

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

MONTH OF MARCH-2022

List of Important Days

- March 01 - Zero Discrimination Day. (Theme - "Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower")
- March 04 - 51st National Safety Day (NSD). (Theme - "Nurture young minds - Develop safety culture")
- March 04 - National Security Day.
- March 04 to March 10 - National Security Week 2022.
- March 04 - World Obesity Day. (Theme - "Everybody Needs to Act")
- March 08 - International Women's Day (IWD). (Theme - "gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow.")
- March 09 (second Wednesday of March) - No Smoking Day.
- March 10 - Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) raising day.
- March 10 (second Thursday of March) - World Kidney Day.
- March 10 - International Day of Women Judges.
- March 13 - World Rotaract Day. (Theme - "Rotary Making a Difference")
- March 14 - International Day of Mathematics. (Pi Day) (Theme - "Mathematics Unites!")
- March 14 - 25th International Day of Action for Rivers. (Theme - "The Importance of Rivers for Biodiversity")
- March 15 - World Consumer Rights Day. (Theme - "Fair Digital Finance.")
- March 15 - International Day to Combat Islamophobia.
- March 16 - National Vaccination Day. (also known as National Immunisation Day (IMD)) (Theme - "Vaccines Work for all")
- March 18 - Global Recycling Day.
- March 18 - World Sleep Day. (Theme - "Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World")
- March 18 - India's Ordnance Factories' Day.
- March 19 - Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) celebrates 83rd Raising Day.
- March 20 - International Day of happiness. (Theme - "Keep Calm, Stay Wise and Be Kind")
- March 20 - World Oral Health Day. (Theme - "Be Proud Of Your Mouth")
- March 20 - World Sparrow Day (WSD). (Theme - "LOVE Sparrows.")
- March 21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. (Theme - "VOICES FOR ACTION AGAINST RACISM")
- March 21 - International Day of Forests (also known as World Forestry Day). (Theme - "Forests and sustainable production and consumption.")
- March 21 - World Poetry Day.
- March 23 - Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day.
- March 24 - International Day for the Right to the Truth.
- March 24 - World Tuberculosis Day. (Theme - "Invest to End TB. Save Lives.")

- March 25 - International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members.
- March 25 - International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.
- March 26 (last Saturday of March) - Earth Hour. (Theme - "Shape Our Future")
- March 27 - World Theatre Day.
- March 31 - International Day of Drug Checking.
- March 31 - World Backup Day.
- March 31 - International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV).
- The Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change has designated the **5th of October** to be celebrated as **National Dolphin Day** every year as a historic step in creating awareness for the conservation of Dolphins, beginning from 2022.

Reserve Bank of India

- RBI Governor **Shaktikanta Das** launched a new **UPI payments service** for feature phones **UPI123Pay** on March 8, 2022.
 - The RBI Governor also launched a 24x7 helpline for digital payments called 'Digisaathi'.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has launched a booklet named "**BE(A)WARE**" which features common modus operandi used by fraudsters and precautions to be taken while carrying out various financial transactions.
- Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has directed **Paytm Payments Bank Ltd** to stop the onboarding of new customers with immediate effect.
 - The RBI took the decision in exercise of its powers under section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- **LivQuik**, a prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuer, announced that it has achieved full interoperability for its Prepaid Payment Instruments, as mandated by the Reserve Bank of India.
 - According to the firm, it is also the first PPI issuer to achieve full interoperability.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das inaugurated the **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)** in **Bengaluru**, which was established with a Rs 100 crore initial capital contribution to foster and nurture financial innovation.
 - According to the central bank, the Hub has an independent Board with Senapathy (Kris) **Gopalakrishnan** as Chairman and other notable people from industry and academics as members.
- Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (**BRBNMPL**) has set up an Ink Manufacturing Unit named "**Varnika**" at Mysuru, **Karnataka**, with an annual ink manufacturing capacity of 1,500 MT to enhance the security of banknotes.

State Bank of India

- The State Bank of India (**SBI**) will set up an Innovation, Incubation, and Acceleration Centre (**IIAC**) at Hyderabad, **Telangana** which will be operational in six to nine months of on-boarding a consultant.

Other Banks

- **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)** has announced the launch of "**Project Banksakhi**" in **Odisha** in collaboration with Mahagram & Sunivesh India Finance Services Pvt. Ltd. for Online Bank Account opening.
- The Banks Board Bureau (**BBB**) has launched a **development programme** for public sector bank management with the goal of boosting the quality of bank boards.

- The nine-month Directors' Development Programme (DDP) is made for directors of Public Sector Banks and financial institutions with the main objective of improving director effectiveness and increasing their impact on boards, according to the Banks Board Bureau.
- **HDFC Mutual Fund** has launched a women-led financial empowerment initiative '**LaxmiForLaxmi**' which will connect women investors to a woman financial expert near them through a unique missed call service.
- In collaboration with **Emirates Skywards**, the loyalty programme of Emirates and flydubai, **ICICI Bank** created the '**Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Credit Card**'.
- On March 21, the **Bank of India** (BoI) announced a Rs 109 crore investment in National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL).

Central Government

- Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the establishment of the National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) as a wholly-owned Government of India corporation with an initial authorized share capital of 5000 crores and a paid-up share capital of 150 crore.
- Govt. increased timeline to 10 years for startups for converting debt investment into equity.

States

- **Rajasthan**, the state government has announced a '**Camel Protection and Development Policy**' in its budget 2022-23.
 - According to the government figures, less than two lakh camels are left in Rajasthan and in the entire country, the number of camels has reduced by 1.5 lakh since 2012.
- In a state-level women's conference held at BTI Ground in Raipur, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel introduced the '**Kaushalya Matritva Yojana**' by handing out Rs 5000 checks to five beneficiaries for safe motherhood.
- **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister, M K Stalin has inaugurated India's **largest floating solar power plant** constructed at a cost of Rs 150.4 crores.
 - The floating plant is established in Southern Petrochemicals Industries Corporation Limited (SPIC) factory at **Thoothukudi** in Tamil Nadu to provide clean energy.
- **Haryana** government has announced **Matrushakti Udaymita Scheme** to provide support to women entrepreneurs, on International Women's Day.
 - Under the scheme, the women whose family annual income is less than 5 lakh rupees based on Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) verified data, will be provided access to soft loans by financial institutions to the extent of 3 lakh rupees.
- The government of **Karnataka** has launched '**Women@Work**' program to provide five lakh jobs within 2026 to women with necessary employable skills.
- **Haryana** Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar, while presenting the state budget, has announced a '**Sushma Swaraj Award**' for women for their significant achievements or contribution in different walks of life in the international and national spheres.
- **Tripura** Government has announced a special scheme '**Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa**' for **tea workers**.
- **Mumbai**, Maharashtra announced its detailed framework to '**zero out carbon emissions by 2050**' and became the first city in South Asia to set such a target.
- The Survey Settlement and Land Records (SSLR) unit of **Karnataka's** revenue department is ensuring easy availability of original land records through an app called **Dishaank**.
 - The Dishaank app is developed under the Geographical Information System (GIS) program of the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Center (KSRSAC).

Place in the News

- The country's first Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (**ARTPARK**) was launched in **Bengaluru**, Karnataka.
 - It is promoted by a not-for-profit foundation set up by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, with a seed capital of Rs. 230 crore from the State and Central governments.

Defence and National Security

- A team of scientists, for the first time in the country, from the Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) and the Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**) **Delhi** successfully demonstrated a **Quantum Key Distribution link** between **Prayagraj** and **Vindhyachal** in Uttar Pradesh, spanning over 100 kilometres.
- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (**NATO**) has organized the massive military drill '**Cold Response 2022**' in **Norway** from March 14, 2022, and will continue till April 01, 2022.
 - The exercise is held in Norway every second year, for NATO Allies and partners.
- The **Western Naval Command** of the Indian Navy organized an offshore security exercise, '**Prasthan**' in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off **Mumbai**.
- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has presented the prestigious **President's Colour** to Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Valsura** at Jamnagar in **Gujarat**.
- The **United States** military and the military of the **Philippines** kicked off the military drill **Balikatan 2022**.
 - The Philippine-led annual exercise will take place across **Luzon** in the Philippines region near Taiwan, from March 28 to April 8, 2022.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) has conducted two successful flight tests of the Indian Army version of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (**MRSAM**) against high-speed aerial targets at Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of **Odisha**.
- The **Indian Air Force** has unveiled a new initiative with the **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.** Under it, IAF's convoys will be refuelled at fuel stations of the state-run energy major.
 - As per the Defence Ministry, 'Fleet Card-Fuel on Move' has been rolled out to facilitate the refuelling of convoys belonging to the Indian Air Force.
- The first edition of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (**IONS**) Maritime Exercise 2022 (**IMEX-22**) was held from March 26 to 30, 2022, in **Goa** and in the Arabian Sea.

Schemes/Initiatives

- 'Building AI Readiness among Young Innovators', a program by the Department of Science and Technology (**DST**), Government of India, in partnership with **Intel** India, was launched by Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (I/C).
- The Union Civil Aviation Minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia** and **Madhya Pradesh** Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan jointly inaugurated the first **drone school** in **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**.
 - The other four cities are Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur and Satna.
- India's First Digital Water Bank, '**AQVERIUM**' has been launched in Bengaluru, **Karnataka** which is an innovative initiative aimed at better water management.
 - It is formed by AquaKraft Group Ventures.
- **Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle**' has been unveiled in **Madagascar** to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
 - Ambassador of India to Madagascar, Abhay Kumar celebrated the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by inaugurating a Green Triangle, along with Mayor of Antananarivo Naina Andriantsitohaina.

- The granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi '**Sumitra Gandhi Kulkarni**' has inaugurated the web portal '**Modi Story**'.
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) conducted **Yamunotsav** at ASITA East River Front, ITO Bridge, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

Summit/Conference

- On a virtual platform, the 36th **International Geological Congress** (IGC) will be placed here on March 20-22, 2022, with the topic Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Future.
 - The 36th International Geophysical Congress is a collaboration between the Ministries of Mines and Earth Sciences, the **Indian** National Science Academy, and the Science Academies of **Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka**.

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **Japan** and **India** have renewed the Bilateral Swap Arrangement (**BSA**) the size of which is up to USD 75 billion.
 - The BSA is a two-way arrangement where both authorities can swap their local currencies in exchange for the US Dollar.
- **Ambit Finvest** has announced the signing of a co-lending agreement with Union Bank of India (**UBI**) for financing to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (**MSME**) customers.
- The 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between **India** and the **Netherlands** is being commemorated this year.
 - Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs, and Marten van den Berg, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to India, launched a joint **logo** on March 2, 2022, to commemorate the occasion.
- **Axis Bank** and **Bharti Airtel** have entered into a strategic partnership to strengthen the growth of the **digital ecosystem** in India, through a range of financial solutions.
 - These will include first-of-its-kind co-branded credit card '**Airtel Axis Bank Credit Card**'.
- **Mastercard** and **Zeta**, a financial tech startup that provides **next-generation credit card** processing to banks and fintechs, established a 5-year worldwide agreement.
- **Flipkart** and **Google Cloud** have formed a multi-year strategic agreement to assist Flipkart accelerate its innovation and cloud strategy.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (**BIS**) and **IIT Roorkee** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the establishment of a '**BIS Standardization Chair Professor**' at IIT Roorkee.
- IIT Madras Incubation Cell (**IITMIC**) and RBI Innovation Hub (**RBIH**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India, inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in establishing the ecosystem needed to support and expand fintech businesses in India.
- Airports Authority of India (**AAI**) has signed an agreement with Defence Public Sector Undertaking Bharat Electronics Limited (**BEL**) for the joint indigenous development of systems for **air traffic management** and surface movement of aircraft at airports across the country.
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (**SIDBI**), a financial institution for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSME**), has announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of **Meghalaya's** Meghalaya Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation Ltd. [MiDFC] to develop the state's MSME ecosystem.
- The World Health Organization (**WHO**) and the Government of **India** signed a memorandum of understanding to create the **Global Centre for Traditional Medicine** in **Gujarat**.
- **Assam** and **Meghalaya** agreed to resolve their five-decade-long border dispute in six of the 12 contested places that have frequently sparked tensions between the two states, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah hailing the decision as a "historic day for the Northeast."

Fund

- The **Indian** government has issued a **USD 1 billion** line of credit (LoC) for **Sri Lanka** to aid in the import of food, necessary products, and medication.
- The government authorized a World Bank-backed programme costing **USD808 million** to aid and improve the functioning of the country's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSMEs**).

Companies/Industry

- **Google** has announced the launch of '**Play Pass**' subscription service in India that will provide Android device users access to over 1,000 applications and games without ads, in-app purchases, and upfront payments.
- **Tata Motors** has launched a **mobile showroom** (showroom on wheels) named '**Anubhav**,' to target rural customers by increasing their reach in rural areas and providing them with a doorstep car buying experience.
- **ToneTag** has partnered with **NSDL Payments Bank** and **NPCI** to launch its "**VoiceSe UPI payments service**" for feature phone users.
- **TPL** (Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd.) is the world's first linear alkylbenzene (LAB) manufacturing company to be certified by the Bureau of Indian Standards (**BIS**).
 - TPL's 'Superlab' brand is one of the most well-known laboratory brands in the country.
- **Razorpay**, a fintech unicorn, announced the purchase of **IZEaliant Technologies**, a renowned Fintech business that provides banks with payments technology solutions, for an undisclosed sum.
- The digital payments network **Mahila Money**, **Visa**, and Transcorp Prepaid Payment Instruments (**PPI**) have launched **Mahila Money Prepaid Card** to help **women** entrepreneurs easily collect payments, loans and get incentives for transactions.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (**BPCL**), a 'Maharatna' and Fortune Global 500 company, has teamed up with **UltraCash Technologies Pvt. Ltd.** to provide BharatGas customers with a voice-based digital payment option for booking LPG cylinders.
 - Customers who do not have access to a smartphone or the internet can use this feature to book cylinders and pay via the 'UPI 123PAY' system.
- **Ola**, an Indian ride-hailing startup, has agreed to acquire neo-banking platform **Avail Finance** in order to expand its financial services offering.
- Multiplex companies **INOX Leisure Ltd** and **PVR Ltd** have announced the merger of their two companies.
 - After the formalities of the merger, the company will be known as **PVR Inox Limited**.
 - **Ajay Bijli** will be Managing Director of PVR Inox Limited, **Sanjeev Kumar** will be executive director and **Pavan Kumar Jain** will be non-executive chairman of the consolidated board.
- **Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd** has announced the debut of the Max Life Smart Secure Plus Plan via the **PhonePe app**, a non-linked non-participating individual pure risk premium life insurance plan aimed at digitally savvy customers.

