

## GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

### MONTH OF JANUARY-2022

#### List of Important Days

- January 01 - 64th foundation day of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- January 04 - World Braille Day.
- January 06 - World Day of War Orphans.
- January 09 - Non-Resident Indian Day or also known as the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas.
- January 10 - World Hindi Day.
- January 10 to 16 - First-Ever Startup India Innovation Week.
- January 11 - National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2022.
- January 12 - National Youth Day. (Theme - "It's all in the mind.")
- January 15 - Indian Army Day.
- January 16 - National Startup Day.
- January 19 - 17th Raising Day is celebrated by National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).
- January 19 - Kokborok Day also known as Tripuri Language Day.
- January 24 - National Girl Child Day.
- January 24 - International Day of Education.
- January 24 - International Education Day.
- January 25 - National Voters Day. (Theme - "Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible, and Participative")
- January 25 - National Tourism Day. (Theme - "Rural and Community Centric Tourism")
- January 25 - Himachal Pradesh is celebrating its golden jubilee statehood day.
- January 28 - Data Privacy Day. (Theme - "Privacy Matters")
- January 30 - World Leprosy Day. (Theme - "United for Dignity")

#### Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its "Annual Report of the Ombudsman Schemes for the year 2020-21", highlighting a rise in **Banking Ombudsman complaints**.
  - During April 2020-March 2021, report witnessed a **22.27 per cent increase** in number of complaints under various ombudsman schemes.
  - Chandigarh, Kanpur and Delhi received the maximum number of complaints.

#### State Bank of India

- **State Bank of India** will acquire up to 9.95 per cent stake in India International Clearing Corporation (IFSC) Ltd subject to a maximum investment of Rs 34.03 crore.

#### Other Banks

- The dispute between BharatPe founder **Ashneer Grover** and **Kotak Mahindra Bank** over IPO financing escalated sharply, with the bank's wealth management unit pledging to pursue legal action over Grover's use of abusive language and threats.
- The name of **YES Asset Management** has been rechristened as White Oak Capital Asset Management and therefore the name of YES Mutual Fund has been changed to **White Oak Capital Mutual Fund**.

## Insurance

- **State Bank of India General Insurance Company Ltd** has launched a campaign titled '#BahaneChhodoTaxBachao' to increase awareness around the need to buy health insurance to save tax.

## High Courts and Sessions Courts

- The **Kerala High Court** is all set to become India's **first paperless court**.
  - Supreme Court judge Justice **DY Chandrachud** inaugurated the smart courtrooms on 1 January 2022.

## Central Government

- The **Indian** government will own a 36 percent stake in **Vodafone Idea**, the country's third-largest wireless phone operator in a new rescue plan.

## States

- The **Uttarakhand** government increased the **old-age pension** and **widow pension** from ₹1200 to ₹1400.
  - The Pushkar Singh Dhama-led government, in the cabinet meeting, also decided to give maternity leave to the guest female teachers.
- In **Kerala**, the first **battery-powered electric boat** built for the **Kochi Water Metro Project** was handed over to the Kochi Metro Rail Limited.
- **Odisha's Ganjam** has declared itself a **child marriage free** district, the first in the State.
- **Himachal Pradesh** became the first **LPG enables**, also, **smoke-free state**.
  - This milestone was achieved due to the Ujjwala Scheme and Grahini Suvidha Yojana by Centre.
- **Kochi**, Kerala has become India's **first city** to have a **Water Metro Project** after the launch of its first boat in December 2021, namely 'Muziris,' among the 23 battery-powered electric boats being manufactured by Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- **Andhra Pradesh** State Government has announced increase in the **retirement age** of the State Government Employees as per the latest update.
  - The latest order passed by AP Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's Govt has decided to extend the retirement age for AP Govt Staff from the existing 60 years to **62 years**.
- **Kumbalangi** village in Cochin is all set to become India's first **sanitary-napkin-free** panchayat.
  - This move is a part of 'Avalkayi' initiative, which is being implemented in the Ernakulam parliamentary constituency, in association with "Thingal Scheme" of HLL Management Academy's and Indian Oil Corporation.

## Defence and National Security

- **India** will host 46 nations in mega naval war games in 2022, known as Exercise **Milan** which will take place in **Visakhapatnam** from February 25 to February 25, 2022.
  - **Camaraderie, cohesion, and collaboration** are the **themes** of the 11th edition of exercise Milan.
- **India** and its partners in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or **Quad** along with **Canada** and **South Korea** are participating in the multinational exercise **Sea Dragon 2022** at Guam in the Western Pacific.
  - The six nations that are participating in the exercise are the United States, Australia, Canada, India, Japan and South Korea.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) successfully test-fired an extended range sea-to-sea variant of the **BrahMos** supersonic cruise missile for the Indian Navy.
  - This advanced sea to sea variant of BrahMos Supersonic Cruise missile was launched from **INS Visakhapatnam**, a stealth guided-missile destroyer of the Indian Navy.

- **Philippines** has become the **first** foreign country to place an **order** for the purchase of the **BrahMos** Shore-Based cruise Missile System for its navy.
- **Indian Navy** and **Russian Navy** undertook **PASSEX exercises** at the port of Cochin, in the Arabian Sea.
  - The Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built guided-missile destroyer, INS Kochi, took part in the exercise. Russian Federation Navy was represented by RFS Admiral Tributs.
- A Maritime Partnership Exercise was held between the **Indian Navy** and **Japan** Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) in the Bay of Bengal in a non-contact mode amid COVID-19.
  - The Indian side was represented by Indian Naval Ships (INS) Shivalik and INS Kadmatt while JMSDF Ships Uraga and Hirado participated from the Japanese side.
- **Israel** completed a successful flight test of the **Arrow-3**. The test was performed at a test site in central Israel, and led by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI).
  - It was developed in a joint project between the Defense Ministry's Missile Defense Organization and the American Missile Defense Agency.
- A joint maritime exercise **Paschim Lehar** was conducted by the **Indian Navy** concluded off the West Coast.

#### Schemes/Initiatives

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone of **Major Dhyan Chand Sports University** in **Meerut**, Uttar Pradesh on January 2, 2022.
  - The sports university has been set up at Salawa and Kaili villages of Sardhana town in Meerut at an estimated cost of Rs 700 Crore.
- Gujarat Chief Minister, **Bhupendra Patel** has been launched "Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0 (SSIP-2.0)" for the next five years.
- The Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh on January 6, 2022, inaugurated India's first unique '**Rock**' museum in **Hyderabad**.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated **Kalpna Chawla Centre** for Research in Space Science and Technology (KCCRSST) at **Chandigarh** University.
- The Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** has launched a **research portal** of the **National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research**.
- **Lok Sabha** Speaker **Om Birla** has launched the official mobile application of the Parliament named '**Digital Sansad App**', to allow citizens to access live proceedings of the House, including the Union Budget 2022 live.

#### Summit/Conference

- PM Modi will host the first **India-Central Asia Summit** on January 27, 2022, in a virtual format.
  - The summit will be held with the participation of the Presidents of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan.

#### Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **SBI Cards and Payment Services** has tied up with **Paytm** for card **tokenization** to protect the data of the cardholders.
- The leaders of **Japan** and **Australia** signed a "landmark" defence agreement that allows closer cooperation between their militaries and stands as a rebuke to China's growing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific region.
- **RBL Bank** and **Google** announced a strategic collaboration to fuel the Bank's customer experience strategy.

- Through this, the bank will expand its value proposition to serve its rapidly growing customer base through the digital platform, **Abacus 2.0**.
- **UK** government announced the launch of **free trade agreement** (FTA) negotiations with **India**.
- **LazyPay**, a Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL) solution by PayU Finance, announced its partnership with **SBM Bank India** to launch **LazyCard**, a prepaid payment instrument backed by a credit line that works on the Visa payment network.
- **Adani Group** and South Korea's largest steelmaker **POSCO** have signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore business opportunities in India.
  - This includes the establishment of a green, environment-friendly integrated steel mill at **Mundra, Gujarat**.
- **Axis Bank** has tied up with **MinkasuPay** to offer a **biometric authentication** solution for net banking payments in merchant apps using Fingerprint or Face ID, without the need for usernames, passwords, and One-Time Passwords (OTPs).
- **TerraPay** has signed MoU with NPCI International Payments Limited (**NIPL**) to allow Indian customers with an active UPI ID to receive real-time, international payments into their bank accounts via TerraPay's secure payments technology.
- The Government of **India** has joined hands with the Government of **Israel** to create 150 '**Villages of Excellence**' in 12 States of the country, to help farmers to adopt the latest technology in the farm sector.
- Social media giant **Meta** has partnered with industry body the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (**FICCI**) to support five lakh women-led small businesses across India.
  - Meta will undertake this initiative under its **#SheMeansBusiness** programme, in partnership with FICCI's 'Empowering the Greater 50%' initiative.

#### Fund

- The Union Cabinet approved **infusion** of **1500 crore** rupees in **IREDA**. It will help generate 10,200 jobs a year and reduce carbon emissions equivalent to approximately 7.49 million tonnes per year.
  - The IREDA played a big role in the field of renewable energy and its portfolio had increased from ₹8,800 crore to ₹28,000 crore in the past six years.

#### Economy

- According to the World Gold Council (**WGC**) report '**Gold Demand Trends 2021**' has informed that the global gold **demand** rose **10 per cent** in 2021 to 4,021.3 tonnes.

#### Companies/Industry

- **Tech Mahindra** has approved a proposal for the acquisition of a 100 per cent stake in **Allyis India and Green Investments**, for a total consideration of up to USD 125 million.
- **NTPC** intends to purchase a 5% stake in **Power Exchange of India Ltd**.
  - It should be stated that the government intends to increase the share of spot power in India's total electricity supply to 25% by 2023-24.
- **CryptoWire**, a global crypto super app that is a special business unit of TickerPlant, announced the launch of India's first index of **Crypto currencies - IC15**, which is a rule-based broad market index by market capitalization.
- Alphabet Inc-owned, **Google** has acquired Israeli cyber security startup **Siemplify**, in a deal worth \$500 million.
- Mukesh Ambani's **Reliance Retail** has invested **\$200 million** or around Rs 1,488 crore in Bengaluru-based quick commerce player **Dunzo** for a 25.8 per cent stake on a fully diluted basis.

- **Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)** has announced the acquisition of a controlling stake of 73.37% in **Mandarin Oriental New York**, a premium luxury hotel in midtown Manhattan.
- **MobiKwik**, one of India's largest mobile wallets and Buy Now Pay Later (**BNPL**) Fintech companies launched '**ClickPay**' for its customers, in collaboration with NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL).
- **Tata Power Renewable Energy (TPREL)**, a 100 percent subsidiary of Tata Power, has announced the commissioning of **two Solar Power Projects in Uttar Pradesh**.
  - The two power projects worth 100MW with each having 50MW of capacity will be developed in the **Prayagraj and Banda** regions of Uttar Pradesh.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**) and Reliance **Jio** have announced the launch of **UPI AUTOPAY** for the telecom industry with Jio.
- **Bharti Airtel** has announced that **Google** will invest up to **\$1 billion** in the company as part of its Google for India Digitization Fund.
  - The deal includes \$700 million investment to **acquire 1.28%** stake in Bharti Airtel and up to \$300 million towards implementing various commercial agreements.
- A teen-focused Fintech startup based in India, **Pencilton** has recently launched **PencilCard**, a debit card that is compliant with National Common Mobility Card standards.
  - It has been launched in partnership with **Transcorp**.
- The government of India officially handed over India's flag carrier, **Air India** to the **Tata Group**, almost 69 years after acquiring the conglomerate.
- The total value of the deal is Rs 18,000 crore (US\$2.4 billion).
- **Paytm Money** has introduced "India's first" intelligent messenger called '**Pops**'.
  - Paytm Money is partnering with InvestorAi to offer stock recommendations based on signals generated using artificial intelligence.
- **Tata Group** has chosen **State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda** and **HDFC Bank** as preferred bankers for **Air India**.
  - Tata Sons have availed of a Rs 10,000-crore loan from SBI and a Rs 5,000-crore loan from BoB. The loan from HDFC Bank is not known yet. The loans are unrated, unsecured, and pegged at 4.25% [interest rate] annually.

## Space

- **Japan** has launched **Inmarsat-6 F1**, a communication satellite, through a Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) **H-IIA204 rocket** from Japan's Tanegashima Space Center that will enter geostationary orbit, about 22,240 miles (35,790 kilo metres) above the earth.
- The Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) has successfully conducted the qualification test of **cryogenic engine** for the **Gaganyaan Programme**.
  - The duration of the test was for 720 seconds at ISRO Propulsion Complex in Tamil Nadu.
- **China** has built a first-of-its-kind vacuum chamber aimed at mimicking the environment on the surface of the **moon**, scientists have said.
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- **South Africa** has launched its **first satellite** constellation developed entirely in the continent of Africa.

