the record level of global trade (in dollars) in 2021.
- Recently Madhya Pradesh government has announced to name the Global Skill Park of Bhopal as **Guru Ravidas**.
- Recently BSE Elix has signed an insurance broker agreement for the distribution of LIC products. **Ashish Kumar Chauhan** is the current CEO & MD of BSE Elix.
- Recently Ecowrap has revised the GDP growth for FY22 to 8.8%. Earlier it was estimated at **8.9%** percentage.
- Recently JusPay has introduced **Open PPI** to comply with RBI's PPI interoperability guidelines and full-KYC compliant by March 31, 2022.
- **Mantha Urban Cooperative Bank's** licenses has been cancelled by the Reserve Bank of India to cease any banking business.
- Recently Adidas has appointed India's Manika Batra as brand ambassador. She is related to **Table Tennis**.
- Recently the Union Ministry of Tourism has signed a MoU with **Alliance Air Aviation Limited** to boost tourism across India.
- Recently National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd has signed a MoU with Indian Oil Corporation for setting up **Biofuel Projects**.
- Indian Navy has carried out the test-firing of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from **INS Visakhapatnam** off the western seaboard.
- Around **1,23,682** households in Rajasthan have electrified through a solar-based standalone system under the Saubhagya scheme.
- In **Mumbai** the International Olympic Committee Session would coming in 2023.
- **Ro Khanna** has recently authored the book titled "Dignity in a Digital Age: Making Tech Work for All of Us".
- Recently East Bengal legend Surajit Sengupta passed away. He was related to **Football**.
- **International Mother Language Day** has been observed on February 21 globally.
- Every year India has been observed the Soil Health Card Day on **19 February**.

- Recently **Meri Policy Mere Hath** programme has been launched by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to deliver crop insurance policies to farmers under PMFBY.
- **Heal by India** programme has recently launched by the government for strengthening the country's educational institutions in the health sector.
- Recently France and its European partners have withdrawn their military from Mali after nine years. **Emmanuel Macron** is the President of France.
- **Tamilisai Sounderarajan** has recently flagged off the historic first-ever all-women officers offshore sailing expedition of the Indian Army.
- Recently **Rs. 2.26 crore** amount has been approved by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for India's second-largest fair Medaram Jathara 2022 Festival.
- **N. R. Narayana Murthy** has chaired the Alternative Investment Policy advisory committee recently reconstituted by SEBI.
- Recently **\$ 60 million** amount of loan has been sanctioned by the World Bank for the REWARD Programme to the Government of Karnataka.
- **JP Morgan** has become the first bank to launch Metaverse by opening a lounge in Decentraland.
- Recently **Rs.155 crore** amount has been raised by the Equitas Small Finance Bank from the federal government of Singapore.
- Recently **Chetan Ghate** has been appointed as the Director of the Institute of Economic Growth recently.
- Recently South Korean IOC member Ryu Seung-min Emma Terho has been re-elected as vice-chair. He is related to **Ice Hockey**.
- Recently Bill Gates has been awarded the second-highest civilian award by Pakistan. The award is conferred for contribution to eradicate **Polio**.
- Recently Bombay Stock Exchange has signed MoU with the four regional associations located in **Maharashtra** for the development of the commodities segment.
- **100 Billion** is the targeted bilateral trade in the next five years between India and UAE.
- As per the Finance Ministry, Public Sector Banks would maintain minimum **51** percent ownership in NARCL and the rest will be with private-sector lenders.
- Recently India has won the right to host the 2023 IOC session in Mumbai. It is announced during **139th** session held in China.
- Recently Sakibul Gani has become the first player to score a triple hundred on his first-class debut. He made his debut from **Bihar** team in Ranji Trophy.
- **A Nation To Protect** book has been authored by Priyam Gandhi Mody recently, launched by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.
- **Uma Das Gupta** has recently authored the book titled "A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore's Pioneering Work in Rural Construction".
- Recently Senior journalist and retired IIS officer Pratap Bordoloi passed away. He worked in **Doordarshan News**.
- Recently Ravish Tiwari passed away following a two-year-long battle with cancer. He was related to **Journalist**.
- The World Thinking Day has been celebrated on 22nd February. Theme - **Our World, Our Equal Future**.