Stock Market

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has raised the **investment limit** for **retail investors** applying in public debt securities issuance via the universal payments interface (**UPI**) mechanism to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 2 lakh previously.

Space

- The Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) is organizing a special programme for school children called "**YUva VIGyani KAryakram**" (YUVIKA) or "Young Scientist Programme".

- Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) has successfully completed the ground test of the **solid fuel-based booster stage (SS1)** of its new Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota at Andhra Pradesh.

Science and Technology

- The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (**C-DAC**) has designed and installed a supercomputer named "**PARAM Ganga**", at **IIT Roorkee**, under Phase II of National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, **Odisha** became the top state in the list of **full immunizations** in India with 90.5% coverage under Mission Indradhanush.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- Swiss International Air Lines AG (**SWISS or Swiss Air Lines**) and its parent company, **Lufthansa Group** have partnered with Switzerland based solar fuels start-up, **Synhelion SA** (Synhelion) to use its solar aviation fuel.
 - Swiss International Airlines will become the first airline to use solar aviation fuel ("sun-to-liquid" fuel) to help power its flights.
- **Surat**, Gujarat, features a **road** created entirely of **steel waste**, which is one of the best instances of sustainable development.

Festival

- The Governor of Haryana, Bandaru Dattatraya and Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar formally inaugurated the 35th edition of the world-famous **Surajkund International Crafts Mela** at Surajkund in Faridabad district of Haryana.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- The University Grants Commission (**UGC**) has appointed educationist and research scientist Professor **Bhushan Patwardhan** as chairman, of the executive committee of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**), Bengaluru.
 - The position was vacant after Prof **Jagadish Kumar** was appointed as chairman of UGC.
- The Government of India appointed **Madhabi Puri Buch** as a new Chairperson of the market regulator **SEBI** (Securities and Exchange Board of India).
 - Madhabi Puri is the former head of ICICI Securities and has become the first woman Chairperson of SEBI.
 - She will replace **Ajay Tyagi**, a 1984 batch IAS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre.
- **Bharti AXA Life Insurance** has appointed National Award-winning actress **VidyaBalan** as its Brand Ambassador.
 - She as the brand ambassador will help in promoting the #DoTheSmartThing champion of Bharti AXA Life Insurance.
- **Sanjiv Kapoor** has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of **Jet Airways**.
 - The Jalan Kalrock Consortium is the new promoter of Jet Airways.
- **Hero MotoCorp** has unveiled a new brand "**Vida**", (Vida means life) for its emerging mobility solutions and upcoming electric vehicles.
 - Vida brand has been unveiled by Dr Pawan Munjal, Chairman and CEO of Hero MotoCorp, on March 3, 2022, in Dubai.
- **T Raja Kumar**, a Singaporean, has been named president of the Financial Action Task Force (**FATF**), the world's anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing agency.
 - He was chosen to succeed **Dr Marcus Pleyer** of Germany.

- The Central Government has appointed Justice **Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel**, Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, as the Chairperson of Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (**TDSAT**).
- Air Marshal **B Chandra Shekhar**, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) on March 8, 2022, took over as the Commandant, Air Force Academy, Indian Air Force.
- Global pharma major **Lupin Limited** (Lupin) has announced that it has signed on six-time world boxing champion, **Mary Kom** as the brand ambassador for its **Shakti campaign**.
 - The campaign is aimed at increasing awareness of heart diseases among women.
- **Colgate-Palmolive** (India) announced it has appointed **Prabha Narasimhan**, former Executive Director of Hindustan Unilever, as its new CEO and Managing Director (MD).
 - **Ram Raghavan**, the MD and CEO of Colgate-Palmolive (India), has been promoted to President of enterprise oral care for Colgate-Palmolive.
- **Yoon Suk-yeol** has been declared as the winner of the 2022 **South Korean** presidential election to be elected as the new **President** of the country.
 - Yoon Suk-yeol will succeed incumbent President **Moon Jae-in**.
- The cabinet has appointed **Ashwani Bhatia**, managing director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI), as a whole-time member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**).
- The Supreme Court of India has named Justice (retd) **AK Sikri** as Chairperson of the High Powered Committee (HPC), of the **Chardham project**.
 - The previous Chairperson Professor **Ravi Chopra** had resigned from his post in February 2022, after being appointed as the chairperson of the HPC on August 8, 2019.
- **Debasish Panda** has been appointed as the chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**).
 - The post of Chairman of IRDAI was lying vacant since May 2021 when **Subhash Chandra Khuntia** completed his term.
- **Ranjit Rath** has been named as the next Chairman and Managing Director of **Oil India Limited** (OIL).
 - He will replace current chairman and managing director **Sushil Chandra Mishra**, who will superannuate on June 30, 2022.
- **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** has been appointed as the chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority (**NFRA**) for a period of 3 years.
- **Bhagwant Mann** was sworn in as the 18th **chief minister** of **Punjab** at Khatkar Kalan, the ancestral village of Bhagat Singh in the presence of Governor Banwarilal Purohit.
- Games24x7 Private Limited, India's leading digital skill games company, has appointed Indian cricketers **Shubman Gill** and **Ruturaj Gaikwad** as its new brand ambassadors for its **My11Circle** fantasy gaming platform.
- **Flipkart Health+** announced the appointment of **Prashant Jhaveri** as its new CEO.
- The board of IT major, Tata Consultancy Services (**TCS**) has announced the re-appointment of **Rajesh Gopinathan** as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company for five years.
- **Yogi Adityanath** takes oath as **chief minister** of **Uttar Pradesh** for his second term in office.
- The Former Chairman of the State Bank of India **Rajnish Kumar** has joined the International Strategic Advisory Board of data and analytics behemoth **Dun & Bradstreet**.
- Lieutenant General **Vinod G. Khandare** (retired) has been appointed as **Adviser** in the Ministry of **Defence**, providing strategic insights and advise on matters relevant to defence strategy to the Defence Secretary.

- The board of Broadcast Audience Research Council (**BARC**) India has elected IPG Mediabrands India CEO **Shashi Sinha** as the new chairman.
 - He will take over from **Punit Goenka**, who served as chairman of the TV viewership measurement agency for the last three years.
- **Pramod Sawant** took oath as the **Chief Minister** of **Goa** on March 28, 2022, for the second straight five-year term.
- The **Prime Minister** of **Malta**, **Robert Abela** has been sworn in for a second term after his ruling Labour Party won the 2022 general election in a landslide victory.
- Indian American **Raj Subramaniam** was named the new Chief Executive Officer of **FedEx** on March 28, 2022.
 - He will be succeeding FedEx founder and current Chairman and CEO **Frederick W Smith**, who will be stepping down from the position on June 1.
- **Dr Renu Singh** has been appointed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) as the **next director** of the Forest Research Institute (**FRI**) in **Dehradun**.
- The incumbent president of the **Badminton Association** of India (BAI), **Himanta Biswa Sarma** has been re-elected unopposed for a second four years term, from 2022 to 2026.

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- India pacer **S Sreesanth** has announced his retirement from all forms of domestic cricket.
- Australian female tennis player **Ashleigh Barty** has announced retirement from tennis at the age of 25 years.
- **Uday Kotak** has announced to step down as the Chairman of the board of the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (**IL&FS**), after his term ends on April 2, 2022.
 - **CS Rajan**, Managing Director, IL&FS has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director for six months with effect from April 3 by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Deaths

- Film critic, writer **Jaiprakash Chouksey** has passed away due to cardiac arrest at the age of 82 years.
- Oscar-winning producer **Alan Walbridge Ladd Junior** passes away.
- General **S F Rodrigues**, who had served as Chief of the Indian Army from 1990 to 1993 passes away at the age of 88 years.
 - General Sunith Francis Rodrigues was also the Governor of Punjab from 2004 to 2010.
- Legendary Australia spinner, **Shane Warne** has passed away at the age of 52.
- The former President of Zambia, **Rupiah Banda** has passed away after a two-year battle with cancer.
- The two-time WWE Hall of Famer, **Scott Hall** has passed away, due to heart attack.
 - He was famously known by his ring name as 'Razor Ramon'.
- American Astrophysicist **Eugene Newman Parker**, who contributed to solar physics, has passed away at the age of 94.
- Veteran Belgian footballer, **Miguel Van Damme** has passed away aged 28 after a long battle with leukaemia.
- The 3rd Chief Minister of Sikkim, **Bhim Bahadur Gurung** has passed away at his residence in Lumsui in Gangtok, Sikkim.

Awards/Honours

- **National Mineral Development Corporation** Ltd Country's largest Iron Ore producer, a CPSE under Ministry of Steel received **1st prize** in the **Ispat Rajbhasha Award** for 2018-19 and 2020-21 and company also received the **Ispat Rajbhasha Prerna Award** for 2019-20.
 - The award ceremony was held in the meeting of the Hindi Salahakar Committee of the Ministry of Steel held in **Madurai** on 3rd March 2022.
- Bangladeshi environmental lawyer, **Rizwana Hasan** has been selected for the International Women of Courage (**IWOC**) **Award** for 2022.
- From India, **six airports** have found a place among the '**Best Airport by Size and Region**', by the Airports Council International (ACI), in its Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey for the year 2021.
- Union Minister of Rural Development, Giriraj Singh honoured the **Jammu and Kashmir Bank** (J&K Bank) with the "**National Award for Outstanding Performance for FY 2020-21**" in recognition of its best performance in Self-Help Group Bank Linkage.
- India's third-largest private sector bank, **Axis Bank** has been awarded **IFR Asia's Asian Bank of The Year**, for its breadth of coverage and depth of expertise in the Asian investment banking space.
- Professor **Narayan Pradhan** has been selected for the 31st **GD Birla Award** for Scientific Research for his outstanding contribution in the field of material sciences.
- **Karolina Bielawska** from **Poland** has won the title of **Miss World 2021**. She was crowned by 2019 Miss World Toni-Ann Singh of Jamaica.
 - Indian-American **Shree Saini** from the United States bagged the first runner-up title, followed by **Olivia Yace** from Cote d'Ivoire.
- Tokyo Olympic gold medallist, **Neeraj Chopra** claimed the coveted '**Sportstar of the Year (Male)**' award at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards. Weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu**, who claimed the silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics, received the '**Sportstar of the Year (Female)**' award.
- Former India cricketer **Suresh Raina** has been awarded the prestigious '**Sports Icon**' award at the **Maldives Sports Awards 2022**.
- The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has won the '**Covid champion**' award at Wings India 2022.
 - CIAL has been awarded for the successful implementation of a meticulous project named '**Mission Safeguarding**' during the pandemic time to ensure safe travel at Kochi Airport.
- Professor Emeritus **Wilfried Brutsaert** has been named as the **Stockholm Water Prize Laureate 2022**.
 - He has been awarded for his groundbreaking work to quantify environmental evaporation.
 - Wilfried Brutsaert is Professor in Engineering Emeritus at Cornell University, USA.
- This year's Oscars was named to **Dune** as the Timothee Chalamet and Zendaya starrer sci-fi thriller bagged six wins. This win was a proud moment for India as **Namit Malhotra**, the CEO and Chairman of Double Negative (DNEG), the studio that did the VFX for the film, brought home this honour.
- Bollywood actress **Deepika Padukone** has been named as one of the awardees of the **TIME100 Impact Awards 2022**.
- Olympic silver medallist weightlifter, **Mirabai Chanu** won the 3rd edition of the **BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year** award 2021.

Sports/Game

- Para-archer, **Pooja Jatyan** has scripted history as she became the first Indian to win a **silver** in an individual section of the **Para World Championships** in **Dubai**, UAE.
 - She lost to **Italy's Patrilli Vincenza** in the final to be content with the silver medal.
 - India ended its campaign with two silver medals, a first for the country.