- Three locally produced Nano satellites, which made up the country's first Maritime Domain Awareness Satellite (MDASat) constellation, were launched from Cape Canaveral in the **United States**, as part of American aerospace company SpaceX's Transporter-3 mission.

#### Health/Diseases/Drugs

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has approved a **testing kit** for detecting the **Omicron** variant of the **SARS-CoV-2** coronavirus.
  - The covid kit developed by **Tata** is called '**OmiSure**' and will be an enhancement for the detection of the Omicron variant.

#### Transport/Cars/Scooters

- **Haryana** Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala announced that **Gurugram** will get India's 1st **heli-hub** with all aviation facilities.
  - The heli-hub is proposed to be built in Gurugram & would be near the metro facility along with easy connectivity to industrial areas (Noida & Bhiwadi).
- The Railway Protection Force (**RPF**) of the **Western Railways zone** of Indian Railways has launched a new initiative called "**Mission Amanat**" to make it easier for railway passengers to get back their **lost luggage**.
- **India's largest** electric vehicle (**EV**) **charging station** with a capacity of 100 charging points for **4 wheelers**, was opened at Delhi-Jaipur National Highway in **Gurugram**.
  - The new EV charging station has been developed by tech-piloting company Alekrify Private Limited.

#### Films and Film Festival

- The **20th Dhaka International Film Festival** began in 2022 on 15 January. Dhaka, Bangladesh, hosts the 20th Dhaka International Film Festival.
  - Between the 15th and the 23rd of January, the festival will screen 225 films from 70 countries in ten categories at various venues throughout Dhaka.
- **Telugu short film** 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**).
  - '**Street Student**' by **Akula Sandeep** has been selected for the first prize worth Rs 2 lakh in the seventh Short Film Award Competition.
  - '**Karfew**' by **Romi Meitei** has been selected for the **second** prize worth Rs 1.5 lakh.
  - '**Munghyar**' by **Nilesh Ambedkar** has been selected for the **third** prize worth Rs 1 lakh.

#### Festival

- **Losoong** (Namsoong) is annually celebrated across the Indian State of **Sikkim** on the 18th day of the 10th month of the Tibetan Lunar Calendar, which also marks the beginning of the harvest season.
- The 18th edition of the two days long **Kachai Lemon Festival** began in **Manipur** at the Local Ground of Kachai Village in Ukhrul district.

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

- The Indian Railways has appointed **VK Tripathi** as chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the **Railway Board**. He will replace **Suneet Sharma**, a 1982 batch IRSME officer.
- Senior bureaucrat **Sanjay Kumar Singh** has been appointed as **Steel Secretary** as part of a major top-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.
- **Vistara** has announced that **Vinod Kannan** took over as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the airline.
  - Kannan replaced **Leslie Thng** who was the CEO from July 2017 to December 2021.

- **Baldev Prakash** has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of **Jammu & Kashmir Bank** for three years.
  - Apart from him, **R K Chhibber** has been appointed as an additional director on the board of the bank.
- **V.S. Pathania** took over as the 24th Director General (DG) of the **Indian Coast Guard** from **Krishnaswamy Natarajan** who retired from service.
- **Tesla** founder and CEO **Elon Musk**, who has been using social media to recruit people, has disclosed that Indian-origin **Ashok Elluswamy** was the first employee to be hired for his **electric vehicle company's Autopilot team**.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed **Deepak Kumar** and **Ajay Kumar Choudhary** as new executive directors (ED) with effect from 03 January.
- Director HR in ONGC, **Alka Mittal** has been given the additional charge as the new interim chairman and managing director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), the largest oil and gas producer in India.
  - She replaces **Subhash Kumar** who superannuated on December 31.
- Additional Secretary under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, **G Asok Kumar** was appointed as the new Director-General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
  - He succeeded Director-General, **Rajiv Ranjan Mishra**.
  - Kumar is popularly known as '**the Rain Man of India**' for his excellent work in rainwater harvesting under the "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign.
- Indian-origin American diplomat **Atul Keshap** has been appointed as the President of the U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) by the US Chambers of Commerce.
  - Atul Keshap replaces **Nisha Desai Biswal**.
- China's senior diplomat **Zhang Ming** has taken charge as the new **Secretary-General** of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in which India is a member.
  - He has taken charge from **Vladimir Norov**, former Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan for a three-year term.
- State-owned **Bank of Baroda** has signed cricketer **Shafali Verma** as its **brand endorser**.
- Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has appointed Kuwaiti oil executive **Haitham Al Ghais** as its new **secretary-general**, as demand for oil continues to improve amid a mild recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.
  - Al Ghais replacing **Mohammad Barkindo**.
- Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, **Urjit Patel** has been appointed as **Vice President** of the multilateral funding institution Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for a period of three years.
  - He will succeed outgoing Vice President D J Pandian, who is in charge of sovereign and non-sovereign lending of the AIIB in South Asia, the Pacific Islands and South-East Asia.
- French-born economist **Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas** has been named as the next **chief economist** of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
  - He will succeed **Gita Gopinath**, the first woman to serve as the Fund's chief economist.
- Eminent rocket scientist **S. Somanath** has been appointed as the Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the Space Secretary.
- **RenewBuy**, an online insurance platform, has appointed **Rajkummar Rao** as the **brand ambassador** for its 1st 360-degree consumer advertising campaign that highlights consumers' insurance needs.
  - The campaign was designed and conceptualized by Havas Worldwide India.

- “**Smart Tech, Right Advice**” is the **theme** of the campaign.
- The parliament of **Kazakhstan** has unanimously approved the appointment of **Alikhan Smailov** as the new **Prime Minister** of the country.
  - His name was nominated by Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on January 11, 2022.
- Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of **Ittira Davis** as managing director & chief executive officer of (MD & CEO) of **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** for one tenure.
  - The post had been lying vacant since three-month following the sudden exit of incumbent **Nitin Chugh**.
- Professor emeritus, Kurukshetra University, **Raghuvendra Tanwar** has been appointed as chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (**ICHR**).
- **Nicaraguan** President **José Daniel Ortega Saavedra**, leader of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), was sworn in for a new presidential term.
- The Board of Directors of **Adani Power Limited (APL)**, a subsidiary of Adani Group, approved the appointment of **Shersingh B Khyalia** as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Adani Powers with effect from 11th January 2022.
- **Narendra Kumar Goenka** has been appointed as the new **chairman** of the Apparel Export Promotion Council, **AEPC**.
  - Former chairman **Padma Dr A Sakthivel** handed over the charge to him.
- The Government of India on January 18, 2022, gave its approval to the proposal for the appointment of Eastern Army Commander Lieutenant General **Manoj Pande** as the next **Vice Chief of Army Staff**.
  - He will be the successor to Lt Gen **CP Mohanty** who is scheduled to superannuate on January 31, 2022.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed **Vikram Dev Dutt** as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of **Air India**.
- **Roberta Metsola**, a Christian Democrat from Malta, was elected **president** of the **European Union’s parliament**.
  - Her election comes a week after the shock death of outgoing parliament president **David Sassoli**, who was due to step down as part of a power-sharing pact.
  - She is the European Parliament’s youngest president.
- **Pushp Kumar Joshi** has been picked by government headhunter PESB to be the new chairman and managing director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (**HPCL**), the nation’s third largest oil refining and fuel marketing company.
  - He will replace **Mukesh Kumar Surana**, who superannuates on April 30 this year.
- The Government of **India** has appointed **Dr V Anantha Nageswaran** as the new Chief Economic Adviser.

#### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- South Africa’s wicketkeeper-batter **Quinton de Kock** has announced his retirement from Test cricket with immediate effect late.
- Veteran New Zealand batter, **Ross Taylor** has announced retirement from international cricket at the end of the ongoing domestic season.
- **South African** all-rounder **Chris Morris** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- India tennis star **Sania Mirza** to retire after 2022 season.

#### Deaths

- Bollywood film producer **Vijay Galani** has passed away.



- The renowned social worker and recipient of the Padma Shri Award, **Sindhutai Sapkal** passed away on January 4, 2022, due to cardiac arrest at a hospital in Pune.
- **K Ayyappan Pillai**, the freedom fighter and senior BJP leader, passed away on January 5, 2022, at the age of 107.
- The Olympic triple jump 3-time gold medalist and former world record holder, **Viktor Danilovich Saneyev** passed away in Australia.
- Social worker **Sindhutai Sapkal**, who was called as ‘**Mother of Orphans**’ passed away at the age of 73 years.
  - She was also referred to just as ‘Sindhutai’ or ‘Mai’.
- Founder of Shillong Chamber Choir (SCC) and renowned Indian concert pianist **Neil Nongkynrih** passed away.
- **Marilyn Bergman**, the Oscar, Emmy and Grammy-winning American lyricist and songwriter has passed away.
- Prominent Kannada writer **Chandrashekhara Patil**, popularly known as “Champa”, passed away at the age of 82.
- Olympic athlete **Deon Lendore**, who participated in the 400 meters race at the 2020 Olympics, passed away at the age of 29 years due to a fatal car accident in Texas, United States (US).
- **Kamal Khan**, veteran NDTV Journalist and a recipient of the Ramnath Goenka Award passed away on January 14, 2022, at the age of 61 after suffering a heart attack.
- Legendary Kathak dancer, **Pandit Birju Maharaj** has passed away at the age of 83.
- The former Prime Minister of Japan, **Toshiki Kaifu** has passed away at the age of 91 years in Japan.
- The former President of Mali, **Ibrahim Boubacar Keita**, who was ousted in a military coup, has passed away.
- Odisha’s social worker and Padma Shri awardee **Shanti Devi**, who was remembered as the voice of the poor, has passed away. She was also called Lugdi Devi.
- Cartoonist **Narayan Debnath**, the creator of popular Bengali comic characters ‘Nonte Phonte’, ‘Bantul The Great’, ‘Handa Bhonda’, passed away in Kolkata on January 18, 2022, at the age of 97.
- Renowned Bengali theatre personality **Saoli Mitra** has passed away.
- Noted environmentalist & ‘Save Silent Valley’ campaigner Prof **M K Prasad** passed away recently.
- The well-known Professional mountaineer **Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia** passed away recently.
- Marathi author and activist **Dr Anil Awachat** died due to a prolonged illness at his home in Pune at the age of 78 years.
- **Charanjit Singh**, the captain of India’s 1964 Olympic gold medal-winning hockey team, passed away aged 92 in Himachal Pradesh’s Una owing to age-related complications.
- Noted Kathakali patron and Padma Shri recipient, France’s **Milena Salvini**, passed away.

#### Awards/Honours

- **Tony Blair**, the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, has been appointed to the **highest royal order**.
  - Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the Duchess of Cornwall, and Baroness Amos are all set to be inducted into the **Order of the Garter**, the country’s oldest and most prestigious chivalric order.
  - Former Prime Minister Tony Blair will now be referred to as “Sir Tony.”
- **Zishaan A Latif** won **Ramnath Goenka Award** in the Photo Journalism category.

- He won the award for his photo essay, The arduous struggle for inclusion in the NRC, which was published in The Caravan in October 2019.
- Australia's **Robert Irwin** has been awarded the **Natural History Museum's Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award 2020** for his drone image of Bushfire in northern Australia.
- **South Indian Bank (SIB)** won the **UiPath Automation Excellence Awards 2021** for Best Automation under 'Crisis for Business Continuity'.
- India's one of the top numerologists, **JC Chaudhry** has achieved the first-ever **Guinness World Record in Numerology** and the first world record of 2022 by educating about ancient science to around 6000 participants, enthusiasts of numerology joined from the United States, the United Kingdom, Middle East, and India.
- Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has declared the winners of the third **National Water Awards** for the year 2020.
  - **Uttar Pradesh** has been adjudged as the **Best State** in water conservation efforts in the National Water Awards 2020.
  - It is followed by **Rajasthan** and **Tamil Nadu** respectively.
  - **Muzaffarnagar** in Uttar Pradesh received the **best district** award in the northern zone followed by **Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar** in Punjab.
- The Forensic Science Laboratory (**FSL**) won **SKOCH Award** in the Silver category for its work towards combating Crime and Violence against Children.
  - The award was given out at the 78 SKOCH Summit.
  - The "**State of Governance**" was the **theme** of the summit.
- A professor in the clinical embryology department at Kasturba Medical College (KMC), under Manipal Academy of Higher education (MAHE), **Dr Satish Adiga** has been selected by the Indian Council of Medical Research (**ICMR**) for its national award.
  - He will receive **Dr Subhas Mukherjee Award** from ICMR in recognition for his outstanding contribution to the field of in-vitro fertilization (IVF).
- **Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organization (KACV)** from Kovalam, Kerala was awarded the '**International Craft Award for 2021**' for the best craft village in the world by the World Crafts Council International.
- The 79th edition of the **Golden Globe Awards 2022** ceremony was held to recognize excellence in film, both American and international, and American television.
  - Two of the films namely **The Power of the Dog** and **the West Side Story**, won the most number of awards with 3 each.
- The 2015 film Bajrangi Bhaijaan fame actress, **Harshaali Malhotra** has been awarded the 12th **Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022**.
  - She received the award from Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra, for her commendable performance in the movie and contribution in the field of Indian Cinema.
- **HDFC Bank** was named as the '**Best Private Bank**' in India at the 'Global Private Banking Awards 2021' which was organized by Professional Wealth Management (PWM) in a virtual ceremony.
- Former West Indies Captain **Clive Lloyd** received **Knighthood** from Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge at Windsor Castle, for his services towards the game of cricket.
  - On the same day, England's world cup-winning captain **Eoin Morgan** was awarded with CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) by Prince William for his services towards the game of cricket.
- The US Treasury has minted coins featuring poet **Maya Angelou** - the **first black woman** ever featured on the US 25-cent **coin** known as a quarter.