- Trans Union CIBIL and **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry** have planned to Launch Nationwide MSME Consumer Education Program.
- 'Huddle Global 2022' conference, one of Asia's largest startup ecosystem congregations has inaugurated by **Kerala**.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** hosted the Janbhagidari Empowerment' portal.
- Bank of Baroda Financial and **IRCTC** has jointly launched co-branded Rupay Contactless Credit Card.
- Tanishka Kotia, Riddhika Kotia has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' for **Gurgaon** district in Haryana.
- **Ranveer singh** has been awarded as the best actor in Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022.
- **Coal India Limited** has been awarded as the 'India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company' award by ASSOCHAM.
- **Tata Power** has partnered with German Based RWE Renewables to develop offshore wind projects in India.
- The Indian Air Force and **Royal Air Force of Oman** have scheduled to participate in a bilateral exercise named Eastern Bridge-VI.
- Assam has become the First State to Launch Night Navigation Mobile App in Rivers. This app is developed by **IIT Madras**.
- A team of herpetologists have recorded a new species of bent-toed gecko from the Umroi Military Station of **Meghalaya**.
- The Winter Olympics Games 2022 in Beijing has concluded recently. **Italy** is the host of 2026 winter Olympics.
- The Grand Master **Praggnanandhaa** has defeated world champion Magnus Carlsen at **Airthings Masters** Competition.
- The Book titled, "The Founders: The Story of Paypal and the Entrepreneurs Who Shaped Silicon Valley", has authored by author Jimmy Soni. It is published by **Simon & Schuster** publication.
- Shakuntala Choudhary (102 yrs old) who passed away recently was related to **Social Worker & freedom fighter**.
- CIBIL SCORE was introduced in **2007**.
- Aji Lamu is a folk dance of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **Conakry** is the capital of Guinea.
- "Coal India Ltd" headquarters is located in **Kolkata, West Bengal**.
- The ancient festival of "Kanchoth" is celebrated in **Jammu Kashmir**.
- **Rs.20000** is the maximum limit to purchase Sovereign Gold Bonds via cash transaction.
- The International Financial System platform has been developed by **Universal Post Union**.
- Current Reverse Repo Rate - **3.35%**.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Kisan Drone Yatra and flagged off **100** number of Kisan Drones.
- The Government has organised a week-long Vigyan Sarvatra Puujate 'Science exhibition from **February 22 to 28**.

- The Government has approved the continuation of National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship of 5 years. Its outlay - **Rs.1827.00 crore.**
- The 25th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council held under the Chairpersonship of Finance Ministry in **Mumbai.**
- Lavender has been designated as brand product of Doda district, the birthplace of Purple Revolution. Doda district is located in **Jammu & Kashmir.**
- **United Kingdom** has recently decided to close the Tier 1 Investor visa or golden visa route to all new applicants from all nationalities.
- **Mastercard** has partnered with SBI Payments to boost digital payments acceptance infrastructure in Guwahati, Lucknow and Varanasi.
- **Paytm Payments Bank** has become an official acquiring partner for e-RUPI vouchers.
- Vipula Gunatilleka recently in news, has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of **Jet Airways.**
- Takuya Tsumura has been recently appointed as the CEO & President of Car Manufacturing company **Honda.**
- India and **France** have inked a roadmap to enhance their bilateral exchanges on the blue economy and Ocean Governance.
- IIFL Housing Finance Limited has signed a **\$ 68 million** loan with Asian Development Bank to improve funding to affordable green housing.
- **Adani Enterprises** has signed a MoU with Ballard Power Systems to commercialize fuel cells.
- As per the Newspaper, Israel has recently tested a new naval air defense system named **C-Dome** tested against rockets, cruise missiles and drones.
- **IIT Roorkee** has launched the 'KISAN' mobile app for dissemination of Agromet Advisory Services.
- Carlos Alcaraz belongs to **Tennis.**
- National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship was launched in **2008.**
- **RBI Governor** would head the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) sub-committee.
- Currency of United Kingdom - **Pound Sterling.**
- **NPCI** has developed the e-RUPI vouchers.
- In Banking SCORES stands for **SEBI Complaints Redress System.**
- Gelora Bung Karno Stadium Located in **Jakarta.**
- The Dance Sattriya is related to **Assam.**
- The Central Excise Day of India has been celebrated to honour the service of the Central Board of Excise and Custom to the country. This Day is celebrated on **February 24.**
- The Union Minister Giriraj Singh has released Rural Connectivity GIS Data in Public Domain. This includes the GIS data for more than **8 Lakh** rural facilities.
- The Union Minister Sarbananda Sonawal has inaugurated Dredging Museum 'NikarshanSadan' at **Vishakhapatnam,** Andhra Pradesh.
- PM CARE for Children scheme has been extended by the Centre till 28th Feb 2022. Previously, the scheme was applicable till **31st December 2021.**