- India's **Shri Nivetha, Esha Singh, and Ruchita Vinerkar** have won the **gold** medal in the women's 10m air pistol team event of the **ISSF World Cup** in Cairo, **Egypt**.
 - With this win, India is leading the medal table with three medals, including two gold and silver.
- 19-year-old **Priyanka Nutakki** has secured her final WGM-norm at MPL's forty-seventh National Women Chess Championship.
 - She became India's **twenty-third Woman Grandmaster**.
- **India** has taken **first** place (four gold, two silver, and one bronze) in the medal standings at the **ISSF World Cup 2022** in **Cairo**, organised by the International Shooting Sport Federation.
 - **Norway** took **second** place in the medals tally with six medals (three gold, one silver, and two bronze).
 - **France** came in **third** place with three gold medals out of a total of twenty.
- Famous Golfer, **Tiger Woods** was formally inducted into the **World Golf Hall of Fame**.
 - Women's Open champion **Susie Maxwell Berning** and **Marion Hollins**, a U.S. Women's Amateur champion and golf course architect who was recognized posthumously.
- Indian Shuttler **Lakshya Sen** has settled for **silver** after losing to Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand, 18-21, 15-21, in the **men's singles** final at the **German Open** (badminton tournament) 2022.
- **Charles Leclerc** (Ferrari- Monaco) has won the Formula One **Bahrain Grand Prix 2022** at the Bahrain International Circuit, a motor racing circuit in the west of Bahrain.
 - **Carlos Sainz Jr.** (Ferrari - Spain) came **second** while **Lewis Hamilto** (Mercedes-Great Britain) came **third**.
- Indian cueist **Pankaj Advani** has defeated Dhruv Sitwala to win his eighth title at the 19th **Asian 100 UP Billiards Championship 2022**. It was held in Doha, **Qatar**.
- India's **P.V. Sindhu** has defeated Busanan Ongbamrungphan of Thailand to win the **women's singles** title at the **Swiss Open Super 300** badminton tournament.
- **India** has been declared the winner of the 3rd edition of the **SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship**.
 - The 2022 edition of the international football competition for women's under-18 national teams was held in **Jharkhand** at JRD Tata Sports Complex, Jamshedpur.
- In **Kohima**, **Darshan Singh** of the Services and **Varsha Devi** of the Railways finally defended their men's and women's titles in the **National Cross Country Championships** by winning their 10 Km events on the picturesque but difficult course, which was made more difficult by 60 per cent humidity and wind gusts.
- **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull - Netherlands) has won the Formula One 2022 **Saudi Arabian Grand Prix** at Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Saudi Arabia.
 - **Charles Leclerc** (Ferrari- Monaco) came second and **Carlos Sainz Jr.** (Ferrari - Spain) came third.
- **Canada** has qualified for the **Qatar 2022 football World Cup** for the first time in 36 years, after thoroughly beating Jamaica 4-0 in **Toronto**.

Report

- **India** has been ranked at **120th** position in the **Sustainable Development Report 2021** or Sustainable Development Index 2021.
 - The Index has been topped by **Finland**.
- For the second consecutive year, **India** has been termed as '**partly free**' country in terms of democracy and free society, according to the annual report.
 - The report titled "**Freedom in the World 2022 - The Global Expansion of Authoritarian Rule**" by Freedom House, a US-based NGO that 'assesses political rights and civil liberties.

- **Andhra Pradesh** has retained its number one spot in the **SKOCH State of Governance** rankings for the second consecutive year.
 - The **second** rank was bagged by **West Bengal** and **Odisha** was ranked **3**, **Gujarat** was ranked **4** and **Maharashtra** was ranked **5**. Neighbouring **Telangana** was ranked **6**.
- The latest edition of **Democracy Report** was released recently by the V-Dem Institute at Sweden's University of Gothenburg. The study was titled 'Democracy Report 2022: Autocratisation Changing Nature?'.
 - **India** ranked **93rd**.
- According to the London & Partners analysis of Dealroom. co-investment data, **India** is the **second-largest** global venture capital investment hub for **digital shopping** companies, growing by a whopping 175% from \$8 billion in 2020 to \$22 billion in 2021.
 - On a global scale, India came in second to the **US** last year, which attracted \$51 billion in investment, followed by **China** at **third** with \$14 billion and the **UK** at **fourth** with \$7 billion.
- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (**SIPRI**) has released its latest report on Trends in International Arms Transfer, 2021.
 - As per the report, **India** and **Saudi Arabia** emerged as the **largest importers** of arms between 2017-21.
 - **Egypt** (5.7%), **Australia** (5.4%) and **China** (4.8%) were the next three largest importers respectively in the top 5.
- RailTel Corporation of India Limited (**RailTel**), owned by the Indian Railways, Ministry of Railways, has ranked **124th** in the 8th Edition Fortune India The Next 500 (2022 edition) of top midsize companies operating in India.
- **Kerala** has yet again emerged on **top** when it comes to maternal and child health, with the State recording the lowest Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of 30 (per one lakh live births) in the country.
- As per Bloomberg's recent data on **Market capitalization**, for the 1st time, India's equities market has entered the world's top 5 in terms of market capitalization.
 - **India** is ranked **5th** with an overall market capitalization of USD 3.21 trillion.
 - The **US** topped the ranking with an overall market cap of USD 47.32 trillion, followed by **China** (USD 11.52 trillion), **Japan** (USD 6 trillion) and **Hong Kong** (USD 5.55 trillion).
- **Bangladesh** tops the list in **South Asia** in terms of **women on board** of listed companies, says a study conducted by International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- SpaceX and Tesla founder **Elon Musk** has bagged the **top** position on the 2022 M3M Hurun **Global Rich List**, with a total net worth of \$205 billion.
- **India** has improved its rank by three spots to acquire **136th** position in the United Nations' World **Happiness Report** for the year 2022, which ranked 146 countries.
 - **Finland** has topped the 2022 World Happiness Report, for the fifth continuous year.
 - **Afghanistan** has been ranked as the unhappiest country in the world, at 146th position.
- **Gujarat** topped Niti Aayog's **Export Preparedness** Index 2021, followed by **Maharashtra** and **Karnataka** in **second** and **third** place, respectively.
- **Dhaka**, the capital city of Bangladesh, has been ranked as the **most noise polluted city** globally, according to the recent 'Annual Frontier Report, 2022' published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
 - **Uttar Pradesh's** Moradabad came **second** in the list with noise pollution of 114 decibels. **Islamabad**, the capital of Pakistan is **third**, with maximum noise pollution of 105 dB.
- According to the **Celebrity Brand Valuation Report** 2021 (7th Edition) titled "Digital Acceleration 2.0." released by Duff & Phelps (Now Kroll), Indian Cricketer **Virat Kohli** was ranked as the most valued celebrity for the 5th consecutive time in 2021.

- 'Jingkieng Jri or **Living Root Bridge**', found in over 70 villages in **Meghalaya** highlighting the socio-cultural, social and botanical links between people and nature, has been included in the tentative list of **World Heritage Sites** of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

General - National

- There are **40 UNESCO World Heritage Sites** in **India**. Dholavira and Ramappa Temple are the latest addition to the list under the 'Cultural' category.
 - 'Ramappa Temple', Telangana and 'Dholavira', Gujarat which is included in the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites in 2021.
- India's first 100 percent **women-owned industrial park** opened in **Hyderabad**, Telangana on March 8, 2022, commemorating the International Women's Day 2022.
- India's first fully owned by **women industrial park** opened its doors in **Hyderabad**.
- The state government of **Maharashtra** has announced to set up the country's first **medical city** named as '**Indrayani Medicity**' in **Pune**, to provide all kinds of specialized treatment under one roof.
- **Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti** organisation established by Ambassador of Peace, Eminent Jainacharya Dr Lokeshji will establish India's first **World Peace Center** in **Gurugram**, Haryana.

General - International

- **Russian** invasion to Ukraine, Russia destroyed the largest plane in the world called "**Ukraine's Antonov-225 cargo plane**".
 - The plane was destroyed outside Kyiv. According to weapons manufacturer Ukroboronprom, restoring "AN-225 Mriya" would cost over USD 3 billion and could take over five years.
- **Russia** has captured **Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia** nuclear power plant, which is the largest in Europe.
- The global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog, Financial Action Task Force (FATF), retained **Pakistan** in the **grey list** and asked the country to work on money laundering investigations and prosecutions.
 - FATF also added the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to its **grey watch list**.
- **Russia** has become the **most sanctioned country** in the world, due to its invasion on Ukraine, according to a New York-based sanctions watchlist site Castellum.AI.

Books and Authors

Book's Name

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| • Soli Sorabjee: Life and Times | Abhinav Chandrachud |
| • More than Just Surgery: Life Lessons Beyond the OT | Dr Tehemton Erach Udawadia |
| • Minister of Labour and Employment and MoEFCC, Bhupender Yadav has launched a book titled " Role of Labour in India's Development ". | |
| • V V Giri National Labour Institute has published the book. | |
| • Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW), Narendra Singh Tomar has released a book titled " Indian Agriculture towards 2030: Pathways for Enhancing Farmers' Income, Nutritional Security and Sustainable Food and Farm Systems ", at an event organized by NITI Aayog and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. | |

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TO THE POINTS: MARCH-2022

- The Polio National Immunization Day has been celebrated on 27th February. This Polio National Immunization day is also known as **Polio Ravivar**.
- The National Science Day has been celebrated on 28 February to commemorate the birth anniversary of Indian Scientist **Sir CV Raman**.
- The Rare Disease Day has been observed every year on the last day of February. Theme - **Share Your Colors**.
- The World NGO Day has been celebrated every year on 27 February globally. The World NGO Day was observed by **United Nations**.
- The Bhasha Certificate Selfie has launched by **Ministry of Education** to encourage cultural diversity and promote multilingualism.
- The Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has launched the "ICMR/ DHR Policy on **Biomedical Innovation**.
- The Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated seminar "Industry Connect 2022" in **Delhi**.
- Jaishankar visited to Germany and France from Feb 18 to 23. In Germany, he has participated in **Munich Security Conference**.
- **Tamil Nadu** has recently overtaken Karnataka as the leader in overall renewable capacity.
- **Standard Chartered** has tied up with IATA to launch payment platform for Indian airline industry.
- **New Development Bank** has become the first multilateral agency to open office in Gift City in Gujarat.
- C-DOT has bagged 3 Aegis Graham Bell Awards for its indigenously designed & developed innovative Telecom solutions. This year 2022 marks **12th** edition of Aegis Graham Bell Awards.
- The Ministry of Defence has recently signed MoU with **CSC e-Governance Services** to onboard pension services.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has recently delayed the test launch of **ARTEMIS-1**.
- As per the Hurun India Wealth Report 2021, India's millionaire house holds has increased to **11%** in 2021 when comparing to 2020.
- In Singapore Weight lifting International 2022 India has secured 8 medals. **6 Gold Medals** are achieved among the 8 medals.
- Indian Wushu player Sadia Tariq has won a gold medal in the junior tournament at Wushu. WushuStars Championship 2022 held in **Russia**.
- Rafael Nadal has won Mexican Open 2022 by defeating **Cameron Norrie** to clinch his 91st ATP title.
- **Zhongwen Gou** is the President of International Wushu Federation.
- Kandla Port located in **Gujarat**.
- The International Women's Day has been celebrated on 1st of March. Theme - **Women of Tomorrow**.
- Janaushadhi Diwas week has been celebrated from 1st March to 7th March. This day is celebrated to bring awareness about **Generic Medicines**.
- The Zero Discrimination Day has been observed on the **1st of March** every year.

- 28th Department of Science & Technology -(CII) India- Technology Summit 2022 held recently. **Singapore** is the Partner Country for this year's Technology Summit.
- The Government has launched mission named **Operation Ganga** to evacuate nationals from Ukraine.
- As per the Frontiers 2022 Wildfires would be more frequent, larger and intense due to climate change. This report was released by **United Nations Environment Programme**.
- **Bank of Maharashtra** has been recently partnered with Mahagram to roll out the Bank Sakhi project in Odisha.
- The Reserve bank of India has cautioned public against car pooling app **sRide**.
- The National Statistical Office has estimated GDP growth for India in FY22 (2021-22) at **8.9%**.
- India and **Japan** has recently renews the Bilateral Swap Arrangement worth USD 75 billion.
- The Government of India has allowed up to **20%** foreign direct investment in IPO-bound LIC under automatic route.
- NSE, BSE has started T+1 Stock Settlement from February 25. India is the 2nd country to do T+1 Stock Settlement after **China**.
- Madhabi Puri Buch has been appointed as the Chairperson of **Securities and Exchange Board of India**.
- Deepak Dhar has become the First Indian to be conferred with Boltzmann Medal. This award is given to the person belongs to **Department of Physics**.
- **Chattisgarh** has signed a MOU for dung-based power plants, food irradiation facility.
- The International Olympic Committee has With drawn Top Olympic Honour from **Russia**.
- Pooja Jatyan has become the 1st Indian to win silver in Para Archery World Championships. This Championship is takes place in **Dubai, UAE**.
- Recently Sonny Ramadhin passed away. He belonged to **Cricket**.
- **Thomas Bach** is the current President of International Olympic Committee.
- The 46th Civil Accounts Day has been celebrated on 2nd March 2022. This year 2022 marks the **46th** Edition of Civil Accounts.
- The World Civil Defence Day has been celebrated on **March 1** to honour the significance of Civil Defence and the personnel sacrificed their lives for it.
- **President of India** has inaugurated 'ArogyaVanam' at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- SES Yamuna Power Limited has recently commissioned India's first Smart Managed EV Charging Station in **New Delhi**.
- The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has launched Naan Muthalvan Scheme. This scheme is related to **Education**.
- The Reserve Bank of India has proposed to assess impact of its financial literacy campaigns. **14 languages** are there in this RBI Campaign.
- Ashneer Grover has resigned as the MD & Director of fintech company **BharatPe**.
- The Government of India has appointed **Abhishek Singh** as the CEO of National e-Governance Division.
- Manu Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of **Maharashtra**.
- Junaid Kamal Ahmad has been appointed as the Vice President of the international lending institution. He belongs to **Bangladesh**.