- Lavni artist from Maharashtra, **Sumit Bhale** of Fulbari taluka has won a **gold** medal at the **International Folk Art Festival in Dubai**.
- 37 Years old **Shaylyn Ford** was crowned as the winner of **Mrs World 2022**.
  - Mrs Jordan Jaclyn Stapp & Mrs UAE Debanjali Kamstra were the runner up.
  - Shaylyn Ford represented America in the pageant and battled out 57 other contestants from across the globe to claim the title.
- India's **Navdeep Kaur** has won the award for the **Best National Costume** at the prestigious Mrs World 2022 pageant in Nevada, **Las Vegas**.
- **Axis Bank & CRMNEXT Solution** won the IBS Intelligence (IBSi) Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2021 for the "**Best CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System Implementation**".
- **51 persons** selected for **Jeevan Raksha Padak Series of Awards 2021**, five awardees posthumous.
- **Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve** (Erode district, Tamil Nadu) has been given the prestigious **TX2 award** after its tiger numbers doubled to 80 since 2010.
  - Apart from the STR, the **Bardia National Park in Nepal** has won this year's TX2 award for doubling the population of wild tigers.
- **Jammu and Kashmir Police** has bagged **115 Police Medals for Gallantry (PMG)**, out of a total of 189 awarded this year, the highest number from any police force this year, followed by CRPF with 30, Chhattisgarh Police with 10, Odisha Police with nine, and Maharashtra Police with seven.

#### Sports/Game

- **India** beat Sri Lanka by 9 wickets to lift the **under-19 Asia Cup in Dubai**.
- **KL Rahul** has been named as **India's captain** for its upcoming three-match ODI series against South Africa and **Jasprit Bumrah** has been named as the **deputy captain**.
- **Nodirbek Abdusattorov** (Uzbekistan), won the **World Rapid Chess Championship 2021** by defeating Ian Nepomniachtchi (Russia) in a tiebreaker and dethroning Magnus Carlsen, the current World Number 1.
- **Rafael Nadal** wins the **Melbourne Summer Set 1 ATP 250** event, defeating American qualifier Maxime Cressy 7-6(6) 6-3 to gain momentum ahead of the **Australian Open**.
- Tamil Nadu's **Bharath Subramaniam** became India's 73rd chess **Grandmaster**. He secured the third and final Grandmaster norm at an event at Cattolica in **Italy**.
- French tennis player **Gael Monfils** beat Russia's Karen Khachanov in the men's singles event of the 2022 **Adelaide International 1** to claim the 11th ATP title of his career.
  - In the **women's** category, World number one Australian star **Ashleigh Barty** beat Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan to win her second Adelaide International title.
- The Chairman of the Indian Premier League (**IPL**) Brijesh Patel confirmed on January 11, 2022, that **Tata** will replace Vivo as the **title sponsor** of IPL 2022 which will be an upcoming edition of the tournament.
- The All India Sports Council of the Deaf has got approval from the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (**ICSD**) to host the first **World Deaf T20 Cricket Championship in Kerala** from January 10-20, 2023.
  - This championship was planned to be conducted in 2020-21 but due to the sudden outbreak of coronavirus, it was postponed first to 2022 & now fixed for 2023.
- Goalkeeper **Savita Punia** will **lead** India at the upcoming women's Asia Cup in Muscat as **Hockey India** named a strong 18-member squad for the event, including 16 players that featured at the Tokyo Olympics.
- **Tasnim Mir** became the first Indian to grab World **no 1** in **Under-19 (U-19) Girls Singles** category with 10,810 points in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) Junior rankings.

- She is followed by **Mariia Golubeva** from Russia and **Lucia Rodriguez** from Spain.
- Indian badminton player **Lakshya Sen** has defeated World Champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore, in the men's singles final of **India Open 2022** (badminton) to secure his maiden Super 500 title.
- In tennis, **Aslan Karatsev** defeated Andy Murray by 6-3, 6-3, to win men's single title at the **Sydney Tennis Classic** final, to claim his third ATP Tour title.
  - The **women's** single title was claimed by Spanish world number nine **Paula Badosa**, who defeated Barbora Krejčíková 6-3 4-6 7-6(4), to capture her third career title.
- TCS has partnered with **Canada Running Series (CRS)** to become the new **title sponsor** and official technology consulting partner of the Toronto Waterfront Marathon and Virtual Race through November 2026.
- Britain's **Alfie Hewett** and **Gordon Reid** created history by winning their record ninth consecutive **Grand Slam** title.
  - They won the **Australian Open wheelchair men's doubles** final 6-2, 4-6, 10-7 against Gustavo Fernandez and Shingo Kunieda.
- Last edition champions **India** defeated China 2-0 to win a consolation **bronze** medal at the **women's Asia Cup hockey tournament**.
  - **Japan** emerged champions after beating Korea 4-2 in the summit clash.

## Report

- **Telangana** stood **first** in the country in the list of the highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II programme till December 31, 2021.
  - This was followed by **Tamil Nadu** with 4,432 villages (35.39%) and **Karnataka** with 1,511 villages (5.59%).
  - **Gujarat** took the **17th** position with only 83 villages (0.45%).
- The **Chennai International Airport** is one of the **top 10** large international airports in the world that ensures '**on-time**' departures.
  - In a review conducted by Cirium, an organization that specializes in offering aviation data to travel, finance, aerospace, and aviation industries, the airport has been ranked **8th** for 'on-time performance' for the year 2021.
  - The first three positions have been bagged by United State's Miami Airport, Fukuoka Airport, and Haneda Airport in Japan.
- The **Henley Passport Index** has released the passport ranking for the first quarter of 2022 and India's passport has seen a significant improvement in its rank compared to 2021.
  - **Indian passport** now ranks at **83rd**, climbing seven places from 90th rank last year.
  - In the latest passport rankings, **Japan** and **Singapore** passports have again emerged as the world's most **powerful** passports in 2022 while **Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan** have been ranked as the **weakest** passport in the world in 2022.
- **Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL)** became the largest and fastest-growing **UPI beneficiary bank** in India. It becomes the first beneficiary bank in the country to achieve the landmark of over **926 million UPI** transactions in a single month.

## General - National

- **India** donated **500,000 doses** of **Covid-19 vaccines** to **Afghanistan** on January 2, 2021, and will send another 500,000 doses in the coming days as part of humanitarian aid.
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Chairman, Vinai Kumar Saxena has launched the country's first **Mobile Honey Processing Van** at Village Sirora in **Ghaziabad**.
  - The Mobile Van has been designed in-house by KVIC at its Multi-disciplinary Training Centre, Panjokehra, at a cost of Rs 15 lakh.

- **India** has announced **financial assistance** of USD 900 million loans to **Sri Lanka** to help the island nation in building up its depleted foreign reserves and for food imports.
  - India is extending its support through the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- **India's** first innovation centre for **graphene** will be set up in **Kerala** by the Digital University Kerala (DUK), along with the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET) in Thrissur, for Rs 86.41 crore.
  - This will be the first graphene Research and Development (R&D) incubation centre in the country.
  - **Tata Steel Limited** is set to be the industrial partner of the centre.

### General - International

- According to World Bank's **Sri Lanka** Development Update (SLDU), Sri Lanka is facing an acute economic crisis because of job & earning losses, and high food inflation.
- The world's largest **national flag**, made of **Khadi fabric** was put to display to celebrate the "Army Day" on January 15, 2022.
  - It was displayed at Longewala, along the India - Pakistan Border in **Jaisalmer**.
  - Longewala was the centre stage of the historic battle of 1971 between India and Pakistan.
- Iconic '**Infinity Bridge**' in **Dubai**, United Arab Emirates has been formally opened to traffic for the first time on 16th January 2022. Its design resembles a mathematical sign for infinity ( $\infty$ ).
- The **Indonesian** Parliament approved a bill on January 18, 2022 to **relocate** the **country's capital** from Jakarta to **Nusantara**.
- The **Russian** central bank proposed cracking down on **crypto currencies** on 20 January.
- A billion-dollar plan has been unveiled by the **Australian** Government to protect the **Climate ravaged Great Barrier Reef**. The plan aims to prevent the vast networks of corals from being removed from UNESCO's World Heritage List.
- The world's largest **canal lock** has been inaugurated at **Ijmuiden**, a small port city, in the Port of Amsterdam, **The Netherlands**.
  - The sea lock was inaugurated by Dutch King Willen-Alexander. The Ijmuiden lock was designed to allow large, modern cargo ships to reach the port of Amsterdam.

### Books and Authors

Book's Name	Author's Name
• Mamata Beyond 2021	Jayanta Ghosal
• Gandhi's Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse and His Idea of India	Dhirendra Jha
• Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography	Ratan Tata penned by Dr Thomas Matthew
• Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership	Arundhati Bhattacharya
• Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist	Chandrachur Ghose
• India's Women Unsung Heroes	Meenakashi Lekhi
• The \$10 Trillion Dream	Subhash Garg
• A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence	Ruskin Bond

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## TO THE POINTS: JANUARY-2022

- Recently the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in **Sardhana, Meerut** of Uttar Pradesh at an estimated cost of about 700 Crore rupees.
- Recently the Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of 96.42% equity shareholding in Jindal Power Limited by **World one Private Limited**.
- Recently in **Madhya Pradesh** State Drinking water supply schemes of Rs. 15,381.72 Crore has been approved under Jal Jeevan Mission to provide tap water connection for more than 1.09 Crore rural population.
- **Bank of Maharashtra** has launched Whatsapp banking service for its customers as well as non-customers to offer services such as balance inquiry, mini statement, and cheque status inquiry.
- Recently the State Bank of India has acquired **9.95%** stake in India International Clearing Corporation Ltd subject to maximum investment of ₹ 34.03 crore.
- **Ms. Namita Gokhale** has been recently awarded the Sahitya Akademi award for the English novel "Things to Leave Behind".
- **Sanjay Kumar Singh** has been recently appointed as the Secretary in the Union Ministry of Steel.
- Recently, **Chandra Prakash Goyal** has been appointed as the Director-General of Forests & Special Secretary by the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet.
- **Kiphire, Nagaland** has become the worst performer in the North Eastern Region District Sustainable Development Goal, SDG Index, and Dashboard 2021-22 released by NITI Aayog.
- Recently the Insolvency regulator IBBI has cancelled registration of **Vimal Kumar Grover** as an insolvency professional for violation of various provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.
- Baldev Prakash has been recently appointed as the MD & CEO for three years of Jammu & Kashmir Bank w.e.f. April 10, 2022. He will succeed **R.K Chhibber**.
- Recently Anupam Ray has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, Switzerland by succeeding **Pankaj Sharma**.
- **Durga Shankar Mishra** has been recently appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh by replacing Rajendra Kumar Tiwari.
- The Government think-tank NITI Aayog has organized a daylong national-level workshop in New Delhi, on **Bamboo Development**.
- Recently **Rs 830.85 Crore** amount has released by the Government of India to Odisha for becoming 'Har Ghar Jal' State under Jal Jeevan Mission by 2024.
- **Vindeshwari Prasad Mishr 'Vinay'** has been recently awarded the Sahitya Akademi 2021 award for Sanskrit poetry.
- Recently Veteran New Zealand batsman Ross Taylor has announced his retirement. He is the first cricketer to play **100** matches in all three formats of international cricket.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released **10th** installment of financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme via video conferencing.
- **100 days** reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat' has been launched by the Education Minister.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has announced the opening of Urban Geospatial Data Stories Challenge to foster adoption of **Geospatial Technology**.
- The Government has stated that the compound annual growth rate of digital transaction has gone up by **50%** per cent.