- The Minister of Coal, Mines, and Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi has Launched ERP System of Coal India Ltd. ERP - **Enterprise Resource Planning**.
- **West Bengal** has planned to build memorial of Bhasha Shahid Barkat (well -known protestor) in Murshidabad.
- The Ramnadi Restoration Mission has announced to set up the city's first Lotus lake at **Khatpewadi Lake** in Pune, Maharashtra.
- **Mumbai's** municipal corporation has recently launched a dedicated Electric Vehicle Cell for their Road based Public Transports.
- The Assam government has launched programme called 'Project Arohan'. This Program is related to **Students**.
- Trip Money has partnered with **SBM Bank** in India to launch global credit card named TripMoney Global card.
- **Edelweiss General Insurance** has joined hands with Ashv Finance, a tech-led NBFC to offer MSME Loan Protection Plans.
- HDFC Bank has financed for Asia's Largest 'Waste-To-Energy' Plant in Indore, MP. As per the report this Plant handles **550 tonnes** of Municipal Solid waste per day.
- Sudha Ragnathan has been appointed as the member of the Central Advisory Board on Culture. She is associated with **Singer**.
- The Soft drinks company Coca-Cola has been appointed **Shah Rukh Khan** as its brand ambassador of Thums Up.
- **K.N. Raghavan** has been elected as the new Chairman of the International Rubber Study Group for a period of two years (2022-2024).
- Indian Air Force would participate in exercise ExCobra Warrior taking place in **UK** in March 2022.
- South Asian Athletic Federation & National Cross-Country Athletics Championship is set to be held in **Nagaland**.
- Mekapati Goutham Reddy passed away recently. He served as the **Industry Minister** of Andhra Pradesh.
- KPAC Lalitha passed away recently. She was a well-known **Actress**.
- Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched in **2000**.
- The eligible age for children to join PM Cares for Children Scheme is **18**.
- The Headquarters of SBM Bank India is located at **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- Tagline of Jammu & Kashmir Bank - **Serving To Empower**.
- **Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary** with highest density of rhinoceros in India.

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## MODEL QUESTIONS

### List of Important Days

1. When is the 'World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day' observed?  
(1) January 25 (2) January 30 (3) February 1 (4) February 3 (5) None of these
2. In which month the 'World Interfaith Harmony Week' is observed every year?  
(1) January (2) February (3) December (4) November (5) None of these
3. What is the name of the new week-long commemoration before the 'National Science Day'?  
(1) Celebration of Science in Past (2) Vigyan Sarvatra Pujiyate (3) Atmanirbhar Vigyan  
(4) 'Science in Culture' Celebrations (5) None of these

### Reserve Bank of India

4. Which institution authorises all Pre-paid Instruments (PPI) in India?  
(1) NPCI (2) RBI (3) Finance Ministry  
(4) Enforcement Directorate (5) None of these

### Supreme Court

5. The Supreme Court has scrapped the 'gender cap' on performers in orchestra bars in which state recently?  
(1) Maharashtra (2) Karnataka (3) West Bengal  
(4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these

### High Courts and Sessions Courts

6. Which High court has constituted a three-judge bench to hear petitions questioning a ban on the use of hijabs in colleges?  
(1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Karnataka (3) Maharashtra  
(4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these

### States

7. Geological Survey of India (GSI) has approved to set up India's first Geo-Park in which state?  
(1) Maharashtra (2) Goa (3) Madhya Pradesh  
(4) Telangana (5) None of these
8. Which state launched 'Project Sadbhawana' to improve Governance?  
(1) New Delhi (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Assam  
(4) Odisha (5) None of these
9. Khijadiya wildlife sanctuary, is a new Ramsar site, located in which state/UT?  
(1) Haryana (2) Bihar (3) Gujarat (4) Uttarakhand (5) None of these
10. With the integration of Chhattisgarh, the 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan is operational in how many states/UT?  
(1) 15 (2) 20 (3) 25 (4) 35 (5) None of these
11. Which North-Eastern state recently inaugurated a dedicated 'Technology Park' for IT sector?  
(1) Assam (2) Meghalaya (3) Manipur (4) Mizoram (5) None of these
12. Punaura Dham, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state?  
(1) Bihar (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Madhya Pradesh  
(4) Odisha (5) None of these