- The Minister of State for Education Annpurna Devi has Conferred National ICT Awards to **49 School Teachers** across India.
- **Union Bank of India** has partnered with Ambit Finvest for the co-lending process to MSMEs.
- **Hindustan Petroleum** has signed MoU with SECI for renewable energy, electric mobility, alternative fuels.
- The 31st Southeast Asian Games would be held in **Vietnam**.
- **Dabang Delhi** team has won Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 8 Title in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Anup Jalota has released a book Titled "Udaan Ek Majdoor Bachhe Ki". **Mithilesh Tiwari** is the author the book "Udaan Ek Majdoor Bachhe Ki".
- The Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has launched the first volume of the Book Ungalil Oruvan. This book is the autobiography of **MK Stalin**.
- The World Birth Defects Day has been celebrated on March 3. Theme - **Many Birth Defects, one voice**.
- The World Wildlife Day has been celebrated on **March 3** every year.
- The World Hearing Day has been observed annually on **March 03**.
- In India National Security Day has been celebrated on 4th of March. The National Security Week 2022 is celebrated from **March 4 to March 10** of March.
- **Swiss Air Lines** has become the 1st airlines in the world to use solar aviation fuel.
- **Paytm** has been recently partnered with IRCTC for unreserved and platform tickets.
- **IDBI Bank** has launched liquidity management solution for institutional clients.
- **Standard Chartered Bank** has recently tied up with Edelweiss Housing Finance for Co-lending of Loan against Property.
- UCO Bank has extended its partnership with Fisdom to offer demataccount along with **Pension funds, Stock Broking, and Tax filing**.
- The NPCI has partnered with Yatra.com and SBI Card to launch the 'Yatra SBI Card'. This Yatra SBI Cards works under **RuPay** network.
- LIC Mutual Fund has appointed **TS Ramakrishnan** as its MD & CEO.
- Akshaye Widhani has been appointed as the CEO of **Yash Raj Films** Film Production Company.
- Edtech Company upGrad has appointed **Amitabh Bachchan** as their brand ambassador.
- MeitY Startup Hub has been recently partnered with **Google** to help 100 Indian startups for making global apps, games.
- India has signed a MoU with **Nepal** for long term supply of Urea, DAP fertilizers.
- IAF has set to demonstrate capabilities at exercise 'Vayu Shakti' in Pokharan range, Rajasthan. In this exercise a total of **148 aircrafts** are going to Participate.
- Broking Company **Religare** has recently launched 'Pre-Apply LIC IPO' app.
- The Earth Observation Satellite named GOES-T has been launched by **NASA**.
- As per the report released by Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, **Telangana** has topped among all the other states in terms of per Capital Net State Domestic Product.
- As per the report released by Knight Frank, India has ranked 3rd in billionaire population globally. **United States** topped the list.
- Saurabh Chaudhary of India has won 10m air pistol gold medal in one going ISSF World Cup 2022. **Cairo (Egypt)** is presently hosting this ISSF World Cup 2022.

- Men Boxer **Nikhat Zareen** has won gold medal in 52kg category in ongoing 73rd Strandja Memorial Tournament.
- Alan Ladd Jr passed away recently. He was a well-known **Film Producer**.
- The Herath Festival has set to be the famous festival related to MahaShivratri. This is celebrated at **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- As per the latest IPCC report, the United Nations (UN) body has revealed Pakistan & **India** have in the state of most vulnerable to climate change.
- "SagarParikrama" a program has set to showcase marine fisheries sector wealth. It is held from March 5 at **Gujarat**.
- The Government has launched a mission named **Operation Ganga** to evacuate nationals from Ukraine.
- Stree Manoraksha is the project launched by **Ministry of Women and Child Development** to improve the mental health.
- The Centre has approved the proposal for continuation of **seven** existing sub schemes under Umbrella Scheme Relief and Rehabilitation of Migrants and Repatriates.
- **QUAD** Leaders' virtual meeting held recently.
- India, Netherlands has released the Special Logo features a lotus and a tulip to Mark **75 Years** Of diplomatic relations.
- Recently a new digital initiative namely Anubhuti, refurbished user-friendly website, e-Chittha has been launched. These initiatives are launched by **Delhi Police**.
- The Delhi government has planned to develop Science Innovation Hub at the school run by Kautilya Enclave. As per the report this project will cost **5 Crore**.
- **Axis BANK** has signed a MoU with IPE Global to commit \$150 Million to SAMRIDH Healthcare.
- RBI has cancelled the licence of Maharashtra-based Sarjeraodada Naik Shirala Sahakari Bank. This can be done through **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.
- **LIC Housing Finance Ltd** has recently partnered with CSC to provide loans over 4 lakh village level entrepreneurs.
- Bharti AXA Life Insurance has roped in **Vidya Balan** as its Brand Ambassador.
- Senior Advocate **Aman Lekhi** has been recently resigned as the Additional Solicitor General of India at the Supreme Court with immediate effect.
- Sanjiv Kapoor has been appointed as the CEO of **Jet Airways**.
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga has received the award in **Special Jury Award** category at the 7th India Industry Water Conclave.
- Sunil Agrawal has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of **Life Insurance Corporation of India**.
- As per the newspaper report Meesho has aimed to float IPO in early 2023. Meesho was backed by **Facebook**.
- Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Ltd has made a Joint Venture (JV) with **Sanmina Corporation** to create an electronic manufacturing hub.
- Def Expo 2022, the defence exhibition has organized by Defence Ministry. This EXPO is proposed to be held in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- As per the Innovation in India's Rural Economy report the agriculture sector has grown by **11%** CAGR during 2015 - 20.

- Fintech digital lending platform **LoanTap** has been partnered with ArkaFincap and MAS Financial Services for new digital lending models.
- IIFL Finance has partnered with fintech NIRA to provide personal loans. With this salaried customers can avail a personal loan of up to **Rs. 1 lakh**.
- The Government of India has signed the Host Country Agreement with **International Telecommunication Union** for the establishment of an Area Office & Innovation Centre.
- Researchers from **IIT Kanpur** has recently developed the biodegradable Nanoparticle.
- India's First Floating Storage and Regasification Unit has reached at H-Energy's Jaigarh Terminal, **Maharashtra**.
- India's Nivetha, Esha Singh, and Ruchita Vinerkar have won the gold medal in **10 meter Pistol** category in ISSF World Cup in Cairo.
- International Tennis Federation has suspended Russia and **Belarus** from ITF membership and international team competition.
- **175 Countries** have agreed for Global Plastics Treaty, a biggest multilateral environmental deal to end the plastic pollution crisis.
- Ex-soldier Captain Deepam Chatterjee has authored a new book "The Millennial Yogi". This book is published by **Ebury Press**.
- Shane Warne passed away at the age of 52. He is the cricket legend of **Australia**.
- The Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar has inaugurated NIC Tech Conclave 2022 at New Delhi. Theme - **Next Gen Technologies for Digital Government**.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Pune metro rail project** in the city.
- **Ministry of Coal** has been celebrated its "Iconic Week" Under Azadika Amrit Mahotsav from 7 - 11th of March 2022.
- The Social Justice & Empowerment ministry has addressed the two - day sensitization workshop at Kevadia. Recently the town name Kevadia is changed as **Ekta Nagar**.
- The **Sulabh International** has organized "Swacchagraha: celebrating Swachhta and Swadhinta" in collaboration with certain Ministries.
- The Union Minister Jitendra Singh has inaugurated 3-Day symposium on "Imagining India@2047 through Innovations". This symposium is taking place on **Chennai**.
- According to the Newspaper report **National Mineral Development Corporation** has received 1st prize in IspatRajbhasha Award for 2018-19 and 2020-21.
- Recently the State Government of Jharkhand has presented its Annual Budget. **Rs 1.01 lakh crore** is the Budget amount allocated for the Financial Year 2022-23.
- FinTech Company **PayU** has been collaborated with VTEX to offer merchants multiple local payment methods.
- Future Generali India Insurance has launched the industry first 'FG Dog Health Cover' Insurance. For this insurance the Policy costs start at Rs. **Rs.323/- per month**.
- The Contribution of YouTube Creators has contributed Rs 6,800 crore to Indian GDP in 2020. This was released by **Oxford Economics**.
- ASSOCHAM Award for Sustainability Excellence in Energy Management has been announced recently. **CtrlS** achieved the Top Honor.
- Recently a MoU has been signed between Technology Development Board and **Skyshade** to promote Start-up in latest Daylight Harvesting Technology.

- Indian Navy has successfully tested fired advanced version of BrahMos missile from the stealth destroyer **INS Chennai**.
- The Mobile World Congress 22 has focused on 5G and economic recovery. This year Mobile World Congress 2022 is going to take place in **Spain**.
- BCCI has recently announced **RuPay** as the official partner for the TATA IPL 2022.
- Indian Women Cricket Player **Mithali Raj** has recently become the first woman to play in six World Cups.
- Virat Kohli has received a special guard of honour by teammates in his 100th Test. He played his 100th test against **Sri Lanka**.
- Rod Marsh died at the age of 74. He belonged to **Cricket**.
- Sayyid Hyder Ali Shihab Thangal died recently. He belonged to **Politician**.
- The Central Industrial Security Forces raising day has been celebrated on March 6 every year. This year 2022 marks **53rd** edition of CISF Raising Day.
- The Government has launched Donate-a-Pension program. This pension scheme was under **PradhanMantriShram Yogi Maan-dhan**.
- The Government of India has recently approved the continuation of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana for Financial Years 2021-22 to **2025-26**.
- The Defence Ministry has virtually inaugurated the four-day Indo-Pacific Military Health Exchange conference. Theme - **Military Healthcare in a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) World**.
- The Minister for MSME Narayan has recently launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive named **SAMARTH** for women.
- The Department of Rural Development has kick started its Iconic Week celebration between **7-13 of March** on the theme 'Naye Bharat kiNaari'.
- The Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar has inaugurated NIC Tech Conclave 2022 at New Delhi. Theme - **Next Gen Technologies for Digital Government**.
- As per the recent News Paper report **Pakistan** has to remain on FATF's Grey List.
- India's first ambulance for street animals has been launched in **Tamil Nadu**.
- Delhi Teachers University has inaugurated recently in Mukherjee Nagar area of Delhi. This university was inaugurated by **Delhi Deputy Chief Minister**.
- As per the provisional statistics report Coal Production during February 2022 has increased by **2%** to 79.54 million Ton.
- **Indian Oil Corporation** has recently partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank for co-branded credit card.
- Nitin Chugh has been appointed as the Deputy Managing Director of **State Bank of India**.
- Justice DN Patel has been appointed as the chairperson of TDSAT. He is the Chief Justice of **Delhi High Court**.
- National Stock Exchange of India has recently signed a MOU with Telangana for the development of **MSME**.
- India's first indigenous Flying Trainer HANSA-NG has been successfully completed the sea level trials in **Puducherry**.
- **Defence Research and Development Organization** has recently developed Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuits Onboard EOS 04.

- Indian women's 25m pistol team has bagged gold medal in ISSF World Cup. This event is taken place in **Cairo, Egypt**.
- The Book named, "Queen of Indian Pop: the Authorized Biography" is the biography of Indian legendary Singer **Usha Uthup**.
- A book titled, 'The Blue Book' was authored by Journalist Amitava Kumar. This book is published by **Harper Collins Publishers**.
- **Fiscal Deficit** is the amount of Funds borrowed by the government to meet the expenditures.
- **March 8** has been celebrated as the International Women's Day globally.
- The President Ram Nath Kovind has presented Nari Shakti Puraskar 2020 and 2021 to **29** outstanding and exceptional women achievers.
- As per the Economic News recently **Reserve Bank of India** has observed the Digital Payments Awareness Week from March 7-11, 2022.
- PARAM Ganga a Supercomputer has been established at **IIT Roorkee**.
- The Culture Ministry was set to organize "Jharokha - Compendium of Indian handicraft/handloom, art and culture". The 1st event of this celebration is going to take place in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- As per the Railway ministry **2000 km** of rail network would be brought under 'Kavach' in 2022-'23 initially.
- The Minister for MSME, Narayan has recently launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive named SAMARTH for women in **New Delhi**.
- **Microsoft** would set up India's largest Data Center region in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange has recently partnered with **Tamil Nadu's** M-TIPB to promote listing of MSMEs.
- The RBI Governor has recently launched UPI for feature phones called **UPI123PAY**.
- The Jammu and Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation has availed a loan amount of ₹ 1,000 crore from **Indian Overseas Bank**.
- **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India** has recently signed a MoU with Indian Banks Association to collaborate on capacity building.
- As per the News Paper report, BhartiAirtel has tied up with **Axis Bank** to launch Credit Card Facility.
- The Reserve Bank of India would select the Intellect Design Arena for Cloud Native Intellect Quantum Core Banking solution. This solution is popularly known as **e- Kuber**.
- The Reserve Bank of India has recently released a booklet named **BE(A)WARE**, exclusively for financial frauds and protections.
- **Sriram Narayanan** has been appointed as the New Chairman of Confederation of Indian Industry Maharashtra State Council.
- According to the Newspaper report **National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd** has received 1st prize in Ispat Rajbhasha Award for 2018-19 and 2020-21.
- **JSW Energy Ltd** has recently signed an agreement with Haryana Power Purchase Centre for supply of 240 MW hydro power.
- NIESBUD has signed a MoU with **Ministry of Rural Development** for the implementation of the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme.
- India-Sri Lanka Naval Exercise SLINEX has begun in Visakhapatnam. This year 2022 marks **9th Edition** of SLINEX exercise.

- **NASA** has recently started the Assembling of Europa Clipper Spacecraft.
- The Ministry of culture & Tourism has set to organize Literature festival named Sahityotsav from 10th to 15th of March 2022 in **New Delhi**.
- 'India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start-up Conclave' a National level conclave has been organized by **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** on March 12.
- Recently Himachal Pradesh government has presented its Union Budget for the Financial Year FY23. The total outlay amount for the FY23 is **Rs: 51,365 Crore**.
- As per the newspaper report India's largest floating solar power plant was inaugurated in **Tamil Nadu**.
- Kaushalya Matritva Yojana has been launched by Chhattisgarh government. Under the scheme, financial assistance of **Rs 5000** will be given to women on the birth of a second girl child.
- Telangana Finance Minister has presented the tax-free budget of Rs 2.56 lakh crore for the FY2022-23. The name of that budget is **KCR Mark**.
- **Axis Bank** has recently launched a new initiative named 'House Work Is Work'.
- HDFC Mutual Fund has recently launched an Exclusive Financial Empowerment Initiative named **Laxmi For Laxmi** for women.
- A Women-Centric Medical Insurance Policy has been launched by **Star Health & Allied Insurance Co. Ltd.**
- Lupin has signed **Mary Kom** as the brand ambassador for Shakti campaign.
- The National sportswoman Aarushie Verma has been selected for the Climate-Force Antarctica Expedition. She belongs to **Shooter**.
- As per the newspaper report a 19-year-old Priyanka Nutakki has become **23rd** women Grand Master of India.
- As per the recent cabinet approval the Prime Minister Modi has approved the establishment of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in **Gujarat**.
- As per the cabinet approval ICMR and **Oxford University** has signed MoU for Capacity building for Indian scientists and researchers.
- Every year, 'No Smoking Day' has been observed on second **Wednesday** of March to raise awareness about the ill effects of smoking.
- World Kidney Day has been observed globally on **March 10**.
- **Kailash Choudhary** has recently inaugurated Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela 2022 in New Delhi.
- The financial assistance of upto **Rs. 15 lakh** per idea would be provided as per the MSME IDEA HACKATHON 2022.
- Recently inaugurated 19 National Highway projects in Haryana and Rajasthan were built at a total cost of **Rs. 1407 crore**.
- 5th UN Environment Assembly has concluded to strengthen international action for climate, nature and a pollution-free planet held in **Nairobi**.
- **Russia** has recently become the world's most sanctioned country in the world surpassing Iran.
- **Tone Tag** company has recently partnered with NSDL Payments Bank and NPCI to roll out its VoiceSe UPI digital payments for feature phone users.
- **₹ 5 lakh** is the revised investment limit for payments through the UPI mechanism for retail investors buying debt securities.
- A total of **29** Nari Shakti Puraskar awards have been conferred to outstanding and exceptional women achievers for the years 2020 and 2021 recently.