- **TRIFED** has signed an MOU with Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini for a collaborative effort in leveraging knowledge, expertise and institutional strengths.
- **Vinaya Kumar** has been appointed as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board.
- **Sanjaya Arora** has been given an additional charge as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal.
- **V.S Pathania** has been appointed as the director General of Indian Coast Guard.
- **96.42 percent** stake has been approved by the Competition Commission of India for the World one's acquisition in Jindal Power Limited.
- **Russia** has test-fired 10 new Tsirkonhypersonic cruise missile.
- Recently the Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has virtually inaugurated 24 bridges and three roads, built by the Border Roads Organization.
- Recently the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated Kalpana Chawla Center for Research in Space Science & Technology at **Chandigarh University**.
- Recently the Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched **NEAT 3.0** platform to provide the best-developed ed-tech solutions to the country.
- Recently the Ministry of Civil Aviation has released a draft on **National Air Sports Policy 2022** or public feedback.
- **IIT Madras** has recently launched Interdisciplinary Dual Degree, a Master's Programme in electric vehicles to boost the students' engagement with e-mobility.
- **Fino Payments Bank** has received the Reserve Bank of India's approval for commencing international remittance business under the Money Transfer Service Scheme.
- **ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund** has recently launched Auto ETF to provide returns closely correspond to the total return of the benchmark Nifty Auto index.
- **Vijay Paul Sharma** has been recently appointed as the chairman of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices by the central government.
- **Amir Subhani** has been recently appointed as the new chief secretary of Bihar by the General Administration Department.
- **Rs 76,000 crore** incentives would be earmarked by the Central government for developing semiconductors under the India Semiconductor Mission.
- **Reliance New Energy Solar** Company has recently signed a definitive agreement to pick up a 100% stake in Faradion Ltd for an enterprise value of £100 million.
- Recently South Africa's star wicketkeeper-batter Quinton de Kock has announced his retirement from **Test Cricket** in December 2021.
- **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana** has recently launched by the Government of India to bring about the Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of the fisheries sector in the country.
- Under the PMMSY, **Rs. 20,050 Crores** investment has been expected over a period of five years from the financial year FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.
- World Braille Day has been observed to celebrate awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication on **4 January**.
- Recently, the Defence Research and Development Organization have celebrated **64th** foundation Day on January 1, 2022.
- Recently the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Steel Bridge built over **Barak River** at a cost of over Rs 75 crore between Silchar and Imphal.

- 5% GST rate has been proposed for the textiles sector during the 46th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax Council under the chairmanship of Finance Minister.
- Approximately **1,29,000 Crores** GST revenue has been collected in December 2021.
- The first battery-powered electric boat has been built in **Kerala**, carry 100 passengers at a time.
- **Ganga Prasad** has recently inaugurated a road named Narendra Modi marg previously known as Jawaharlal Nehru Road.
- Recently the Reserve Bank of India has issued a framework to enable small value digital payments in **Offline mode** using any channel such as cards, wallets and mobile devices.
- **NPCI Bharat Bill Pay** has recently introduced 'Unified Presentment Management System' for recurring bill payments.
- The government has approved the issuance of the 19th tranche of electoral bonds with a validity of **15 Days** from the date of issue.
- **Zishaan A Latif** has recently won the Ramnath Goenka Award in the Photo Journalism category.
- **Smriti Mandhana** has been recently nominated for the prestigious Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year-2021 award.
- Prime Minister of Sudan **Abdalla Hamdok** has recently announced his resignation amid a political deadlock and widespread pro-democracy protests in the country.
- **Vinod Kannan** has been recently appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Vistara airline.
- **Tech Mahindra** has recently acquired 100 percent equity shares in Allyis India Pvt Ltd and Green Investments LLC, holding company for Allyis Group.
- **Fimbristylis sunilii** & **Neanotis prabhuii** are the name of the newly found plant species in the Western Ghats regions in Thiruvananthapuram and Wayanad districts.
- The Kargil District Disaster Management Authority, DDMA, has cancelled the Kargil Winter Expedition due to the rise of Covid 19 cases in **Ladakh** region.
- **India** has recently won the U-19 Men's Asia Cup 2021 held at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, UAE.
- Recently Veteran all - rounder Mohammad Hafeez has announced his retirement from international cricket. He is from **Pakistan**.
- Swiss-French photographer **Sabine Weiss** passed away recently.
- Recently world-renowned Kenyan conservationist and fossil hunter **Richard Leakey** passed away.
- The Kalam Program for Intellectual Property Literacy and Awareness has been launched on **85th** birth anniversary of former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
- **Monoceromyia flavoscutata** is the very rare wasp-like flower flies namely Monoceromyia flavoscutata and M. nigra from north-eastern India and the Western Ghats.
- Theme of the National Science Day 2022 - **Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future**.
- Under the "Smart cities and Academia towards Action & Research (SAAR)" program, **15** premier institutions of the country would be working with Smart Cities to document landmark projects.
- Recently the Indian Navy's 1971 Indo-Pak war veteran Vice Admiral **S. H. Sarma** passed away.
- Recently three-time Olympic triple jump champion and former world record-holder **Viktor Saneyev** Passed away.



- **G Asok Kumar** has been recently appointed as the Director General of National Mission for Clean Ganga, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- **ONGC** has recently appointed Alka Mittal as its first woman Chairman and Managing Director.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has been recently categorized as a scheduled bank by the Reserve Bank of India.
- **State Bank of India** has taken its next major step in its ongoing digital transformation journey with an investment of \$20 million in Pine Labs.
- **State Bank of India** has recently enhanced the limit on Immediate Payment Service transactions from ₹ 2lakh to ₹ 5 lakh with nil charges on transactions via digital channels.
- **ICICI Bank** has recently announced the launch of a facility for payment of customs duty online.
- Recently the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the New Integrated Terminal Building of Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport in **Tripura**.
- Recently the Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 821 km of National Highways worth **Rs 26778 crore** in Uttar Pradesh.
- Recently, **Gender Equality Issues** in trade and women's economic empowerment has likely to be feature for the first time in a bilateral trade agreement.
- **Dr Jitendra Singh** has recently launched the Web Portal for PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration for the year 2021-22.
- Every year the World Day of War Orphans has been recognized on **January 6**.
- Recently the Prime Minister has inaugurated the second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute in **Kolkata**.
- Recently the 19th Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority held under the chairmanship of **Bhupendra Yadav**.
- Recently the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Federal Chancellor of **Germany** have agreed on diversifying cooperation in Climate Action and Green Energy.
- Recently **Gujarat** has launched Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0 aimed at financially supporting school students in innovation.
- **Deepak Kumar & Ajay Kumar Choudhary** has been recently appointed as the new Executive Directors by the Reserve Bank of India.
- **Atul Keshap** has been recently appointed as the President of the U.S.-India Business Council, announced by the US Chamber of Commerce.
- **Bank of Baroda** has recently signed cricketer Shafali Verma as its brand endorser.
- **Google** has recently acquired an Israel-based cyber security startup Siemplify for \$500 million.
- **Dhirendra K. Jha** is the author of the Book Titled, "Gandhi's Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse and His Idea of India".
- **Jayanta Ghosal** is the author of the book, "Mamata: Beyond 2021" recently published on Bengal's CM Mamata Banerjee's 67th birthday.
- Recently Bhanuka Rajapaksa has announced his retirement from international cricket. He is from **Sri Lanka**.
- Renowned social worker and recipient of the Padma Shri Award, Sindhutai Sapkal passed away at the age of 74. She was fondly known as **Mother of Orphan Children**.
- Recently, the world-renowned paleoanthropologist-turned-conservationist **Richard Leakey** Passed away at the age of 77.

- Recently the Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between India and **Turkmenistan** on Cooperation in the field of Disaster Management.
- Recently the Union Cabinet has approved the signing of Agreement between India and **Spain** on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters.
- Recently the Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Nepal for construction of a bridge over **Mahakali** River.
- Recently the Cabinet Committee has approved the Green Energy Corridor Phase-II for InSTS for the addition of **10,750** circuit kilometres of transmission lines.
- Recently the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry has organized the Startup India Innovation Week between **January 10th to 16th, 2022**.
- Recently, the RBI has cancelled CoA of Muthoot Vehicle and Asset Finance Ltd and Eko India Financial Services for non-compliance with regulatory requirements. CoA - **Certificate of Authorization**.
- Recently the NHPC Limited has signed a promoter Agreement with GEDCOL for Development of 500 MW Floating Solar Projects in **Odisha**.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has been awarded first prize in the state category of the 3rd National Water Awards 2020.
- **Vijay Paul Sharma** has been appointed as the chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.
- **Pankaj Sharma** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mexico.
- **Rajiv Anand** has been appointed as the Deputy Managing Director of Axis Bank till August 3, 2022.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has recently launched the portal UNNATI and the mobile app of HP State Industrial Development Corporation.
- **Reliance Retail** has bought a 25.8 percent stake in Bangalore-headquartered Dunzo, India's leading quick commerce player.
- **NTPC** has recently acquired a 5% equity stake in Power Exchange of India Ltd.
- **Telangana** has stood first among the country in the list of highest number of ODF Plus villages under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameena) Phase-II.
- Neeraj Chopra's Coach **Klaus Bartonietz** contract has been extended till the 2024 Paris Games.
- Recently passed Centenarian Freedom fighter and BJP leader K Ayyappan Pillai belonged to **Kerala**.
- Recently Shillong Chamber Choir founder and noted music composer **Neil Nongkynrih** passed away.
- **3.35%** is the reverse repo rate as per the recent Monetary Policy of Reserve Bank of India.
- **IOCL** has recently committed to support the National TB elimination Program in India.
- The Consulate General of India has organized a Webinar on "Promotion of Herbal/ Ayurveda/ Beauty Products in **China**."
- Recently Washington had agreed to ease rules to allow the export of Indian fruits **Mangoes & Pomegranate** in return for the entry of U.S Alfalfa hay and US cherries.
- Recently Ashwini Vaishnav has flagged off the first Jan Shatabdi express trains connecting the states of Manipur and Tripura via **Assam**.

- Recently the Minority Affairs Minister has inaugurated a two-day Training of Trainers programme for Haj 2022 at Haj House in **Mumbai**.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** has recently signed a MoU with UAE's Century Financial to strengthen the Hospitality & Tourism Industry.
- Recently the Election Commission of India has withdrawn the appointment of Actor Sonu Sood as a state icon for **Punjab**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has recently announced an increase in the retirement age of state government employees from 60 years to 62 years.
- Recently the Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has inaugurated various components developed at the Govardhan Bus Stand of **Mathura** under PRASHAD Scheme.
- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank** has recently signed a MoU with Mecwin Technologies Ltd. to introduce farmer-friendly solar-powered pump-sets using bank finance.
- **9.2%** is the estimated rise in India's Gross Domestic Product for the current fiscal year.
- **T.S. Tirumurti** has been recently appointed as the new chairman of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022.
- **Jhulan Goswami** has been recently appointed as the ambassador to the All Women Match Official Team of Legends League Cricket.
- **Zhang Ming** has been appointed as the new secretary-general of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.
- **Maria Elisa Quinteros** has been elected as the new president for Chile's constitutional convention.
- Under **Bhupendra Yadav** chairmanship, the 19th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority held.
- **Jitendra Singh** has been recently inaugurated the 24th National Conference on e-Governance in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Recently India and other five Indo-Pacific nations have participated in a multilateral anti-submarine warfare exercise in **Pacific Ocean**.
- **China** has recently set a new record of achieving a temperature of almost five times hotter than the real Sun.
- **Nodirbek Abdusattorov** has recently won the Swiss tournament, after winning the second tiebreak blitz game.
- Every year the World Hindi Day has been celebrated on **January 10** to spread awareness about Hindi as an international language across the world.
- To commemorate 75th years of progressive India, Ministry of Education, AICTE and DPIIT are jointly organizing 'National Innovation Week' between **10th - 16th Jan 2022**.
- Recently Mansukh Mandaviya has chaired a high-level meeting to make Atma Nirbhar Bharat by using **Green Hydrogen** in Urea and DAP Production.
- Recently, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 25th National Youth Festival on 12th January, 2022 in **Pondicherry**.
- Recently the Education Minister has urged all schools to attend **82nd** Indian Public Schools 'Conference Principals' Conclave to reflect how inclusive our leading schools.
- Recently, **₹ 150 crore** refinance amount has been sanctioned by National Housing Bank's to the scam-hit Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank.