13. Which Indian state/UT launched Mission Bhagiratha to make sustainable drinking water sources?  
 (1) Bihar (2) Telangana (3) Jharkhand (4) West Bengal (5) None of these
14. Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in which Indian state/UT?  
 (1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) Punjab (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
15. White Cheeked Macaque, a new mammal species in the country, has been discovered in which state?  
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) Assam (3) Arunachal Pradesh  
 (4) Sikkim (5) None of these
16. Which state initiated 'Operation Parivartan' to eliminate the cultivation of cannabis?  
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Kerala  
 (4) Goa (5) None of these
17. Legal mining of Bajri (riverbed sand) has been initiated in which state?  
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Rajasthan (3) Bihar  
 (4) West Bengal (5) None of these
18. Which state/UT recently approved the Policy on promotion of foreign investment in the industrial sector?  
 (1) Jammu and Kashmir (2) Assam (3) Goa  
 (4) Ladakh (5) None of these

#### Place in the News

19. Where is the headquarters of the 'United Nations Conference on Trade and Development' located?  
 (1) Geneva (2) Washington (3) Paris (4) Brussels (5) None of these
20. In which Indian state is the 'Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT)' located?  
 (1) Gujarat (2) Sikkim (3) Maharashtra (4) Uttarakhand (5) None of these
21. Zmiinyi Island (Snake Island), which was seen in the news, is located in which Sea/Ocean?  
 (1) Black Sea (2) Pacific Ocean (3) Mediterranean Sea  
 (4) Atlantic Ocean (5) None of these

#### Defence and National Security

22. Which country launched the Hwasong-12 mid-range ballistic missile?  
 (1) China (2) Japan (3) North Korea (4) South Korea (5) None of these
23. "Vayam Rakshamah" or "We Protect" is the theme of which armed force of India?  
 (1) Indian Coast Guard (2) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (3) Assam Sentinels  
 (4) Border Security Force (5) None of these
24. Super Hornet is a fighter aircraft manufactured at which country?  
 (1) France (2) USA (3) Russia (4) Israel (5) None of these
25. Kameng sector, where seven army personnel died in an avalanche, is located in which state/UT?  
 (1) Arunachal Pradesh (2) Ladakh (3) Sikkim  
 (4) Himachal Pradesh (5) None of these

26. Which is the venue of 'DefExpo 2022' Defence Exhibition?  
(1) Goa (2) Chennai (3) Varanasi (4) Gandhi Nagar (5) None of these
27. 'Dharma Guardian' Exercise is an annual Military Exercise between India and which country?  
(1) Sri Lanka (2) Japan (3) Australia (4) UAE (5) None of these

### Schemes/Initiatives

28. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Services e-Health Assistance and Teleconsultation (SeHAT)' initiative?  
(1) Defence Ministry (2) Health and Family Welfare Ministry  
(3) Electronics and IT Ministry (4) Science and Technology Ministry (5) None of these
29. What was the mission period of National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY)?  
(1) 2014-2018 (2) 2015-2019 (3) 2016-2020 (4) 2017-2021 (5) None of these
30. Which institution/ office announced the 'Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship 2022'?  
(1) NITI Aayog (2) Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser  
(3) IIT- Madras (4) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs  
(5) None of these
31. "Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram" is a scheme of which Union Ministry?  
(1) Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
(2) Ministry of Education  
(3) Ministry of Skill Development  
(4) Ministry of Labour and Employment  
(5) None of these
32. 'Development of design studios' is a new sub-scheme under which scheme?  
(1) Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme  
(2) Design Linked Incentive Scheme  
(3) PM YUVA Yojana  
(4) PM KUSUM Scheme  
(5) None of these
33. Which is the nodal agency of Powerthon-2022, a hackathon launched by the Union Power Ministry?  
(1) PFC (2) REC (3) NITI Aayog (4) ONGC (5) None of these
34. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Central Media Accreditation Guidelines-2022'?  
(1) Ministry of Electronics and IT (2) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting  
(3) Ministry of Communication (4) Ministry of Home Affairs (5) None of these
35. Which institution launched agro ecology-based programme named 'JIVA'?  
(1) NITI Aayog (2) NABARD (3) ICAR (4) CSIR (5) None of these
36. Which Union Ministry launched 'New Frontiers' program, as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav?  
(1) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy  
(2) Ministry of Power  
(3) Ministry of Coal  
(4) Ministry of External Affairs  
(5) None of these