- **Ministry of Ayush** has recently signed a tripartite MoU with CSIR and ICAR for the promotion and development related to medicinal plants.
- According to the annual report titled Freedom in the World 2022, India get **66** score out of 100.
- Recently RafiqTaraq, a veteran **Pakistani** politician passed away.
- **Bhupendra Yadav** has recently released a book titled, "Role of Labour in India's Development" in Delhi.
- Recently Mondo Duplantis has broken his own Pole vault world record during the World Indoor Tour Silver meeting in Belgrade. He is from **Sweden**.
- **HSBC Asset Management** has recently acquired 100% equity shares of L&T Investment Management Limited.
- **76 percent** of equity shares of Prione Business Services was recently acquired by Amazon Asia-Pacific Resources.
- **Iran** has recently launched a military satellite, Noor-2, into orbit at an altitude of 500 kilometres from the earth.
- Recently T. Raja Kumar has been appointed as the president of the Financial Action Task Force. He is from **Singapore**.
- Government of India has announced the demonetization of all ₹ 500 and ₹ 1,000 banknotes of the Mahatma Gandhi Series on **8 November 2016**.
- Recently on 10th March, **CISF** has observed its formation day.
- International Day of Women Judges has been observed recently on **10th March**.
- **Asansol Division** of Indian Railways has recently commissioned India's first Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal.
- **IOCL** has recently won the top spot in the MoPNG Swachhta Pakhwada Awards.
- **R.K. Singh** has recently launched the Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Center and Innovation Park virtually as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Programme.
- **Third** edition of the National Youth Parliament Festival was held in the Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi.
- **Bombay Stock Exchange, India** has recently partnered with the Bharatiya Swarnkar Sangh and Jamshedpur Jeweler's Association with an aim to deepen commodities derivatives trade.
- Reserve Bank of India has extended the Interest Equalization Scheme for pre and post-shipment rupee export credit up till **March 31, 2024**.
- **Zeta** has recently announced a 5-year global partnership with Mastercard to launch credit cards worldwide.
- **BOB Financial Solutions Limited** has launched an "Unnati a co-branded credit card" with credit AI Fintech Pvt Ltd exclusively for farmers.
- **Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance** has recently launched a bancassurance partnership with Bharat Co-operative Bank to enhance the reach of life insurance products.
- **West Bengal** has recently received financial aid of \$125 million from World Bank to help poor and vulnerable group's access social protection services in the state.
- Recently Yoon Suk-yeol has been appointed as the new President of **South Korea**.
- According to London & Partners, **Bangalore** has topped globally with \$14 billion.
- **India** has topped the medal standing in International Shooting Sport Federation, ISSF World Cup 2022.
- **Ratnakar Shetty** has recently authored the book titled On Board: My Years in BCCI.

- **Chandra Taal** Ramsar Sites is located in Himachal Pradesh.
- The Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has recently inaugurated **25 Years** of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act.
- Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated 25th Convocation of Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth. This event was held at **New Delhi**.
- The Ministry of chemicals and fertilizers has released the guidelines for the scheme strengthening of pharmaceutical industry. Total financial outlay allocated for this scheme is **500 Crore**.
- **Amit Shah** has attended the Foundation Day celebrations of National Crime Records Bureau as the Chief Guest.
- The Union Minister Giriraj Singh has launched SMS sending functionality to inform MPs/ MLAs about **Drone Flying** under SVAMITVA Scheme.
- Atal Innovation Mission has recently made a partnership with social media platform **Snap Inc.** to encourage AR skills in youth.
- Lt. Governor of Puducherry Tamilisai Soundararajan has inaugurated the digitization of health records of students. This software is developed with **AXIS** bank's assistance.
- According to the report released by CRISIL, **7.8%** is the India's forecasted GDP for the Financial Year FY23.
- **Karnataka Bank** has recently signed a MoU with SELCO Solar Light Pvt Ltd to finance solar energy products.
- The Reserve Bank of India has directed Paytm Payments Bank to stop on boarding new customers under **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.
- The Government has been appointed **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** as the chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority.
- Justice Vipin Sanghi has been appointed as the acting Chief Justice of **Delhi High Court**.
- Debashish Panda, former financial services secretary has been appointed as the Chairman of **IRDAI**.
- **6 Indian airports** have been named as the best airports in Asia Pacific region in ACI Airport Service Quality Survey for 2021.
- **J&K Bank** has been awarded the National Award for Self Help Group Bank Linkage.
- 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor' has been established by signing a MoU between Bureau of Indian Standards and **IIT Roorkee**.
- India, Bangladesh, and Nepal have finalized MoU for the implementation of **BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement**.
- As per the SKOCH Governance Report Card for 2021 **Andhra Pradesh** has topped the "Star States" category.
- Tiger Woods has been inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. He belongs to **America**.
- Every year the World Rotaract Day has been celebrated on 13th of March. Theme - **Rotary Making a Difference**.
- The India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Challenge' has been launched by Minister Hardeep Singh. **100 start-ups** are selected under this challenge.
- Formulation of **GIS** based Master Plan for AMRUT Cities has been approved to facilitate States and cities to take up Master Planning.
- In collaboration with **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade**, Government has launched Swachhata Startup Challenge to promote an enabling environment for development startups.

- The Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan scheme has recently sanctioned **76 projects** under 13 thematic circuits.
- The Union Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various schemes of Sumul Dairy in **Surat**, Gujarat.
- Recently Andhra Pradesh government has presented the Budget for the Financial Year 2022-23. **Rs 2.56 lakh crore** is the total outlay of the Andhra Pradesh Budget.
- As per the News Paper report, EPFO has recently fixed **8.1%** per cent as interest rate on provident fund deposits for the year 2021-22.
- Prepaid Payment Instrument issuer **LivQuik Technology** has recently achieved the full Interoperability as mandated by the Reserve Bank of India.
- As per the report Goods and Services Tax has been reduced from 18% to **05%** for the domestic Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services.
- The Supreme Court of India has appointed the former judge Sikri as the chairperson of High Powered Committee on Char Dham project. This Project is related to **National Highway**.
- The Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has presented the MoPNG Swachhta Pakhwada Awards. **Indian Oil Corporation Limited** tops the award list.
- **Odisha** and NABARD has recently made a partnership to increase fish production.
- As per the Fortune India Next 500 list of Year 2022, **RailTel Corporation of India** is the only Government Telecom Company to enter in the list.
- The Acronym SCORES stands for **SEBI Complaints Redress System**.
- The World Consumer Rights Day has been celebrated on 15th of March every year. Theme - **Fair Digital Finance**.
- The International Day of Action For Rivers has been observed on 14th of March every year. This year 2022 marks **25th** edition of the day.
- The Government of India has extended the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt for MSMEs from 31st March 2022 to **31st March 2023**.
- As per the News Paper report, ISRO has organized Young Scientist Programme named **YUVIKA** for students.
- As per the report released by the International Labour Organization, Investment in care services could generate 234 million jobs for women by **2035**.
- **Delhi** has recently launched 'My EV' portal for purchasing, registering e-autos.
- The West Bengal government has recently presented the Budget for the financial year FY2022-23 with a total outlay of **Rs 3.21-lakh crore**.
- Kerala's Finance Minister named **K.N. Balagopal** has recently presented the state budget for the financial year 2022- 23.
- India Bullion and Jewelers Association Ltd have recently made a partnership with **National Stock Exchange** to set up Bullion Spot Exchange.
- As per the report released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry, India's overall exports estimated to be over **601 billion dollars** in April to Feb 2021-22.
- Indian fantasy sports platform **My11Circle** has appointed cricketers Shubman Gill and Rituraj Gaikwad as its new brand ambassadors.
- Mr.Tapan Singhelin news recently has been appointed as the MD & CEO of **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance**.

- **National Thermal Power Corporation** & Sri Lanka's CEB have signed an agreement to develop 100 MW Solar Power Plant in Tricomalee.
- As per the report released by the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 under Mission Indradhanush 4.0 **Odisha** has topped the list of full immunization.
- Pramod Bhagat has won two silver, one bronze in Para-Badminton International 2022 Championship. It held in **Spain**.
- Five Indian women boxers have grabbed gold medals in Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championships. Among the 5 players Tamanna belongs to **50 kg category**.
- In German Open (Badminton) 2022 Indian Shuttler **Lakshya Sen** has won Silver medal by defeating Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand.
- Rupiah Banda passed away recently. He is the Former president of **Zambia**.
- The National Vaccination Day has been celebrated on **16th march**.
- The International Geological Congress has took place in **New Delhi**.
- As per the newspaper report, India's first AI & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) has launched in **Bangalore, Karnataka**.
- India's first 'World Peace Center by Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti organization would be established in **Gurugram, Haryana**.
- Mahanadi Coalfields Limited has crossed **157 million tonne** of coal production to become the biggest coal-producing firm of India.
- As per the report **United States of America** has recently revoked the Russians Most Favored Nation Trade Status.
- **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** has recently launched digital on-boarding for its micro banking customers.
- **DBS Bank** has recently launched the Green Deposits program to finance green industries.
- **ICICI Bank** has launched co-branded credit cards with Emirates Skywards.
- Katalin Novak in news recently, has been elected as the 1st Women president of **Hungary**.
- **N Chandrasekaran** has been recently appointed as the chairman of TATA owned Air India Airlines.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has appointed Ashwani Bhatia, Managing director of **State Bank of India** as the whole-time member (WTM).
- Geoscientist Ranjit Rath has been recently appointed as the MD of **Oil India Limited**.
- The British Academy Film Awards held at the Royal Albert Hall in London. **Jane Campion** won the Best Director award.
- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** has recently signed a MoU with SASMOS to work together on advanced electronics.
- Indias Billioner Adani Group has recently signed a deal with **Sri Lanka** for two power projects.
- As per the report released by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Saudi Arabia and **India** has emerged as the largest importer of arms in 2017-21.
- The CCI has recently approved the acquisition of **Micro Life Sciences Private Limited** by South Elm Investments.
- The CCI has approved the acquisition of equity stake with **Future Generali India Insurance Company** by Generali Participations Netherlands.

- As per the recent FIDE report, India has set to host FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 in **Chennai**.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party has announced the release of the book titled 'Modi @ 20: Dreams Meet Delivery' under **Rupa Publications**.
- **Sahitya Akademi** has published a book-length poem 'Monsoon' by Indian poet-diplomat Abhay K.
- **New Delhi** is called as City of Rallies.
- The International Day to Combat Islamophobia has been observed on March 15. This day is adopted by **United Nations General Assembly**.
- The Government has issued a draft notification on Inter-County Non-Transport (personal) Vehicle rules, 2022. Motor vehicles registered in any country other than India is requires to comply with **Motor Vehicles Act 1988**.
- The Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle of **Toyota**.
- India's first Digital Water Bank named **AQVERIUM** has been recently launched in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- **Mumbai** has become the first South Asian city to detail net-zero roadmap by 2050.
- As per the report released by the Economic Survey, India Needs 1.3 to 1.5 billion Tonnes of Coal by **2030**.
- According to the News Paper report India's Maternal Mortality Ratio has witnesses a remarkable drop by **10 Points** in 2017-19.
- **Karnataka** has recently launched Women@Work (W@W) programme to provide 5 lakh jobs to women.
- Rating agency **Morgan Stanley** has recently published India's GDP growth by 7.9% for fiscal 2022-23.
- Gabriel Boric Font has been appointed as the youngest President of **Chile**.
- Mr. Bhagwant Mann has been recently sworn as the Chief Minister of Punjab. He belongs to **Aam Aadmi Party**.
- **Ministry of Labour and Employment** has presented the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar, National Safety Awards and National Safety Awards Mines.
- The Haryana CM Khattar has announced the Sushma Swaraj Award, Scheme for Women. This award carries the cash price of Rs. **5 Lakh**.
- Solar based power producer in India **Adani Solar & Smart Power** has joined to promote solar rooftop panels in rural India.
- The Border Roads Organization has signed a MoU with **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata** for construction of 27 double-lane class 70 modular bridges in border areas.
- Welspun One has recently signed an agreement with **Haryana** government to set up warehouse with an investment of Rs 1,500 crore.
- As per the News Paper report Motor Vessel Ram Prasad Bismil has become longest vessel ever to sail on **Brahmaputra** River.
- As per the ICC report, Indian Cricketer **Jasprit Bumrah** has recently attained fourth ranking in the ICC Test Rankings for bowlers.
- Ms Kumudben Joshi passed away. She was the former Governor of **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Scott Hall a.k.a Razor Ramon passed away. He belonged to **Wrestling**.
- Every year, **Global Recycling Day** has been observed on March 18, globally.
- In 2022, "World Sleep Day" has been observed on **March 18** globally.