- **Urjit Patel** has been recently appointed as the vice-president of the Beijing-based Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
- **Navrang Saini** has been recently appointed as the interim Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.
- **Anup Bagchi** has been recently appointed as an Executive Director of ICICI Bank for a period of three years, with effect from February 1, 2022.
- **Vini Mahajan** has been appointed as the Secretary under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- **Telangana** has recently launched the first of its kind mobile app "Urban Forest Parks".
- **Gujarat** Govt has recently inaugurated a two-day international conference of academic institutions 2022 organized at Vigyan Bhawan, Science City.
- **Iran's** Simorgh satellite "Phoenix" had launched the devices at an altitude of 470 kms and it carried three research cargos into space.
- Recently Danushka Gunathilaka has announced retirement from Test cricket. He is from **Sri Lanka**.
- **Kerala** would host the first World Deaf T20 Cricket Championship from January 10 to 20, 2023.
- **Mithali Raj** would lead the Indian Women's team for ICC Women's World Cup 2022 to be played from March 4 to April 3 in New Zealand.
- Tag-line of the 25th National Youth Festival to be held in Pondicherry - **Shaksham Yuva Shashakth Yuva**.
- Every year the Government of India has celebrated the National Youth Festival to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Swami Vivekananda**.
- Legendary Hollywood actor **Sidney Poitier**, the first Black man to win an Oscar for Best Actor in 1964, passed away recently.
- The Supreme Court has constituted a high-level committee headed by retired Supreme Court judge to investigate lapses in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security in **Punjab**.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi would inaugurate **11** new Government Medical Colleges across Tamil Nadu.
- **LazyPay** Finance has partnered with SBM Bank India to launch LazyCard.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has extended the validity of its Directions for Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bengaluru, till May 10, 2022.
- **Axis Bank** has entered into partnership with Minkasu Pay to offer biometric authentication solution for its customers.
- **79th** edition of Golden Globe Awards 2022 ceremony held to recognise excellence in film, both American and international, and American television.
- **Dr Satish Adiga** has been selected by the Indian Council of Medical Research for its National Award for the year 2020.
- **Forensic Science Laboratory** has won SKOCH Award in Silver category for its work towards combating Crime and Violence against Children.
- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has appointed **Haitham Al- Ghais** as its Secretary General.
- **Ayesha Malik** has all set to become Pakistan's first woman Supreme Court judge.
- Reliance Industrial Investments and Holdings Limited, has announced the acquisition of 73.37% in Mandarin Oriental. Mandarin Oriental is from **USA**.

- Chang'e 5 lunar lander has found the first-ever on-site evidence of water on the surface of the moon. Chang'e 5 lunar lander is from **China**.
- In the Melbourne Summer Set 1 ATP 250 event Rafael Nadal has won his **89th** tour-level title at the Melbourne Summer Set trophy.
- In the final of the 2022 Adelaide International 1 tennis tournament, Gael Monfils has won **11th** title of his career.
- **Bharath Subramaniam** has become India's 73rd chess Grandmaster.
- Oscar, Emmy and Grammy-winning lyricist Marilyn Bergman has passed away. He was from **America**.
- National Human Trafficking Awareness Day has been celebrated on **January 11**.
- Theme of National youth day 2022, celebrated every year on 12th January - **It's all in the mind**.
- The UNESCO's World Heritage Centre has agreed to publish **Hindi** descriptions of India's UNESCO World Heritage Sites on its website.
- India has stressed the need for fast-tracking the upgradation process of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with **South Korea**.
- In India Skill - 2021 National Competition, **Haryana's** team has won 11 awards.
- **Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority**, has signed a MoU with Indira Gandhi National Open University to propagate Investor Education, Awareness and Protection.
- **2** startups have received the World Bank Group and the Consumer Technology Association's Global Women's Health Tech Awards.
- The board of **Vodafone Idea** has decided to convert interest on deferred spectrum and adjusted gross revenue dues into equity.
- **India** has successfully test-fired a sea-to-sea variant of the Brah Mos supersonic cruise missile from the Indian Navy's INS Visakhapatnam warship.
- An Autobiography of **Arundhati Bhattacharya** titled 'Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership' is set to Publish.
- Karnataka would host the next Khelo India Games in **2023**.
- Chris Morris has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He is from **South Africa**.
- David Sassoli Passed away at the age of 65. He was from **Italy**.
- **Bhopal** unit of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has been celebrated "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" from 10th - 16th January, 2022.
- **Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar** Award has been recently launched by the Ministry of Education for creating self-motivation and awareness about sanitation.
- **75** top innovators have been selected for 'ATL Space Challenge 2021', recently conducted by ISRO in collaboration with CBSE.
- The World Class Technology Centre of MSME has inaugurated by the Prime Minister at Pondicherry with an investment of **Rs. 122 crore**.
- **Ajay Bhalla** has recently co - chaired the meeting of the India-US Homeland Security Dialogue held in virtual mode.
- The Free Trade Agreement has facilitated the target of doubling bilateral trade between India and the United Kingdom by **2030**.

- **HDFC Bank** has been adjudged as the Best Private Bank in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021.
- **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev** has recently nominated Alikhan Smailov as the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan.
- Recently appointed Chairman and Space Secretary, S. Somanath would succeed **K. Sivan**.
- **Rajkumar Rao** has been recently appointed as the first brand ambassador of Renew Buy.
- Recently Daniel Ortega has been sworn in as the new President of **Nicaragua**.
- **Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas** has been recently appointed as the next economic counsellor and director of the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund.
- Shersingh B Khyalia has been recently appointed as the chief executive officer of **Adani Power**.
- Recently tested Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile by DRDO works on **Fire& forget missile** principle.
- **Chennai International Airport** is the only Airport from India to have its rank in top 10 positions for on-time performance as per Cirium.
- According to the Henley Passport Index, **Afghanistan's** passport is the worst to hold in 2022.
- **Dr Thomas Mathew** is the author of the book "Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography" recently published by HarperCollins India.
- Recently Olympic and world medallist Deon Lendore passed away at an early age. He was related to **Sprinter**.
- Union Minister **Jitendra Singh** has chaired the first meeting with Sectoral Experts to have suggestions on structural and institutional reforms necessary to attain the envisaged Vision India@2047 on Governance.
- **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** has organized a conference on PM Gati Shakti for the South Zone to deliberate on its action plans and projects on 17 January 2022.
- **Narendra Modi** has brought several possibilities for the start-up ecosystem in the country.
- Recently, RBI has appointed **South Indian Bank** as its agency bank.
- **Paytm Payment Bank** has become the first beneficiary bank to achieve the landmark of over 926 million UPI transactions in a single month.
- **ICICI Prudential Asset Management** Company has entered into a collaboration with the US based First Trust Advisors to launch a slew of global fund of funds.
- Ittira Davis has been appointed as MD and CEO of **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**.
- **Raghuvendra Tanwar** has been appointed as the chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research New Delhi.
- **David Bannet** has become the first person in the world to get a heart transplant from a genetically modified pig.
- The CEO of Tesla has hired Indian-origin personality **Ashok Elluswamy** for the Autopilot team of the US-based electric vehicle energy company Tesla.
- Every year 15 January has been observed as the Indian Army Day. This year marks the **74th** Indian Army Day.
- The Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has invited students, teachers and parents to participate in **5th** edition of "Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022.

- Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission has launched the country's first Mobile Honey Processing Van at **Uttar Pradesh**.
- In 2021, **USD 125 billion** is the amount of bilateral trade between India and China.
- Punjab & Sind Bank has slashed the Marginal Cost Based Lending Rate by 5 to **10** basis points across the short-term loans.
- **Snapdeal** has joined hands with BOB Financial and NPCI to launch a co-branded contactless RuPay credit card.
- **AquaConnect** platform has won the "Most Innovative Agtech".
- Swiss-Indian food and tech Platform Company **Innotera** has partnered with Agri Entrepreneur Growth Foundation IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative and Syngenta Foundation.
- Minister **Piyush Goyal** has addressed the 16th India Digital Summit, 2022 through video conference.
- India is aiming to target \$5 billion in defence exports by **2025**.
- **ISRO** has conducted qualification test of the Gaganyaan programme for duration of 720second.
- Indian shuttler **Tasnim Mir** has become the first to claim the world no 1 ranking in the under-19 girls singles in the latest BWF junior rankings.
- **Canada** has clinched the ATP Cup against Spain.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has announced the initiation of the Open Data Week for **to encourage adoption of open data** & To promote innovation across India.
- Navratna public sector enterprise **NLC India Ltd** has been playing a pivotal role in ensuring India's energy security during the last six decades of performance.
- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has virtually inaugurated MSME Pavilion in World Expo, 2020 Dubai. **Ashwini Vaishnaw** is the present Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Minister.
- The 9th women National Ice Hockey Championship-2022 has been inaugurated at **Himachal Pradesh**.
- The first National startup Day has been observed on **January 16**.
- **Rupa Devi Singh** has been appointed as the Independent director of DBS Bank.
- **Virat Kohli** has stepped down from Test captaincy of the Indian team.
- Kaifu Toshiki passed away at the age of 91. He is the former Prime Minister of **Japan**.
- Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment would launch the first bi-monthly E-Newsletter of Department **to Empower of Persons with Disabilities**.
- The University Grants Commission has organised the iconic week of **Education Ministry's** online workshop for Universities and Colleges on Intellectual Property Rights.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has organised **26th** edition of CISO Deep Dive Training program under Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative.
- **Telangana** state cabinet has decided to introduce English medium in all government schools across the State from the next academic year.
- An explosion has triggered at Mussafah near National Oil Company ADNOC's storage tanks in **UAE**.
- **Meghalaya** has decided to implement the Bharat series registration of private vehicles.

- **Mobikwik** platform has launched 'ClickPay' in collaboration with NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd to pay recurring online bills.
- **Rakesh Anand** has been appointed as the Chief of the Country Contingent at the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kadmat have undertaken maritime partnership exercises with Maritime Self-Defence Force Ships Uraga and Hirado of **Japan** in the Bay of Bengal conducted in a non-contact mode.
- Indian Navy's indigenously designed **INS Kochi** guided missile destroyer has exercised with Russian Federation Navy's RFS Admiral Tributs in the Arabian Sea.
- **Rajnath Singh** has been set up Raksha Pension Shikayat Nivaran Portal to resolve pension-related grievances of ex-servicemen and their dependents.
- **Three** locally-produced Nano satellites from the United States has been launched by Science and Innovation minister as the part of South Africa's new Maritime Domain Awareness Satellite constellation.
- The Paramilitary Revolutionary Guard of **Iran** has launched a solid-fuel satellite carrier rocket into space.
- A new biography of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose titled, "Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist" has been published by **Penguin Random House**.
- The Boxing Federation of **India** has decided to pull out of the Asian Under-22 Championships in Tashkent due to the global surge in COVID-19 cases.
- Shanti Devi passed away at the age of 88. She was related to **Social activist**.
- Pandit Birju Maharaj passed away at the age of 83. He was related to **Kathak**.
- **Actress** Saoli Mitra, daughter of legendary actor Sombhu Mitra and Tripti Mitra Passed away.
- Ibrahim Boubacar Keita Passed away at the age of 76. He was from **Mali**.
- Recently union cabinet has extended the tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis for **3 years**.
- **Rs. 973.74 crore** amount has been approved by the union cabinet under the Scheme of difference between simple and compound interest to borrowers in specified loan accounts.
- U.S. and Israel have conducted a successful test of the Arrow 3 Weapon System at **Central Israel**, designed to intercept ballistic missiles outside the earth's atmosphere.
- **Higher than Everest & Faces of Everest** books was authored by recently passed Padma Shri Awardee Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia.
- **Denmark** has initiated joint research and development on green fuels including green hydrogen with India.
- **6.50%** is the expected portfolio return of "US Dollar offshore fund", recently launched by Federal Bank along with Equirus Wealth.
- Recently Dimitar Kovacevski, has been elected as the new prime minister of **North Macedonia**.
- Recently appointed Narendra Kumar Goenka would succeed **Dr. A Sakthivel** as the Chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council.
- **Rs.1500 crore** equity has been infused by The Government of India in Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency limited recently.
- **White Swan** is the nickname of recently developed Russian missile and bomb carrier, Tupolev Tu-160M.



- IT giant **TCS** has recently partnered with Canada Running Series to offer an environmental impact calculator for runners and spectators.
- Recently passed Padma Shri Awardee Narayan Debnath was a famous Indian comic's artist and writer of **Bengali** language.
- Recently the Indian Army has signed a contract of **Rs 96 crore** with Anadron Systems limited under Make -II category for Maneuverable Expendable Aerial Target.
- As of now **Rs.95,082 cr** amount has been released as an advance installment of tax devolution to State Governments by the Union Minister for Finance.
- **Pakistan** has not participated in the first meeting of the India-Central Asia Summit, recently hosted by Narendra Modi.
- IFFCO, the cooperative fertilizer company, has reached out to farmers of **Kuttanad**, also known as the rice bowl of Kerala.
- **8 MW** capacity of Solar PV Farm Projects has been recently inaugurated jointly by the Prime Minister's of India and Mauritius.
- Recently the Government of Mauritius has signed a MoU with HAL, for one Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH Mk III) for **Mauritius Police Force**.
- **Gujarat** has recently launched a helpline number '14567' for senior citizens to get information related to various government schemes.
- Recently Meghalaya government has extended the upper age limit for Schedule tribes in all State Government services from 27 years to **37 Years**.
- **India Ratings & Research** has recently estimated India's Gross Domestic Products to grow by 7.6 percent in FY23.
- Mobile application **Saarthi** has been recently launched by SEBI, to empower investors with accurate knowledge about the securities market.
- After three years of its launch, the Indian Post Payments Bank has on board **5 crore** customers in various branches across India.
- **Rural Development & Panchayati Raj** Ministry has recently signed a MoU with the National Centre for Good Governance to promote inclusive good governance and strengthening of local institutions.
- As per the MoSDE, the Gross Enrollment Ratio in higher education including vocational education will be increased by 50% in **2035**.
- As per the statement of Narendra Modi on National Start-up Day, the current decade will be termed as **Techade** of India.
- **Insurance Institute of India** has recently signed a MoU with International Financial Services Center Authority for the capacity building of professionals in the insurance sector.
- Recently appointed Roberta Metsola has become the third female president of **European** Parliament.
- Recently appointed Chairman and Managing Director of Air India, Vikram Dev Dutt would succeed **Rajiv Bansal**.
- Recently Dileep Sanghani from Gujarat, has been elected as **17th** chairman of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative.
- **Vijay Shekhar Sharma** has been recently appointed as the UA Ambassador of ICANN-supported Universal Acceptance Steering Group.