37. What is the main objective of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP)?  
 (1) Skill Development (2) Infrastructure Development  
 (3) Healthcare Development (4) Export Development (5) None of these
38. Which Union Ministry implements the 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)' scheme?  
 (1) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways  
 (2) Ministry of Rural Development  
 (3) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
 (4) Ministry of Panchayati Raj  
 (5) None of these
39. National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) has been extended till which year?  
 (1) 2023-24 (2) 2025-26 (3) 2029-30 (4) 2031-32 (5) None of these
40. Which Union Ministry launched the 'National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing'?  
 (1) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology  
 (2) Ministry of MSME  
 (3) Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
 (4) Ministry of Science and Technology  
 (5) None of these
41. 'IVFRT Scheme', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which field?  
 (1) Immigration (2) Irrigation (3) Information  
 (4) Industry (5) None of these
42. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Bhasha Certificate Selfie' Campaign?  
 (1) Ministry of Education (2) Ministry of Culture (3) Ministry of Tourism  
 (4) Ministry of External Affairs (5) None of these

#### Summit/Conference

43. Which is the host country of the African Union Summit 2022?  
 (1) Zimbabwe (2) Mali (3) Ethiopia (4) South Africa (5) None of these
44. India recently held a 'High Level Conference on Renewable Energy (RE)' along with which bloc?  
 (1) SAARC (2) ASEAN (3) BRICS (4) G-20 (5) None of these
45. Which country is the host of One Summit, which was seen in the news recently?  
 (1) USA (2) France (3) Russia (4) China (5) None of these
46. Which institution hosts the 'World Sustainable Development Summit'?  
 (1) UNFCCC (2) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre  
 (3) NITI Aayog (4) The Energy and Resources Institute  
 (5) None of these
47. Which Union Ministry/Institution organized Global Summit on 'Reimagining Museums in India'?  
 (1) Ministry of Culture (2) Ministry of Tourism (3) NITI Aayog  
 (4) UNESCO (5) None of these
48. Which country holds the Presidency of G 20 in 2022?  
 (1) India (2) Indonesia (3) China (4) Japan (5) None of these
49. Where was the 6th African Union - European Union Summit held?  
 (1) Brussels (2) Cairo (3) Rome (4) Johannesburg (5) None of these

50. Who chairs the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)?  
 (1) RBI Governor (2) Union Finance Minister (3) Prime Minister  
 (4) NITI Aayog CEO (5) None of these
51. Which is the venue of the 'Devayatanam – An odyssey of Indian temple architecture' conference?  
 (1) Puri (2) Hampi (3) Mysuru (4) Varanasi (5) None of these

### Agreement/Deal/Signed

52. India signed agreement with UN World Food Program for distribution of wheat to which country?  
 (1) Maldives (2) Sri Lanka (3) Syria (4) Afghanistan (5) None of these
53. India signed a LoI on New and Renewable energy technology with which country?  
 (1) Israel (2) Australia (3) USA (4) New Zealand (5) None of these
54. India signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with which country in February 2022?  
 (1) UAE (2) China (3) Brazil (4) Russia (5) None of these
55. India, along with which country, agreed on 'Roadmap on Blue Economy and Ocean Governance'?  
 (1) USA (2) UAE (3) France (4) Japan (5) None of these
56. 'CEPI' has announced partnership with which Indian pharma company to develop Covid Vaccine?  
 (1) Panacea Biotech (2) Cadila Healthcare (3) Cipla  
 (4) Sun Pharma (5) None of these
57. National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) signed MoU with which institution to collaborate on 'Sustainable Cities India program'?  
 (1) NITI Aayog (2) World Economic Forum (3) World Bank  
 (4) UNDP (5) None of these

### Fund

58. What is the outlay of Prime Minister Awas Yojana (PMAY), in the Union Budget 2022-23?  
 (1) Rs 96000 Cr (2) Rs 75000 Cr (3) Rs 48000 Cr (4) Rs 36000 Cr (5) None of these