- Rajnath Singh has inaugurated a seven-storeyed Flight Control System at Aeronautical Development Establishment in **Bangalore**.
- **Giriraj Singh** has recently released the plan to mitigate disaster management and mitigation activities at the grassroots level.
- **Department of Consumer Affairs** has been celebrating the Empowerment Week from 14th March 2022 to commemorate 75 years of progressive India.
- Recently the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the year-long celebrations of the centenary year of Malayalam Daily called **Mathrubhumi**.
- Global FinTech Hackathon **I-Sprint21** recently launched by IFSCA to support a World-Class FinTech Hub at GIFT IFSC.
- With reference to the Indian Railways, a National Rail Plan for India has created a plan for future-ready Railway system by **2030**.
- With reference to Jammu and Kashmir, the first-ever consignment of GI-tagged hand-knotted carpets is exported to **Germany**.
- **Haryana** has announced a new scheme “Matrushakti Scheme” – for women from families, whose annual income is less than Rs 5 lakh during the annual budget.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has recently presented a ‘child budget’ with an outlay of Rs 17,792 crore along with the state’s budget.
- **Tripura** has recently announced a scheme “Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa” to ensure the social security of over 7,000 tea garden workers.
- **State Bank of India** has recently set up an Innovation, Incubation and Acceleration Centre at Hyderabad, Telangana.
- **Max Life Smart Guaranteed Pension Plan** has been recently launched by Max Life Insurance Company.
- **Mahila Money** bank has partnered with Visa and Transcorp to launch the digital “Mahila Money Prepaid Card” for women entrepreneurs to use digital payments.
- **Suchitra K Ella** has been elected as the Chairperson of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) – Southern Region for the year 2022-23.
- **Kamal Bali** has been appointed as the deputy chairman of Volvo Group India by the Confederation of Indian Industry.
- The Banks Board Bureau has recommended **Alok Kumar Choudhary** for the position of managing director and CEO of the State Bank of India.
- **Axis Bank** has won the IFR Asia’s Asian Bank of the year 2021 for its depth of expertise in the Asian investment banking space.
- **Punjab’s** Renewable Energy Systems has signed a MoU with JSW Group to use agricultural waste as biomass energy.
- **Mukesh Ambani** is the only Indian in the top 10 richest person’s list, as per the recently published M3M Hurun Global Rich List for 2022.
- Recently Haryana Government has presented and proposed a budget of Rs 1, 77,255.99 crore for the year 2022-23. Expected revenue expenditure of the state is ₹ **1, 16,198.36 crore**.
- “Recently Karnataka Assembly has passed a bill to implement the **National Education Policy** in the State”.
- The International Day of Happiness has been celebrated on 20th of March every year globally. Theme - **Keep Calm, Stay Wise and Be Kind**.
- India’s Ordnance Factories Day has been celebrated on **18th March**.

- The National Capital Regional Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has unveiled coaches of India's first rapid rail from Delhi to **Meerut** corridor.
- **Visakhapatnam Railway Station** in India has recently implemented the 'One Nation, One Product' concept.
- **West Bengal** has recently celebrated the DolUtsav festival to welcome spring season.
- **Kotak Mahindra bank** has recently signed a MoU with Business France to support companies in the Indo-French corridor.
- SEBI has amended the rules governing alternative investment funds. The new norms called as **Sebis AIF Regulations, 2022**.
- USAID and Mastercard have recently entered the partnership to foster digital empowerment of women under **Project Kirana**.
- SBI has planned to provide \$1-bn credit line to **Sri Lanka**, in order to battle Severe Economic Situation.
- **Bharat Petroleum** has Launched Voice-Based LPG Cylinder Booking, Payment Facility Via 'UPI 123PAY' For Non-Internet Users.
- According to the News Paper report **IIT Madras** in India has joined hands with RBI Innovation Hub to boost fintechstartups in India.
- The Reserve Bank of India has extended the tenure period of Rajeev Ahuja for 3 more months. He is the MD and CEO of **RBL Bank**.
- The Indian Coast Guard's 5th Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) named **ICGS Saksham** has been recently commissioned in the state of Goa.
- **The National Aeronautics and Space Administration** has rolled out Artemis 1 moon mission to the launch pad for 1st time.
- Telangana has become the 1st state to implement Crop Diversification Index. As per the report, the Telangana state grows **77 varieties**, with roughly 10 crops.
- Railways was set to Participate in Weightlifting National Championships to retain the title. This championship is going to take place in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.
- Eugene Parker passed away. He was a well-known **Astrophysicist**.
- The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has been celebrated on 21st of March. Theme - **Voices for action against racism**.
- The Central Reserve Police Force Raising Day has been celebrated on **19th of March**.
- The International **Day of Forests** has been celebrated on 21st March.
- 20th march of every year has been celebrated as the World Sparrow Day for the wellbeing of Sparrows. Theme - **LOVE Sparrows**.
- CAMS has recently launched the Central Record Keeping Agency under NPS. CAMS - **Computer Age Management Services Limited**.
- **NITI Aayog** has organized the 5th Edition of Women Transforming India Awards.
- **India** has recently unveiled its Arctic policy, focuses on combating climate change.
- As per the report released by Mercom India, India has added **1.2 GW** of new solar open access capacity in 2021.
- According to the newspaper, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Safran has set up Helicopter engines MRO facility in **Panaji, Goa**.
- Tamil Nadu finance minister Palanivel Thiagarajan has presented budget for 2022-23. **Rs 33,007.68 crore** amount is allocated for the Agriculture Department.

- Rating Agency Moody has lowered India growth estimate for CY22 to **9.1%** amid Russia-Ukraine conflict.
- Diébédo Francis Kéré has become the First African to receive Pritzker Prize 2022. This Pritzker Prize is given to **Architecture**.
- **Karnataka Bank** has recently received the best MSME Bank of the year at ASSOCHAM's Excellence Awards 2022 among private sector banks.
- Karolina Bielawska has crowned 70th edition of Miss World 2021. She belongs to **Poland**.
- **Narayan Pradhan** has selected for the GD Birla Award for Scientific Research in the field of material sciences.
- According to the recent news, Dredging Corporation of India has signed an agreement with **Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi** to build 1st indigenous dredger.
- **Hindustan Shipyard Limited** has signed a MoU with Eker Group, Vaanmoto to build speed boats in India.
- National Mineral Development Corporation has recently signed MoU with **IIT Kharagpur** for the Drone-Based Mineral Exploration.
- The Indian Army has dedicated a Chair of Excellence in the memory of late Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat at **United Service Institution of India**.
- The Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated DRDOs Flight Control System integration facility in **Bangalore, Karnataka**.
- According to sports news Pankaj Advani has Won Asian Billiards title. This is his 40th International title and **8th Asian Billiards title** Asian Billiards title.
- **Charles Leclerc** has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2022.
- The World Poetry Day has been celebrated every year on **21st of March**.
- The World Down Syndrome Day has been annually celebrated on 21st of March every year. Theme - **Inclusion Means**.
- The United Nations has been observed **22nd of March** as the World Water Day.
- **IIT Madras** has recently established Aqua MAP Water Management and Policy Centre.
- The 35th edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela has been inaugurated recently by **Haryana**.
- According to the DPIIT, the Centre has extended the timeline for converting debt investment into equity to **10 years** from 5 years.
- **HDFC BANK** has decided to create a dedicated app for mom-and-pop stores to push small business loans.
- Serdar Berdimuhamedow in recent News has been appointed as the President of **Turkmenistan**.
- The Asian Cricket Council has extended **Jay Shah's** tenure as Asian Cricket Council President till 2024.
- BJP leader N Biren Singh has took oath as the Manipur chief minister. This is his **2nd** term as the Chief Minister of Manipur.
- Indian Economist **Jayati Ghosh** has been appointed in UN Advisory Board on Multilateralism by the United Nations Secretary General.
- Rajesh Gopinathan has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of **TCS**.
- LAMITIYE-2022, a Joint Military Exercise has been held between India and **Seychelles**.

- “Relativistic Klystron Amplifier” a high powered Laser weapon capable of destroying satellites has developed by **China**.
- **Neeraj Chopra** has won the Sport star of the Year (Male) award at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards.
- **Suresh Raina** has been felicitated with Sports Icon award by Maldives government.
- Tennis player **Taylor Fritz** has won the title in Men Single Category in BNP Paribas Open held in Indian Wells.
- A New Book titled, “More than Just Surgery: Life Lessons Beyond the OT” has written by **Tehemton Erach Udawadia**.
- The Book “Wrist Assured: An Autobiography” is an Autobiography of former Indian Cricketer **G.R. Viswanath**.
- Sportstar and The Hindu group has released a bookcoffee- named **Road to 1000** at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards at The Taj Mahal Palace hotel.
- India has been observed Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs Day on **23rd of March** every year.
- The World Meteorological Day has been celebrated annually on 23rd of March every year. The headquarters of WMO is located in **Geneva, Switzerland**.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation & FICCI has jointly organized the ‘WINGS INDIA 2022’-Asia’s largest event on Civil Aviation in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.
- The **CCEA** has approved the extension of applicability of NIP-2012 for three units of Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited.
- Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has set to inaugurate Step-Up to End TB World TB Day Summit on the occasion of World TB Day. The day is observed on **24th of March**.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the Minimum Support Price of **Raw Jute** for the 2022 -23 seasons.
- The Union government has extended the FAME-II India (Faster Adoption and Manufacture of (Hybrid and) Electric Vehicles) till **2024**.
- Kerala has become the First State to Introduce Carbon-Neutral Farming. For this Kerala allocated **Rs.6 crore** in the 2022-23 Budget.
- Narasinghapettai Nagaswaram of **Tamil Nadu** has recently received GI tag.
- Asset-backed digital lending platform **Rupeek** has partnered with NSDC to build skilled gold appraisers.
- **Paytm** has recently launched first-of-its-kind service named Payment Analytics.
- Rating agency Fitch has declined India’s FY23 growth forecast to **8.5%** from 10.3%.
- The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the license of People’s Co-operative Bank. This bank is located in **Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh**.
- The NABARD has sanctioned the Rs 4,013cr financial assistance for **Odisha** under RIDF during the financial year 2021-22.
- **NITI Aayog** has organized the 5th Edition of Women Transforming India Awards.
- Indian Potash Ltd has inked a MoU with Israel Chemicals Limited for the supply of Muriate of Potash. As per the agreement the annual quantity supply will be **6 - 6.5 Lakh Metric Tonnes**.
- Cold Response 2022 – NATO Major military exercise has begun in **Norway**.
- EX-DUSTLIK has recently begun in Yangiariq. It is the Joint Military exercise between India and **Uzbekistan**.

- India get **51st Rank** in the report of Global House Price Index Q4 2021 released by Knight Frank.
- Tennis player **Ashleigh Barty** has announced the retirement from Professional Tennis.
- Indian para-athlete Dharambir has set new Asian record in Fazza International Para Athletics Championships. It taking place in **Dubai, UAE**.
- Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga passed away recently. He was the Former Prime Minister of **Mali**.
- International Day for the Right to the Truth has been observed on **24th of March**.
- The World Tuberculosis Day has been observed on 24th of March every year. Theme - **Invest to End TB. Save Lives**.
- The Bihar Day or Bihar Diwas has been celebrated on 22nd of March. This year 2022 marks **110th Anniversary**.
- The Union Minister Jitendra Singh has recently announced the launch of Data-Driven Research to Eradicate TB named **Dare2eraD TB**.
- India's First-ever SAI National Centre of Excellence for Mountain Terrain Biking and Bicycle Motocross has set up in **Himachal Pradesh**.
- The Prime Minister Modi has virtually inaugurated Biplobi Bharat Gallery in **Kolkata, West Bengal** on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas.
- North-East state **Nagaland** has recently become the first state to achieve paperless Assembly by implementing National e-Vidhan Application programme.
- SBI Card and Indian grocery store brand **Nature's Basket** has recently launched Worldwide Gourmand Card.
- The Reserve Bank of India has lifted all curbs on **HDFC BANK** include the launch of new digital products.
- Hisashi Takeuchi has been appointed as the MD & CEO of **Maruti Suzuki**.
- As per the report released by the Commerce Ministry, India's Merchandise Exports Crossed **\$400 Billion** in Financial Year FY22.
- **Malaysia** has set to host 4 nations for Bersama Shield 2022 military drills.
- The Defence Acquisition Council under the Defence Ministry has approved the military acquisitions worth Rs. **8,357 crore**.
- Exercise Suraksha Kavach 2 is a Joint Security Exercise by Indian Army and **Maharashtra Police** held in Lullanagar.
- One Web has partnered with **SpaceX** to resume its LEO satellite launches.
- As per the report titled World Air Quality Report for 2021 released by IQAir, **Delhi** is remains the most polluted capital city in the world.
- A New book titled, "Unfilled Barrels India's oil story" has been authored by **Richa Mishra**.
- Important Personalty Shahabuddin Ahmed passed away recently. He was the former president of **Bangladesh**.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