- Recently Reliance Retail Ventures has acquired a stake in Addverb Technologies for approximately **Rs.983 crore**.
- Recently ICAAP President Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav and NCUI President Dileep Sanghanion have jointly released a policy recommendation handbook on **SAHAKAR PRAGYA**, Good Practices for Cooperatives.
- As per the guidelines of the union government, **30 sq. mt.** could be the maximum size of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
- **3 Lakh to 6 Lakh** is the annual income range for the Lower Income Group to become eligible under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
- **65** e-vehicle charging stations have to be set up by TCIL in the next four months in South Delhi.
- **76,664** Agri Nutri Gardens have been established from 10th to 17th January 2022 against the target of 7500.
- The Minister of state for Defence **Ajay Bhatt** has inaugurated an interactive Virtual Museum hosted by the Gallantry Awards portal.
- **Sri Lanka** has recently extended Science and Technology cooperation for three more years, focusing on new areas like robotics etc. with India.
- Recently **Bengaluru** has become the first in India to have AVGC Center of Excellence under its Innovate initiative.
- **5% - 7%** is the revised asset under management (AUM) growth of retail non-banking finance companies for the current fiscal year.
- Indian Government's vision of the share of gas is **15%** in the energy mix by 2030.
- Recently India has successfully tested supersonic cruise missile Brah Mos from **Odisha coast**.
- Recently a new species of **Frog**, *Pristimantis gretathunbergae* has been named after Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg.
- **Tuhin A Sinha** has authored the book 'The Legend of Birsa Munda'.
- **Australian Open 2022** was the last tennis tournament of Sania Mirza.
- **Smriti Mandhana** has been recently named as the Women's T20I Team of the Year 2021 by ICC.
- Tigress 'Collarwali', one of India's most popular tigresses recently passed away at **Pench** Tiger Reserve.
- Recently passed renowned environmentalist Prof. M. K. Prasad was related to **Save Silent Valley Movement**.
- During **12th** five year plan the Government of India has implemented Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS) under the Ministry of Textiles.
- Recently the Integrated Processing Development Scheme has approved to establish few Brown and Green Field projects with a total cost of **Rs. 500 crore**.
- **Ministry of Agriculture** has launched the Sahakar Pragya Initiative formulated by the National cooperative development corporation.
- **18** regional training centres' have been inaugurated for primary cooperatives under the Sahakar Pragya Initiative of the NCDC.
- Recently Narendra Modi has announced the installation of a grand statue of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose** at India Gate.
- As per the 'Banking on Electric Vehicles in India' report, banks and non-banking financial companies in India can achieve **Rs.40,000 crore** of EV financing market by 2025.

- **Binimoy** Platform has been developed by the Bangladesh government to ensure regulatory oversight and transparency in the e-commerce arena.
- **Nusantara** city of Indonesia has been chosen as the country's new capital.
- Recently Microsoft has announced a \$69 billion deal to buy US gaming giant Blizzard, for scooping up the scandal-hit **Call of Duty** game.
- RBI's Digital Payment Index has increased by **39.64%** against 217.74 in September 2020.
- Word **Anxiety** has been recently declared as Children's Word of the Year 2021 by the Oxford University Press.
- Chairman and Chief Executive of Pfizer Inc. **Albert Bourla** recently won the prestigious Genesis Prize 2022.
- Indian movie **Jai Bhim** has recently got entry to the list of 276 films, eligible for consideration at the 94th Oscars.
- Recently Mia Amor Mottley has been sworn in as the first female Prime Minister of **Barbados**.
- Recently **Vinod Rai** has appointed as independent chairman of Unity Small Finance Bank.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has recently launched the 'ApnaKangra' app for providing hassle-free experience for tourists and boosting sales of local handicrafts.
- **Sanjay Bhattacharyya** has virtually represented the Indian delegation in the first BRICS Sherpas meeting of 2022.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has **topped** the list of most popular world leaders in the morning consult political intelligence's survey.
- **3** Indian players have been included in the ICC Men's Test team of the year for 2021.
- **Babar Azam** has been named as the captain of the ICC Men's ODI Team of the year 2021.
- World's oldest man Saturnino de la Fuente passed away at the age of **113 years**.
- **Reserve Bank India** has the power to issue sovereign gold bonds.
- **Mithali Raj** along with Jhulan Goswami has been named in the Women's ODI Team of the Year for 2021 by the ICC.
- As per the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme, **4 kg** is the maximum limit of subscription for Hindu Undivided Family.
- Theme of this year's International Day of Education, celebrated on 24th January - **Changing Course, Transforming Education**.
- January 23, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is also known as **Parakram Diwas**.
- National Girl Child Day was observed on **January 24**.
- Under the "Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization", the FPOs would be eligible to receive grants upto **75%** cost of agriculture drone.
- **Prajakta Koli** has recently become India's first UN Development Programme (UNDP) Youth Climate Champion.
- The 6th episode of the virtual journey of Incredible India has been based on **Role of Bengal in the Freedom Movement of India** theme, recently released by the Ministry of Tourism.
- Recently the MNRE has infused **₹ 1,000 crore** in state-run Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to achieve renewable energy capacity of 3300 MW.

- Recently, **Himachal Pradesh** has targeted to achieve 100% supply of clean tap water in every rural home by 2024.
- **Amit Shah** has recently released India's First "District Good Governance Index" in Jammu.
- Recently Fullerton India and **Paytm** have partnered to provide lending products to merchant partners and consumers.
- **Yogyata** portal has been launched by Common Services Centers to provide vocational education and skill enhancement opportunities in rural areas.
- Recently the World Bank has approved a loan of **\$125 million** to west Bengal in order to help poor and vulnerable groups access social protection services.
- **Vinod Sharma** has been recently won the Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for the year 2021.
- Recently Former Japanese Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe** has won the Netaji Award 2022.
- Recently Jayasurya has won the best actor award for **Sunny** movie at 20th Dhaka International Film Festival.
- National People's Party is a state recognized party in **Meghalaya**.
- India's first virtual platform for spice exports has been launched in **Kochi**.
- Recently **Koyla Darpan Portal** has been launched by the coal secretary to share key performance indicators related to the coal sector.
- India got **Third** place in the pharmaceutical production globally.
- **Rs.300 crore** is the budgetary allocation for tiger conservation in 2021-22 against Rs. 185 crore in 2014.
- Recently discovered a giant gaseous planet, TOI-2180 B, is **Thrice** times more bigger than Jupiter.
- **Mimas** is the name of the recently discovered underground ocean buried beneath the surface of the Death Star.
- Recently Astronomers of ESA have discovered an oblong-shaped planet that resembles a **Potato**, named WASP-103b.
- Recently, **China** has built an artificial moon, capable of simulating low-gravity conditions.
- **Jahnvi Dangeti** has recently become the first Indian to undergo the International Air and Space Program at NASA Launch Operations, USA.
- **Jammu** district has topped the list of India's First "District Good Governance Index" recently prepared by the Dept. of Administrative Reforms.
- Recently P.V. Sindhu has defeated **Malvika Bansod** to win the women's singles title at the Syed Modi International tournament in Lucknow.
- **Chandigarh's** team has adjusted as runner up in the ninth national women's ice hockey championship 2022.
- Recently passed former Indian footballer and coach Subhash Bhowmik was popularly known as **Bhombol**.

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## JANUARY-2022 : MCQ FOR PRACTICE

### List of Important Days

1. Which date will be celebrated as National Startup Day in order to spread the culture of startups in every nook and corner of the country?  
(1) January 14 (2) January 17 (3) January 16 (4) January 12 (5) None of these
2. Which event was organized by Ministry of Culture to celebrate National Girl Child Day on January 24, 2022 under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav?  
(1) Utsav (2) Umang (3) Rang (4) Amant (5) None of these
3. On 26th January 2022, India celebrated its which Republic Day?  
(1) 73rd (2) 72nd (3) 71st (4) 75th (5) None of these

### Reserve Bank of India

4. Recently RBI announced deadline for periodic KYC update to which month and year?  
(1) Feb 1,2022 (2) Jan 30,2022 (3) March 1,2022  
(4) March 31,2022 (5) None of these
5. As per the RBI's Annual Report of the Ombudsman Schemes for the year 2020-21, the volume of complaints received was increased by what percent on an annualized basis?  
(1) 22.27% (2) 25.09% (3) 27.65% (4) 23.67% (5) None of these
6. As per RBI Working paper, optimal hedge ratio for the External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) is at how much percent?  
(1) 60% (2) 63% (3) 62% (4) 65% (5) None of these

### Other Banks

7. Which bank has become the second-largest merchant-acquiring bank in the country?  
(1) Axis Bank (2) IDBI Bank (3) ICICI Bank (4) HDFC Bank (5) None of these
8. By December 2021, deposits in bank accounts opened under the Jan Dhan scheme crossed what amount?  
(1) Rs 3.5 lakh crore (2) Rs 0.5 lakh crore (3) Rs 1.5 lakh crore  
(4) Rs 2.5 lakh crore (5) None of these
9. Which bank emerged as the biggest receiver of UPI amount with 926.17 million transactions in December 2021?  
(1) Standard Chartered bank (2) Citi Bank (3) State Bank of India  
(4) Paytm Payments Bank (5) None of these
10. Recently which bank launched Platina Fixed Deposit?  
(1) IDBI Bank (2) Fino Payments Bank (3) Ujjivan SFB  
(4) Paytm Payments Bank (5) None of these

### Insurance

11. Which insurance company launched campaign #BahaneChhodoTaxBachao to increase awareness of Indians around the need to buy health insurance to save tax?  
(1) The Oriental Insurance Company  
(2) Reliance General Insurance  
(3) SBI General Insurance  
(4) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company  
(5) None of these

## High Courts and Sessions Courts

12. Which state/UT's High Court is all set to become India's first paperless court?  
(1) Kerala (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Maharashtra  
(4) Delhi (5) None of these

## Central Government

13. The Central government has decided to retain how much annual income criteria for candidates of Economic Weaker Sections for NEET-PG counselling?  
(1) Rs 10 lakh (2) Rs 8 lakh (3) Rs 5 lakh (4) Rs 4 lakh (5) None of these

## States

14. Which state government joined hands with the Indian School of Business to launch an initiative aimed at empowering state's forest economy and creating jobs and wealth through a sustainable development model?  
(1) Goa (2) Jharkhand (3) Chhattisgarh (4) Odisha (5) None of these
15. Which state has become first in the country to become smoke-free state?  
(1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Telangana (3) Gujarat  
(4) Odisha (5) None of these
16. Which district in Odisha has declared itself a child marriage free district, the first in the State?  
(1) Cuttack (2) Ganjam (3) Deogarh (4) Balasore (5) None of these
17. Which state government launched Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy (SSIP-2.0) for the next five years?  
(1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Haryana  
(4) Gujarat (5) None of these
18. Uttar Pradesh state government declared Bhavanipur, Tedhia, Dhakia and which other village located near the Nepal border as revenue villages?  
(1) Artauni (2) Bainpur Mustkil (3) Albatia  
(4) Mihinpurwa (5) None of these
19. Kumbalangi of which state to become India's First Sanitary Napkin-free Village?  
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Telangana (3) Kerala (4) Uttarakhand (5) None of these
20. Which state government has launched a helpline called Elder Line with a toll-free number 14567 for senior citizens?  
(1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) Odisha (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
21. Which state government launched India's first AVGC center of excellence (animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics) pitching it as a pioneering high technology digital media hub?  
(1) Telangana (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Karnataka (4) Sikkim (5) None of these
22. Himachal Pradesh's Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched which mobile app to provide a hassle-free experience for tourists in Kangra district?  
(1) Mera Kangra (2) Apna Kangra (3) Sabka Kangra  
(4) Aao Kangra (5) None of these
23. Recently which state/UT announced 15 percent reservation for Women in non-gazetted posts in police?  
(1) New Delhi (2) Uttarakhand (3) Bihar  
(4) Jammu and Kashmir (5) None of these

24. Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary is set to be notified as the fourth tiger reserve of which state?  
 (1) Haryana (2) Rajasthan (3) Uttarakhand (4) Assam (5) None of these
25. Andhra Pradesh state government revised its number of districts by adding 13 more districts. What is the total number of districts in the state now?  
 (1) 26 (2) 18 (3) 23 (4) 35 (5) None of these
26. Which state government launched Mana Ooru-Mana Badi programme to strengthen govt schools with a budget of Rs 7,289.54 crore?  
 (1) Telangana (2) Goa (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Bihar (5) None of these

### Defence and National Security

27. With Which country, India is set to conclude Brahmos missile deal?  
 (1) SriLanka (2) Philippines (3) Canada (4) Mexico (5) None of these
28. Recently Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged-in India's first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition in which country?  
 (1) South Africa (2) Canada (3) Russia (4) France (5) None of these
29. India has successfully tested an advanced sea-to-sea variant of the BrahMos cruise missile from which Indian Navy Ship?  
 (1) INS Talwar (2) INS Ganga (3) INS Visakhapatnam  
 (4) INS Kirpan (5) None of these
30. Which is the first country to purchase BrahMos cruise missiles from India in a \$375 million deal?  
 (1) Indonesia (2) Vietnam (3) Philippines (4) Thailand (5) None of these
31. Which country launched a completely new Tupolev Tu-160M strategic missile-carrying bomber nicknamed the - White Swan?  
 (1) Germany (2) Canada (3) Italy (4) Russia (5) None of these
32. Which country has successfully tested Arrow 3 anti-ballistic missile system outside the earth's atmosphere?  
 (1) Turkey (2) Israel (3) Senegal (4) Antigua (5) None of these
33. Which organisation is conducting a maritime exercise "Neptune Strike 22"?  
 (1) CNRX (2) USAID (3) OECD (4) NATO (5) None of these
34. Where did Indian Naval Ships Shivalik & Kadmat undertake Maritime Partnership Exercise with Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force Ships Uruga and Hirado in January 2022?  
 (1) Indian Ocean (2) South China Sea (3) Mediterranean Sea  
 (4) Bay of Bengal (5) None of these

### Committees/Commissions

35. Who has been appointed as the head of the Committee set up the oil ministry to draw up an energy transition roadmap for the oil and gas sector that could prove to be a key step on India's path to net-zero emissions by 2070?  
 (1) Purab Kumar (2) Tarun Kapoor (3) Keerat Sharma  
 (4) Sudesh Manik (5) None of these
36. How many task forces has been set by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for 6G technology, making industry representation only symbolic?  
 (1) 4 (2) 3 (3) 6 (4) 8 (5) None of these

37. Sushmita Dev is the only woman member of the parliamentary panel that will examine the Prohibition on Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill seeking to increase the age of legal marriage of women from 18 to 21 years. The panel consists of how many members?  
(1) 31 (2) 45 (3) 67 (4) 23 (5) None of these

### Schemes/Initiatives

38. PM inaugurated Bina (MP)-Panki (UP) Multiproduct pipeline project. What is the length of the pipeline?  
(1) 375 km (2) 356 km (3) 410 km (4) 405 km (5) None of these
39. Jawaharlal Nehru Road in which state has been christened as 'Narendra Modi Marg' as inaugurated by the governor of the state?  
(1) Assam (2) Meghalaya (3) Sikkim  
(4) Manipur (5) None of these
40. Where did PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Major Dhyani Chand Sports University in January 2022?  
(1) Meerut (2) Patna (3) Varanasi (4) Jaipur (5) None of these
41. Where did Union Ayush Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone for the Heartfulness International Yoga academy?  
(1) Pune (2) Chennai (3) Kolkata (4) Hyderabad (5) None of these
42. Where has PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute?  
(1) Chennai (2) Kolkata (3) Gurugram (4) Mumbai (5) None of these
43. In which city, government inaugurated country first coal to methanol plant built by BHEL?  
(1) Chennai (2) Hyderabad (3) Pune (4) Mumbai (5) None of these
44. Who released the commemorative Postal Stamp on COVID-19 Vaccine to mark the first anniversary of India's National Covid-19 Vaccination program?  
(1) Narendra Tomar (2) Amit Shah (3) Narendra Modi  
(4) Mansukh Mandaviya (5) None of these
45. Recently Ministry of Textiles how many strategic projects worth Rs 30 cr in areas of fibres and geotextiles?  
(1) 20 (2) 10 (3) 15 (4) 18 (5) None of these
46. Where did Dr Jitendra Singh launched Mobile COVID testing facility for Northeast?  
(1) Mizoram (2) Nagaland (3) Arunachal Pradesh  
(4) Tripura (5) None of these
47. Which portal was launched by the coal ministry to share Key Performance Indicators related to the Coal Sector?  
(1) Koyla Godam Portal (2) Koyla Chulha Portal (3) Koyla Angithi Portal  
(4) Koyla Darpan Portal (5) None of these
48. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) unveiled a roadmap to achieve how much amount from electronics manufacturing and exports by 2026?  
(1) US\$100 billion (2) US\$300 billion (3) US\$500 billion  
(4) US\$400 billion (5) None of these



## Summit/Conference

49. In which city, 24th National Conference on e-Governance 2021 concluded?  
(1) Hyderabad (2) Thiruvananthapuram (3) Lucknow  
(4) Mumbai (5) None of these

## Agreement/Deal/Signed

50. Paisabazaar.com, India's largest digital marketplace for consumer credit, partnered with which bank to launch a Pre-Qualified Program for unsecured loans on its platform?  
(1) Bandhan Bank (2) Kotak Mahindra Bank (3) ICICI Bank  
(4) Axis Bank (5) None of these
51. In partnership with which of the following did the Food Processing Industry Ministry launched six brands developed as part of the One District-One Product?  
(1) PMFME Scheme (2) PMEGP Scheme (3) PMJDY Scheme  
(4) PMJJBY Scheme (5) None of these
52. Which of the following partnered with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to enhance the effectiveness of the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (formerly mid-day meal scheme)?  
(1) The Helpage India Foundation (2) The Akshaya Patra Foundation  
(3) The Smile Foundation (4) The Childline India Foundation (5) None of these
53. Which state government partnered with Syntizen, a Digital Identity Solutions provider, to provide life certificates to pensioners in the state via video KYC?  
(1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Haryana (3) Madhya Pradesh  
(4) Odisha (5) None of these
54. Which payments bank collaborated with Park+ to offer FASTag-based smart parking solutions to marquee commercial and residential properties across the country?  
(1) Jio Payments Bank (2) NSDL Payments Bank (3) Fino Payments Bank  
(4) Airtel Payments Bank (5) None of these
55. Which state government partnered with Singapore firm, LNG Alliance, for the development of Karnataka's first LNG import terminal?  
(1) Karnataka (2) Gujarat (3) Maharashtra (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
56. Recently Cabinet approves signing of MoU with which country for construction of bridge over Mahakali River?  
(1) Sri Lanka (2) Nepal (3) Bhutan (4) Pakistan (5) None of these
57. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) signed an agreement with which company for the second phase of the Passport Seva Programme (PSP-V2.0)?  
(1) Mphasis (2) Wipro (3) Infosys (4) TCS (5) None of these
58. For how much amount, J&K Govt signs MoU with Century Financial?  
(1) 100 million dollars (2) 200 million dollars (3) 300 million dollars  
(4) 400 million dollars (5) None of these
59. India has signed MoU with which country on Disaster Management Cooperation?  
(1) Turkey (2) Turkmenistan (3) Iran  
(4) Bohemia (5) None of these

60. Lazypay has partnered with which bank to launch LazyCard, a payment instrument backed by a credit line, thus foraying into the card segment?  
(1) Barclays Bank (2) SBM Bank (3) HSBC Bank  
(4) Deutsche Bank (5) None of these
61. Which bank partnered with Bengaluru-based Mecwin Technologies Ltd to introduce farmer-friendly solar-powered pump-sets using bank finance?  
(1) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank  
(2) Kerala Gramin bank  
(3) Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank  
(4) Prathama UP Gramin Bank  
(5) None of these
62. Which bank has tied up with MinkasuPay to offer a smooth net banking payment experience to its customers through biometric authentication solution?  
(1) Yes Bank (2) Canara Bank (3) IndusInd Bank  
(4) Axis Bank (5) None of these
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(4) Axis Bank (5) None of these
64. Which company has inked a pact with delivery platform Swiggy to bolster the electric commercial mobility segment?  
(1) Hero Electric (2) Ola Electric (3) Bajaj Auto  
(4) TVS Motor Company (5) None of these
65. Which of the following collaborated with Google Pay to provide instant loans to eligible small merchants on the Google Pay platform?  
(1) Scoreme Solutions (2) Silversparro Technologies (3) IndiaLends  
(4) Indifi Technologies (5) None of these
66. With which country, India agreed to Initiate Joint Research on Green Fuels?  
(1) Sweden (2) Denmark (3) USA (4) China (5) None of these
67. The ministry of skill development & entrepreneurship has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with which university to link vocational education with higher education?  
(1) Indira Gandhi Open University  
(2) Delhi University  
(3) Indraprastha University  
(4) Lovely Professional University  
(5) None of these
68. The governments of Himachal Pradesh signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with which state government for the construction of a dam on 77 acres in Himachal near the Adi Badri area of Yamunanagar for the revival of the Saraswati river?  
(1) Haryana (2) Uttarakhand (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Bihar (5) None of these
69. TerraPay and NPCI International have partnered to enable real-time, international payments. Where is the TerraPay situated?  
(1) Slovakia (2) Paraguay (3) Netherlands (4) Denmark (5) None of these

70. Which start-up partnered with Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd. (RGICL) to introduce customized digital insurance solutions for the rural population especially the farmers?  
(1) Faarms (2) Fasal (3) Farmonaut (4) Arjate Farms (5) None of these

### Fund

71. Recently Centre approved how much amount of Additional Central Assistance to six states for measures relating to national calamities?  
(1) ₹ 6786 cr (2) ₹ 4578 cr (3) ₹ 3078 cr (4) ₹ 3063 cr (5) None of these
72. How much amount was released by the central government to Odisha to expedite the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the state?  
(1) Rs 680 cr (2) Rs 510 cr (3) Rs 360 cr (4) Rs 830 cr (5) None of these
73. How much amount was released by the central government to Jharkhand to expedite the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the state?  
(1) Rs 9,544 cr (2) Rs 9,276 cr (3) Rs 9,982 cr (4) Rs 9,365 cr (5) None of these
74. For which state Drinking water supply schemes of over Rs 6,872 Cr has been approved?  
(1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) Maharashtra  
(4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
75. How much loan was granted by India to Sri Lanka to tackle forex crisis?  
(1) \$900 million (2) \$100 million (3) \$200 million  
(4) \$300 million (5) None of these
76. India announced how much credit line to help Sri Lanka purchase petroleum products as the island nation struggles with a massive fuel and energy crisis?  
(1) USD 400 million (2) USD 500 million (3) USD 300 million  
(4) USD 600 million (5) None of these
77. How much amount will be invested by AIIB in data centres across Asia?  
(1) \$120 million (2) \$50 million (3) \$100 million  
(4) \$150 million (5) None of these

### Economy

78. What is the annual interest rate under Public Provident Fund for the 4th quarter of 2021-22?  
(1) 7.1% (2) 6.5% (3) 6.3% (4) 6.9% (5) None of these
79. The compound annual growth rate of digital transaction has gone up by what percent?  
(1) 50% (2) 60% (3) 54% (4) 57% (5) None of these
80. India's 2nd quarter ended September 2021 (Q2Fy22) current account deficit was at what percent of GDP?  
(1) 1.3% (2) 5.4% (3) 2.9% (4) 0.6% (5) None of these
81. What percent of full-year target was centre's fiscal deficit at the end of November 2021?  
(1) 36.7% (2) 46.2% (3) 76.3% (4) 53.9% (5) None of these
82. Financial ministry has released how much amount for monthly Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant?  
(1) Rs 9,872 crore (2) Rs 9,971 crore (3) Rs 9,671 crore  
(4) Rs 9,871 crore (5) None of these

83. What is revised FY22 GDP Growth of India according to SBI Ecowrap?  
(1) 7.5 per cent (2) 8.5 per cent (3) 9.5 per cent (4) 11.5 per cent (5) None of these
84. By how much percent India's total coal production has registered growth?  
(1) 6.74% (2) 6.75% (3) 7.64% (4) 7.84% (5) None of these