### Economy

59. What is the official Gross domestic product (GDP) deflator projection for 2022-23?  
 (1) 1.5- 2 % (2) 3- 3.5 % (3) 4.5- 5 % (4) 10 % (5) None of these

### Companies/Industry

60. Spikevax, which received full approval from US FDA, was manufactured by which pharma company?  
 (1) Pfizer (2) Moderna (3) Astrazeneca  
 (4) Johnson and Johnson (5) None of these

### Stock Market

61. Which body regulates the Stock Exchanges in India?  
 (1) Reserve Bank of India (2) Securities and Exchange Board of India  
 (3) Finance Ministry (4) Securities and Exchange Commission  
 (5) None of these

## Exports/Imports

62. India imported a record 100,000 tonnes of Soy Oil from which country?  
(1) UAE (2) USA (3) Malaysia (4) Australia (5) None of these

## Space

63. Which country leads the 'Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT)' project?  
(1) USA (2) Russia (3) China (4) Australia (5) None of these
64. 'Space Applications Centre and Physical Research Laboratory' function under the aegis of which institution?  
(1) DRDO (2) ISRO (3) CSIR (4) BARC (5) None of these
65. MUSE and HelioSwarm, which were seen in the news recently, are associated with which space agency?  
(1) ISRO (2) JAXA (3) NASA (4) ESA (5) None of these
66. Which space mission/ satellite of ISRO has detected 'Solar proton events' for the first time?  
(1) Chandrayaan-1 (2) Chandrayaan-2 (3) Mars Orbiter Mission  
(4) Mangalyaan 2 (5) None of these
67. Which country's rover has spotted two glass spheres on the far side of the Moon?  
(1) India (2) China (3) UAE (4) USA (5) None of these

## Science and Technology

68. Scientists from which country achieved a milestone in nuclear fusion energy, by generating 59 MJ of sustained energy?  
(1) USA (2) China (3) India (4) UK (5) None of these
69. An ancient Roman settlement has been recently found by the archaeologists in which country?  
(1) Greece (2) UK (3) USA (4) Russia (5) None of these
70. Intracortical Visual Prosthesis (ICVP), seen in the news, is associated with which field?  
(1) Artificial Vision (2) Artificial Intelligence (3) Spyware  
(4) Navigation (5) None of these

## Health/Diseases/Drugs

71. 'CAR T-cell therapy' which was seen in the news, is used to treat which disease?  
(1) Cancer (2) Tuberculosis (3) Diphtheria (4) Sickle Cell Anaemia (5) None of these
72. The world's first woman was cured of HIV through which process?  
(1) Stem cell transplant (2) Antiretroviral therapy  
(3) Tuberculosis Treatment (4) Blood Transfusion (5) None of these
73. Which African country has recently declared a Polio outbreak?  
(1) Malawi (2) South Africa (3) Nigeria  
(4) Democratic Republic of Congo (5) None of these

## Environment

74. Hemidactylus easai is the name of which new species, identified in the Western Ghats, Kerala?  
(1) Snake (2) Gecko (3) Spider (4) Frog (5) None of these

75. Australia has recently designated which species as 'Endangered'?
- (1) Panda (2) Koala (3) Kangaroo (4) Sloth (5) None of these
76. Crimson Rose, which was seen in the news recently, belongs to which species?
- (1) Flower (2) Butterfly (3) Panda (4) Snake (5) None of these
77. Which region is affected by Storm Clusters including three Storms- Eunice, Franklin and Dudley?
- (1) North America (2) Europe (3) Australia  
(4) Africa (5) None of these
78. Which country has been hit by 'Cyclone Emnati'?
- (1) Indonesia (2) Madagascar (3) Philippines (4) Japan (5) None of these

### Festival

79. 'Kanchoth festival' is celebrated in which Indian state/UT?
- (1) Bihar (2) Jammu and Kashmir (3) West Bengal  
(4) Assam (5) None of these
80. 'Medaram Jatara' is a fair celebrated in which Indian state?
- (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Telangana (3) Gujarat  
(4) Bihar (5) None of these
81. 'Khajuraho Dance Festival' is a famous event organised in which Indian state?
- (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Bihar (3) Gujarat  
(4) Maharashtra (5) None of these