List of Important Days

1. World NGO Day is commemorated annually on which day globally?
(1) Last Saturday of February (2) February 28 (3) February 27
(4) Last Sunday of February (5) None of these
2. The Government of India has organized the annual Polio National Immunization Day 2022 on which day?
(1) February 26 (2) February 28 (3) February 27 (4) February 25 (5) None of these
3. When is Janaushadhi Diwas week celebrated?
(1) 5th March to 11th March (2) 4th March to 10th March
(3) 3rd March to 9th March (4) 1st March to 7th March (5) None of these
4. The National Safety Day is observed on which day of the year?
(1) First Thursday of March (2) March 03 (3) March 04
(4) First Wednesday of March (5) None of these
5. What is the theme of the World Obesity Day 2022?
(1) Every Body Needs Everybody (2) Every Action Counts (3) End weight stigma
(4) Everybody Needs to Act (5) None of these
6. In 2022, CISF observed its which edition of Raising Day celebrations?
(1) 50th (2) 51st (3) 52nd (4) 53rd (5) None of these
7. World Kidney Day is observed every year on which day?
(1) First Wednesday of March (2) Second Friday of March (3) First Friday of March
(4) Second Thursday of March (5) None of these
8. What is the theme of 2022 World Kidney Day?
(1) Kidney Health for All
(2) Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere
(3) Living Well with Kidney Disease
(4) Kidney Disease & Children: Act early to prevent it!
(5) None of these
9. World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated on _____ every year to raise global awareness about consumer rights.
(1) March 11 (2) March 12 (3) March 15 (4) March 14 (5) None of these
10. The International Day of Action for Rivers is celebrated every year on _____.
(1) 17th March (2) 16th March (3) 15th March (4) 14th March (5) None of these
11. In India, the National Vaccination Day is observed annually on which day?
(1) 13 March (2) 14 March (3) 16 March (4) 15 March (5) None of these
12. United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed which day as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia?
(1) March 14 (2) March 16 (3) March 17 (4) March 15 (5) None of these
13. The Global Recycling Day is observed every year on which day?
(1) 18 March (2) 19 March (3) 17 March (4) 16 March (5) None of these

14. The World Sleep Day is held every year on the Friday before Spring Vernal Equinox and is being marked on _____, 2022.
 (1) March 22 (2) March 21 (3) March 18 (4) March 19 (5) None of these
15. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) celebrated which edition of its raising day on March 19, 2022?
 (1) 86 (2) 85 (3) 84 (4) 83 (5) None of these
16. When is World Sparrow Day celebrated every year?
 (1) 18 March (2) 21 March (3) 20 March (4) 19 March (5) None of these
17. What is the theme of International Day of Forests 2022?
 (1) Forests and Biodiversity: Too precious to lose
 (2) Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being
 (3) Forests and Education
 (4) Forests and sustainable production and consumption
 (5) None of these
18. When is the World Water Day observed by the United Nations?
 (1) March 20 (2) March 21 (3) March 22 (4) March 23 (5) None of these
19. When is "International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims" observed?
 (1) March 23 (2) March 21 (3) March 24 (4) March 22 (5) None of these
20. The World Theatre Day is observed globally on which of these days?
 (1) 28 March (2) 26 March (3) 27 March (4) 25 March (5) None of these
- Reserve Bank of India**
21. BE(A)WARE is a booklet featuring modus operandi of financial frauds. The booklet has been released by which organization?
 (1) SBI (2) RBI (3) NPCI (4) SEBI (5) None of these
22. RBI has launched a 24x7 Helpline for Digital Payments. What is the name of this initiative?
 (1) DigiSaathi (2) DigiYatra (3) DigiSuvidha (4) DigiPay (5) None of these
23. Name the UPI facility launched by RBI for feature phones.
 (1) UPI123green (2) UPI123digital (3) UPI123pay
 (4) UPI123go (5) None of these
24. Which of these is not a part of All India Financial Institution (AIFI) under RBI?
 (1) EXIM (2) SIDBI (3) NABARD (4) SEBI (5) None of these
25. RBI has recently stopped Paytm Payments Bank Ltd from onboarding new customers under which section of which RBI Act?
 (1) Section 25 A (2) Section 27 A (3) Section 31 A (4) Section 35 A (5) None of these
26. What is the upper limit of an UPI Lite payment transaction?
 (1) Rs 100 (2) Rs 200 (3) Rs 500 (4) Rs 2000 (5) None of these
27. Where is the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) located?
 (1) Cochin (2) Lucknow (3) Kanpur (4) Bengaluru (5) None of these

28. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has recently dedicated an Ink Manufacturing Unit "Varnika" in which place?
(1) Hyderabad (2) Mysuru (3) Siliguri (4) Pune (5) None of these

Other Banks

29. The 'AutoFirst' application has been launched by which bank to offer fully automated auto loans?
(1) HDFC Bank (2) ICICI Bank (3) Kotak Mahindra Bank
(4) IndusInd Bank (5) None of these

States

30. Which state/UT government has launched an online 'My EV' (My Electric Vehicle) portal for the purchase and registration of electric autos?
(1) Jammu and Kashmir (2) Puducherry (3) Lakshadweep
(4) Delhi (5) None of these
31. Which city has announced its detailed framework to 'zero out carbon emissions by 2050' and became the first city in South Asia to set such a target?
(1) New Delhi (2) Mumbai (3) Hyderabad
(4) Bengaluru (5) None of these

Defence and National Security

32. India has pulled out from which of these multilateral exercises in 2022, amid growing crises in Ukraine?
(1) Sea Breeze (2) Cobra Warrior (3) Desert Knight
(4) Shared Destiny (5) None of these
33. Exercise Vayu Shakti 2022 will be organized in which place by the Indian Air Force (IAF)?
(1) Jaisalmer (2) Pithoragarh (3) Nainital (4) Agra (5) None of these
34. The sea-level trials of India's first indigenously developed Flying Trainer was successfully completed recently at Puducherry. What is the name of this trainer aircraft?
(1) HERCULES-NG (2) HAWK-NG (3) HANSA-NG
(4) HARRIS-NG (5) None of these
35. The India-Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX 2022 held in which place?
(1) Kolkata (2) Kochi (3) Chennai
(4) Visakhapatnam (5) None of these
36. The Indian Army has announced the establishment of General Bipin Rawat Memorial Chair of Excellence at which of its institutions?
(1) The Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses
(2) Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses
(3) Observer Research Foundation
(4) United Service Institution of India
(5) None of these
37. Which organization has launched the military drill 'Cold Response 2022'?
(1) QUAD (2) UN (3) NATO (4) BRICS (5) None of these
38. Indian Army is participating in the Joint Military Exercise 'LAMITIYE-2022' with which country?
(1) Dominican Republic (2) Seychelles (3) Mauritius
(4) Madagascar (5) None of these

39. What is the name of the joint military training exercise between the Indian army and Uzbekistan which kicked off in March 2022 at Yangiariq?
 (1) Ex-Shared Destiny (2) Ex-Dustlik (3) Ex-Khanjar
 (4) Ex-Sea Breeze (5) None of these
40. Which country will host the Bersama Shield 2022 training exercise?
 (1) Australia (2) Japan (3) Malaysia (4) Singapore (5) None of these
41. The Indian Army version of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) has been developed by DRDO in partnership with which country?
 (1) Italy (2) United States (3) France (4) Israel (5) None of these

Schemes/Initiatives

42. Which of the following estate was launched by President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan to promote the importance of Ayurvedic plants?
 (1) Jeevan Vanam (2) Suraksha Vanam (3) Yoga Vanam
 (4) Arogya Vanam (5) None of these
43. The Rs 11,420 Crore Pune Metro Rail Project was inaugurated by which minister recently?
 (1) Piyush Goyal (2) Rajnath Singh (3) Amit Shah
 (4) Narendra Modi (5) None of these
44. SAMARTH is a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women launched by which ministry?
 (1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 (2) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 (3) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
 (4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 (5) None of these
45. 'Donate-a-Pension' campaign has been launched under central sector scheme by the government recently?
 (1) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan
 (2) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
 (3) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
 (4) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
 (5) None of these
46. The PAN-India programme 'Jharokha' has been launched by the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Textiles to promote traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture. The inaugural celebration of the programme was held in which city?
 (1) Lucknow (2) Bhopal (3) Gurugram (4) Noida (5) None of these
47. The first-ever Drone school has been inaugurated in which of these cities recently by the Minister of Civil Aviation?
 (1) Gurugram (2) Gwalior (3) Chandigarh (4) Dehradun (5) None of these
48. Which State Government has announced a special scheme 'Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakaalpa' for tea workers?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Assam (4) Tripura (5) None of these
49. Prime Minister Modi recently dedication a new campus building complex of the Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to the nation in which city?
 (1) Pune (2) Guwahati (3) Hyderabad (4) Gandhinagar (5) None of these

50. India's first Digital Water Bank 'AQVERIUM' has been launched in _____.
 (1) New Delhi (2) Vadodara (3) Surat (4) Bengaluru (5) None of these
51. The foundation stone to set up a Learning and Development Centre (LDC) of BRBNMPL has been laid at which place?
 (1) Kochi (2) Bhopal (3) Mysuru (4) Belagavi (5) None of these
52. Indian Union Minister Piyush Goyal has recently inaugurated an Indian Jewellery Exposition Centre (IJEX) building in which city?
 (1) Dubai (2) Kathmandu (3) Mumbai (4) London (5) None of these

Agreement/Deal/Signed

53. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has tied with which company to train Indian startups in making apps and games for global market?
 (1) Intel (2) IBM (3) Apple (4) Google (5) None of these
54. India has signed Host Country Agreement (HCA) with International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the establishment of an Area Office & Innovation Centre of ITU in which city of the country?
 (1) Chennai (2) Noida (3) Mumbai (4) New Delhi (5) None of these
55. Which Airlines has partnered with Switzerland based solar fuels start-up, Synhelion SA and is set to become the world's first airline to use solar aviation fuel?
 (1) Vistara airline (2) Swiss International Air Lines AG
 (3) InterGlobe Aviation (4) Lufthansa (5) None of these
56. Bharti Airtel has joined hands with which bank to launch a co-branded credit card to strengthen the growth of India's digital ecosystem?
 (1) Axis Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) ICICI Bank
 (4) Kotak Mahindra Bank (5) None of these
57. Which bank has partnered with software company ToneTag for "VoiceSe UPI payments service"?
 (1) India Post Payments Bank (2) Paytm Payments Bank (3) Airtel Payments Bank
 (4) NSDL Payments Bank (5) None of these

Fund

58. What is the amount of Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) between India and Japan?
 (1) USD 25 billion (2) USD 50 billion (3) USD 75 billion
 (4) USD 100 billion (5) None of these
59. How much amount has been set as the target by the government for the National Bank for Financial Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) to sanction loans for infrastructure sector in 2022-23?
 (1) Rs 2 trillion (2) Rs 5 trillion (3) Rs 1 trillion (4) Rs 3 trillion (5) None of these

Economy

60. What is India's GDP growth rate projection for 2021-22 as per the second advance estimate of NSO?
 (1) 5.9% (2) 6.9% (3) 7.9% (4) 8.9% (5) None of these
61. What is the latest projection of India's GDP growth as per Morgan Stanley for the fiscal 2022-23?
 (1) 7.1% (2) 8.1% (3) 7.9% (4) 8.9% (5) None of these

62. What is the interest rate fixed by EPFO on provident fund deposits for the financial year 2021-22?
 (1) 8.25% (2) 8.10% (3) 8.50% (4) 8.35% (5) None of these
63. What is the projected GDP growth rate of India in the calendar year 2022 as per Moody's?
 (1) 9.5% (2) 8.8% (3) 9.1% (4) 8.1% (5) None of these
64. What is the projected GDP growth rate of India in the fiscal 2022-23 as per Fitch Ratings?
 (1) 8.9% (2) 8.7% (3) 8.5% (4) 8.3% (5) None of these
65. What is India's GDP growth rate projection for 2022-23 (FY23) as per Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)?
 (1) 8.7% (2) 8.5% (3) 8.3% (4) 8.1% (5) None of these
66. What is the GDP growth projection of India in CY 2022 as per UNCTAD?
 (1) 6.7 percent (2) 4.6 percent (3) 3.8 percent (4) 2.4 percent (5) None of these
67. As per the latest report of ICRA, what is the projected GDP growth rate for India in the 2022-23 fiscal?
 (1) 7.9% (2) 8.5% (3) 8.1% (4) 7.2% (5) None of these

Companies/Industry

68. Anubhav is a mobile car showroom, launched by which auto company for its rural customers?
 (1) Maruti Suzuki (2) Mahindra & Mahindra (3) Ashok Leyland
 (4) Tata Motors (5) None of these
69. "Vida" is a new brand name launched by which company for its upcoming electric vehicles?
 (1) Bajaj Auto (2) Suzuki (3) TVS Motor (4) Hero MotoCorp (5) None of these
70. Microsoft has recently opened its largest data centre in India in _____.
 (1) Bengaluru (2) Hyderabad (3) Mumbai (4) Delhi (5) None of these
71. India's first Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) has been launched by which auto company under a pilot project?
 (1) Toyota (2) Maruti (3) Hyundai (4) Mahindra & Mahindra (5) None of these

Exports/Imports

72. The first consignment of QR code-based GI tagged hand-knitted Kashmiri Carpet has been exported to which country recently?
 (1) United Kingdom (2) Saudi Arabia (3) France
 (4) Germany (5) None of these

Space

73. The Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES)-T is a next-generation weather satellite launched by which space agency?
 (1) JAXA (2) NASA (3) ISRO (4) CNSA (5) None of these

Energy/Gas/Oil

74. Which coal field in India is currently the largest coal production company of India after its production crossed 157 million tonne in 2021-22?
 (1) Central Coalfields Limited
 (2) Mahanadi Coalfields Limited
 (3) Bharat Coking Coal
 (4) South Eastern Coalfields Limited
 (5) None of these

Festival

75. In 2022, which edition of the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) has been organized?
(1) 1st (2) 2nd (3) 3rd (4) 4th (5) None of these
76. Which edition of the Surajkund International Crafts Mela has been organized in 2022?
(1) 31 (2) 34 (3) 33 (4) 35 (5) None of these