### Companies/Industry

85. Which company acquired Allyis India Pvt Ltd and Green Investments LLC, holding company for Allyis Group?  
(1) Infosys (2) HCL (3) Wipro (4) Tech Mahindra (5) None of these
86. NPCI sets standardised limits for cash withdrawals and mini statements on AePS transactions. When will these limits have to be implemented?  
(1) January 12 (2) January 15 (3) January 14 (4) January 16 (5) None of these
87. Which company's name has been changed to White Oak Capital Asset Management with effect from January 12?  
(1) Yes Asset Management (2) HDFC Asset Management  
(3) UTI Asset Management (4) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management (5) None of these
88. Paytm Money has launched which AI based messenger (India's first) for users to invest and track markets?  
(1) Jolt (2) Pops (3) Gosh (4) Hose (5) None of these

### Space

89. Which country launched a cost-efficient Solid-fuel Satellite Carrier Rocket into space?  
(1) Turkey (2) Indonesia (3) Iran (4) Denmark (5) None of these

### Science and Technology

90. Which company has created a new artificial intelligence supercomputer that it believes will be the fastest in the world?  
(1) Alphabet (2) Microsoft (3) Meta (4) IBM (5) None of these

### Health/Diseases/Drugs

91. For testing the new Omicron variant of Covid-19, an indigenous RT-PCR diagnostic kit, called Om has been developed by which organization?  
(1) Defence Research and Development Organization  
(2) Indian Space Research Organization  
(3) Council Of Scientific And Industrial Research  
(4) Central Drug Research Institute  
(5) None of these

### Education

92. Which of the following has chosen anxiety as the Children's Word of the Year 2021?  
(1) HarperCollins (2) Cambridge University Press (3) Macmillan Publishers  
(4) Oxford University Press (5) None of these

### Transport/Cars/Scooters

93. In which city, India's first heli-hub to be set up with many aviation facilities?  
(1) Chennai (2) Gurugram (3) New Delhi (4) Mumbai (5) None of these

94. Which railway station in Gujarat has been re-named as Ekta Nagar Railway Station?  
(1) Kevadiya Railway Station (2) Jhund Railway Station  
(3) Chhayapuri Railway Station (4) Itola Railway Station (5) None of these

### Films and Film Festival

95. From India, Jai Bhim and Marakkar: Arabikadalinte Simham have been included in the list of films eligible for the Oscars 2022. Movie Jai Bhim is in which language?  
(1) Tamil (2) Malayalam (3) Assamese (4) Hindi (5) None of these

### Festival

96. Where will the 25th National Youth festival be held?  
(1) Odisha (2) Ladakh (3) Puducherry (4) Goa (5) None of these

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

97. Who will head the panel restructured by SEBI on market data that recommends policy measures pertaining to areas like securities market data access and privacy?  
(1) Mohan Buch (2) Madhabi Puri (3) S Sahoo (4) Krishan Sachdeva (5) None of these
98. Who has been appointed as the first woman chairman and managing director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)?  
(1) Alka Mittal (2) Sonia Sachdeva (3) Kriti Jha  
(4) Mansi Kakkar (5) None of these
99. Who has been appointed as the Director General of National Mission for Clean Ganga, Ministry of Jal Shakti?  
(1) B Varinder Kundu (2) G Asok Kumar (3) Aditya Negi  
(4) Adwait Singh (5) None of these
100. Who is the president of Constitutional Convention of Chile?  
(1) Paola Grandón (2) Martín Arrau  
(3) María Elisa Quinteros (4) Margarita Letelier Cortés (5) None of these
101. Legends League Cricket (LLC) appointed whom as its ambassador?  
(1) Jhulan Goswami (2) Mithali Raj (3) Smriti Mandhana  
(4) Shafali Verma (5) None of these
102. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi?  
(1) Raghuvendra Tanwar (2) K. Purushotham (3) Vijaya Chandra  
(4) Mahender Reddy (5) None of these
103. Who is appointed as Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) chairman?  
(1) Vikas Kalra (2) Sunil Verma  
(3) Narendra Kumar Goenka (4) A Sakthivel (5) None of these
104. Who has been appointed as Managing Director, National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways?  
(1) Siddharth Dull (2) Chanchal Kumar (3) Vijay Bhagwat  
(4) Vinod Kamra (5) None of these
105. Who has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of Army Staff?  
(1) Manoj Pande (2) Vivek Shashtri (3) Sashi Mishra  
(4) Pritam Rana (5) None of these

### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

106. Abdalla Hamdok, prime minister of which country resigned amid political deadlock?  
(1) Uganda (2) Libya (3) Somalia (4) Sudan (5) None of these
107. Virat Kohli stepped down as the Test captain of the Indian Men's cricket team after the series defeat against which country?  
(1) Zimbabwe (2) Australia (3) South Africa (4) West Indies (5) None of these

### Deaths

108. Viktor Saneyev who passed away was related to which of the following?  
(1) Racewalking (2) Sprint (3) Triple Jump (4) Shot Put (5) None of these
109. SH Sarma who passed away was related to which war?  
(1) World War I (2) 1965 Indo-Pak War (3) 1971 Indo-Pak War  
(4) World War II (5) None of these
110. Olympic and world medallist sprinter Deon Lendore who passed away hailed from which country?  
(1) Austria (2) USA (3) Belgium (4) Switzerland (5) None of these
111. Padma Vibhushan awardee Pt Birju Maharaj who passed away was an exponent in which dance form?  
(1) Kathak (2) Manipuri (3) Kuchipudi (4) Bharatnatyam (5) None of these
112. Padma Shri awardee Shanti Devi who passed away was related to which of the following?  
(1) Entrepreneur (2) Environmentalist (3) Social Activist  
(4) Virologist (5) None of these
113. Recently Padma Shri recipient and founder of the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre passed away. Name him?  
(1) HPS Ahluwalia (2) Narendra Tomar (3) PR Narasimha  
(4) Arunoy R Jain (5) None of these
114. Recently Narayan Debnath passed away. He was related to which field?  
(1) Politics (2) Actor (3) Author (4) Cartoonist (5) None of these
115. Major HPS Ahluwalia who passed away was a professional?  
(1) Player (2) Biker (3) Racer (4) Mountaineer (5) None of these
116. Milena Salvini who passed away was related to which field?  
(1) Dancer (2) Singer (3) Poet (4) Politics (5) None of these
117. Former Olympic gymnastic champion Szilveszter Csollany who passed away hailed from which country?  
(1) Iceland (2) Hungary (3) Bulgaria (4) Greece (5) None of these

### Awards/Honours

118. Which of the following won the SKOCH Award in Silver category for its work towards combating Crime and Violence against Children?  
(1) Forensic Science Laboratory (2) Odisha s Nabarangpur (3) Bengal Government  
(4) Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation (5) None of these

119. Who won the ICC Player of the Month award for December in male category?  
 (1) Jeet Raval (2) Rachin Ravindra (3) Jayant Yadav  
 (4) Ajaz Patel (5) None of these
120. Which bank has been adjudged Best Private Bank in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021, organized by Professional Wealth Management (PWM)?  
 (1) HDFC Bank (2) Bandhan Bank (3) ICICI Bank  
 (4) IndusInd Bank (5) None of these
121. NIRAMAI Health Analytix Pvt. Ltd. and which other start-up have received the World Bank Group and the Consumer Technology Association's Global Women's Health Tech Awards?  
 (1) Aidetic Software Private Limited  
 (2) Forus Health Pvt. Ltd.  
 (3) InnAccel Technologies Pvt. Ltd.  
 (4) SIAMAF Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.  
 (5) None of these
122. Which state topped the India Skills 2021 contest with 51 medals?  
 (1) Kerala (2) Haryana (3) Maharashtra (4) Odisha (5) None of these
123. Who has been given the knighthood for his service towards the game of cricket?  
 (1) Garfield Sobers (2) Michael Holding (3) Clive Lloyd  
 (4) Viv Richards (5) None of these
124. Sumit Bhale, who won a gold medal at the International Folk Art Festival in Dubai represented Maharashtra in which art form?  
 (1) Bihu (2) Garba (3) Lavni (4) Matki Dance (5) None of these
125. Which actress won the International Association of Working Women Award for outstanding performance by a female actor in a TV series for her show?  
 (1) Sushmita Sen (2) Lara Dutta (3) Dia Mirza  
 (4) Amrita Rao (5) None of these
126. Maya Angelou who has become the first Black woman to appear on the US coin is related with which field?  
 (1) Actor (2) Singer (3) Filmmaker (4) Poet (5) None of these
127. How many people are given Padma Shri awards in 2022?  
 (1) 98 (2) 121 (3) 107 (4) 115 (5) None of these

### Sports/Game

128. Who won the World Rapid Chess Championship in men s category?  
 (1) Nihal Sarin (2) Magnus Carlsen (3) Hikaru Nakamura  
 (4) Nodirbek Abdusattorov (5) None of these
129. Who won the Men's Singles title of 2022 India Open (badminton) held in New Delhi?  
 (1) Parupalli Kashyap (2) Lakshya Sen (3) Chirag Shetty  
 (4) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (5) None of these

### Report

130. Which country is not among the world's most powerful nations which pledged to avoid nuclear war?  
 (1) France (2) US (3) UK (4) Australia (5) None of these

131. According to a US-based global leader approval tracker, Morning Consult Political Intelligence, which leader emerged as the most popular leader worldwide?  
 (1) Xi Jinping (2) Narendra Modi (3) Joe Biden  
 (4) Boris Johnson (5) None of these
132. According to findings from a study published by The Brookings Institution, which country is top in global AI adopters?  
 (1) USA (2) UK (3) China (4) Russia (5) None of these
133. What is the rank of India in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), 2021 topped by Denmark, Finland, and New Zealand?  
 (1) 79 (2) 85 (3) 93 (4) 67 (5) None of these
134. Friendship Hospital situated in which country has been adjudged the most transformative building of the world for the year 2021 by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)?  
 (1) Bangladesh (2) Poland (3) Malaysia  
 (4) China (5) None of these

### General - National

135. A 100-day reading campaign named what has been launched nationwide emphasizing the promotion of joyful reading culture for children?  
 (1) Likhe Bharat (2) Padhe Bharat (3) Ratta Bharat  
 (4) Sikhe Bharat (5) None of these
136. As per Ministry of Labour and Employment, how many unorganised workers registered on e-Shram portal?  
 (1) 20 cr (2) 25 cr (3) 30 cr (4) 35 cr (5) None of these
137. Recently Government extended the tenure of National Commission for Safai Karamcharis up to which year?  
 (1) 2025 (2) 2024 (3) 2026 (4) 2027 (5) None of these
138. Over how many Agri Nutri Gardens have been established under the Agri Nutri Garden Week observed from 10th to 17th of January?  
 (1) 61,900 (2) 55,200 (3) 76,500 (4) 34,800 (5) None of these
139. With which country, India launched a commemorative logo to mark 30th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic ties?  
 (1) Israel (2) France (3) Iran (4) USA (5) None of these
140. Recently the Union Agriculture Ministry has decided to provide 40-100 per cent subsidy until which year in purchasing drone by revising guidelines in the existing scheme on farm mechanization?  
 (1) 2023 (2) 2024 (3) 2025 (4) 2026 (5) None of these

### General - International

141. Which country unveiled a five-year plan to become an innovation hub for the global robotics industry by 2025?  
 (1) China (2) Japan (3) Russia (4) USA (5) None of these
142. Which city is going to have worlds longest metro line?  
 (1) Shanghai (2) Sydney (3) California (4) Paris (5) None of these



143. Which country's government launched a NHS Food Scanner App that offers healthier alternatives as part of the government's multimedia anti-obesity Better Health Campaign?  
 (1) Spain (2) Italy (3) Denmark (4) UK (5) None of these
144. Which country launched its first satellite constellation developed entirely in the continent of Africa?  
 (1) Nigeria (2) Kenya (3) Cameroon (4) South Africa (5) None of these
145. Which country has passed a law to relocate the country's capital to Nusantara?  
 (1) Indonesia (2) Manama (3) Denmark (4) Switzerland (5) None of these
146. Which of the following has opened its Infinity Bridge shaped like "infinity" symbol to traffic for the first time?  
 (1) Sydney (2) New York (3) Dubai (4) London (5) None of these
147. In which country is the world's largest canal lock inaugurated?  
 (1) UAE (2) Poland (3) Norway (4) Netherlands (5) None of these
148. AirAsia Group of which country has changed the name of its listed holding company to Capital A to reflect the diversity of its business portfolio?  
 (1) Syria (2) Indonesia (3) Malaysia (4) Oman (5) None of these

### Books and Authors

149. "Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership" is the autobiography of whom?  
 (1) Arundhati Bhattacharya (2) Chanda Kochhar (3) Gita Gopinath  
 (4) Naina Lal Kidwai (5) None of these
150. New biography of Subhas Chandra Bose named "Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist" has been authored by whom?  
 (1) Rohinton Mistry (2) Jeet Thayil (3) Chandrachur Ghose  
 (4) Anuj Dhar (5) None of these

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

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