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

82. Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba has been declared President of which country?
- (1) Burkina Faso (2) Namibia (3) Zimbabwe  
(4) Mali (5) None of these
83. Ilker Ayci, former Turkish Airlines Chairman has been appointed as the MD and CEO of which Indian Airlines?
- (1) Spice Jet (2) IndiGo (3) Air India (4) Vistara (5) None of these

### Deaths

84. Luc Montagnier, who passed away recently, won Nobel Prize for Medicine for which discovery?
- (1) Human Immunodeficiency Virus  
(2) Ebola  
(3) Chikungunya  
(4) Rotavirus  
(5) None of these

### Awards/Honours

85. Who has been conferred with Hilal-e-Pakistan - the 2nd highest civilian award of Pakistan, in 2022?
- (1) Bill Gates (2) Malala Yousafzai (3) Elon Musk  
(4) Xi Jinping (5) None of these
86. Which Indian mathematician was conferred 'Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians' 2021?
- (1) Neena Gupta (2) R Praggnanandhaa (3) Dr. B. Uma Shankar  
(4) Dr. Kuntal Ghosh (5) None of these

## Sports/Game

87. Indian Women's Hockey Team won which position in the Asia Cup 2022?  
(1) First (2) Second (3) Third (4) Fourth (5) None of these
88. Which is the venue of the Nehru Trophy Boat Race in 2022?  
(1) UAE (2) Sri Lanka (3) Maldives (4) Mauritius (5) None of these
89. Which Indian city has been elected as the host of 2023 International Olympic Committee's (IOC) session?  
(1) New Delhi (2) Mumbai (3) Chennai (4) Hyderabad (5) None of these
90. Which country topped the medal tally in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics?  
(1) China (2) USA (3) Norway (4) Germany (5) None of these
91. Which city is the host of Senior National Chess Championship-2022?  
(1) Mumbai (2) Kanpur (3) Chennai (4) Panaji (5) None of these

## Report

92. As of 2022, which country is the top Steel Producer in the world?  
(1) India (2) China (3) USA (4) Australia (5) None of these
93. Which institution released the 'Death Penalty in India' Report?  
(1) National Crime Records Bureau (2) National Law University (3) NITI Aayog  
(4) Supreme Court (5) None of these
94. What is the percentage of Women representation of board seats in India in 2021, as per 'Women in the Boardroom report'?  
(1) 4.1 (2) 7.1 (3) 17.1 (4) 27.1 (5) None of these
95. Which Indian city has the most Traffic congestion, as per TomTom Traffic Index?  
(1) New Delhi (2) Mumbai (3) Bengaluru (4) Chennai (5) None of these
96. Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) is published by which institution?  
(1) NITI Aayog (2) Pratham Foundation  
(3) Ministry of Education (4) Ministry of Women and Child Development  
(5) None of these
97. Which Indian state has the highest number of killings as a part of 'Witch Hunting', as per NCRB?  
(1) Jharkhand (2) Odisha (3) Gujarat (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
98. What is the rank of India in the 2021 Democracy Index report?  
(1) 32 (2) 46 (3) 52 (4) 85 (5) None of these
99. Which institution released reports documenting India's Covid-19 vaccine development and administration journey?  
(1) Institute for Competitiveness (2) NITI Aayog  
(3) John Hopkins University (4) AIIMS (5) None of these
100. 'Health Star Rating' is an initiative of which organisation?  
(1) Food Corporation of India (2) FSSAI (3) NABARD  
(4) NITI Aayog (5) None of these



## General - National

101. 'Scheme for enhancement of competitiveness of capital goods sector' is associated with which Ministry?  
(1) Ministry of Steel (2) Ministry of Heavy Industries  
(3) Ministry of Textiles (4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry (5) None of these
102. The National Centre of Excellence in Carbon Capture and Utilisation (NCOE-CCU) has been established at which institution?  
(1) DRDO (2) IIT- Bombay (3) IISc- Bengaluru  
(4) ISRO (5) None of these
103. Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) functions under the aegis of which institution?  
(1) Reserve Bank of India (2) Ministry of Finance  
(3) Ministry of External Affairs (4) Ministry of Commerce (5) None of these
104. Which is the first institution set up under the National river interlinking policy?  
(1) Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority  
(2) Kaveri-Godavari Link Project Authority  
(3) Godavari-Krishna Link Project Authority  
(4) Narmada-Tapi Link Project Authority  
(5) None of these
105. Which institution has organised 'Darkathon -2022' initiative to find solutions to counter dark-net markets?  
(1) Central Bureau of Investigation (2) Narcotics Control Bureau  
(3) Enforcement Directorate (4) National Investigation Agency (5) None of these
106. With reference to plastic packaging, what does EPR stand for?  
(1) Extended Producer Responsibility  
(2) Environment Protection Responsibility  
(3) Ecological Protection Role  
(4) Epoxy Poly Rehydroxy-sulphate  
(5) None of these
107. 'Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS)' is associated with which Union Ministry?  
(1) Ministry of Law and Justice  
(2) Ministry of Home Affairs  
(3) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs  
(4) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
(5) None of these
108. Which Union Ministry has released Guidelines on Data Security to its officials, banning the use of digital assistant devices?  
(1) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting  
(2) Ministry of Communication  
(3) Ministry of Defence  
(4) Ministry of External Affairs  
(5) None of these
109. Which nocturnal pollinator has been found to have vital role in 'Pollination' in the Himalayan ecosystem?  
(1) Moths (2) Bees (3) Butterflies (4) Bats (5) None of these