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

77. Who has been appointed as new chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?
(1) H R Nagendra (2) Ajay Tyagi (3) C K Mishra
(4) Madhabi Puri Buch (5) None of these
78. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of the airline company Jet Airways?
(1) Anita Naresh Goyal (2) Naresh Goyal (3) Rahul Taneja
(4) Sanjiv Kapoor (5) None of these
79. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Bharti AXA Life Insurance?
(1) Jhulan Goswami (2) Rajkumar Rao (3) Neeraj Chopra
(4) Vidya Balan (5) None of these
80. Who has been appointed as the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) of State Bank of India?
(1) Nitin Chugh (2) Arun Ramanathan (3) Ajay Kanwal
(4) Vasudevan P N (5) None of these
81. Who has been elected as the new President of South Korea to replace incumbent President Moon Jae-in?
(1) Hong Joon-pyo (2) Yoon Suk-yeol (3) Lee Jae-myung
(4) Kim Kun-hee (5) None of these
82. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the High Powered Committee (HPC) on the Chardham project by the Supreme Court?
(1) Justice Indu Malhotra (2) Justice DY Chandrachud (3) Justice AK Sikri
(4) Justice Saurabh Rawat (5) None of these
83. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IRDAI in 2022?
(1) A. Ramana Rao (2) Mamta Suri (3) Debasish Panda
(4) Sanjay Kumar Verma (5) None of these
84. Who has been appointed as the CEO and MD of Colgate-Palmolive (India) Limited?
(1) T Raja Kumar (2) Aman Lekhi (3) Prabha Narasimhan
(4) D N Patel (5) None of these
85. Name the IAS officer who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA).
(1) Ajay Bhushan Pandey (2) Amitabh Kant (3) Hasmukh Adhia
(4) Sanjeev Sanyal (5) None of these
86. Who has been appointed as the next Chairman and Managing Director of Oil India Limited (OIL)?
(1) Sushil Chandra Mishra (2) Ranjit Rath (3) Vikram Singh Rana
(4) Shashank Bisht (5) None of these

87. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Air India?
 (1) N Chandrasekaran (2) Rajnish Tiwari (3) Somiya Verma
 (4) Kumar Mangalam (5) None of these
88. Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Punjab?
 (1) Jaswinder Kaur (2) Arvind Kejriwal (3) Navjot Singh Sidhu
 (4) Bhagwant Mann (5) None of these
89. Rajesh Gopinathan is the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which company?
 (1) IBM (2) HCL (3) Infosys (4) TCS (5) None of these
90. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of Manipur following the state Assembly elections 2022?
 (1) Govindas Konthoujam (2) Thongam Biswajit Singh (3) Govindas Kon Singh
 (4) N Biren Singh (5) None of these
91. Name the Indian economist who has been roped in by the United Nations as a member of its newly established Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism?
 (1) C. Rangarajan (2) Kaushik Basu (3) Abhijit Sen
 (4) Jayati Ghosh (5) None of these
92. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand?
 (1) Jairam Thakur (2) Pushkar Singh Dhami (3) Ashok Gehlot
 (4) Shivraj Singh Chouhan (5) None of these
93. Yogi Adityanath has been sworn in as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh. Name the present governor of Uttar Pradesh.
 (1) Vijay Rupani (2) Anandiben Patel (3) Vajubhai Vala
 (4) Bhupendra Patel (5) None of these
94. Recently, who joined the international strategic advisory board of data and analytics firm Dun & Bradstreet?
 (1) Rajnish Kumar (2) Arundhati Bhattacharya (3) Ravish Kumar
 (4) Ashwani Bhatia (5) None of these
95. Pramod Sawant has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of Goa for second term after winning 20 seats in the 2022 state Assembly elections. What was the total number of seats in 2022 Goa Assembly Election?
 (1) 60 (2) 30 (3) 50 (4) 40 (5) None of these

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

96. Recently tennis player Ashleigh Barty was in news for announcing her retirement from tennis at the age of 25 years. She played tennis for which country?
 (1) France (2) Australia (3) USA
 (4) Spain (5) None of these
97. Uday Kotak has recently announced to step down as the Chairman from the board of which company?
 (1) Power Finance Corporation
 (2) Dewan Housing Finance Corporation
 (3) India Infoline
 (4) Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services
 (5) None of these

Deaths

98. Cricket legend Shane Warne has passed away. He played for which country?
(1) South Africa (2) West Indies (3) New Zealand (4) Australia (5) None of these
99. Oscar-winning Alan Ladd Jr passed away recently. He was a/an _____.
(1) Stuntman (2) Producer (3) Director (4) Musician (5) None of these

Awards/Honours

100. Which Indian city has created a Guinness record by lighting 11.71 lakh clay lamps (diyas) in 10 minutes, on the occasion of Mahashivratri 2022?
(1) Ujjain (2) Haridwar (3) Varanasi (4) Prayagraj (5) None of these
101. Which of these has been awarded the 'Special Jury Award' at the 9th edition of FICCI Water Awards?
(1) National River Conservation Plan
(2) AMRUT
(3) Niti Aayog
(4) National Mission for Clean Ganga
(5) None of these
102. How many women were felicitated with the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for the year 2020 and 2021, on the occasion of International Women's Day?
(1) 29 (2) 31 (3) 24 (4) 18 (5) None of these
103. How many airports have been awarded as among the 'Best Airport by Size and Region', by the Airports Council International (ACI)?
(1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 6 (4) 5 (5) None of these
104. Which player has been awarded the ICC 'Men's Player of the Month' February 2022?
(1) Vriitya Aravind (2) Dipendra Airee (3) Suryakumar Yadav
(4) Shreyas Iyer (5) None of these
105. Amelia Kerr has won the ICC 'Women's Player of the Month' award for February 2022. She plays for which country?
(1) Australia (2) Zimbabwe (3) West Indies (4) New Zealand (5) None of these
106. Name the winner of Miss World 2021 beauty pageant.
(1) Milena Sadowska (2) Karolina Bielawska (3) Izabella Krzan
(4) Rozalia Mancewicz (5) None of these
107. How many women have been awarded with the Women Transforming India Awards (WTI) in 2022?
(1) 52 (2) 12 (3) 75 (4) 32 (5) None of these
108. Name the winner of the Abel Prize for the year 2022.
(1) Dennis Parnell Sullivan (2) Avi Wigderson (3) Laszlo Lovasz
(4) Grigory Margulis (5) None of these
109. Mario Marcel, who has been awarded the 2022 Governor of the year award at the Central Banking Awards is the Governor of the Central bank of which country?
(1) Spain (2) Argentina (3) Cuba (4) Chile (5) None of these

110. Name the winner of the Stockholm Water Prize for 2022.
 (1) George Pinder (2) Ignacio Rodriguez (3) Andrea Rinaldo
 (4) Wilfried Brutsaert (5) None of these
111. Which airport has been adjudged as the 'Best Airport' under the General Category at Wings India 2022?
 (1) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
 (2) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
 (3) Kempegowda International Airport
 (4) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport
 (5) None of these

Sports/Game

112. Which player won Gold for India at the Wushu Stars Championship 2022 in Russia?
 (1) Sadia Tariq (2) Roshni Soni (3) Rashmi Manral
 (4) Kiran Verma (5) None of these
113. How many Indian weightlifters have qualified for Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham?
 (1) 10 (2) 11 (3) 12 (4) 13 (5) None of these
114. Who has become the first Indian to win a silver in an individual section of the Para Archery World Championships in Dubai, UAE?
 (1) Mariyappan Thangavelu (2) Devendra Jhajharia (3) Deepa Malik
 (4) Pooja Jatyani (5) None of these
115. Which country will host the 31st Southeast Asian Games?
 (1) Cambodia (2) Thailand (3) Malaysia (4) Vietnam (5) None of these
116. Name the Indian shooter who recently won gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol event at 2022 ISSF World Cup in Cairo.
 (1) Divyansh Singh Panwar (2) Ronjan Sodhi (3) Jitu Rai
 (4) Saurabh Chaudhary (5) None of these
117. The 2022 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup is being held in which country?
 (1) India (2) Bangladesh (3) Australia (4) New Zealand (5) None of these
118. S L Narayanan is an Indian player from which sports event?
 (1) Table Tennis (2) Tennis (3) Shooting (4) Chess (5) None of these
119. Who among the following has won silver medal at German Open (Badminton) 2022?
 (1) Jia Yifan (2) Kunlavut Vitidsarn (3) Lakshya Sen
 (4) Dechapol Puavaranukroh (5) None of these
120. India is the host country for the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022. The tournament will be held in which city of the country?
 (1) Pune (2) Chennai (3) Bhubaneswar (4) New Delhi (5) None of these
121. Which player has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2022?
 (1) Lewis Hamilton (2) Sebastian Vettel (3) Charles Leclerc
 (4) Max Verstappen (5) None of these
122. Which player has won the 19th Asian 100 UP Billiards Championship 2022?
 (1) Aditya Mehta (2) Pankaj Advani (3) Sourav Kothari
 (4) Dhruv Sitwala (5) None of these

123. PV Sindhu beat which player to lift women's singles title at the 2022 Swiss Open Badminton Tournament?
(1) Pornpawee Chochuwong (2) Busanan Ongbamrungphan (3) Yeo Jia Min
(4) Ratchanok Intanon (5) None of these

124. Which player has won the Formula One 2022 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix?
(1) Max Verstappen (2) Lewis Hamilton (3) Charles Leclerc
(4) Carlos Sainz Jr. (5) None of these

Report

125. Which organization will release the National Gender Index in India?
(1) National Statistical Office (2) UNESCO India (3) IFCI
(4) NITI Aayog (5) None of these

126. What is the rank of India in the 'Wealth Report 2022' by Knight Frank, which ranks countries in terms of most number of billionaires' population?
(1) 1st (2) 2nd (3) 3rd (4) 4th (5) None of these

127. What is the rank of India in the Sustainable Development Report 2021 list?
(1) 117 (2) 120 (3) 115 (4) 126 (5) None of these

128. Which of the following country has topped the Sustainable Development Index 2021?
(1) Norway (2) Sweden (3) Denmark (4) Finland (5) None of these

129. What is the rank of India in the Liberal Democratic Index released by V-Dem Institute at Sweden's University?
(1) 72nd (2) 67th (3) 93rd (4) 99th (5) None of these

130. As per Bloomberg's recent data on Market capitalization, what is the rank of India's equities market in terms of market capitalization?
(1) 5th (2) 7th (3) 9th (4) 12th (5) None of these

131. Which country has topped the ranking in terms of market capitalization, as per Bloomberg's recent data on Market capitalization?
(1) UK (2) US (3) Japan (4) Hong Kong (5) None of these

132. Who has been ranked as the world's top most billionaire in 2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List?
(1) Jeff Bezos (2) Elon Musk (3) Bernard Arnault
(4) Bill Gates (5) None of these

133. What is India's rank in the United Nations' World Happiness Report for the year 2022?
(1) 139 (2) 136 (3) 137 (4) 134 (5) None of these

134. Which city has been adjudged as the world's most polluted capital city in IQAir's 2021 World Air Quality Report?
(1) Dushanbe (2) Muscat (3) Dhaka (4) New Delhi (5) None of these

135. What is the rank of India in Global House Price Index Q4 2021 as per Knight Frank?
(1) 51 (2) 49 (3) 56 (4) 45 (5) None of these

136. Which state has topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021?
(1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) Karnataka (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these

137. Which city has topped the most noise polluted city globally, according to the recent 'Annual Frontier Report, 2022' published by the UNEP?
 (1) Dhaka (2) Beijing (3) Cairo (4) Jakarta (5) None of these
138. Under the Self-Made Billionaires 2022 list, the United States leads the world with 37 self-made billionaires aged 40 and under. What is the rank of India in this list?
 (1) 5th (2) 3rd (3) 4th (4) 2nd (5) None of these

General - National

139. India's first ambulance for street animals has been launched in which city?
 (1) Chandigarh (2) Chennai (3) Bengaluru (4) Jaipur (5) None of these
140. SEBI has increased the investment limit for retail investors applying in public issues of debt securities. What is the new limit?
 (1) Rs 2 lakh (2) Rs 5 lakh (3) Rs 7 lakh (4) Rs 4 lakh (5) None of these
141. The WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) will come up in which of these Indian cities?
 (1) Gurugram (2) Indore (3) Jamnagar (4) Nagpur (5) None of these
142. India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha is being built at which pilgrim site?
 (1) Kushinagar (2) Rudrapriyag (3) Nalanda (4) Bodh Gaya (5) None of these
143. Name the cargo vessel which has become the longest vessel ever to sail on the river Brahmaputra.
 (1) MV Northern Jaguar (2) MV MSC Valeria (3) MV APL Raffles
 (4) MV Ram Prasad Bismil (5) None of these
144. GoI is setting up a museum of all former Prime Ministers to showcase their life, times and contribution. How many Prime Ministers have been there in India till date?
 (1) 12 (2) 16 (3) 14 (4) 11 (5) None of these

General - International

145. Which organization has issued the Wildlife Conservation Bond (WCB) to support of South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species of Rhino Bond?
 (1) International Monetary Fund (2) World Bank (3) UNDP
 (4) World Economic Forum (5) None of these

Books and Authors

146. "One Among You" is an autobiography of which politician?
 (1) Rahul Gandhi (2) Mamta Banerjee (3) MK Stalin
 (4) Pinarayi Vijayan (5) None of these
147. Who is the author of the biography 'The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup'?
 (1) Arjit Taneja (2) Manit Joura (3) Kanchi Kaul (4) Srishti Jha (5) None of these
148. Who is the author of the biography of late Soli Sorabjee titled "Soli Sorabjee: Life and Times"?
 (1) Deepam Chatterjee (2) Abhinav Chandrachud (3) Amitava Kumar
 (4) Vikas Kumar Jha (5) None of these
149. Who has been launched a book titled "Role of Labour in India's Development"?
 (1) Mahendra Nath Pandey (2) Parshottam Rupala (3) G. Kishan Reddy
 (4) Bhupender Yadav (5) None of these

150. Who is the author of the book "Unfilled Barrels: India's oil story"?

(1) Shoma Chaudhury

(2) Shaili Chopra

(3) Archana Mishra

(4) Richa Mishra

(5) None of these

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