## General - International

110. UNCITRAL, seen in the news, is a UN Agency associated with which field?  
(1) Children Welfare (2) Climate Change (3) Insolvency  
(4) Heritage (5) None of these
111. The United States recently announced which country as its major non-NATO ally?  
(1) UAE (2) Qatar (3) Israel (4) Japan (5) None of these
112. Which country inaugurated the Ijmuiden Sea Lock, the world's largest sea lock?  
(1) USA (2) USA (3) Australia (4) The Netherlands (5) None of these
113. 'Lake Albert' is located as a border between which two countries?  
(1) Uganda-Democratic Republic of Congo  
(2) Algeria-Libya  
(3) South Africa- Tanzania  
(4) Uganda- Ethiopia  
(5) None of these
114. Skeletal remains of a man buried near a headless horse have been found in which country?  
(1) Russia (2) Greece (3) Germany (4) China (5) None of these
115. Which country re-launched the "Cancer Moonshot" program?  
(1) China (2) USA (3) Russia (4) UK (5) None of these
116. CPEC is an Economic Corridor connecting Xinjiang region of China and Gwadar Port of which country?  
(1) Iran (2) Pakistan (3) Afghanistan (4) Kazakhstan (5) None of these
117. Which country's central bank has launched 'Five-year plan for financial standardisation'?  
(1) USA (2) India (3) China (4) Japan (5) None of these
118. Belarus is bordered by which Sea?  
(1) Baltic Sea (2) North Sea (3) Black Sea (4) No Sea Border (5) None of these
119. Xinjiang region, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?  
(1) Bangladesh (2) China (3) South Korea (4) Japan (5) None of these
120. What is the objective of World Bank's REWARD Program?  
(1) Promotion of School Education (2) Watershed management  
(3) Solid waste Management (4) Infrastructure Development (5) None of these

Ans: 1-2, 2-2, 3-2, 4-2, 5-1, 6-2, 7-3, 8-3, 9-3, 10-4, 11-2, 12-1, 13-2, 14-2, 15-3, 16-1, 17-2, 18-1, 19-1, 20-3, 21-1, 22-3, 23-1, 24-2, 25-1, 26-4, 27-2, 28-1, 29-2, 30-2, 31-1, 32-1, 33-2, 34-2, 35-2, 36-1, 37-2, 38-2, 39-2, 40-1, 41-1, 42-1, 43-3, 44-2, 45-2, 46-4, 47-1, 48-2, 49-1, 50-2, 51-2, 52-4, 53-2, 54-1, 55-3, 56-1, 57-2, 58-3, 59-2, 60-2, 61-2, 62-2, 63-1, 64-2, 65-3, 66-2, 67-2, 68-4, 69-2, 70-1, 71-1, 72-1, 73-1, 74-2, 75-2, 76-2, 77-2, 78-2, 79-2, 80-2, 81-1, 82-1, 83-3, 84-1, 85-1, 86-1, 87-3, 88-1, 89-2, 90-3, 91-2, 92-2, 93-2, 94-3, 95-2, 96-2, 97-1, 98-2, 99-1, 100-2, 101-2, 102-2, 103-2, 104-1, 105-2, 106-1, 107-2, 108-1, 109-1, 110-3, 111-2, 112-4, 113-1, 114-3, 115-2, 116-2, 117-3, 118-4, 119-2, 120-2.

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